



## Fact Sheet

### 1. The Tuli area

Tuli Safari Lodge is located in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve (NOTUGRE), in the easternmost corner of Botswana. This is a unique and historically significant location where the country meets its neighbours Zimbabwe and South Africa and at the confluence of two great rivers, the Limpopo and the Shashe.

NOTUGRE extends to approximately 72000 hectares and is soon to be incorporated into the Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA).

Tuli is very easily accessible from South Africa, being just across the border at Pont Drift near to Mapungubwe World Heritage Site.

Tuli Safari Lodge is situated on 2500 hectares of privately-owned land, and has traversing rights over a total of 17000 hectares.

Tuli is scenically very different to the rest of Botswana, with dominant basalt formations and large areas of dramatic sandstone hills and ridges, together with a network of (mostly dry) riverbeds and riverine forests as well as open grasslands and marshy areas. From vantage points on top of the rock formations, the plains of Botswana stretch away to the north.

The area is home to a diverse range of wildlife, renowned for its Tuli elephants - the largest elephant population on private land in Africa, and is recognised as an Important Bird Area with over 350 species recorded.

The Reserve is also fascinating from a historical perspective. Bushmen paintings provide a reminder of the area's original inhabitants many thousands of years ago. Remains of ancient settlements relating to the Mapungubwe era (circa 1200-1270 AD) are dotted throughout the area. The reserve also played a role in Rhodes' southern African empire-building and witnessed several conflicts during the Boer War.

### 2. Weather – when to visit

Tuli is a good destination year-round. Generally hot (daytime min 15C max 40C) from September to March, and cooler from April to August (daytime min 10C max 30C). Birding is particularly good between October and March, depending on when the rains arrive. At this time the bush is also particularly lush with wildflowers blooming. The bush thins out from March onwards and is at its driest from July to September.

*Please note that it is essential to check with the lodge about the status of the Limpopo River before travelling (please see 'Getting Here' below).*

### 3. The lodge

- Timeless Tuli: Here is a unique, timeless corner of Africa where nature and culture combine in spectacular wildlife, breathtaking landscapes and fascinating history. Set in spacious gardens along the banks of the Limpopo River against a backdrop of stunning sandstone outcrops, Tuli Safari Lodge is also unique. Here the welcome is genuinely warm and the ambience is charmingly

ageless. The echo of ancient cultures resounds at the many sites of archaeological and spiritual significance, whilst meaningful visits with local communities showcase contemporary rural Botswana life.

- **Wild Tuli:** Each day brings a new adventure as Tuli offers a truly authentic wildlife experience. NTGR is an unfenced wilderness extending to 72000 hectares, at the heart of the proposed Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area. Here roams the largest elephant population on private land in Africa, together with leopard, cheetah, wild dog and lion, vast herds of plains game and over 350 bird species. Not forgetting the resident bushbuck and mongoose families that make the lodge their home, nor the elephant shrews that frequent one of our favourite sundowner spots! At Tuli, you set the pace ... with varied activities to enjoy and idyllic grounds to relax in. Game drives and bush walks with exceptional guides, hides tucked away in the bush (where you can also stay overnight for the ultimate back-to-nature experience!) and horse rides in the wild ... with eight cosy suites, a sparkling pool, waterhole and star-deck awaiting your return to the lodge.
- **Majestic Tuli:** There's much more to the Tuli magic. Here is a majestic land of dramatic vistas, vast skies and magnificent trees. Tuli is a geologist's dream. The rich hues and time-worn faces of the sandstone cliffs form a striking backdrop to Tuli's wildlife spectacle and human drama. The legendary Limpopo and mighty baobabs embody the Tuli spirit. When night falls, the starlit canopy seems close enough to touch.
- **Responsible Tuli:** Responsible tourism is key to Tuli Safari Lodge's operating philosophy. We are committed to protecting and conserving the area's environment and wildlife, and contributing to community upliftment through employment, business opportunities and charitable programmes.

#### 4. Accommodation

Tuli Safari Lodge offers 8 stone under thatch suites, all with en-suite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor sitting areas, air conditioning and tea/coffee making facilities and safes. We have **two grades of suites** – which we call 4 and 5 “ele” - with our “5 ele” suites being the more luxurious, spacious and private. The 5 ele suites are all slightly different in size, layout and position in the lodge but all provide the same quality and facilities.

Our 5 ele suites are:

**Zebra** - a spacious 50 m<sup>2</sup> double room with en-suite bathroom and separate shower. Lounge area, patio. Situated in our upper garden area close to the pool.

**Elephant** - a spacious 50 m<sup>2</sup> twin room with en-suite bathroom and separate shower. Sitting area, patio. Situated in our upper garden area close to the main lodge.

**Guinea Fowl** - a very spacious 80 m<sup>2</sup> double room with en-suite bathroom and separate shower. Lounge area (this can accommodate two additional single beds if required for children sharing with parents), secluded patio. Situated in our lower garden next to our Warthog suite.

**Warthog** - a very spacious 80 m<sup>2</sup> double room with en-suite bathroom and separate shower. Lounge area (this can accommodate an additional single bed if required for children sharing with parents), secluded patio. Situated in our lower garden next to our Guinea Fowl suite.

Our 4 ele suites are:

**Impala & Eland** - both 45 m<sup>2</sup> doubles with en-suite bathrooms (shower only), lounge area and private patio. An additional single bed can be put in the lounge area if required. Situated next door to one another close to the main lodge.

**Wildebeest & Giraffe** - both 45 m<sup>2</sup> family rooms with a double bed and two singles (in a separate alcove area) with en-suite bathrooms (bath with shower over) and private patios. Situated next door to one another close to the main lodge.

## 5. Activities

Two guided game activities per day – bush walks or game drives – are included within the rates.

There is plenty to do in the lodge when not out in the bush, with a large swimming pool, a hide & waterhole within the grounds, a panoramic viewing deck on top of one of the sandstone kopjes, seats on the banks of the Limpopo River, a curio shop and a self-guided walking trail around the lodge grounds.

There are many other activities available, including additional game drives and bush walks, night game drives, spending time in one of the hides including the option to stay overnight at a hide for the ultimate wilderness experience, horse rides for experienced riders (not on site & by prior arrangement), meaningful visits with the local community, days trips to Molema exploring the natural beauty of the area and a special trip to the confluence of the Limpopo & Shashe Rivers.

## 6. Other information

- Wholesome meals are served in a variety of indoor and al fresco locations throughout the lodge's extensive grounds. Coffee, tea, muffins etc. served during morning game activity, brunch on return, high tea in the afternoons, sundowner snacks during the afternoon game activity and dinner on return.
- Thatched bar with raised wooden deck.
- Large swimming pool with shallow children's section.
- Lounge with fireplace, reference/coffee table books and novels, tea/coffee available all day.
- Curio shop selling local crafts, books and clothing.
- Garden: two hectares of lawns & large riverine trees, water features, viewing decks & secluded reading areas.
- Safe keys and Maglite torches can be arranged through reception, though we request a P100 refundable deposit.
- Laundry services are available at BWP40 per bundle

**Insurance:** Tuli Safari Lodge carries public liability insurance and medical evacuation insurance. Please note that the age limit for this insurance is 81 years. Guests should have their own travel insurance in place.

**Malaria:** Tuli is officially in a low risk malaria area. Due to above average rainfall in Botswana this year, malaria may be more prevalent than usual. Guests should consult their doctor about appropriate malaria prophylactics.

**Children:** All children are welcome at Tuli Safari Lodge under strict adult supervision. Children under 12 may not participate in bush walks. Babysitting and children's meals available on request. Activity packs available. If parents would like children under the age of 12 to participate in game drives, please advise the lodge in advance as it may be necessary to arrange an exclusive vehicle for which there may be a charge depending on how busy the lodge is.

## 7. Combining Tuli & Tuli specials

As Tuli is so easily accessible from South Africa, it fits well with a trip incorporating the Limpopo and North West Provinces, including the Waterberg, Northern Kruger and Mapungubwe. It is also a natural staging post en route to the Kalahari, Okavango or Chobe, and on to Victoria Falls. Tuli offers the following special packages:

<b>Tuli Adventure Trail</b> Tuli Safari Lodge, Nokalodi Tented Camp & Hide	<i>A varied 5 night adventure combining nights under canvas and at a hide together with the lodge. Activities can be closely tailored to guests' specific interests with an emphasis on walking plus a community visit and trip to the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe rivers where Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe meet. 2 nights Nokalodi Tented Camp, 2 nights Tuli Safari Lodge, 1 night hide.</i>
<b>Timeless Africa</b> Tuli Safari Lodge & Mopane Bush Lodge & Hide	<i>This 4 night trip offers one night at Mopane Bush Lodge with a visit to the Mapungubwe World Heritage site and National Park, two nights at Tuli Safari Lodge and one night's adventure at Tuli's furnished hide. At Tuli a very special trip to the confluence of two great African rivers where three countries meet and a meaningful</i>

	<i>visit with local communities to showcase contemporary rural Botswana life are included.</i>
<b>Tuli &amp; Kruger – a transfrontier safari</b>  Tuli Safari Lodge & The Outpost	<i>This 5 night trip links two great transfrontier reserves – the Northern Tuli Game Reserve in the easternmost corner of Botswana and the Makuleke Region of the Kruger National Park in northernmost corner of South Africa – connected by the legendary Limpopo River. Includes luxury accommodation based on 2 persons sharing, three nights at Tuli Safari Lodge and two nights at The Outpost.</i>
<b>Soul Safari</b>  Tuli Safari Lodge & Mogalakwena River Lodge	<i>This 5 night trip combines wildlife and culture with the awe-inspiring landscapes of Tuli Safari Lodge and the tranquil river setting of Mogalakwena River Lodge – a safari with soul! Includes luxury accommodation based on 2 persons sharing with two nights at Mogalakwena and three nights at Tuli.</i>

## 8. Getting here

**Self-drive:** GPS Coordinates: S 22 12 842 E 29 05 687

**PLEASE CONTACT THE LODGE PRIOR TO TRAVEL TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF THE LIMPOPO & OTHER RIVERS SO THAT WE CAN ADVISE THE BEST ROUTE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME**

Tuli Safari Lodge is around 500km from both Johannesburg and Gaborone, with driving times around 5 and 6 hours respectively. The lodge is around 3-4 hours from the northern gates of the Kruger National Park.

Driving from Johannesburg guests should follow the N1 to Polokwane then the R521 to Alldays. At Alldays take a right turn signed to Pont Drift. Cars can be left at the Pont Drift border post, and the short transfer to the lodge is free of charge. Tuli guides meet guests at the South Africa side of the Pont Drift border post. If guests prefer to drive to the lodge, the lodge is approx 5km away and signed from the Botswana border post.

In the event of the Limpopo River being in flood, the river crossing is undertaken by cable car. The cable car is BWP35/R35 per person per one-way trip and it can carry 2-3 people with luggage per trip. Vehicles can be left at the border post. It is advisable to drive your car to the cable car departure point to unload luggage before finding a parking spot.

If guests wish to bring their vehicles into Botswana when the Limpopo River is flowing strongly, they can cross by a 3m wide causeway at Platjan border post (open 06.00-18.00) which is approximately one hour's drive from Tuli Safari Lodge. Sometimes the river cannot be crossed at Platjan, in which case the closest border crossing is at Martin's Drift (approx three hour's drive from Tuli Safari Lodge).

For detailed directions from other locations please contact the lodge.

**Road transfers:** Road transfers can be arranged from Johannesburg, Polokwane, Gaborone or other locations. Please enquire for more information.

**Air:** SA Airlink operates several flights a day from OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg to Polokwane (Pietersburg). Depending on your itinerary, you can then hire a car and drive to the lodge (approx 2 hours) or we can arrange for a transfer (quote provided on request).

Charter flights to the Limpopo Valley Airfield, located 10 minutes from the lodge, can also be arranged. For those flying in themselves, the GPS coordinates of the airstrip are S: 22' 11' 21 E: 29' 07' 37, the runway is 1500m long and has a tarmac surface. Please contact us to make the necessary arrangements in advance.

**Border facilities:** The closest border facilities for those arriving by road from South Africa are at Pont Drift, opening hours 08.00-16.00. Border facilities are also provided at the Limpopo Valley Airfield for those arriving by air. There is a charge of P130 for a vehicle entry permit into Botswana.

## 9. Contact details

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## 10. Booking terms & conditions

Deposit	50% deposit is required to confirm a reservation
Payment	Payment for accommodation in full is required 30 days prior to arrival Payment for extras can be made at the lodge by cash or Visa/Mastercard
Cancellation	25% of fee if cancelled less than 30 days prior to arrival 50% of fee if cancelled less than 14 days prior to arrival 100% of fee if cancelled less than 48 hours prior to arrival
No Show	100% of fee

Please note that all cancellations are only effective once confirmed in writing by our sales office. Please note that all refunds are subject to commission and/or bank charges. If the payment terms are not adhered to then the rack rates will apply. Should the deposit/pre-payment not be received within the time-frame specified, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. The final rooming list should also be in our possession 14 days prior to arrival date. In certain instances we reserve the right to increase the amount of pre-payment required and to increase the time span relating to deposit due dates, the Operator will be advised in writing accordingly. Late arrivals/early departures: no refunds will be given for meals or services not taken up.

### Banking details

Monies owed to Tuli Safari Lodge should preferably be paid by direct bank deposit into the following bank account:

Account name:	Tuli Safari Lodge
Bank:	First National Bank Botswana
Currency:	Pula
Branch:	Selebi-Phikwe
Account number:	62191915655
Branch code:	285067

Visa and Mastercard are accepted at the lodge.

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