

MOKETE





Imagine a place where you can witness lion kills in open grasslands throughout the day. A place where you can fly over the same buffalo herd for a solid ten minutes, the spectacle stretching the breadth of the horizon. Where you'll be dazzled by thousands of zebra, their migration creating a world of black and white. A place where you will stay at the only lodge in more than 50,000 hectares. Imagine having an area the size of Barbados all to yourself. Now stop imagining. Welcome to Wilderness Mokete, a limited-edition camp, in the Mababe wilderness area.

WILDERNESS MOKETE | MABABE | OPENING SEPTEMBER 2023

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AN ICONIC DESTINATION

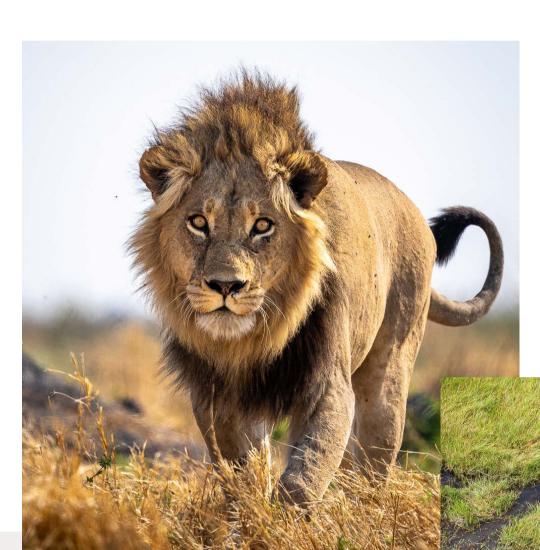
Fly west to east, following the Nqogha and Khwai channels, across the palm-dotted floodplains of the Delta, over riparian forest to acacia woodland, and finally large swathes of mopane, which abruptly give way to the shoreline of the ancient Lake Makgadikgadi. And on the other side - one of the most unique ecosystems in Botswana: the great expanse and immense grasslands of the legendary Mababe Marsh.

Linyanti Tented Camp





Situated between two national parks, Mababe sits in a privileged position, on the eastern fringe of the Okavango Delta and the famed Moremi Game Reserve, to the south of Chobe National Park. Here nutrient-rich grasses are fed with a constant supply of water thanks to the Mababe River, which started flowing again in 2007, and the waters of the Okavango, which drain into the Mababe wetland. This supports an amazing and unique ecosystem with great herds, an abundance of predators and a plethora of birdlife. Every year the waters of the 2,600-hectare permanent marsh are reinvigorated with the seasonal inflow, welcoming wildlife from all directions of the dry hinterland, in search of this precious life source.



This incredibly unique ecosystem is different to any other in Botswana, and is the only water source for hundreds of miles... which is why it attracts these mega herds.

> HABITATS GRASSLAND Core grazing for an extraordinary diversity of life.

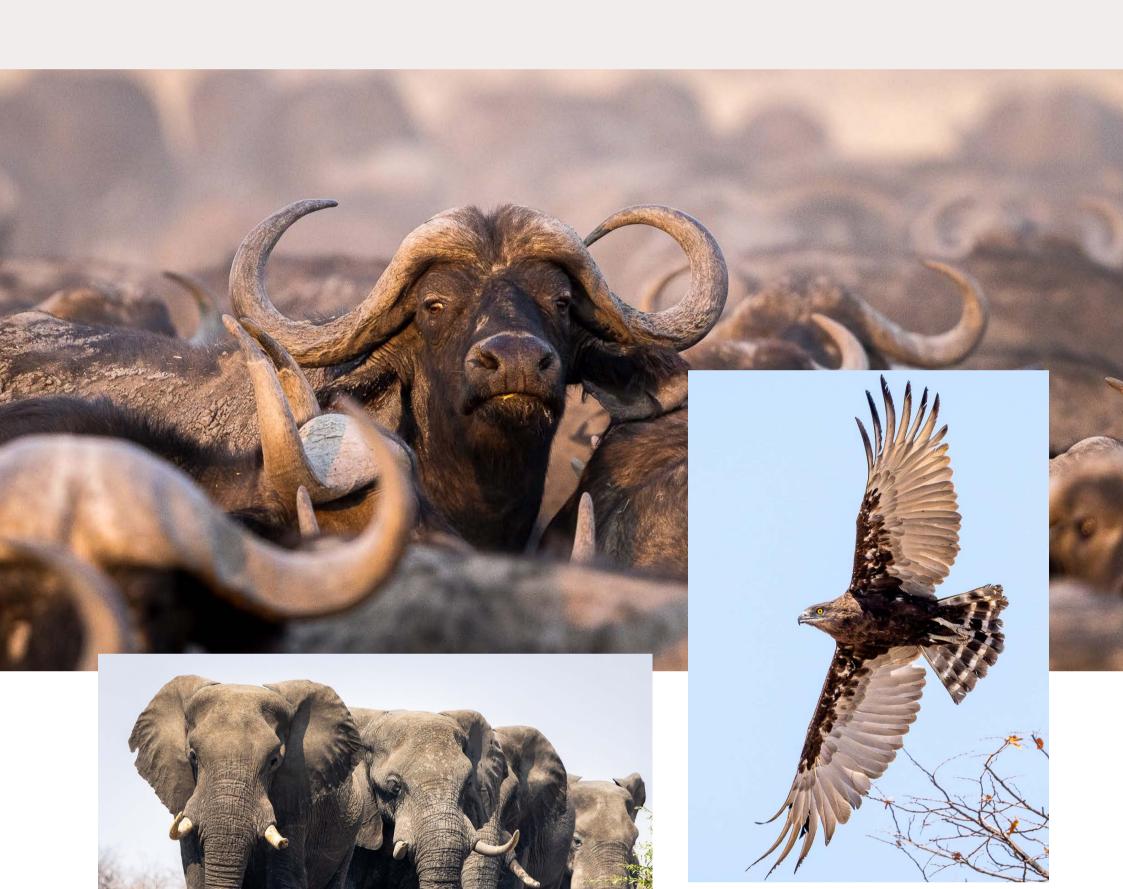
MOPANE WOODLAND A secure refuge for woodland birds and leopards.

WETLAND A scarce water source for wildlife from miles around.

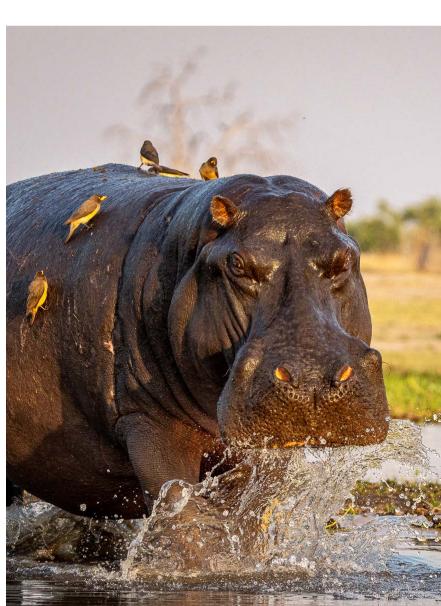


The Mababe Marsh fills in the summer season, creating a wetland of some 2,600 hectares. This progressively disappears in the dry season – although never completely, with permanent water feeding nutrient-rich grasslands, welcoming great herds. Here it's not uncommon to see 2,000-strong buffalo herds, tsessebe in their hundreds, and an extraordinary migration as massive herds of zebra pass through at the turn of the season in December, and again in March.

Lions actively hunt throughout the day, while a high density of hyenas constantly competes with the attendant suite of other predators: cheetah, wild dog, bat-eared fox, jackal, African wild cat and serval. The mopane belt to the east of the vast plains is home to leopard and numerous woodland species, while the edges of the marsh host prolific bird life.









EVERY DAY A NEW ADVENTURE

Ditch the conventional safari at Wilderness Mokete, where time is dictated by nature. Go on a game drive by day - or even all day - or by night, following lions as they push buffalo to the water's edge. Enjoy a bush lunch with zebras and elephants for company, ensuring you never miss a moment of the action. Spend hours at the sunken hide, eye-level with the enormous feet of a breeding herd of elephants. Take a walk as you spot some of Africa's rarest birds. As the day closes, enjoy a sundowner gazing over the uninterrupted grassland; listening to the calls of the wild.

From April 2024, guests can enjoy the abundance from the skies on a hot air balloon, the curvature of the Earth discernible on the distant horizon. And on 1 June 2024, authentic cultural experiences will be offered. Learn the ancient art of tracking, sing and dance alongside an African choir, see a hut being made, or a basket-weaving demonstration, with unique personalised gifts to take home, join the children for an afternoon soccer practice, sample some traditional cuisine, or sit down with the village elders for an evening of storytelling around the fire.

ACTIVITIES

GAME DRIVES

GUIDED WALKS

SUNKEN HIDE



HELICOPTER (AT EXTRA COST)

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HOT AIR BALLOONING (AVAILABLE FROM 2024 BETWEEN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER, AT EXTRA COST)



WHAT'S IN A NAME

The name Mokete means feast - a sensory feast of space, where few have ever ventured. A place just waiting to be celebrated and explored, its bountiful wildlife persistently pursued by predators. Your senses alive, your emotions heightened - feast on the wildness of it all at Mokete.

A PURPOSEFUL BUILD

Through high-value, low-impact photographic tourism, we aim to help conserve one of our planet's last remaining wild sanctuaries. Wildlife aside, this area is worth protecting for the birds alone. Recognised as an Important Bird Area, there are great numbers of buzzards, falcons, owls, eagles and vultures. Another reason Mokete is intentionally minimalist, ensuring the lightest footprint.

ACCOMMODATING THE

DRAMA

For the never-ending panorama and to place your guests in the heart of the drama, we've forgone walls and cantilevered canvas, and created roofs that slide away, revealing never-ending stars. Accommodating just 18 guests in nine tents, pioneering Wilderness Mokete promises intimate encounters all year. Whether sharing a drink with elephants in the middle of the day, or hearing hyena calls in the dead of night, it's a feast for the senses.

Due to the high wildlife and predator activity in the area, and the open design of the camp, Wilderness Mokete has a minimum age of 16 for guests.













CLIMATE CONTROL

A LIMITED-EDITION CAMP

A first, and only, of its kind, Wilderness Mokete is a taste of things to come. This limited-edition camp will only be available to book for two years, promising a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a select few. Commencing the build in 2025, an outstanding classic camp will open in 2026, welcoming a maximum of 24 guests in 10 rooms, and two family units.



PLAN YOUR ITINERARIES

JOURNEY WITH WILDERNESS

Set between three of Botswana's best-loved safari destinations in the Okavango Delta, Linyanti and Chobe, Mokete is easily combined with any number of Wilderness camps. In fact, after a few pulse-quickening nights here, your guests will be longing for a quiet mokoro ride in the Okavango or sunset barge cruise in the Linyanti, just to bring you back to Earth.

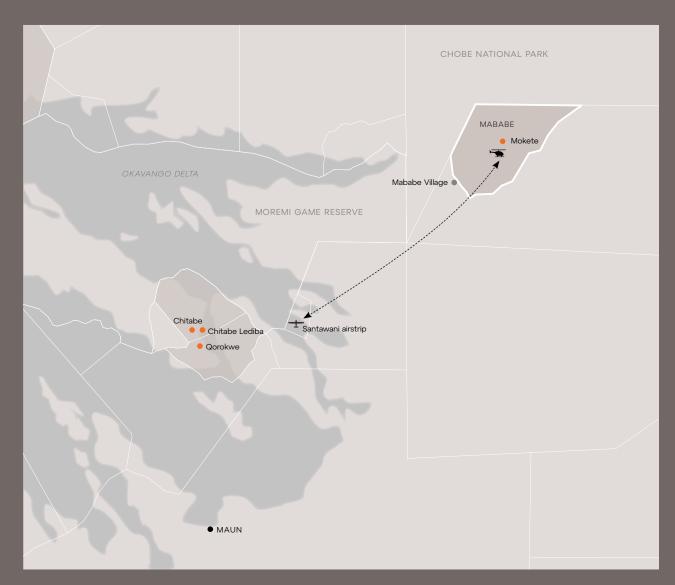
With rack rates starting from USD1,150 per person per night, Mokete is an unmissable new addition to the northern safari circuit of Botswana. T&Cs apply.

ACCESS BY AIR

Guests will transfer to camp via a scenic helicopter flight (7-minutes) over the plains from the Santawani airstrip*. Our own Mababe Airstrip, near camp, will be operational mid-2024 for Wilderness Air access. * Helicopter flight at extra cost.

ACCESS BY ROAD

The camp can also be reached via convenient self-drive from Maun, Moremi Game Reserve, and Chobe National Park. Vehicles are securely parked in Mababe village and guests transferred to camp.



Contact your Travel Designer for more information and to book

