

# Riding Safari, Botswana

## Itinerary

Kujwana camp is situated on the Xudum River, on a narrow island with a deep shady forest of ancient trees. The camp lies south west of Chiefs Island in the Okavango Delta.

On arrival in camp, there will be an introductory talk about game viewing from horseback, along with a demonstration on tack. If you have arrived by helicopter, you should be in time for an afternoon orientation ride. If transferring by light aircraft & vehicle, which takes longer, then there may not be time for an afternoon ride.



Your precise itinerary will depend on the season and the distribution of the water and game. Those staying five nights will spend the duration of their safari at Kujwana. Those having seven- or ten-night safaris will typically stay at Kujwana and have a night at Moklowane Camp. If staying for seven or ten nights, the adventurous may also have the opportunity to spend a night out under the stars on sleeping platforms which are located about 10km from Kujwana Camp (min. 4 guests).

From December to February, riders only stay at main camp.

Each day in camp follows a similar pattern. Wake-up is one hour before dawn to ensure best game viewing through the early morning. Set off on horseback and wade through lush green malapos, that lead you from island to island. Surprise a timid bushbuck out of his dense cover on a heavily wooded island or enjoy the herds of lechwe and giraffe moving through the open spaces. The Okavango Delta also hosts a variety of exceptional birdlife.



It is a joy to see herds of elephant from horseback – they enjoy the security of the dense forest and travel from pan to pan leaving a lattice of large paths. Zebra, wildebeest and buffalo are also attracted to the area. The small islands are linked by numerous hippo channels. Deep lagoons often make for good sightings of hippo and lechwe, as well as buffalo and other big game.



On most afternoons, return to base for lunch and an afternoon siesta. In the late afternoon you may have an afternoon game drive with sunset drinks. Or perhaps drift on the water in a mokoro (traditional canoe) past heavily scented water lilies and painted reed frogs. One evening, you may head out on an evening night drive with a spotlight, to see some of the Delta's nocturnal animals.



Part-way through your safari, have a morning ride, followed by lunch and a siesta. Then in the afternoon, journey north-west by vehicle to Moklowane, with game viewing on the way. Moklowane is a beautiful camp where the guest rooms are built on stilts to afford the best views of the Delta.

Next morning, set off on a game drive at dawn to explore the Matsebi River system. The wide floodplains here are interspersed with Moklowane palms - a favourite food of elephant and baboon - while the buffalo prefer the dense Tsaro palms.



Another exciting aspect of visiting Moklowane is the chance of seeing predators like lion and leopard.



After the thrill of watching incredible predators in the wild, head back to camp for lunch overlooking the floodplains.

In the afternoon, return to Kujwana with game viewing along the way. Later in the day, it is time to venture out on horseback once again.

If you stay seven nights or more between March and November, there may be the option of a full day ride with a picnic lunch. Covering approximately 30-35km, you'll be in the saddle for around six hours in total. Journey through a variety of game areas and ford the Xudum River through numerous hippo channels. Arrive at back at Kujwana Camp at sunset and enjoy a refreshing drink as you admire the stunning views over the floodplain.