



PLANET BAOBAB - FACTS & INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT ABOUT PLANET BAOBAB?

An accessibly priced and family friendly adventure safari into the magnificent Kalahari Desert and Makgadikgadi Pans. The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency was filmed in Gweta – Meet the No.1 meerkats and experience something of Botswana's culture at the baobab capital of the world!

WHERE IS PLANET BAOBAB?

You'll find Planet Baobab nestled amongst 17 Giant Baobabs, in the region of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, adjacent to the village of Gweta, Botswana.

WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO GO?

Planet Baobab is open all year round.

Dry Season: Winter 25th Apr – 31st Oct

Green Season: Summer 1st Nov – 24th Apr

Please note: All activities are weather permitting, and cannot be guaranteed.

WHAT WILL I DO HERE?

Please consult the extras rate sheet for activity departure times.

Year Round:

- Get unbelievably up close and personal with a group of habituated meerkats.
- Tour the local village and learn about Botswana culture.
- Visit a local cattle post and enjoy a delicious traditional lunch.
- Join an expedition to Nxai Pan where you will experience great game viewing and Baines Baobabs.
- Do the baobab bushwalk and learn all about the largest succulents on earth!

Dry Season Only:

- Quad bike across Ntwetwe and the lunar expanse of the Makgadikgadi Pans. (2 guests per quad bike).
- Sleep out on the pans on a magical Fly Camp – and watch the planetarium show unfold overhead – with horizon to horizon stars.

Green Season Only:

- Experience the spectacular migration of zebra and wildebeest.

WHAT DOES THE RATE INCLUDE?

There are different options and packages that can be booked at Planet Baobab. Please consult our rate sheet.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

- Drive yourself to Planet Baobab.
- PB is two wheel drive accessible. Our closest village is Gweta - 200kms outside Maun – on the main road.
- We can arrange a road transfer from Maun or Gweta.
- Fly from Maun to Gweta.

WHERE WILL I STAY?

A traditionally styled Bakalanga village shaded by enormous and ancient baobab trees.

- **8 Twin Bakalanga Huts** (sleep 2), with en-suite bathrooms.
- **7 Twin Baobab Huts** (sleep 2), with en-suite bathrooms.
- **3 Family Bakalanga Huts** (sleep 4), 1 double bed & 2 single beds, with en-suite bathroom.
- **Public Campsites** – with the funkiest communal ablutions in the Kalahari.
- **Overlander Campsites** – with equally funky communal ablution facilities.

WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES AT PB?

- The largest, coolest and most welcoming swimming pool in the Kalahari!
- The Lonely Planet rate our bar and restaurant as "superbly funky"!
- Cell phone reception in the central area.
- Electricity.
- Wi-Fi internet access available for a small cost.

WHAT WILL I EAT?

There is an original a' la carte Bar and Restaurant Menu. The meals at Planet Baobab are comprised of interesting and delicious dishes from all across Africa and we are vegetarian-friendly!

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- We welcome all ages!
- Swimming pool use - Strictly residents only.
- Kitchen closes at 9.00 pm.
- Quad biking activities: 2 guests per quad bike – sole use of quad bike requires a surcharge to be paid.
- Water is a scarce resource in Botswana, so please try to conserve it where possible.
- Stay hydrated! The water in Botswana is safe to drink.
- We recommend precautions be taken for malaria. Please consult your doctor.
- The desert can get extremely hot in October.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Year Round

- We recommend cotton. Long sleeves and trousers will protect from both sun and insects. Colours should be neutral (beige, khaki, tan...).
- Fleece/warm sweater – even in summer.
- Hat – broad brimmed for protection against the sun.
- Sunglasses – dark ones to cut the glare.
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip salve.
- Shoes – good, sturdy closed shoes/ boots and socks for walking. Flip flops/thongs for use in outdoor showers. We recommend RM Williams 'Gardener Boots', Clarks 'Desert Boots' or Timberlands.
- Head torch – handy in the evenings. We recommend Petzl.
- Binoculars – each person should have their own so as not to miss out on any sightings. We recommend Leica Ultravid 10x42 or Swarovski 10x42 WB EL.
- Camera with spare batteries, memory sticks, film, and the correct charging apparatus.
- A kikoi or light sarong has a multitude of uses.
- A good book for those lazy afternoons.

Summer

- Light, compact jacket (windcheater) for the rainy season.

Winter

- It gets very cold in the evenings and early mornings, and quite hot during the day – so layers are essential.
- Warm leggings – good to wear under trousers on the quads and if sleeping out on a Fly Camp.
- Hat – woollen beanie for warmth.
- Gloves – good for cool winter evenings, quad biking and sun protection.
- Scarf