

## Chiefs Camp

### Moremi Game Reserve, Okavango

Having been awarded Conde Nast's top prize of Best Safari Lodge Chiefs Camp is certainly one of the best camps for sheer quality of game in Botswana; there is no doubt that safari here is simply stunning and the quality of game is outstanding throughout the year.

The twelve luxury tents are located in the North-Western sector of Chief's Island on the Piajio channel in the private Mombo concession of Moremi Wildlife Reserve. The canvas-tented accommodation (currently being refurbished for opening in 2006) units feature earthy toned designer decor with natural, textured fibres. All units have ensuite facilities and a private viewing deck.

The camp has a lounge, bar and dining area, a swimming pool and a large viewing deck that looks out onto a seasonal floodplain. At night the floodplain in front is illuminated and views are stunning (although it has to be said that star gazing is therefore somewhat restricted).

Due to its large concentration of elephant, hippo, buffalo, lion, wild dog and plains game, Chiefs is synonymous with prime game viewing. Activities consist of game drives in custom-built Land Cruisers and when water levels are high enough, seasonal water safaris. The majority of the concession is designated for accompanied walking safaris. With few roads leading into the camp, guests are assured of an exclusive safari experience.



- 12 luxury ensuite bush pavilions.
- Gourmet food and great wine.
- Swimming pool.
- Mokoro (dug-out canoe) excursions possible (subject to water levels)

#### Our View

We like this camp solely because of the location; the game here is very good. The quality of guiding is also impressive and with a fairly recent, much needed refurb, Chiefs Camp itself is a great place for safari. However, the rate of this lodge in the peak season months is set high, and overall it does lack somewhat in that real safari atmosphere that safari connoisseurs search for. The view out from the lodge is poor. In a nutshell Chiefs is the perfect lodge for someone wanting a luxurious, somewhat sanitized safari but it is soooooo finely done we actually find it slightly off putting; a typical Abercrombie and Kent lodge (A&K own Sanctuary) that caters very well for a US focused A&K styled client! However with all that said, Chiefs camp has a cracking price in low season and we actually view it as the best value property in Botswana throughout the low season months!

