

# NGOMA SAFARI LODGE

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Ngoma is a small boutique lodge set on the edge of a plateau, overlooking the Chobe River and floodplain towards Namibia. As one of only a few lodges in the north-eastern corner of the Chobe Forest Reserve, Ngoma Safari Lodge is close to the western end of the Chobe Riverfront, a quieter area with magnificent views, amplified by the layout of the lodge over several levels across the hillside. Its 8 thatched suites all face the river. While guests of the lodge have access to the renowned Chobe National Park, its intimacy is due to its secluded location away from the crowds.



## Location & Access

BY AIR: The nearest international airport is Kasane Airport. Guests can also fly to Livingstone or Victoria Falls Airports.

BY ROAD: It is a 45-minute drive from Kasane Airport, and  $\pm 3$  hours from Livingstone or Victoria Falls Airports.

Alternatively, Ngoma Safari Lodge is about 1 hour from the Kazungula border with Zimbabwe, and 15 minutes further from the Zambia side.



## Owners & Managers

Machaba Safaris is owned by Alistair Rankin, Murray Collins and Chris Hatshe.

The general manager for the Machaba Safaris camps in Botswana is Chris Kruger, and Ngoma Safari Lodge is managed by Roxanne and Wesley Craggs.



## Classic Factors

- **Location:** on the doorstep of Chobe National Park, yet away from the crowds, offering a side of Chobe that few guests experience.
- **Community:** the only lodge owned by the Chobe Enclave Conservation Trust (CECT), Ngoma is leased to Machaba Safaris who runs it in partnership with the community.
- **Chobe River:** enjoy a river cruise, fishing, or just the incredible views from your deck.
- **Intimate:** only 8 suites, all river-facing and designed and furnished to perfection.

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## Giving Back

Ngoma Safari Lodge is a joint community- and privately-funded project in association with the Chobe Enclave Conservation Trust (CECT). Through its socially responsible programmes, the lodge enriches the lives of those living within this community. From day one, CECT has benefitted directly from a land lease fee and bed levy, as well as employment.

## Ngoma Safari Lodge

OPEN ALL YEAR

All 8 thatched suites have spacious internal and external living areas, a large bath, an inside and outside shower, air conditioning, overhead fans, mini bar, tea/coffee facilities including a Nespresso machine, and a private plunge pool with deck overlooking the Chobe River.

### CAMP FACILITIES

### SUITE FACILITIES

Number of tents	8 x Suites	Electricity	220V	2 Sofa beds available as triples. Suitable for children up to 11yrs.			
Maximum guests	18	Wi-Fi	✓	Mosquito nets	✓	Double vanity	✓
Children	10yrs+	Laundry included	✓	Air Conditioning	✓	Bath	✓
Childminding	✗	Spa treatments	✗	Overhead fans	✓	Indoor shower	✓
Patrolled	✓	Swimming pool	✓	Private pool	✓	Outdoor shower	✓
Check in	13:00	Boma dining	✓*	In-room safe	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Check out	11:00	Sundeck	✓	Mini bar	✓	Telephone	✓
Curios	Limited	Guide rooms	✗	Nespresso machine	✓	Disabled access	Limited

\* Boma dining: extra cost and by prior arrangement only.

## Activities

Vehicle policy	Up to 6 guests in open vehicle.
Private vehicle	Available at an extra charge.
4x4 Safari	Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives as well as night drives in the Chobe Forest Reserve.
Full Day Safari	Includes a cruise on the Chobe River and game drive in the Chobe National Park with picnic lunch.
Fishing	Spend your days fishing in the Chobe River (seasonal).
Bird watching	There are over 450 species to be spotted in the region.
Victoria Falls Tour	Either on the Zambian or Zimbabwean side.
Relax in camp	Laze by the pool or watch wildlife from the viewing platform.
River Cruise	Optional breakfast and lunch cruise from the jetty at Ihana, located in western Chobe (seasonal rain dependent).
Community visits	Visits to the local school, clinic and village.

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## Travel Information

SEASON	Ngoma Safari Lodge is open year-round.				
WEATHER	The climate in the Chobe Forest Reserve can be hot with cool nights and early mornings.				
RAINFALL	April to October is the dry season with the November rains bringing relief from the heat.				
TEMPERATURE		<b>JAN - MAR</b>	<b>APR - JUN</b>	<b>JUL - SEP</b>	<b>OCT - DEC</b>
	<b>Average day</b>	26°C / 79°F	23°C / 73°F	23°C / 73°F	28°C / 83°F
	<b>Average night</b>	20°C / 68°F	13°C / 56°F	14°C / 57°F	21°C / 71°F
GPS COORDINATES		<b>LATITUDE</b>	<b>LONGITUDE</b>		
	Ngoma Safari Lodge	17.94945278° S	24.69321389° E		
MALARIA	Yes – Protection recommend.				
YELLOW FEVER	All travellers coming from or going through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever upon arrival into Botswana.				
CURRENCY	Botswana Pula and US Dollar. Visa and Mastercard are accepted at camp.				
TRAVEL VISA	Required for most passports. Please check with your local embassy well in advance of your time of travel.				