



Mashatu Game Reserve is the embodiment of all that defines Africa. Space so open and vast, taking it all in is almost too much; an array of wildlife from the gigantic to the miniscule; majestic skies open to the universe and unfettered by smog; a quiet so loud it thrums with life; and unexpected adventure beyond the game drive with photographic hides, horse-back safaris, cycling safaris and walks in the wild.

## Location

The Mashatu Game Reserve is situated in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve in the remote eastern corner of Botswana, at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers. It is here that Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe meet.

## Accommodation

**Mashatu Lodge** comprises of **14 luxury suites**, each with its own private deck. A double bed and an extra-large single bed, together with a seating area that includes a single day bed, comfortably accommodates families with younger children. The ample en-suite bathroom with both bath and shower facilities and a separate W.C. complete the well-appointed suites.

With two inter-connecting rooms this is the ideal camp for the family traveller. A large swimming pool is a focal point where visitors cool down and relax between game activities. The Discovery Room is the portal through which curious visitors get a glimpse of another world – one that existed long before the appearance of man. The animal specimens and relics will fascinate and educate visitors of all ages.

**Mashatu Tent Camp** is 30 minutes from Mashatu Lodge. **Eight private tents** are tucked under the branches of enormous trees, accessible via meandering pathways. The tents themselves are spacious and comfortable; each is mounted on a concrete platform and has its own private outdoor en-suite facilities, including W.C. and shower.

The camp has its own plunge pool and game viewing hide.

## Power Supply

220V A.C. current is available 24 hours a day

## Guest Services & Facilities

- 2 Pools (1 at each camp)
- Curio Shop (Mashatu Lodge)
- 2 Bomas (1 at each camp)
- 2 Bars (1 at each camp)
- Discovery Room (Mashatu Lodge)
- 2 Photographic Hides (charges apply)

## Activities

- Game Drives
- Walking Safaris
- Mountain Bike Safaris (This activity closes from 1 November to 28 February each year.)
- Horse Safari
- Visits to Mmamagwa Ruins
- Photographic Hides & Expert Tuition (Hides are closed from 1 December to 28 February each year.)

## Complimentary Services

- All meals and snacks
- Game Drives
- Scheduled transfers to and from the Limpopo Valley Airfield and the Pont Drift Border Post

## Dining

Mashatu Lodge - Fresh fruits, vegetables, home-made breads and pies, succulent meat dishes and delicious desserts will appeal to a guest who appreciates home cooking at its best.

Mashatu Tent Camp - Meal times are shared either in the open-air thatched gazebo, or in the boma (enclosure) overlooking the floodlit, well-populated waterhole.



## Highlights of a Stay

Experience the 'Land of Giants' a vast true wilderness with a diversity of ecosystems and a variety of landscapes that is home to the largest elephant herds on privately owned land on earth and some of the most important archaeological ruins in Africa.

Brave an adventure safari that strays from the traditional safari experience: go bushwhacking on foot, gallop through verdant Mopane plains on horseback or confront Mashatu's diverse terrain on a mountain bike.

## Child Policy

Mashatu Lodge welcomes children of all ages. Babysitting service is available at an extra cost.

Mashatu Tent Camp does not permit children under 12

## Wheelchair/Special Needs

While all the suites at Mashatu are to a greater or lesser extent wheelchair friendly, Tent 1 at the Mashatu Tent Camp has a 1:10 sloping ramp for wheelchair access, a slightly larger toilet area and a wheelchair friendly basin height. The access is also slightly wider for easier wheelchair manoeuvring.

A vehicle has also been adapted to ensure that physically impaired clients can enjoy a safe and comfortable safari.

## What To Bring

- Comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Cameras and binoculars
- Summer: lightweight clothing and swimwear, warm clothing for game drives
- Winter: light clothing for daytime, very warm insulated jackets for game drives

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## Access

Mashatu Game Reserve is a 6 hour drive from Johannesburg and an 8 hour drive from Gaborone. Road transfers to/from Johannesburg are available.

There are daily flights between O.R. Tambo International Airport (Joburg) and Polokwane Airport and the option of a 2 hour road transfer from Polokwane to Pont Drift where Mashatu pick up to cross the Limpopo.

There are daily flights from Johannesburg (Lanseria airport) direct into Limpopo Valley Airfield on Mashatu. Mashatu has its own Botswana immigration facilities.

There are also flights between Maun and Mashatu (LVA) every Wednesday and Saturday from 1st April to 31st October.

Direct charter flights are also available. The costs are dependent on the number of guests, type of aircraft requested and flying distance.

## Nearby Attractions/Places of Interest

- Mmamagwa Ruins
- Solomon's Wall

## Health Requirements

Malaria Area – guests are advised to take precautions. Please consult your doctor or a Travel Clinic for advice.

## Climate

The climate over most of Southern Africa is temperate, although hot, dry conditions can be encountered in the Tuli region. Heavy summer thunderstorms of short duration in the late afternoon and early evening may be expected. Rain averages only 29 days a year and usually occurs during the summer months – between October and March.