



Bushman Plains

2025

Photo Safari

Letter From the Team

At Tusk Photo, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional safari experiences, where every detail is carefully curated to ensure your journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Our team of expert guides, who possess an intimate knowledge of the local wildlife and ecosystems, will be by your side, ready to share their insights and help you capture unbelievable photos.

Imagine exploring the vast savannahs, witnessing the majestic herds of elephants in Amboseli, or immersing yourself in the remarkable biodiversity of the Serengeti. Picture yourself standing in awe as you witness the raw power of lions on the hunt, or capturing the elegance of a leopard as it prowls through the golden grasslands. With Tusk Photo, these extraordinary moments will become a reality.

We understand that photography is more than just a hobby for you; it's a way to express your creativity and preserve memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best opportunities to capture those unique shots. From providing expert guidance on camera settings and composition to positioning our vehicles strategically for the perfect angle, we are dedicated to helping you achieve your photography goals.

But a Tusk Safari is not just about wildlife and photography; it's about creating cherished memories and forging lifelong connections. Our team is committed to providing you with personalised attention, exceptional service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey. We want you to feel like part of our Tusk family, sharing laughter, stories, and the sheer joy of exploring the best that nature has to offer.

Allow us to take you on a journey of discovery, where you will witness nature's wonders, capture breathtaking photographs, and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Please feel free to reach out to our friendly team for any further information or to discuss your specific requirements. We are here to assist you every step of the way. We can't wait to welcome you to the Tusk Photo family and share this incredible experience with you.



The Tusk Team



Overview

Unveiling the Essence of the Wild: Tusk Photo's Safari Adventure to Bushman Plains, Okavango Delta, Botswana

Embark on an extraordinary photographic journey with Tusk Photo as we unveil the untamed beauty of Bushman Plains in the heart of the Okavango Delta, Botswana. Our latest photo tour is designed for those who seek not just a safari, but an unrivalled wildlife encounter.

Nestled within the pristine Okavango Delta, Bushman Plains offers a canvas of diverse landscapes, from lush wetlands to expansive grasslands, providing a rich tapestry for photographers to capture the essence of untamed Africa. At Tusk Photo, we believe in crafting experiences that transcend the ordinary, and our newest photo safari is no exception.

This safari is more than a mere photographic excursion; it's a journey of discovery, guided by seasoned professionals who not only know the land intimately but are passionate about sharing its secrets with you. Whether you're a seasoned photographer seeking the perfect shot or a nature enthusiast eager to document the wonders of the Delta, our safari promises an unparalleled blend of adventure and artistic expression.

Experience the magic of Bushman Plains, where each photograph is a testament to the wild, unbridled spirit of Africa.



What You Can Expect

Unparalleled Wildlife Encounters:

Prepare to witness the drama of the wild unfold before your lens. Bushman Plains, nestled in the heart of the Okavango Delta, is a sanctuary for a myriad of species. From iconic species such as elephant, lion, leopard and wild dog to the other favourite subjects such as a roan antelope, sable antelope, zebra, giraffe and more.

The area is also well known for its huge diversity in birdlife with more than 500 species potentially on offer in the area.

Expert Guidance and Learning:

Tusk Photo prides itself on providing more than just a tour; it's an opportunity for growth and learning. Our seasoned photographic hosts, not only well-versed in the intricacies of the terrain but also passionate about photography, will lead you through the landscape, offering insights, tips, and techniques to elevate your craft. Whether you're a novice or an experienced photographer, expect to refine your skills in the art of capturing the wild.

Intimate Connection with Nature:

The essence of Bushman Plains lies in its untouched, pristine beauty. This private concession area is far off the beaten track which in return offers a more private and intimate wildlife experience.



Exclusive Accommodations:

Our commitment to providing an unparalleled experience extends to our choice of accommodations. Nestled in the heart of the Delta, expect to retire to comfortable lodgings that seamlessly blend with the surrounding environment. Enjoy the comforts of modern amenities while being enveloped by the sounds and scents of the wilderness just beyond your doorstep.

In conclusion, joining Tusk Photo's tour to Bushman Plains is an invitation to step into a realm where nature reveals its truest self, and your camera becomes a storyteller of your journey.

Expect to leave not just with photographs but with memories etched in your heart, forever carrying the spirit of Bushman Plains with you.

Where You Will Stay

Bushman Plains is an authentic mobile camp, with the ability to move between spectacular exclusive campsites within our 370,000 acre wilderness area. This allows for us to always be in the best locations for the wildlife in the true nomadic tradition of the Bushman culture.

Even though we are mobile, we do not normally move during your stay but rather remain set in the ideal location.



The camp is intimate and one of Botswana's smallest camps with just four guest tents. Bushman Plains features a classic style using large Hemingway-esque Meru tents. Each tent is 8 meters x 4 meters, and features comfortable beds with high-quality linens and duvets. There is a dressing area with a wardrobe and a sink with running water, plus separate, private shower and toilet areas. Showers are the typical bucket setup found throughout much of the safari world; staff hoist a bucket of heated water, which is then delivered through a normal shower head in the privacy of your own tent. A solar inverter system provides electricity for tent lighting and battery charging.

The central area of the camp includes a mess tent with veranda for relaxed hanging out. Central to Bushman culture is the campfire area where we share ancient stories, and tales from today, under the stunning Botswana night sky. Our camp chefs produce delicious meals that are predominantly western in style but making best use of local ingredients with some options to include traditional fare if you desire.



Dates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	Spaces	Nights
31 March - 5 April 2025	US\$ 4850	8	5
5 - 10 April 2025	US\$ 4850	8	5
16 - 21 June 2025	US\$ 4850	8	5
21 - 26 June 2025	US\$ 4850	8	5
8 - 13 September 2025	US\$ 5790	8	5
13 - 18 September 2025	US\$ 5790	8	5

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced from US\$ 4850 per person sharing. US\$ 1250 Single Supplement applies for September departures. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Itinerary

DAY 1

- Meet at Maun Airport and take a 45-minute flight to Bushman Plains.
- Enjoy a briefing and afternoon tea, followed by a game drive.

DAYS 2-4

- Experience early morning and late afternoon/evening game drives on open vehicles exploring the 370,000 acre property.

DAY 5

- After a morning game drive, enjoy brunch and transfer to the airstrip for a 45-minute flight back to Maun.
- End of tour



What You Get

INCLUDED:

- Full board accommodation at Bushman Plains Camp
- All meals
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Services of Tusk Photo hosts to assist and guide you
- Game Drives and Boat Activities
- Domestic Flights: All domestic flights included - Maun / Bushman / Maun
- Additional Luggage Allowance: Extra freight seats on flights to accommodate photographers, with up to 30kg luggage per person

EXCLUDED:

- Visas
- Telephone calls
- Gratuities
- Purchases of a personal nature
- International Flights to and from Botswana.



Flights and Transport

- Travellers wanting to fly into Maun from OR Tambo International South Africa should book online with Botswana air: www.airbotswana.co.bw or SA Airlink: <http://www.flyairlink.com/botswana/>.
- Check-in is one hour prior for domestic departures and two hours prior for international departures.
- The flight to/from JHB to Maun is +/- 1hr 45 min
- The flight to/from Maun to Bushman Plains is +/- 45min.

Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest. Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any local East African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) for landscapes
- Flash and battery pack is advisable although optional
- Notebook or additional storage device

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 7 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything please contact us for more details

Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- South African citizens require no visas to enter Botswana.
- It is advisable to declare any cameras, lenses, laptops and other valuable items when leaving your country. We normally recommend keeping a detailed list of all items including serial numbers and descriptions. This makes the customs process that much quicker as all that is generally required is for the customs official to stamp the document.



MONEY AND CURRENCY

- The currencies accepted in Botswana are Botswana Pula (BWP), US Dollars (USD) and South African Rands (ZAR). ZAR and USD will need to be exchanged in some instances at local rates.
- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Credit card payments can be processed at the camps.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted. Also, high denomination notes may not be accepted.
- The Botswana Pula does fluctuate against the ZAR: Rates are generally 1.1 to 1.35 to the BWP.

HEALTH

- The Okavango is a low risk Malaria area.
- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact your local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunisations required for travel to Botswana

LANGUAGES

- Although a lot of the locals speak Tswana or Kalanga, English is the national language of Botswana.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

220v battery power (charged by the generator) is used for lighting and air-conditioning in guest tents 24hrs a day.
220v plugs available in each tent for the charging of batteries only. Hence bring spare battery, charging unit and adaptors.

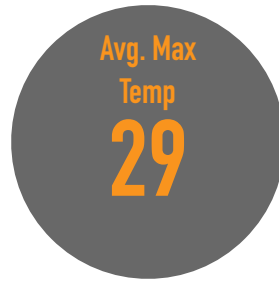
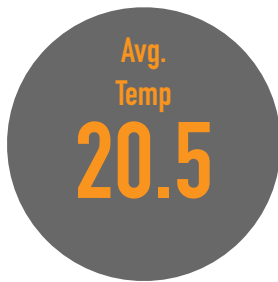


CLIMATE

Botswana experiences a warm to hot climate throughout the year. The country's temperatures range from a mean monthly maximum of 29.5°C to 35°C in summer, and 19.8°C to 28.9°C in winter. Summer nights are generally mild, with mean monthly minimum temperatures ranging from 14.6°C to 20.8°C. In winter, nights can be cooler, with temperatures ranging from 2.9°C to 11.6°C.

Rainfall patterns in Botswana exhibit significant regional variation. The northeastern part of the country receives the highest precipitation, with over 650 mm of rainfall annually. The majority of the rainfall occurs between October and April, which corresponds to Botswana's summer months. Rainfall is typically in the form of localised showers or thunderstorms.

In summary, Botswana's climate is characterised by warm to hot temperatures and a distinct rainy season. The country experiences higher temperatures and greater rainfall in the summer months, whereas winter brings relatively cooler temperatures.



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colours. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colours.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturiser, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- Ranger / Guide USD 20 per person per day
- Camp staff USD 10 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

There is no Cellular and Data connectivity in the Okavango Delta

Tusk Photo Safaris PTA Office
Tel: +27 12 761 3737 (Office Hours)

Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritise your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.

We Are Excited To Host You on Your Dream Photographic Safari!



