

TAU PAN CAMP

A Soulful Desert Experience
CENTRAL KALAHARI

Africa's largest game reserve, and land of the black-maned lion. Bushmen trackers provide life-giving insights into surviving this harsh paradise. At night, the Milky Way unfolds in a spray of stars best experienced on the sleepout deck



WHERE ON EARTH?

The enormous Central Kalahari Game Reserve (around 5,280,000 ha / 13,047,165 acres) in the remote Kalahari Desert.

Tau Pan airstrip is roughly 15-min drive from camp. Light aircraft flight approx. 55-min from Maun or 2-hours from Kasane. 4WD self-drive from Maun via Rakops takes 7 hours.

SAFARI ACTIVITIES

All hosted by Kwando's renowned guide and tracker teams. Departure times and duration tailored to season, sightings and guest interests. Activities restricted to national park opening hours with no off-road driving permitted.

Game Drives

- Photographic beanbag supports available on request
- Roof canopy removed at guide's discretion or guest request when circumstances allow
- Max. six per vehicle for guaranteed window seat

Deception Valley Day Trip

- Explore this huge, wild and remote reserve tracking desert life with a packed picnic lunch

Bushmen-led Nature Walks

- Easygoing, immersive nature walks conducted near camp to learn about ancient San survival techniques, medical plants and more

Sleepout Deck

- Sleep below the stars on a proper bed with WC safely nearby. Subject to availability for guests staying 3+ nights, advance booking required.

UPGRADE THE EXPERIENCE

Private Guides, Private Vehicles and Scenic Flights (helicopter and fixed wing) provide a more tailored experience. Contact us for details.

THE CAMP

The first lodging welcomed to the legendary CKGR, Tau Pan occupies unrivalled placement perched on the ridge of an ancient sand dune, overlooking game-rich plains and a permanent waterhole regularly visited by the resident pride of lions.

Facilities

- Spacious open-sided dining, lounge and bar areas below thatched roofing and elevated firepit area with a spotting scope
- Swimming pool
- Safari shop. Manual card authorisation only; cash payments in ZAR, GBP, USD, EUR and BWP
- Complimentary laundry service (no delicates)
- Solar power with backup generators

Fully Inclusive Food and Drink

- Light breakfast around the fire before morning activity, tea and coffee bush break, brunch afterwards, high tea before each afternoon activity with snacks and sundowners, dinner on return
- All menus and mealtimes accommodate sightings
- Communal dining is standard, with indoor and outdoor dining options
- A water fountain, soft drinks, local beers, and spirits, plus a wide selection of South African red, white and sparkling wines are included. Specific wines and spirits can be requested in advance (at an extra cost)

Special Requests

- Private meals, vegetarian, vegan and most dietary requirements catered for with advance notice

ACCOMMODATION

Custom-built desert rooms under thatch feature insulated walls to help keep out summer heat in summer and maintain warmth in winter.

The 8 Suites and 1 Family Suite all have:

- Private viewing deck with outside seating and waterhole views
- Spacious lounge areas with armchairs, ceiling fan, tea and coffee facility, charging station (international multiplugs), writing desk
- Open hanging space and shelving for clothes, digital safe, spare blankets, mosquito net, insect repellents and an emergency horn
- En-suite, indoor and outdoor shower, flushing toilet, double vanity basins, gowns, hot and cold water supply
- All rooms can be configured as a double (super-king, extra-length bed) or a twin (two ¾ beds, extra-length beds)
- Plug charging points suitable for sleep apnea machines but not hair dryers
- Lighting always available

Family Friendly

- Family suite comprises standard en-suite unit (with outdoor shower) connected to a smaller room sharing one bathroom with a separate toilet
- Min. age is 6 (except 1 April – 15 November when there is no min. age) and families travelling with children aged 6-11yrs must book private activities
- Extra bed available allowing for three children in family tented suite or, if family suite is booked, a child in a standard tented suite
- Special activities offered for children and early mealtimes on request

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