

SHAMETU

RIVER LODGE

Introduction:

At Shametu River Lodge – located just 6km from Divundu - you will be experiencing the tranquillity of the Kavango River on your doorstep. Just around the corner are two parks forming part of the Bwabwata National Park - Mahango Game Park and Buffalo Core Area, where you are guaranteed to see at least 2 of the big five and many more antelopes you don't really get in the rest of Namibia. The lodge has 11 Luxury Chalets, 4 Luxury Tents on stilts on the river and 4 Bush Rooms. The Bush Rooms are around 60m away from the main lodge on top of a little hill. They have a beautiful view of the valley below.

During the day you can visit our Restaurant where we offer a delightful variation, from a sunnyside up Breakfast to the best pizza in "town" and off course The Shametu Burger. End of a long day with your feet up on your personal porch enjoying a glass of wine whilst watching the infamous Namibian sun set. At night you can drift off to sleep with the calming sound of the Okavango River and the Popa Falls in the background



Accommodation Available:

4 River Fronted Luxury Chalets.

They are on the riverbank and river fronted

- Twin beds
- en-suite bathroom
- Air-conditioning
- Mosquito Nets
- Coffee / Tea stations

5 Luxury Chalets

Not river fronted – Garden view

- Twin beds
- en-suite bathroom
- Air-conditioning
- Mosquito Nets
- Coffee / Tea stations

2 Family room

River Fronted Luxury Chalets (max 4 pax per room)

- Twin beds and a bunk bed
- en-suite bathroom shared
- Air-conditioning
- Mosquito Nets
- Coffee / Tea stations

4 Bush Chalets

Not river fronted – Garden view
60m away from the main building

- Twin beds
- en-suite bathroom
- Airconditioning
- Mosquito Nets
- Coffee / Tea stations

4 Luxury Tented Chalets

River Fronted Luxury Tented Chalets

- built of wood and canvas, on stilts on the river
- Twin beds
- en-suite bathroom
- Airconditioning
- Mosquito Nets
- Coffee / Tea stations

4 Campsites

- Private ablution with own Kitchenette
- Grass
- Power Point
- Light
- Braai Facilities

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ACTIVITIES:

Mokoro Trip / Boat trip to Popa Falls (*Mokoro Trips can only be booked at the lodge*)

Explore the Okavango River on a Mokoro. At Shametu River Lodge we use fiber glass Mokoros. Traditionally mokoros are made from Mushi Mughongo and the Mukuthi Tree which are both indigenous trees in the Caprivi. However, in recent years governing bodies have banned the making of mokoros from these trees to protect them from extinction, thus modern Watos' are made from fiber glass. The fiber glass mokoros are also more stable on the water. Our Mokoro rides are seasonal and can only be done when the water level and wind allow us to do so. For this reason, this activity cannot be pre-booked – but only on arrival at the lodge. Traditionally Mokoros are used as transport on the Okavango River to enable local villagers to fetch reeds from the islands in the river to use to construct their homes; these traditional canoes are also used for fishing and you will see some of them on your trip down the river.



Sunset Cruise

Experience the tranquility of the Okavango River and all the secrets it holds. Glide gently downstream and watch the hippo frolic in the water while you try to spot the shy crocodile lurking in the reeds. Bird lovers will be entertained by the Fish Eagle and various other bird species current to the season. The Okavango River is the fourth-longest river system in southern Africa, running south-east ward for 1,600 km. It begins in Angola, where it is known by the Portuguese name Rio Cubango. Further south it forms part of the border between Angola and Namibia, and then flows into Botswana, draining into the Moremi Game Reserve or known as the Okavango Delta. Before it enters Botswana, the river drops four meters, across the full 1.2 km-width of the river, in a series of rapids known as Popa Falls, visible when the river is low, as during the dry season.



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Game Drive

We have daily game drives departing into the Mahango National Park or the Bwabwata National Park. Most mammal species are well represented with roan, sable, kudu, impala, reedbuck, Chobe bushbuck, red lechwe, sitatunga (along the rivers), giraffe, zebra, blue wildebeest, large aggregations of elephant at certain times and buffalo. Hippo and crocodile flourish in the rivers and predators include lion, leopard, cheetah, hyaena and African wild dog. Both rivers provide breeding habitats for wetland birds such as the endangered Wattled Crane and African Skimmer. Other species such as, African Wood.



Fishing Trips

For the more adventurous traveler, Shametu River Lodge offers amazing fishing activities which will keep you occupied for hours. Experience a peaceful fishing trip while enjoying the wildlife and nature from a fishing boat floating down the Okavango River. Our guests can choose if they would like to fish next to the river bank, or go a bit deeper with one of our fishing boats – which can hold up to 3 fishermen. The Okavango river is filled with a range of species, including but not limited to, Tiger Fish, Tilapia, Catfish and so many more. If you are interesting in our fishing trips, contact us today for more information.



African Spa

Indulge in the rich aromas and soothing sensations of our African spa treatments.



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Village Walks

Morning walks 8h00/9h00 afternoon walks 15h00/16h00 approximately 1.5hrs inclusive of guide and water, Traditional food tasting, local donkey cart ride in the Village



How to get there:

From Rundu: Continue on the B8 to Divundu. Turn right on the C48 towards the Mahango NPA. After approximately 6km you will see the turn-off to the lodge on your left hand side. Continue for another kilometer until you reach the lodge on your left hand side.

From Divundu: Head southwest (27m) Turn left (220m) Turn left toward B8 (140m) Turn left onto B8 (210m)

Turn right (6.2 km) Turn left (100 m)

The coordinates are: Latitude. -18.11651° or 18° 6' 59" south ; Longitude. 21.58771° or 21° 35' 16" east



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