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Monachira Camp: A new jewel in Botswana's Okavango Delta

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In May 2025, Botswana's renowned Okavango Delta will welcome an exquisite addition to its luxury safari offerings with the opening of Monachira Camp. Situated on the banks of the Monachira Channel within the Moremi Game Reserve, this eco-conscious retreat promises an immersive experience in one of Africa's most pristine wilderness areas.

Staying true to Machaba Safaris' signature style, Monachira Camp will embrace a classic and traditional safari atmosphere. While game drives will be available, the camp will focus on water-based activities and guided walking safaris, offering a more tranquil and immersive way to explore this remote corner of the Okavango Delta.



Camp overview

Monachira Camp, developed by Machaba Safaris, will feature eight luxury double tents and two spacious two-bedroom family tents, accommodating up to 24 guests. Each tent is thoughtfully designed with en-suite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, and expansive decks that offer panoramic views of the surrounding floodplains and wetlands. The camp's architecture emphasises sustainability, utilising solar energy and low-impact materials to minimize its ecological footprint. Accessible exclusively by helicopter from Kasane or Maun, Monachira ensures a secluded and intimate safari experience.

Activities and wildlife encounters



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Monachira Camp offers a diverse range of activities that highlight the unique ecosystems of the Okavango Delta:

- Water-based safaris: Explore the intricate waterways via motorboat or traditional mokoro canoe, providing close-up encounters with aquatic wildlife and bird species.
- Island nature walks: Guided walks on the delta's islands offer opportunities to observe flora and fauna up close; participants must be at least 16 years old.
- Game drives: Limited land-based safaris allow guests to track iconic African wildlife, including elephants, lions, leopards, and the elusive sitatunga antelope.
- **Birdwatching**: The camp's proximity to the Gudigwa heronries makes it a haven for bird enthusiasts, with sightings of herons, egrets, storks, and the rare Pel's fishing owl.

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Amenities and services



Guests at Monachira Camp can indulge in a range of amenities designed for comfort and relaxation:

- A swimming pool overlooking the floodplains
- Sunset bar and outdoor dining area
- Boma/firepit for evening gatherings
- · Curio shop and lounge area
- In-room spa treatments
- Complimentary Wi-Fi and laundry service

The camp welcomes children of all ages, making it an ideal destination for family safaris.

Monachira Camp embodies the essence of a traditional safari while integrating modern comforts and sustainable practices. Its opening in May 2025 is highly anticipated by travellers seeking an authentic and luxurious experience in the heart of Botswana's wilderness.

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