



NATURAL SELECTION

SAFARIS OF CHARACTER

A Guide to Your Safaris of Character

THAMO TELELE ACTIVITIES

THAMALAKANE RIVER, MAUN

THAMO TELELE

Maun, Botswana

THE PERFECT WAY TO START & END YOUR SAFARI,
ENJOYING ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAMO TELELE
HAS TO OFFER...

Set amongst the forest of old growth leadwood, bird plum and acacia trees, Thamo Telele is a little bush haven and the perfect hideaway for guests wanting to spend a few nights close to Maun, the last stop and gateway to the Okavango Delta. This safari style camp is set in a 250-hectare private reserve on the banks of the Thamalakane river, where the ideal habitat of riverine and dry savannah plays host to plentiful plains game. A hot spot for bird lovers and wildlife enthusiasts – you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to all you can see and do here. This really is an ideal place to start and end your safari!

What can I do?

- Giraffe Sundowner
- Nature Walks
- Horse Riding
- Bird Watching
- Nature Trail Bike Rides
- Helicopter Flip
- Wellness Therapy
- Swimming Pool
- Cultural Tour
- Volunteering



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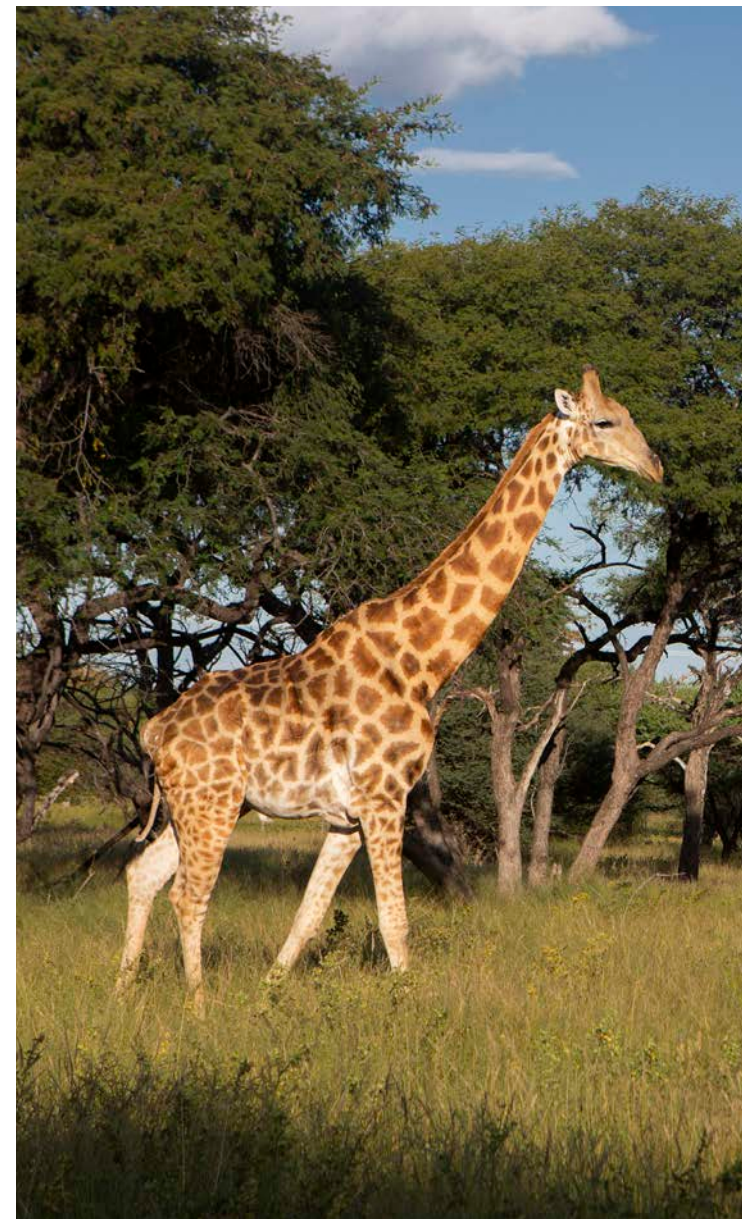
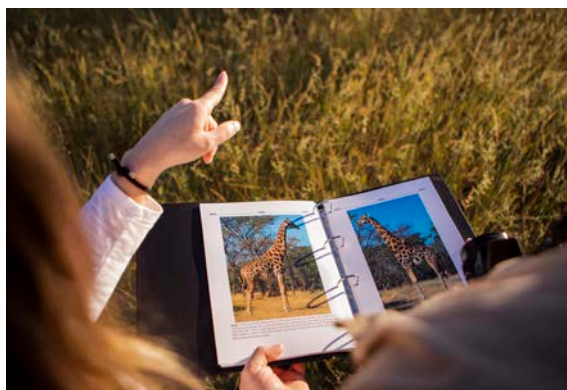


GIRAFFE SUNDOWNER

Come and meet our herd of resident giraffe! This is a real highlight when staying at Thamo Telele. Take an afternoon drive (or walk) to the local waterhole, perch yourself peacefully under the trees, enjoying a sundowner whilst waiting for our unique ungulates to come and say hello. This is an ideal opportunity to closely observe giraffe displaying their natural behaviours as they come for a snack (high tea). And while they are feeding, a whole host of other plains game and birdlife will join in on the action too.

It is an up-close giraffe educational experience for visitors which focuses on increasing awareness around nature conservation as well as the plight of giraffe. This special activity is one not to be missed. You'll learn all about giraffe conservation throughout Africa, as well as how to identify each giraffe by their distinct patterning. Each of them has a Setswana name, and if in doubt there is an identification book for referencing to get it right.

- *Children of all ages are welcome (age limit at managers' discretion)*
- *Duration: Approx 2 hours*
- *All year round*



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GIRAFFE CONSERVATION AT THAMO TELELE

We love giraffe so much that we thought we'd put together a team of dedicated giraffe lovers who work with them on a daily basis, in the hope to educate and gain a better understanding of these iconic African animals and what their current Botswana status is, as well as any future threats they may face. At Thamo Telele we are facilitating a giraffe taxonomic assessment for Botswana.



OUR GENETIC TESTING PROGRAMME

This programme aims to assess the numbers, distribution, and taxonomic status of giraffe in Botswana, through genetic testing. It will seek to evaluate the viability of giraffe conservation translocations inside or outside the country and provide input into the currently drafted Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) Giraffe Conservation Strategy.

We support much needed research into the taxonomy and distribution of giraffe in Botswana working with the Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF). For the last 15 years GCF has collected genetic samples from giraffe throughout Africa for a taxonomic assessment.

This work has helped to better understand how many species of giraffe there are and where they live, but most importantly it guides conservation management decisions for giraffe in all of Africa and where we should focus urgent conservation actions. Two of GCF's Namibia team joined us in Botswana to spearhead the programme and things are looking up!



DID YOU KNOW? Thamo Telele means 'Long neck' in Setswana and was named after our youngest little giraffe born here in 2021.



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NATURE WALKS

Grab your comfiest walking shoes, your binos and ask at reception about the various guided and self-guided nature walks you can do around the 250-hectare reserve.

The well-marked trails are an ideal way to safely explore this private reserve while stretching your legs after or before a long flight, taking in the wonder of our wooded forest and diverse grasslands. The reserve is free of predators but abundant in bird life and plains game. You'll come across so many magical sightings, from the smallest critters, to beautiful big trees. And if you happen to stumble upon our resident giraffe, enjoy quietly observing them on foot.

- *Children of all ages are welcome*
- *Duration: varied*
- *All year round*



HORSE RIDING

Saddle up to explore this exquisite private reserve on horseback! You'll embark on a guided outride (for all level riders). This is an exhilarating way to get up close and personal with our resident giraffe, zebra and all the plains game that reside on the reserve.

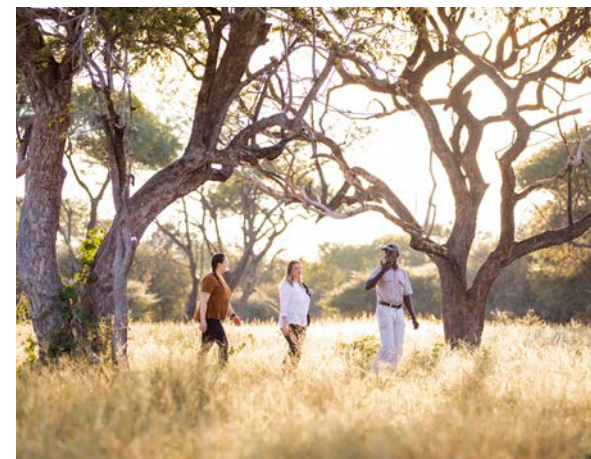
- *Children 8 years and older are welcome*
- *Duration: from 1 hour to full day outride*
- *For novice to experienced riders*
- *Rider weight limit: 90kg*
- *All year round*



BIRD WATCHING

Calling all bird lovers! Grab your binos, your bird book and your Natural Selection birding checklist to enjoy your very own birding safari at Thamo Telele. Being on this private reserve with over 300 species of birds, this is a hot-spot for bird lovers and a peaceful way to spend your time bird watching along the banks of the Thamalakane river.

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- *Duration: varied*
- *All year round*



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NATURE TRAIL BIKE RIDE

Choose an early morning or afternoon bike ride on our nature trails. We offer off-road safari bikes and biking helmets for individuals, couples, or families with children. Choose guided or self-guided rides. You can also book a day's biking safari where a professional guide will take you from camp, along the Thamalakane river and off towards the buffalo fence looking for animals. But please note that bike excursions must be booked in advance.

- *Children 12 years and older are welcome*
- *Duration: varied*
- *All year round*
- *At an additional cost*



HELI FLIGHTS

Heli from camp to enjoy a scenic helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta. This is an incredible opportunity to appreciate the vastness of the Delta when seeing it from above. From your seat, door off (or on) you'll be able to spot game, take exceptional photos and follow the waterways and animal pathways that shape this ancient wilderness.

- *Children 12 years and older are welcome*
- *Duration: 30 min, 45 min and 1 hr options (available on request)*
- *All year round*
- *At an additional cost*



CULTURAL TOUR

Experience Botswana beyond wildlife and go on a cultural tour of the safari town of Maun. Learn about local customs and traditions from your host, intermingled with their own personal experiences. Feast your senses on the sights, smells and sounds when walking through the vibrant market place. Taste some traditional dishes at a local café.

Meet some of our resident talents and admire their crafts. Look out for the BaHerero women dressed in their big, elaborate and colourful dresses. Try your hand at the ancient practice of basket weaving and hear the stories behind the beautiful patterns. This is an authentic glimpse of life in Botswana and an experience not to be missed.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Duration: 3 hours*
- *Minimum of 2 guests*
- *Bookable in advance - 24hrs notice (weekdays) or 72hrs (weekends)*
- *All year round*
- *At an additional cost*

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SWIMMING POOL

There is an awesome, and we mean awesome, lap pool for you to swim in, train in, or laze in. No judgment here! You can simply enjoy a little sundeck and solitude. Swimming towels, sundowners and sun loungers supplied. The ideal start or finish to any safari adventure.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *All year round*

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer during your time in Botswana. Thamo Telele has a full-time partnership with the non-profit work of the locally based NGO, Love Botswana. This local trust operates more than 20 community-based programs for children, youth and adults. For many people, visiting or volunteering at Love Botswana's many community-based programs in Maun has created some of the most memorable moments of their trip to Africa.

www.lovebotswana.org.

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