



Ta Shebube, Rooiputs

Location

The Rooiputs private concession area is located within the captivating Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on the Botswana side, 25 km north of Two Rivers (Twee Rivieren). Situated off the predator-rich Nossob valley, the lodge is perched along a mature red sand dune, overlooking a busy water hole.

Co-ordinates - S 26°200.85' – E 20°44'54.64

Area

The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park is characterised by the red rolling Kgalagadi sand dunes, the Kgalagadi dune bushveld with its scattered salt pans, dune crests dominated by tall dune bushman grass, the arid fossil river environment of the Nossob and Auob River valleys, vast open Acacia savannahs and expansive grassy plains.

The area is malaria free.

The Lodge & Facilities

- The main open fronted lodge is set under thatch on an elevated expansive wooden deck and constructed out of a clever combination of canvas and wood and decorated with furniture which reflects the rich textures of Southern Africa and the desert.
- Lounge area, a bar, dining room, reading area.
- Craft shop
- Boma for fires and traditional meals
- Plunge pool

Accommodation

- 9 standard en suite thatched chalets;
- 1 family unit;
- 1 honeymoon suite with outside bath tub;
- All chalets are privately set on raised wooden decks with a perfect view of the waterhole;
- Chalets have a main sleeping area, small sitting area, en suite bathroom with his and hers wash basin, toilet, outside showers and a large veranda;
- The sleeping area has double or twin beds, high quality mattresses and linen ensuring a relaxed night's sleep;

Game viewing & Activities

The dry riverbeds show predators and antelopes off at a premium and provide excellent photographic opportunities. Sixty species of mammals have been recorded in the park including the majestic gemsbok, blue wildebeest, springbok, red hartebeest, eland (the world's largest antelope) and steenbok. Predators are the area's big attraction and include the black maned Kalahari lion, leopard, brown and spotted hyena, jackal and wildcat. The area is one of Africa's best parks for the cheetah, which thrive by hunting in its fossil river valleys and the surrounding Kgalagadi dunes.

Eighty well established water holes along the Auob and Nossob Rivers attract large numbers of desert plains game and predators and their proximity to the game drive roads make them an ideal close-up vantage point for photographers.

Ta Shebube has well qualified and experienced guides who will be able to teach the guests about the area's fascinating and specially adapted flora and fauna allowing them to experience the Kgalagadi's stark beauty and remote desert and solitude feel.

Activities

- Game drives: morning, afternoon/ sunset game drives exploring the Nossob River Valley OR full day game drive exploring the Auob or Nossob River Valleys, includes picnic lunch and drinks (minimum 4 pax, subject to availability)
- Sunset game drive in private concession with sundowners
- Star gazing with camp telescope.

Optional activities

- Wellness Massages (additional cost)

Self-drive options

Self-drive guests and safari operators are welcome. 4 x 4 vehicles essential. Game drives in our game viewers can be arranged subject to availability and at an additional cost.

Children Policy

Children over the age of eight (8) years old are welcome to the lodge and a family friendly chalet is available for parents and children under twelve (12) years old. However, parents must be aware of the danger posed by wild animals and the children must be under strict supervision all the time.

Climate

The climate is typical for an arid area.

During summer between October to April, average temperatures can go beyond 40°C. Although this is the rainy season, rainfall is quite scarce, often accompanied by dramatic thunderstorms.

During winter between May and August the highest day temperatures are at a comfortable 26 – 30°C while the winter nights can be exceedingly cold with temperatures falling as low as 10°C below zero. The air is clear and dry. Winter is the best time to view game which often is congregated near the waterholes in the valley. Good game

viewing can also be experienced towards the end of the rainy season.

Typically for KTP sudden and often destructive winds can appear from nowhere and leave everything impregnated by fine red sand.

Eco-tourism

Rooiputs is designed to ensure that its operations are carried out in an ecologically sustainable manner where flora and fauna are fully protected and conserved. Programmes are in place to minimise the negative aspect of conventional tourism on the environment and enhance the cultural integrity of the local communities. Therefore, every effort is made to use green technologies at the lodge such as solar power, and to promote recycling, energy efficiency and water conservation.

Electricity

The lodge is powered by a solar panel system with generators as a back-up. Limited charging of batteries is available.

Water

Rooiputs is serviced by two boreholes which provide water to the lodge. As most water in the Kgalagadi, the borehole water is slightly salty and a water purification system is used to remove the salt and provide potable water for drinking and cooking. Untreated water is used for showering and the plunge pool. However, the water is a scarce resource in the desert and guests are asked to use it considerately, and there are policies in place on the use of cleaning of guest towels and bed linen.

Hot and cold water is available in all chalets.

Laundry Policy

The lodge offers a limited laundry service free of charge.

Communications

Rooiputs has satellite phone for emergencies, and limited cellular phone signals. There is also limited internet connection on request.

Access

Fully inclusive guests will be met at Two Rivers/Twee Rivieren Parks Entrance or Airstrip and transferred to the lodge.

By Road

Rooiputs can be accessed by road from Botswana, Namibia and South Africa.

For guests arriving at Upington by plane, comfortable road transport can be arranged from Upington to Twee Rivieren/Two Rivers.

Distances

- Upington to Two Rivers (Twee Rivieren): 250km on good tar road
- Gaborone to Two Rivers: 900km on good tar road (the last 50km on good gravel road)
- Two Rivers to Rooiputs: 22 km good gravel road, then 1 km to the lodge on private sandy track (requires 4x4)

Border posts

- Twee Rivieren, South Africa: opens 7.30hrs, closes 16.00hrs
- Two Rivers, Botswana: opens 7.30hrs, closes 16.00hrs
- Mata Mata, Namibia: opens 8.00hrs, closes 16.30hrs

By air

- Daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg and Cape town to Upington (SAA Airlink www.flyairlink.com)
- There are private charter flight companies in Upington that can fly from Upington to Twee Rivieren in South Africa or Bokspits in Botswana.

Park Entry Fees

The park entry fee and the Botswana tourism levy per person per night are included in the fully inclusive rates but are subject to change. Currently the entry fee is BWP 20 per night per foreign visitors and P 4 per night per vehicle. The tourism levy is BWP 10 per person per night.

For more information

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