

The Kalahari ~ Botswana, Jack & Sans Camp



The Makgadikgadi pans consist of two major relic basins of a massive lake and swampland that existed over much of northern Botswana between some 2 million and 40,000 years ago. On the edge of the western basin, also known as the Ntsetse Pan are the Jacks and San camp.

This is the domain of the Brown hyena, a shy and elusive creature, as well as suricates, armadillos and small bustard species. Ralph Bousefield and his guides have made many important finds in the field of paleontology, with stone implements and other evidence of stone-age dwellers.

This is an extremely brittle and fragile environment filled with fascination and interest. The management and guides have an approach of maximum care for the environment, and this is a destination for the true lover of remote experiences

Jack's Camp, named for the legendary Jack Bousefield, who was a pioneer of these remote wastes, remains one of the most intriguing and mysterious places in the Kalahari or Kgalagadi. Owned and designed by Ralph Bousefield and Catherine Raphaely, Jacks and San Camp nearby, allow access to a completely unique area. Located deep in the Kalahari Desert is a classic desert safari camp accommodating 18 guests in nine large walk-in tents, each with en-suite bathroom with flush toilet and shower.



Accommodation is comfortable and in keeping with the character of the Makgadikgadi. Facilities include a mess tent for dining and a tea tent with Persian carpet cushions for socializing. After the rains (December to April), there can be enormous herds of Wildebeest, Zebra and Springbok - with the accompanying predators - on the open grasslands. Activities are conducted in open 4x4 vehicles custom designed for this terrain and accompanied by knowledgeable guides. In the dry winter months, all-purpose ATV vehicles (a four wheeler motorcycle/Quad bikes) available, allowing guests to travel across the salt pans. Walks with a Bushman tracker and a visit to Chapman's Baobab - the historical baobab tree used by Livingstone, Selous and other early explorers.



San Camp is located deep in the Kalahari Desert on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans, the largest salt pans in the world. A maximum of 12 guests are accommodated in 6 large walk-in white canvas tents on slightly elevated wooden platforms with private facilities (short drop toilets). Activities are the same as at Jack's camp.