



## CHABBA SELEI PRIVATE SAFARI GUIDE – UNCHARTED AFRICA



***Operates from Uncharted Africa camps in the Makgadikgadi Pans & Okavango Delta in Botswana.***

Chabadimaketse Selel (universally known as Chabba) was born in Francistown, Botswana. In the early 80's this area still had great biodiversity around it and Chabba would catch birds and reptiles and with the help of elders identify them,

performing his first dissection with a broken bottle, not aware that this would lead to a path in science and education. Eventually Chabba undertook national service and taught in a bushman village named Salajwe in the southern Kalahari. From there he began his scientific studies at the University of Botswana, after two years transferring to the University of Oklahoma to complete his degree. Chabba joined Uncharted Africa Safari Company in 2005 as a guide, also undertaking duties such as guide training and maintenance. He is currently based in the Okavango Delta but has a deep love of the Makgadikgadi Pans after many years based at the famous Jack's Camp. Chabba enjoys showing guests how life and environments connect in an interesting and educational way.

### ***Years of guiding experience***

Chabba has been guiding since 2005 (17 years) for Uncharted Africa.

### ***Regional knowledge and expertise***

Kalahari Desert, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta.

### ***Ideal for accompanying***

Adventurous families, multi-generation family travel, couples, solo travelers, small groups, journalists & keen photographers.

### ***Areas of special interest***

Science, tracking, all things Botswana and human evolution, life science - especially biology and farming.

### ***Qualifications & Expertise***

- Chabba is a scientist and a teacher at heart.
- He is a zoologist by qualification, schooled in Oklahoma state university in the USA.

- He also did a nursing course (Gateway Foundation)
- His schooling was done in Francistown where he excelled in science.
- In 1997 he got an 'A' for his O'level and went on to do his national service as was required then before university.
- Chabba, taught maths and science to the Bushmen in Salaiwe, Southern Kalahari.
- After national services, he enrolled with the University of Botswana studying BSc Science. After spending two years at the University of Botswana, he transferred to Oklahoma State University where he did BSc Zoology and graduated in 2004.
- Chabba joined Uncharted Africa Safari Company as a professional guide in 2005.
- He spent a lot of time guiding in the Makgadikgadi salt pan area where Jacks Camp, Camp Kalahari and San Camp are situated.

**Languages:** English, Setswana, Kalanga, and a bit of Shona.

**Currently Lives:** at Mapula Lodge in the Okavango Delta.

**'The balance of the unity of life in a desert coupled with the fun of having very keen guests and a lovely team at Uncharted Africa Safari company is a beautiful recipe for a happy jolly life.'** – Chabba Selei

***To book Chabba as your specialist guide contact:***

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