

# EAGLE ISLAND LODGE

A BELMOND SAFARI  
BOTSWANA



*Extraordinary*

# BOTSWANA EXPERIENCES

A timeless explorer's lodge

# GAME DRIVES



**E**arly morning and afternoon game drives take you among Africa's largest elephant population. You may also encounter lion, wild dogs, leopard, cheetah, hyenas, enjoy rare

sightings of rock-climbing klipspringers and elegant roan and, depending on the season, catch the second largest migration of zebra in Africa.



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# MOTORISED BOATING AND BARGE CRUISES



Being on the open water is what distinguishes the Okavango Delta from other safari experiences. These trips allow you to cover more ground, plunging deeper into the landscape and spotting a greater range of wildlife.

Embark on a sunset barge cruise for mesmerising views as you sip a sundowner.

*Not available in the dry season, usually November to March.*

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# MOKORO CANOE SAFARI



**G**lide silently on a traditional dugout canoe, a traditional mode of transport used by locals for centuries, as you traverse shallow, clear waters past brilliant waterlilies and papyrus grasses, reaching areas inaccessible by

boat. Glimpse brightly coloured frogs, kingfishers, dragonflies or elephants feasting on the reeds.

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# WALKING SAFARI



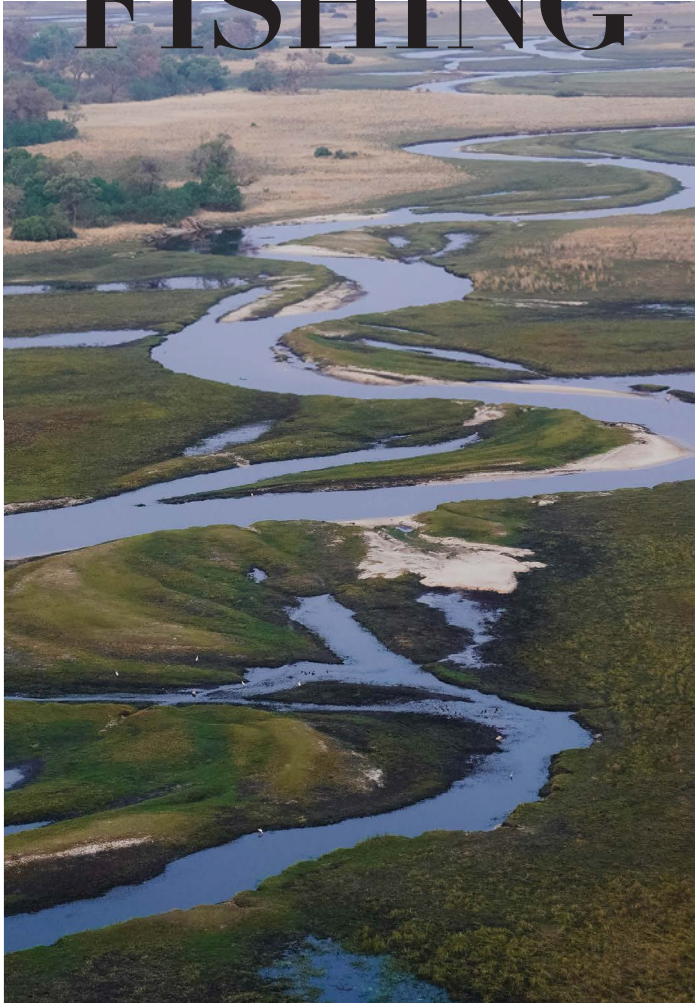
Let our experienced guides envelop you in nature. Spot amazing sights close-up: an insect, animal tracks, big game droppings, swarming termite mounds.

These small, unexpected aspects of delta life often make the biggest impression.



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# FISHING



The delta's channels are rich with tilapia, and spotted and silver catfish inhabit the lazy pools. African pike, infamous fighters, are a favourite snare.

If you have never fished before, this is the ultimate place to start.

*Catch and release fishing only and during high water levels.*

# HELICOPTER & HORSEBACK SAFARI

One of Botswana's original safari lodges, Eagle Island Lodge is the ultimate Okavango Delta water- experience-focused safari lodge, perched on a private island encircled by some of the deepest stretches of the Okavango Delta, one of the world's largest inland water systems and a unesco world heritage site. Explore the miraculous World Heritage Site of the Okavango Delta, traversing palm-lined islands, grassy flood plains, mopane forests and clear streams on horseback.

Enjoy a unique combination of activities that allows aerial views not only of the magnificent Okavango Delta, but also brings guests closer to the wildlife.



## INCLUDES:

- A return 20minute scenic helicopter flight
- Guided by experienced and armed guides
- Riding chaps and helmets
- Light refreshments will be available before, during and after the ride
- A buffet lunch with soft drinks will be offered during a full day excursion
- Okavango Air Rescue enrolment
- 12% VAT

*Full day price - \$1 395  
Half day price - \$1 015*

## EXCLUDES:

- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Gift shop purchases
- Personal insurance for horse riding activities
- Guests to provide comfortable riding gear and shoes

Minimum riding ability required is mastery of the basic aids, ability to post to the trot for stretches of 10 minutes at a time, to be comfortable at all paces and to be able to gallop out of trouble. Includes 3 hours riding time for a half-day excursion, and 6 hours riding time when booking a full-day excursion.

A minimum of two guests required to confirm the activity. Maximum weight is 200lbs (90kg's). Minimum riding age is 12 years, and maximum is 80. Riding and indemnity forms to be completed in advance. Full prepayment is required on confirmation and 100% cancellation fees will apply within 30 days of booking if booked at the lodge. Rates are quoted per person and are nett and non-commissionable. Subject to availability

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# VILLAGE LIFE



Visit neighbouring Nxhoga village on the island of Xaxaba for an authentic insight into the Motswana way of life. Learn about the mud, reed and can huts, basket weaving and the fishing industry. Meet elders, engage with children, browse the small market, and bakery.

There is a chance that your Belmond guide hails from Nxhoga and will explain how the community has adapted ancient traditions to suit modern times.

*Accessible by boat/mokoro in wet months, and by game-viewing vehicle in dry months.*



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# BIRD WATCHING



**M**any people come to the lodge from all over the globe purely to spot the magnificent variety of birds.

Over 400 land and aquatic species make for unrivalled viewing, including the rare Pel's

fishing owl, endangered wattled crane and the majestic African fish eagle.

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# AT THE LODGE



Take time to relax—play a game of chess, enjoy a re-freshing dip in your private plunge pool or watch the wildlife from your balcony. View spectacular sunsets over a drink at the Fish Eagle Bar. Hippos are often

spotted here and a “resident” elephant enjoys plucking berries from a nearby tree. In the evening, gather round the fire pit and share stories with our guides, or simply soak up the after-dark vistas and sounds of the African landscape.

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# TSODILO HILLS



Four rocky hills, including Botswana's highest point, jut strikingly out of the surrounding Kalahari Desert plains to form Tsodilo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the remote northwest of the country; a definite 'must see' for those seeking more than wildlife from their time in Botswana. Over 4500 rock paintings, some dating back an estimated 26,000 years, adorn the marshmallow coloured quartzite rocks.

The hills are sacred to the San Bushman who utilised the caves and the spring at this site until the late 20th century. The hike can be demanding, but the hills have an air and allure that is difficult to describe; perhaps they possess a draw that appeals to something within us all.

*\$995 per person (minimum 2 people)*



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# ELEPHANT HAVEN



**E**lephant Havens is a non-profit organization. The orphanage rescues and hand-rears orphaned and abandoned baby elephants, with the goal of eventually releasing them back into the wild alongside other wild elephants.

This experience includes return helicopter transfers and a scenic flight en-route, interaction with orphaned elephants guided by informed and knowledgeable handlers and a donation towards the organisation.

*\$480 per person (minimum 2 people)*

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