

EAGLE ISLAND LODGE

A BELMOND SAFARI
BOTSWANA



Extraordinary

BOTSWANA EXPERIENCES

A timeless explorer's lodge

GAME DRIVES



Early 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



Glide 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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HELICOPTER SAFARI



Helicopter flights over Botswana are one of life's big adventures. This is the Okavango Delta as you have never experienced it before.

Spot remote, inaccessible lakes and islands as well as an abundance of wildlife from the sky. *Surcharge applies. Advance booking required.*

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HELICOPTER & HORSEBACK SAFARI



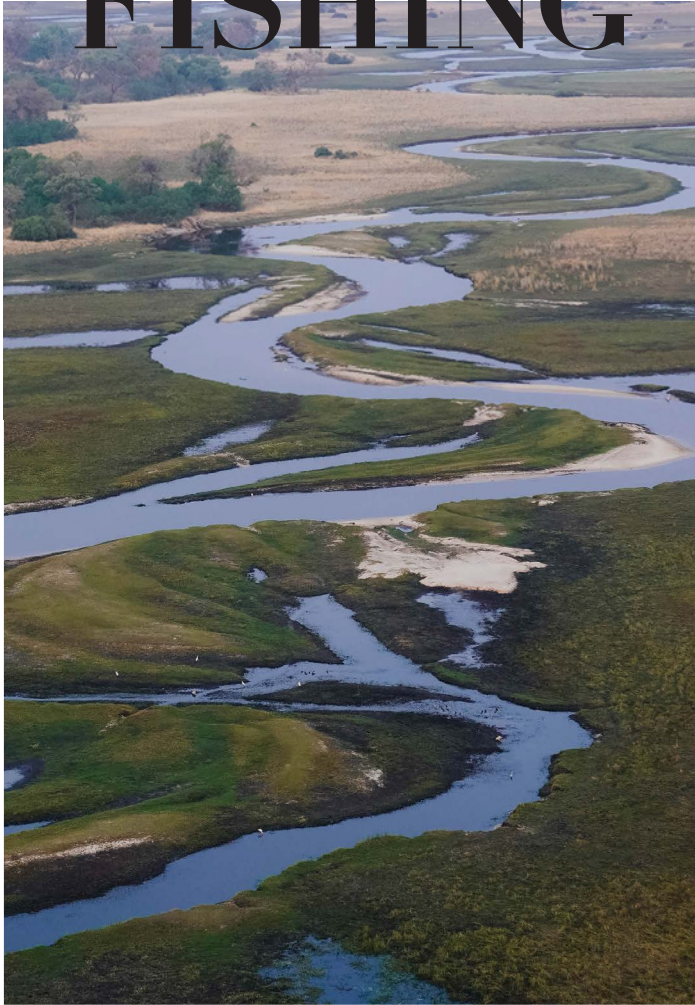
A first in Northern Botswana, this exhilarating safari begins at first light with a 10-minute helicopter flight, before you saddle up for a guided horseback ride through the

grassy floodplains and palm-lined islands of the delta.

Surcharge applies; horse-riding experience essential. Advance booking required.

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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.

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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



Many 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



Elephant 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)