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# SAVUTE ELEPHANT LODGE A BELMOND SAFARI, BOTSWANA



ELEPHANT ARE, NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE MAIN ATTRACTION AT SAVUTE ELEPHANT LODGE, WITH AN EXEMPLARY ECO-FRIENDLY DESIGN, LUXURIOUS SPA AND VIEWING HIDE. THE MAJESTIC INHABITANTS ARE DRAWN TO THE MYSTERIOUS SAVUTE CHANNEL, WHICH FLOWS AND DRIES UP SEEMINGLY AT WHIM..

EMBARK ON EARLY-MORNING GAME DRIVES OR FORAYS INTO THE BUSH TO SEE ANCIENT SAN BUSHMEN PAINTINGS. JOIN US AFTER DARK FOR A TRADITIONAL - AND SUBLIMELY UPLIFTING - BOMA. YOUR SAFARI ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE



# TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

# 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.

### BIRD WATCHING

Savute is a bird-lovers' paradise, particularly in the summer months from December to March. Over 250 species populate the area, ranging from vast flocks of gregarious queleas to giant kori bustards and an array of majestic raptors.

# BUSHMEN PAINTINGS AND BAOBAB TREES

Out in the bush, where rocks rear up among stony hills, is a collection of paintings that will take your breath away. These works by the San Bushmen are thought to be more than 1,500 years old—beautiful images of elephant, giraffe, sable and eland antelope. After admiring them, continue to the amazing baobab grove, a cathedral-like cluster of 13 giant trees that rival the Bushmen's paintings in age.

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#### BOMA

Gather round the campfire and exchange your day's adventures, much as villagers do throughout Botswana. Flames flicker and lamps glow as drinks are served; a choir sings traditional songs and invites you to a buffet of African specialities. Settle into your seat as lodge guides recount tales of the bush and musicians strike up traditional songs. The evening often ends with everyone on their feet, dancing to rhythms handed down through generations.

# STAR GAZING

The vast open spaces around Savute make it the perfect place to experience the immense, dark dome of the African night sky.

## AT THE LODGE

When you're not out and about on safari, relax and unwind by the generous pool and take a cooling dip or enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment at the spa or in the comfort of your room or private deck.

For fabulous wildlife sightings on your doorstep, head to the permanent water hole in front of the lodge. Watch elephants gathering to drink and at night discover how the nocturnal sounds of Savute—roars, rumbles, chirps—are magically amplified.







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# KHWAI RIVER LODGE

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AT THE HEART OF THE OKAVANGO DELTA LIES THE MOREMI WILDLIFE RESERVE, A HAVEN FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF ANIMALS.

MOREMI IS EXCEPTIONAL FOR YEAR-ROUND GAME VIEWING. NO FENCES ARE ALLOWED IN THE RESERVE, SO ANIMALS ROAM FREELY ACCORDING TO SEASONAL MIGRATION PATTERNS. COME WITH US ON A WEALTH OF ADVENTURES RANGING FROM EARLY-MORNING GAME DRIVES TO MOONLIGHT SAFARIS AND STARGAZING EXCURSIONS.



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# GAME DRIVES

Morning and afternoon game drives are available in open land cruisers. Night game drives with spotlights and stargazing presentations are also available after dinner. As the lodge is located on a private concession, vehicles are allowed to drive before and after sunset, as well as off road.

# WALKING SAFARI

Get close to the wildlife on a Khwai River walk with one of our experienced guides; spot animal tracks, fantastic insects and other amazing sights.

# HELICOPTER SAFARI

Helicopter flights over Botswana are one of life's big adventures. With no doors on the helicopter, guests can experience the Moremi Game Reserve and the Okavango Delta like never before: view inaccessible lakes and islands, as well as an abundance of wildlife from the sky, not to mention the incredible photographic opportunities that are presented on each and every flight.

#### MOTHUPI'S BOMA

Gather in a circle round the campfire to chat over the day's highlights by the warmth and glow of the flames. A choir sings traditional songs and invites you to a feast of African dishes.

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#### BIRD WATCHING

Conceal yourself in our beautiful hide with elevated views across the Khwai River, the perfect spot to observe the rich variety of birds, including malachite kingfishers and open-billed storks.

# STAR GAZING

Discover how Bushmen used the stars to locate the true south. Using a telescope, focus in on constellations that northern hemisphere visitors may never have seen before, such as the Southern Cross.

# AT THE LODGE

Take time out to read and relax by the expansive pool or enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment at the spa or in the comfort of your room or private deck.

The Khwai River acts as a magnet to wildlife. Viewings from the main lodge are unsurpassed all year round. Hippos and elephants almost a certainty!







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# EAGLE ISLAND LODGE

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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.

GUESTS CAN ENJOY CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF BIRDS AND AQUATIC WILDLIFE AROUND THE LODGE AND SIGHT MAMMALS SUCH AS ELEPHANT, BUFFALO, HIPPO, CROCODILE AND BIG CATS.

\* Some of the activities are only available when the delta is in full flood, usually from May to October.



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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.)

#### HELI/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; horseriding experience essential.)

# 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.)

#### 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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# 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.

### 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.

#### 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.)



#### 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, churches 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.)

### AT THE LODGE

Take time to relax—play a game of chess, enjoy a refreshing 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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