



# **EAGLE ISLAND LODGE**

ACTIVITIES

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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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### TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 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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