## BELMOND SAFARIS A BELMOND EXPERIENCE BOTSWANA

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A JOURNEY OF CREATIVITY AND NATURE

Embark on the Artistic Safari, an immersive retreat designed to blend the beauty of nature with the artistry of sketching and watercolour painting. Over the course of seven days, participants will explore breathtaking landscapes, observe wildlife, and engage in hands-on artistic training.

Led by accomplished artist Vicki Thomas, this experience offers a unique opportunity to develop your artistic skills while connecting with the natural world.

Each day is thoughtfully structured to provide a balance of guided instruction, personal reflection, and creative expression, ensuring a transformative journey for every artist. WHERE ART MEETS WILDERNESS: UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY AMIDST THE BEAUTY OF NATURE

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Savute Elephant Lodge Chobe Reserve

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Eagle Island Lodge Okavango Delta

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#### **RATES 2025**

Based on a 5 night stay, 2 nights at Savute Elephant Lodge 3 nights at Eagle Island Lodge

12 to 17 November 2025

\$13 150 per person for a single room \$9 100 for a double room per person sharing

Available for minimum 8 people plus your host. Includes all flights to/from Maun, accommodation, meals, some art materials and activities. A full list will be sent to you on what you will be required to bring from your personal art set.

We suggest booking your regional flight with Airlink into Maun.

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#### Savute Elephant Lodge (Days 1-2)

At Savute Elephant Lodge, your artistic journey begins with a warm welcome and a brief introduction to the art of journaling by Vicki Thomas. Settle into your room and prepare for an immersive experience. You will start by exploring your equipment packs and making initial sketches from the verandah, capturing the majestic forms of elephants in their natural habitat.

Each morning, embark on early drives designed for sketching and collecting natural materials. After a hearty breakfast, participate in watercolor workshops where you will learn to match colours using plants found in the wild. Afternoons offer a blend of relaxation and solo creative work, followed by drives that focus on photography and sunset sketching sessions from the deck. Evenings are reserved for drinks, gourmet dinners, and insightful discussions about the day's experiences.

Throughout your stay at Savute Elephant Lodge, you will refine your skills in sketching basic shapes, observing wildlife, and capturing the essence of the landscape. The unique combination of guided sessions and personal exploration ensures a fulfilling and enriching artistic retreat.

#### Eagle Island Lodge (Days 3-6)

The adventure continues with a short flight to Eagle Island Lodge. Settle into your new surroundings and dive into pre-lunch sketching sessions that focus on quick sketches of palm trees and fish eagles. Each day at Eagle Island Lodge is tailored to balance group outings with quiet painting time, allowing you to immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of the environment. On this island perch, enjoy light-filled tented rooms with plunge pools, sundowners at the Fish Eagle bar, and barbecued specialties around the campfire. When the waters are high, glide out on mekoro canoes to witness hippos, kingfishers, and brightly coloured frogs in their element.

Specialized training sessions will enhance your understanding of waterlilies, their insects, and the intricate details of feathers. Personalized guidance and support are provided to help you develop your unique artistic style. Whether you are sketching on morning drives or participating in specialized workshops, every moment is designed to inspire and elevate your creativity.

Conclude your stay by completing your artwork with dedicated assistance and sharing your achievements with fellow artists. The serene and inspiring setting of Eagle Island Lodge offers the perfect backdrop for reflection and artistic growth.



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#### RESERVATIONS

Please contact your professional travel advisor or Belmond Safaris reservations offices and ask for the Sketchbook Safari offer.

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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Valid only for from 11 to 17 Novemeber 2025.
- All conditions and rates are subject to change without notice.
- Pre booking essential.

#### ADDITIONAL BOOKING INFO

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