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ODDBALLS ENCLAVE FACT SHEET



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The Enclave is on a small island just off the south-western edge of Chief's Island, deep in the heart of the Okavango, and bordering Moremi Game Reserve. The camp is accessible only by light aircraft. On arrival, guests will be welcomed to the island by their private guide, who will remain their guide for the duration of their stay.

The Enclave experience is an intimate one. The camp is a small, comfortably appointed place. Oddballs' Enclave can accommodate a maximum of 8 guests, in four twin or double bedded mini-Meru tents, making it a classic and intimate camp. The tents are on elevated wooden decks, each with a semi-detached private bathroom with an *al fresco* bucket shower, and hot and cold running water. The Enclave is the perfect destination for a small group or family to spend time together.

The guest areas have a variety of comfortable seating arrangements and a raised viewing deck overlooks the sweep of the Delta – the perfect place to watch the sun or moon rise and view whatever wildlife may be visiting. The molapo that extends beyond the camp is, depending on the time of year, covered with water or entirely dry. Either way it is often filled with breeding herds of elephant, buffalo or a small family of kudu that is local to the island. Meals are enjoyed on the deck with spectacular views across the floodplains to the distant island forests.

Guests enjoy the luxury of their own private guide. The guides are locals - this is a man of the swamp, born and raised in the area. Guests will spend their days in his mokoro (pl. mekoro), gliding through the floodplains and channels (water dependent), and walking under his guidance on some of the many islands in the area, taking in the magnificent scenery and light as well as the abundant game and bird-life of the Okavango. Guests have the opportunity to focus, not only on the larger mammals, but on the ecosystem as a whole.

Gliding peacefully across the quiet Okavango waters, as the lilies open in the morning light is a majestic experience, as is walking through the Okavango beside the local wildlife. However, the focus is truly on peace and tranquillity and achieving this peaceful feeling within one's self. Guests are encouraged to relax with a book or even without one and to watch the Okavango unfold before them.

Serviced by Delta Airstrip –a 20 minute flight from Maun, 50 minutes from Kasane, and 15-30 minutes from most other camps.

Facilities

- Raised open guest area
- Outdoor dining area
- Direct access to Chief's Island
- Intimate bird watching deck



Activities

- Private mokoro (traditional dug out canoe) (pl. mekoro)
- Private guided walks
- Cultural interaction at an authentic baYei village
- Full or half day walks with breakfast or lunch picnic
- The Chief's Island Walking Trail is a privately guided, semi-participatory wilderness camping expedition (seasonal)

Children and Families

Children of all ages are welcome. There are no age restrictions as the camp believes that guests know their children and their capabilities, and as they will not be going on safari with other guests they have no one but themselves to consider during activities. The camp is happy to provide specialized family guides and children's food set at a time that is suitable. The camp being small and intimate means that parents can comfortably put their children to bed and then eat dinner at the shared table.

Wildlife

Game of all sorts are abundant: lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant, hippopotamus, crocodile, giraffe, antelope including the rare lechwe, tsessebe and sitatunga, otters, honey-badgers, the shy pangolin, and a variety of the smaller wild cats such as civets, servals and genets are amongst the many mammal species that visit the Delta. There are also reptiles – many species of snakes (most of them harmless), as well as several species of tortoise, terrapin, lizard, skinks, chameleon and gecko – not forgetting, of course, the Nile crocodile. Then of course there are the birds, well over 450 species, that bring the forests, rivers and flood-plains of the Okavango to life. Many rare and endangered species call the Okavango home, and birders come from all around the world come in search of them.

Considering the Wild

The power at Oddballs' Enclave is generated by solar panels, and where possible the water is also heated this way. Oddballs' Enclave also ensures that the large fuel tankers do not cross floodplains and streams or cut through forests to deliver diesel for their generators and pride themselves on being a camp without any engines or motors.



The local village, Sedibana, is 30-45 minutes from the camp. For over three decades Oddballs' Enclave there has been a strong bond between the villagers and the camp. During this time they have actively supported local development in the area. They assist in providing nursing care, veterinary assistance and transport to and from Maun for all of the villagers.

Many of Oddballs' Enclave's staff members come from Sedibana Village and have been with the company for at least 10 years, some more than two decades and there are also multiple generations of families who work at the camp. Oddballs' Enclave generates revenue for the government, and helps to police the resources against the depredations of those who don't care for it. Through their guiding and camp experience, they help create world-wide awareness and exposure of the resources within the Okavango Delta and beyond.

As the landscape of the Okavango is becoming more arid and the elephant population is increasingly putting pressure on old growth tree species in the Okavango, the landscape is changing noticeably. Oddballs' Enclave has established a Tree Welfare program and many of the trees have been wrapped with diamond mesh wire to protect them from the elephants. In addition, throughout the year trees in danger are being coated with a homemade paste that repels elephants and stops them from scarring and eventually killing the trees.

GPS Co-Ordinates - 19°31' 56.19" S and 23° 06' 19.48" E

Please be advised that the use of mekoro depends on a number of factors beyond the camp's control – water levels, vegetation growth, changes in the Okavango's channel-structure, and hippo activity, amongst others. These can and do change quickly and unpredictably. Consequently Delta Camp may not be able to offer mokoro excursions due to practical constraints or safety considerations. If this is the case they recommend guests participate in other activities that are equally enriching and complete a full-bodied safari experience.





Accommodation and Camp Facilities

- Number of Rooms 4 Mini meru tents
- Room Configuration Double or Twin
- Maximum Guests 8
- Pilot/Guide Room No
- Children Yes – all ages
- Child Minding Can be arranged
- WiFi No
- Cell Phone Coverage No
- Air Conditioning No
- Fans No
- Electricity No - Solar Lighting and water heating only
- Swimming Pool No
- Bath No
- Shower - Indoor/Outdoor Yes - outdoors
- Mosquito Nets Yes
- Safe Only in Managers office
- Hair Dryer No
- Telephones No
- Laundry Service Yes – Hand washed and air dried therefore weather dependant.
- Smoking Policy Outside all buildings only
- Wheelchair Access No
- Distance between
rooms Approximately 5 meters.
- Credit Cards Facilities Not on site but credit card payments can be processed off site – Visa and Mastercard only
- Malaria High risk malaria region
- All activities are privately guided – 2 guests per guide
- Walking Safari with experiences local guide.
- Mokoro Excursions – water levels dependant
- Cultural visit to the local village
- Mokoro Trail – Minimum 4 nights, 1st and last night spent in camp and minimum 2 nights spent camping out on the islands.
- Green Season – 1st December – 31st March
- Shoulder Season – 1st April – 30th June and November
- High Season – 1st July – 31st October

