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## **DELTA CAMP FACT SHEET**



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The principle underpinning Delta Camp is that the Okavango was, in its prehistoric form, pristine, and that every intervention comes at a cost to that pristine natural and cultural environment. Delta Camp's vision strives to consider every action and to understand that each has a mitigating factor and a concomitant benefit. With each 'pro' weighed carefully against its 'con', they offer guests the highest standards of comfort consistent with the pure elegance of the environment itself.

Scattered in the forest of a large, beautiful and palm-studded island deep in the Okavango Delta, Delta Camp's chalets are designed and built to take advantage of the many indigenous, old-growth trees of the island forest. The buildings cannot improve upon the natural landscape; they must therefore blend into it as unobtrusively as possible. This sometimes means that a tree grows through a roof or a floor, it always means that you will find no glass in the windows and it very often means that the building itself is elevated onto a deck. Each spacious, elegant chalet is individually designed and decorated to fit discreetly into its setting and to take advantage of the spectacular views of the surrounding bush and flood-plains.

Delta Camp offers privately guided walking safaris like nowhere else in the Okavango Delta. Using only genuine, hand-made dug-out canoes, guides will take guests deep into the Okavango, through the channels and floodplains to walk on the many islands in the area. The guide joins guests on arrival and remains exclusively with them for the duration of their stay.

The Delta Camp experience is cultural as well as being a wildlife and wilderness one, and spending time in the company of a man who has lived his life in this wild place, and perhaps even visiting his home, is a revelation to many visitors, and a lesson in differing values and perceptions.

All activities are conducted without assistance from motors, offering guests the opportunity to truly attune themselves with nature. In addition, the camp does not offer wifi or internet, which allows guests to be present with one another in a beautiful and intimate setting, something that has become increasingly rare in our hurried existence.

Situated on the south-western edge of Chief's Island in the heart of the Okavango Delta, on the western boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve.

Our focus is on **peace and tranquility** (stalking game on foot provides all the excitement one could wish for) and guests are actively encouraged to visit the local village, home to the guides, and to interact with the people there. Visitors are also encouraged to relax and follow their heart's desire. The luxury of being privately guided allows guests to focus on their particular interests and to determine how it is that they would like to spend each day.



The camp is accessed by light aircraft only and is a 20 minute flight from Maun or a 50 minute flight from Kasane. It is 15-30 minutes from most other camps in the area. It is a 45 minute mokoro ride or 30 minute bush walk to the camp. Arrival into the camp depends upon water levels. Guests are met by their dedicated guide upon arrival at the Delta airstrip. Please advise guests that sunscreen, hat, binoculars and camera should be easily accessible upon arrival so that they may begin their adventure comfortably.

### **Facilities**

- private, spacious luxury chalets
- satellite viewing deck
- tucked away sunset deck
- raised deck facing the Boro River and Chief's Island
- in house masseuse and dedicated chalet open to the symphony of the Okavango (high season only)
- library
- children's toys and family games

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is for a maximum of 18 guests in spacious chalets made of wood and lethaka (reed) with en-suite bathrooms. Built of natural materials and elevated off the forest floor, each chalet is luxurious and unique. The Tree House boasts a spectacular sweep of the Okavango and is one of the most extraordinary rooms in the whole of the delta.

2 double rooms

2 triple rooms

3 family houses (maximum 4 guests)

(Please note that despite the flexibility of the units in terms of housing different types of parties, the camp only ever hosts a maximum of 18 people)



## Activities

- Dedicated, private mokoro (traditional dug out canoe) (pl. mekoro) and walking guide throughout visit
- Private, personally tailored guided walks
- Cultural interaction at an authentic baYei village
- Excursions to the sunset deck in the evenings (entirely serviced or private depending on guest's wishes)
- Private dinner under the stars on the camp's satellite deck
- Full or half day walks with breakfast or lunch picnic
- The Chief's Island Mokoro Trail is a fully-serviced and privately guided wilderness camping expedition (seasonal)

## Children and Families

Children of all ages are welcome. There are two family rooms to accommodate families. Delta Camp has no age restrictions as believes that guests know their children and their capabilities, and as they will not be going on safari activities with other guests they have no one but themselves to consider. Dedicated child orientated guides walk with families to enrich the safari experience for all members. Delta Camp is happy to accommodate alternative family dining times and to prepare simple food for children. There are games in the sitting area and reference books that will help to entertain and illuminate the children's experience.

## Wildlife

Game of all sorts are abundant: lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant, hippopotamus, crocodile, giraffe, antelope including the rare lechwe, tsessesbe and sitatunga, otters, honey-badgers, the shy pangolin, the nearly extinct rhino 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 in search of them.



## Considering the Wild

The power at Delta Camp is generated by solar panels, and where possible the water is also heated this way. Delta Camp also ensures that large fuel tankers do not cross floodplains and streams or cut through forests to deliver diesel for their generators or vehicles 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 Delta Camp 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 the camp'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.

Delta Camp 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.

Cyclically the Okavango goes through wet and dry periods. We are currently moving towards the dry cycle while simultaneously experiencing a burgeoning elephant population. As the region becomes more arid the increasing population of elephant is putting pressure on old growth tree species and the landscape is changing noticeably. Delta Camp 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 Delta 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 - 7
- Room Configuration 2 doubles, 2 triples and 3 quads
- Maximum Guests - 18
- Pilot/Guide Room
- Children - yes all ages /Child Minding can be arranged
- WiFi - no / Cell Phone Coverage - no
- Air Conditioning - no
- Fans - no
- Electricity - no
- Swimming Pool - no
- Bath - no
- Solar Lighting and charging facilities in the main lounge area
- Shower Indoor - yes
- 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 building only
- Wheelchair Access - no
- Distance between rooms - Approximately 15 meters.
- Credit Cards Facilities Not on site but credit card payments can be processed off site – Visa and Mastercard only
- Malaria - malaria region
- Access by Road – no
- Access by Air – yes Only accessible with light aircraft with DELTA AIR only
- GPS - 19°31' 56.19" S and 23° 06' 19.48" E
- Nearest Airport – Maun International Airport
- Travelling Times 20-minute flight from Maun / Approximately 90-minute flight from Kasane
- 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
- Chiefs Island Walking 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

