



# BAINES' LODGE

AN A&K SANCTUARY

*Okavango Delta, Botswana*





*Baines' Lodge was rebuilt from responsibly sourced timber*

# A light-touch sanctuary in the awe-inspiring Okavango Delta

This high-design hideaway on a private concession in Botswana's Okavango Delta was newly rebuilt in 2025, and is the most intimate A&K Sanctuary. Six chic stilted suites are linked by walkways, and have been crafted from light, sustainably sourced timber with a leave-no-trace ethos – a notable design feature in the pristine watery wilderness that is unique to the world's largest inland delta. As well as exploring the teeming wetland habitat by motor launch or traditional mokoro (canoe) as the season allows, guests can enjoy the extra thrill of night drives and walking safaris – perhaps sighting hippos snorting in the mud or tiny painted reed frogs clinging to the papyrus.



# Six Reasons to Choose Baines' Lodge



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*Light floods into the airy suites*

With just six suites, this intimate stay has minimum impact on the landscape for maximum immersion in nature on a grand scale.

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*The eco-focused design uses natural materials*

Sustainability was the focus when it was newly rebuilt in 2025 – the timber structure can be removed in 20 years to leave no trace.

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*Stargazing meets supreme relaxation*

Honeymooners will fall hook, line and sinker for this romantic Boro River setting with its dreamy Star Baths on private decks.

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*A guide finds animal tracks on a walking safari*

Due to the lodge's location on a private concession on the edge of the Moremi Game Reserve, night drives and walking safaris are bonus features.

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*Botswana's punt-like traditional mokoro*

Explore the epic wetland on serene seasonal excursions by mokoro (canoe) or motorboat.

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*There's ample space for poolside lounging*

The swimming pool has widescreen views of this pristine watery landscape.



# The Lodge



Reverence for the landscape is a key theme at Baines' Lodge, an intimate Okavango hideaway, where six newly refurbished suites blend impeccably into the sublime wetland setting. These elegant, understated cocoons are linked by wooden walkways, with open-plan spaces and muted colours creating a seamless transition between indoors and outdoors – and painterly, panoramic views of the ever-shifting delta stealing the show. Guests are provided with Leica binoculars at check-in to never miss an animal sighting from their private deck, which also has spotting scopes to zoom in on the action.

Sustainability is a major focus at this newly rebuilt, solar-powered lodge; the responsibly sourced timber used throughout is light and durable, and can be removed after 20 years to leave no trace. A Bush Boutique in the communal area showcases local arts and crafts, while the Explorer's Lounge has interactive maps and a library. The swimming pool is a standout design feature, for cooling dips on the edge of the floodplains so there's no fear of missing out on the natural spectacle in this wondrous, wildlife-filled corner of Botswana.

*The firepit beckons as darkness falls*



*"The eco-forward design at Baines' Lodge incorporates contemporary styling and understated luxury."*



*Sublime comfort is fused with sleek design in the main hub*



# The Lodge



## BUSH BOUTIQUE

The curated selection of African-crafted items in the on-site Bush Boutique means guests can take home more than just memories from this incredible place - from Taeve Africa's ethical fashion to woven and beaded accessories.

## TRADITIONAL BOMA

The open-air design means guests feel completely rooted in the extraordinary setting, as well as being cooled by breezes during the day and gathering around the firepit to swap tales at night.

## EXPLORER'S LOUNGE

When nature is all around, any rustle of a leaf could mean an animal sighting, so the Leica binoculars supplied to guests will come in handy, as will the interactive maps in the Explorer's Lounge.

## STAR BATHS

The night skies are a sight to behold out here in the pristine Okavango wilderness, and the Star Baths on the deck of each elevated, totally private suite are the best way to soak it all up.

## SWIMMING POOL

Located next to the main hub of the lodge, the turquoise slice of swimming pool is not only a place to cool down when the temperatures rise but also a unique spot for watching any passing wildlife on this stretch of the Boro River.

## ECO CREDENTIALS

Sustainability was front of mind when the low-impact lodge was rebuilt from responsibly sourced timber in 2025; it's now entirely solar-powered.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

*Spot giraffe on a game drive*

*The pool offers refreshing afternoon dips*

*A gentle breeze cools the open-sided bar*





# The Lodge



*Each suite has an outdoor bath*  
*The interiors reflect the natural setting*

GPS Coordinates	GPS 19° 34' 53.48" S, 23° 13' 3.55" E
Open Year Round	Yes
Number of Rooms	6 Suites
Maximum Number of Guests	12
Child Policy	Children aged 16 and over are welcome
Guide/Pilot Accommodation	Yes; 1
Wheelchair Accessible	No
Power Supply	Solar power with backup generator and inverter systems
WiFi Available	Yes, in all areas
Binoculars Provided	Yes; Leica binoculars provided for every guest
Lodge Fenced	No
Credit cards Accepted	Visa, MasterCard
Currencies Accepted	USD, Pound, Euro and South African Rands
Swimming Pool	Yes



# The Suites



The terraces of the six secluded suites reflect the organic shapes of the Boro River and the Okavango Delta right outside. Not that there's a strict distinction between outdoors and indoors at Baines' Lodge. Light, airy bedrooms are cooled by air-conditioning and the gentle breeze. Each suite has an outdoor shower and Star Bath, for total immersion in this wondrous setting by day and by night.

*Ensuite bathrooms have double vanities*



*"No two days are the same on the Okavango's ever-shifting seasonal floodplains."*



*Super views from the super-king-size bed*



# The Suites



**SUITE | SLEEPS 2 | 119 SQM**

Each suite comprises a bedroom with a super-king-size bed, bathroom, lounge and large outdoor deck – there’s almost as much exterior space (58m2) as interior (61m2). Bathrooms have a rain shower, bath, double vanity, premium toiletries and bathrobes.

Room Size	119m2
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	All rooms can be converted to a king or twins
Triple Rooms Available	No
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	Yes
Mosquito Net	Yes
Plug Type	Type G Plus, USB and USB Type C
Bath	Yes, outdoor bath
Indoor Shower	Yes
Outdoor Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes
Bidet	Yes





# Food & Drink



The light-flooded dining area serves up uninterrupted views of the wetlands, with a wickerwork ceiling and wooden floor chiming with the reed-edged Okavango setting. From colorful breakfasts and delicious lunchtime feasts (and even pizza) rustled up on the new Big Green Egg charcoal burner to three-course dinners flavored with African spices, the food at Baines' Lodge is a triumph of culinary craft. Post-dinner cocktails can be savored at ease around the boma. As with all A&K Sanctuary lodges and camps, all food and drink is included (including premium brands).

- A continental or English breakfast is served at the lodge before the morning game drive.
- Coffee, tea, pastries and biscuits are a welcome pit-stop out in the bush.
- Back at the lodge, the sitdown lunch offers a delicious choice of dishes, including vegetarian options.
- On afternoon and evening game drives, stops are made at specially selected spots for classic sundowners and canapés.
- Rounding off each day are pre-dinner drinks – perhaps a cocktail in the Explorer's Lounge or around the boma – followed by a three-course table d'hôte dinner with two or three choices per course.

*Each meal packs a flavorful punch*



*The earth-red lampshade roots dinners in Botswana*



# Lodge Location



The largest inland delta on earth, Botswana's Okavango is a place like no other. This UNESCO-listed wetland habitat is a green oasis pulsing with life in the middle of the arid Kalahari Desert. Between May and September, the grassy plains usually flood and are transformed into a 5,800-square-mile tapestry of waterways, lagoons and islands, harboring animals along every stage of the food chain – from skulking lions to dazzles of zebras.

Baines' Lodge is in a prime location on the Boro River, one of the main channels that helps drain the delta, hence its rich biodiversity and tributaries crisscrossing the landscape like lace. It also neighbors the sprawling Moremi Game Reserve, known for its resident and migratory bird life – look out for fish eagles, bee-

eaters, and African skimmers. It was the first wildlife sanctuary created by the Batawana people, who historically hunted in the area, and continues to be protected by the local community. As a result, it's a habitat teeming with life.

This wildlife spills over into the 260,000-acre private concession in which Baines' Lodge is set – and because it's on private land, night game drives and walking safaris are allowed here (when the weather and water levels permit). So an already thrilling safari experience is dialled up even more. But even back at the lodge, the possibility of an animal sighting is ever-present, with the clever stilted design ensuring elevated views around the clock.

*Watch the sun set over Baines' Lodge*



*Widescreen views are guaranteed in Botswana's big-sky Okavango Delta*





*From sunrise to sunset, days at Baines' Lodge are action-packed*



Maun Airport to Baines' Airstrip / Kasane Airport to Baines' Airstrip /  
Chief's Airstrip to Baines' Airstrip  
15-minute flight / 1-hour 30-minute flight / 10-minute flight



Baines' Airstrip to the Lodge  
30-minute drive

Please note, luggage restriction for light aircraft is 20kg/44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag,  
including hand-luggage.



# Experiences



Anyone coming on safari will want to maximize the chances of seeing as much wildlife as possible. Due to its prime location on a private concession, Baines' Lodge offers a myriad of ways to do this. Twice-daily game drives plug guests into the Okavango Delta wilderness, where elephant, hippo, buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah, impala, zebra, wild dog and hyena roam. In the dry season, there's the option of walking safaris, while motorboats and traditional mokoros (canoes) skim serenely over the water during the flood season — and helicopter flights give a bird's-eye view of it all. Night game drives may offer thrilling sightings of nocturnal animals.



*Guides take guests to the best game viewing spots*

## GAME DRIVES

Expert-led game drives in the early morning and late afternoon take guests into the heart of this unique and biodiverse habitat. Night game drives to spot nocturnal species may also be an option.



*A safari walk on the private concession*

## WALKING SAFARIS

It's highly recommended that guests take advantage of Baines' Lodge's prime location in a private concession to join guided walks in the bush (weather permitting, of course). All that's needed are some sturdy boots and a beady eye.



*Glide across the shallows in a traditional mokoro*

## MOKORO EXCURSIONS

The most serene, authentic and environmentally friendly way to explore the greatest river delta on earth, season and conditions permitting, is to glide across it in a mokoro – the region's traditional, flat-bottomed, punt-like canoe.



*An open-sided helicopter delivers views as far as the eye can see*

## HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

While land and water excursions get guests within a whisker of the delta's wildlife, a fully personalized helicopter flight delivers swooping, uninterrupted views of its epic scale for exceptional photography opportunities. Note this is an additional cost.



# Wildlife & Nature

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The thrilling possibility of round-the-clock animal sightings is a major boon at Baines’ Lodge, due to its sublime setting within a 260,000-acre private concession. Morning and afternoon game drives are the time to spot the larger creatures that call the delta home: lion, cheetah, elephant, hippo, buffalo, giraffe, impala and wild dog. Also look out for the unique sight of water crossings, as herds of zebra gather to graze in the shallows. Night drives offer a chance to see the animals that are most active after dark — from hyenas to honey badgers.

Meanwhile, the cacophony of birdsong is a near-constant soundtrack — the delta is incredibly rich in birdlife, home to around 450 resident and migratory species (between November and April is the best time to spot the latter). Ears pricked up for the echoing cries of the fish eagle and the sharp chirps of the sunbird.

*Zebras dazzle in the midday heat*



*Eyes peeled for strolling wildebeest*



# Your Baines' Lodge Safari



*Twice-daily game drives deliver upclose animal sightings*

Days at Baines' Lodge deliver pulse-quickening adventure as well as serene moments to simply take in the incredible nature of the wild and wondrous Okavango. The lodge's expert team of guides and support staff cleverly choreograph every detail – from action-packed morning game drives to post-dinner drinks on the starlit deck.

## **A TYPICAL DAY MIGHT INCLUDE:**

- Wake-up Call - Enjoy a tea or coffee on your own deck as the soft morning light illuminates the delta.
- Breakfast - A fresh, hearty breakfast served on the deck, with birdsong echoing from the trees.
- Morning Activity - Set out with binoculars primed to spot elephants, predators and perhaps a rare bird.
- Lunch - Return to the lodge for a delicious lunch of safari-style dishes.
- Afternoon Activity - Another opportunity to explore with the expert guides.
- Drinks and Dinner - The moment to sit back and swap stories of the day's adventures over cocktails and a three-course dinner.



# The Details



## HONEYMOON, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Romance and luxury are woven into every A&K Sanctuary, but the Baines' Lodge team adds an extra sprinkling of magic when it comes to special occasions. From a private candle-lit dinner on the deck to a Star Bath, set up on a private terrace as a surprise when the season permits, the team creates once-in-a-lifetime experiences that celebrate a visit to the unique and cinematic setting of the Okavango Delta.

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Baines' Lodge welcomes children aged 16 years and above.

## INCLUSIONS

- All meals, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages (including premium brands)
- Return transfers from/to the nearest local airstrip
- Game viewing activities including: game drives, night drives, walking safaris, mokoro excursions, and boating
- Emergency medical evacuation
- Laundry services
- Park fees

## EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic flights, landing fees
- Road transfers to and from other camps and lodges
- Travel insurance, boutique purchases, gratuities, and all other items of a personal nature



*Even downtime offers pinch-me moments*





*Elephants wading in the shallows of the delta*

# Travel Tips



## WHAT TO PACK

Clothing should be cool and comfortable; and colors should blend in with nature as much as possible. A fleece, sweater or warm jacket is advisable for morning and evening game drives. Long sleeves and long trousers for mornings and evenings due to mosquitoes. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the lodge.

Accessories: Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Good cameras are an absolute must, and guests will have Leica binoculars available for the duration of their stay. The lodge provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.

## HEALTH

Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before departure. Those passing through countries which have been declared yellow-fever-infected areas must provide a Yellow Card, an international vaccination certificate, upon arrival in Botswana.

## MONEY & CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa, Mastercard, and traveller's cheques. US dollars, British pounds, euros and South African rands are also accepted; however, change will be given in the local currency.

## GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping and gratuities remain entirely at your discretion.

*Guides share their expert knowledge*







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*Expert guides lead a walking safaris*

**JANUARY–APRIL**

This is a colorful season of flowering waterlilies and fruiting marula trees (a favorite of bull elephants). Walking safaris (when available) are a great way to appreciate the biodiversity up close. Short dramatic thunderstorms make for superb photography, while low visitor numbers mean a more private experience.



*Water crossings are a thrilling sight*

**MAY**

As the flood waters from Angola begin to move through the delta (this varies every year), the migratory birds start to leave. This is the time when bigger creatures gather in herds: buffalo and breeding elephants congregate at the permanent waters.



*Mokoro excursions are an authentic Okavango experience*

**JUNE–AUGUST**

Predators are drawn to the large herds gathering by the water. New channels appear as the inner delta begins to flood, bringing the opportunity for motorboat and mokoro excursions. Cloudless skies and crisp, cooler nights mean superb stargazing.



*The delta is home to hundreds of bird species*

**SEPTEMBER**

The cycle of the seasons turns once more as the first migratory birds arrive and storks begin to nest. Water levels usually drop in this dry month and predators home in on the herds of elephant and buffalo gathering at the dwindling drinking sources.





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*Big cats thrive at this time of year*

**OCTOBER–NOVEMBER**

This is prime time for game viewing as grazed-down vegetation makes animals easy to spot and hungry herbivores are easily picked off by the stealth of lions, with kills many times a day. November usually means sporadic afternoon showers.



*Early risers are rewarded on morning game drives*

**DECEMBER**

Young wildebeest and impala find their feet among the herd, and thunderstorms turn the skies dark every few days. Birdwatchers and botanists are in their element now, as migratory bird numbers swell and trees burst with blooms.





## JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE

The A&K Philanthropy nonprofit network now spans 24 countries on all seven continents, positively impacting hundreds of thousands of lives and helping preserve some of the world's most precious ecosystems. Our initiatives focus on education, enterprise, health and environment, aiming to support and empower local communities to facilitate the protection of their surroundings, and to ensure that the people in the places where we travel are also benefitting directly from tourism.

*"As pioneers of the community-first approach to conservation, we continue to celebrate travel as a force for good."*





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