



BOTSWANA PRIVATE SAFARI ITINERARY



4 NIGHTS IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA

3 Nights Mobile Tented Camp & 1 Night Fly Camping on the Island



STYLES & **STANDARDS...**

OUR LUXURIOUS MOBILE-TENTED CAMPS ON EXCLUSIVE SITES, PLACE YOU IN THE HEART OF NATURE IN THE GREATEST COMFORT. SAFETY, SECURITY AND SERENITY ARE OUR CORE VALUES...

We deploy only the most experienced and qualified of the company's Guides on our mobile expeditions. Carefully trained by Ralph Bousfield, each qualified Biologist Guide must have a minimum of at least two years guiding experience in the Kalahari allowing us to give our Guests a holistic understanding of this magical and pristine wilderness environment.





FLUSH LOOS,
DOWN PILLOWS,
PURE **COTTON**
SHEETS, PERSIAN RUGS,
BONE-HANDLED
SILVER CUTLERY,
DAMASK TABLE LINEN,
TEAK AND BRASS
COMBINE **COMFORT**
WITH STYLE.

Natural Selection's vehicles are top-of-the-range, extremely comfortable Toyota Landcruisers. The multiple thoughtful details including roof top seats, leather beanbags for photography and ponchos, to keep one warm during sunrise drives, make them perfect for game viewing.

Camp will be comprised of large tents equipped in a luxurious fashion unequalled on any other mobile safari.

Real beds, flush loos, down pillows, pure cotton sheets, Persian rugs, bone-handled silver cutlery, damask table linen, teak and brass classically styled campaign kit combine comfort with style.

The only concessions to roughing it are the bucket showers, which are private and en suite.

Natural Selection is renowned throughout the industry for menus that emphasise fresh tastes and originality.

Three course meals under the stars include such treats as fresh tomato and basil soup, ostrich piccata, roast Botswana beef, delectable orange tarts and impossibly rich, but light, chocolate puddings.

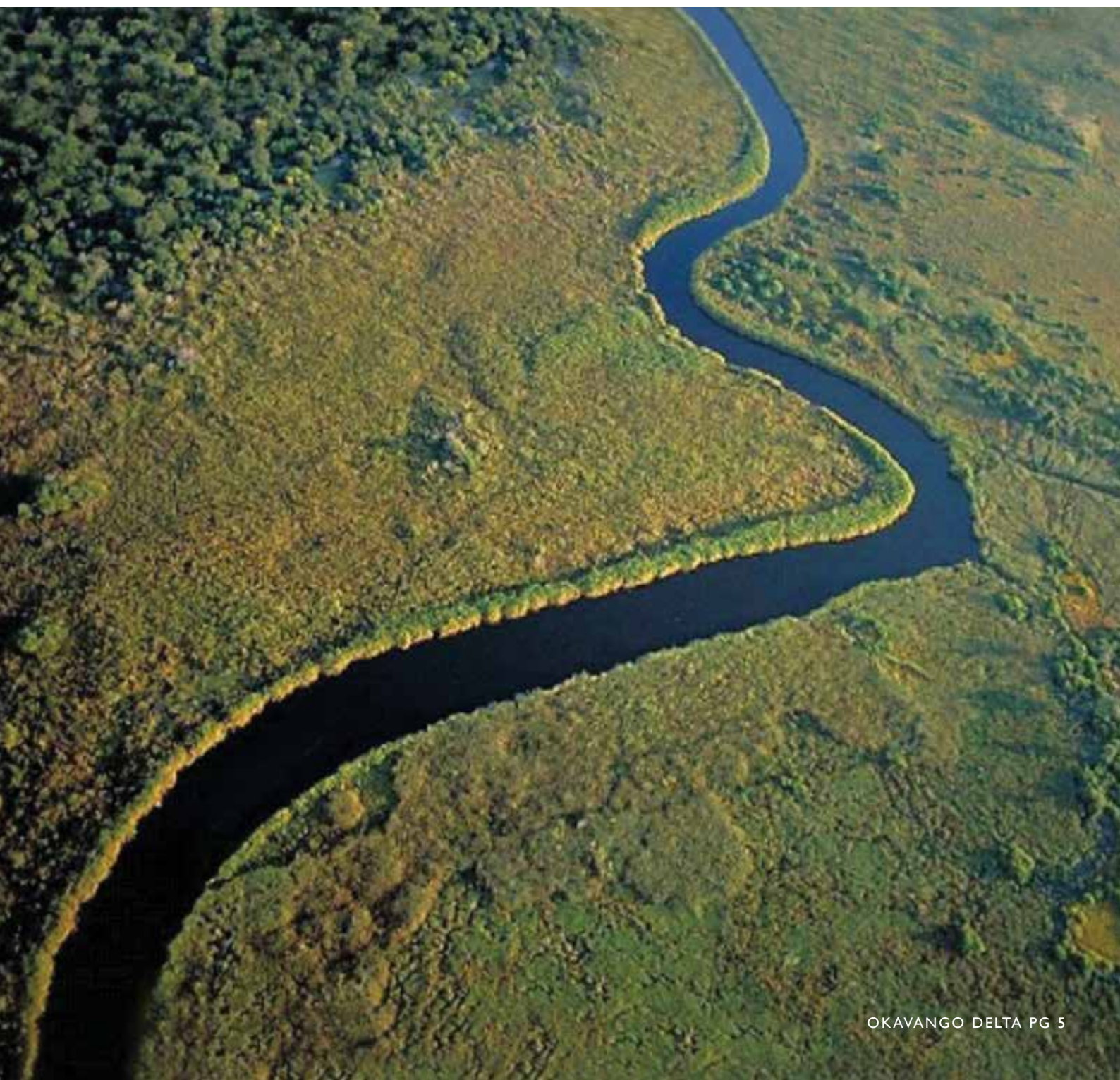
Teas are indulgent affairs with treats like triple layer, banana caramel cake, tangy lemon curd biscuits and the best brownies in the bush! All bread is baked daily, and delicious full cooked English breakfasts are on offer every morning.



GAME & **WATER...**

THE UNSURPASSED DIVERSITY THAT BOTSWANA HAS TO OFFER IS BEST EXPERIENCED ON THE MOVE. THIS PRISTINE WILDERNESS IS TEEMING WITH GAME AND HAS MORE WILDLIFE SPECIES THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN AFRICA!

Also known as “NG12”, the Mapula Reserve is a private concession slightly north of the renowned Vumbura and Duba Plains concessions, on the northern side of Botswana’s Okavango Delta, in an environment that’s very similar to that found at Vumbura. The game in the region is varied and there are excellent sightings of big cats such as leopard, cheetah and lion and also an abundance of large herbivores. It is approximately 1500 square kilometres and there are not many camps or lodges in the area which makes it the best region to experience wildlife roaming free. The concession is uniquely positioned for birding, game viewing and exploring the maze of channels islands and wetlands providing a spectacular variety of activities and experiences. The birdlife is exceptional, the place to spot the endangered wattled crane, as well as carmine bee-eaters, and the African paradise flycatcher.





PARK AT THE EDGE OF A LAGOON AND WATCH **HERDS OF ELEPHANT** AND A MYRIAD OF BIRDS COMING DOWN TO DRINK WHILST THE **SUN SETS.**

DAY 1

Guests arrive at the Xaraxai Airstrip where you will be met by your Guide. Drive to camp while enjoying the the sights and familiarising yourself with the area. Arrive and settle in.

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and relax before setting of for an evening game drive and sundowners.

Return to camp for dinner under the stars.

DAY 2

Breakfast at first light and then head out on a game drive in the safari cars for your introduction to some of the animals of the environment, looking for zebra, wildebeest, impala and the predators.

Make your way to a shady lunch spot and dip your toes into the cool water.

Park at the edge of the river and watch a myriad of birds coming down to drink whilst you are given an informal talk on the area.

Return to camp siesta and tea.

Enjoy another evening game drive and return to camp for a sumptuous dinner.



DAY 3

Rise early and, after breakfast set off to explore the Delta. Search for game and unusual aquatic creatures.

Lunch and siesta in camp. Head out after another delicious spread of tea and cakes.

Drive from camp to view game moving about the reeds and rushes of watered flood plain. Watch herds of elephants and birds coming down to drink whilst enjoying sundowners on the edge of a waterway.

Return to camp for yet another tasty dinner and get some much needed sleep.





EXPLORE THE
**MAZE OF
CHANNELS,**
STOPPING TO
ADMIRE **RARE
BIRDS** & THE
DIVERSITY OF
AQUATIC LIFE.

DAY 4

After a hearty breakfast; set out on your morning game drive to explore the wider area around camp.

Search out the creatures and plants typical of the ecosystem and explore the interrelationships of species and the systems in which they live.

Return to camp for lunch.

Spend your afternoon indulging yourself in tea or or a little siesta.

Depart from camp on Mekoro to the island at around 3:30.

Spot small crocodiles basking in the sun on sparkling white sandbanks and hippos jousting for territories

The deep open lagoons provide a wonderful channels to stop and admire rare birds and the diversity of aquatic life.

Arrive at your private, lantern-lit camp on an island, just after sunset. Shower and relax around the fire before dinner under the stars.

Sleep in a mosquito net tent and luxuriate in the freedom of a night in the open, surrounded by nature at her very best.





IMMERSE YOURSELF
COMPLETELY IN
THE **INCREDIBLE**
SPECTACLES THAT
THE DELTA HAS
TO OFFER!

DAY 5

Rise early and after a short walk around the island, hop back into your Mekoro for a meander through the waterways, absorbing the tranquillity of the lagoons and narrow, papyrus-fringed, hippo trails and immersing yourself completely in the incredible spectacles that the Delta has to offer.

Search out hippo and elephants and learn about how important the Okavango is to these enormous herbivores

Marvel at these amazing creatures from your Mekoro as they wash and feed on the roots of aquatic plants.

Arrive back at camp in your mekoro.

Freshen up with a quick shower, say your farewells and transfer to to your next destination.

OPTIONAL **EXTRAS**

SCENIC HELI FLIGHTS OVER THE DELTA:

Add a little magic to your Delta experience. Encounter a variety of truly wondrous panoramic delights, priceless memories and stunning photographic opportunities during these scenic flights.

HOT AIR BALOONING OVER THE OKAVANGO DELTA (WORLD HERITAGE SITE):

Experience the epitome of a balloon safari, drifting over one of Africa's great wilderness destinations. A unique landscape flooded with water interspersed with winding channels, dotted with islands and surprisingly large expanses of woodland forests. This age old adventure explores the Okavango Delta in a completely unique way, offering a 360 degree panoramic view from tree top level to a thousand feet in the air.

HELICOPTER DAY TRIP TO TSODILLO HILLS:

Trips are usually done in the morning and are approximately 5.5 hours. Enjoy a scenic flight from the Delta to Tsodillo Hills and guests will enjoy a visit to this very special World Heritage Site.

