

MAUN EXPERIENCES with Helicopter Horizons



MAUN EXPERIENCES WITH HELICOPTER HORIZONS

At Helicopter Horizons we have combined our flights with the best experiences that the Okavango Delta has to offer. Our experiences offer an integrated, sustainable and people driven approach to empowering communities in Northern Botswana.

- All flights are private and guests are guaranteed a window seat
- Doors off for unrestricted views, perfect for photography
- Guests provided with headsets for a truly guided experience
- Safety and respect for wildlife is a priority – this will be highlighted in each briefing
- Rates valid until 31 Dec' 2023





DISCOVER THE DELTA

45 Minute Doors Off Scenic Flight

A scenic flight from Maun provides fantastic aerial access to the magical beauty of the Delta within a few minutes from lift off. The complex bushland soon opens up to stunning floodplains, crisscrossed with waterways, hippo highways and animal tracks. These floodplains are populated by grazing lechwe and scattered with isolated palm islands where buffalo laze in the shade and elephants meander through on their never-ending quest for food. Beyond the floodplain scenes you will fly over a mosaic of ecologically important woodlands and productive grasslands that support species that don't like to get their feet too wet, such as giraffe, impala, wildebeest, and predators moving through this wildlife rich area.

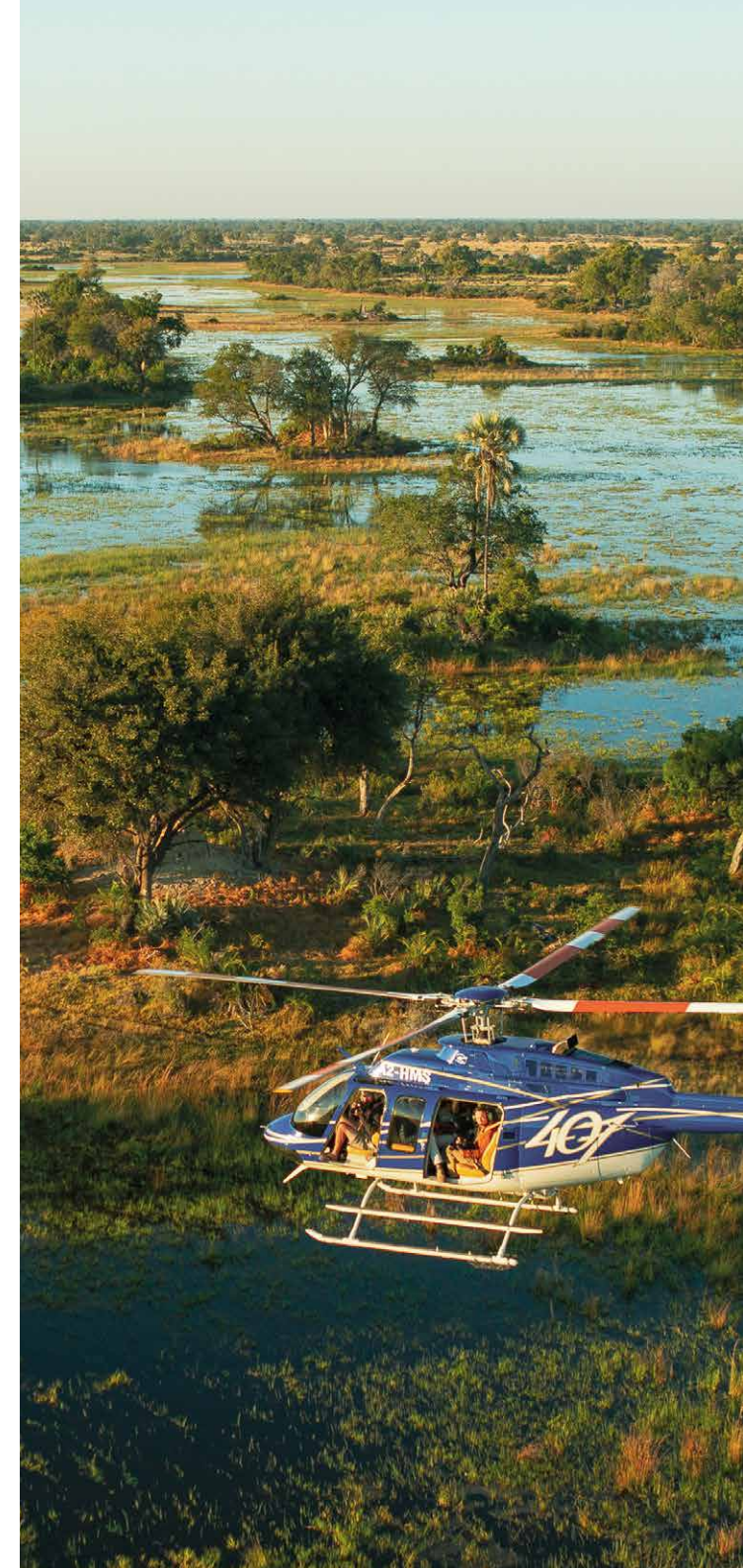
This incredible scenic flight allows you to experience the wonderful variety of diverse ecosystems in one awesome adventure, taking you to the permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons that constitute the heart of the south-western Okavango Delta. On your way back to Maun, you will experience breath-taking views of the seasonal floodplains west of the main Boro channel.

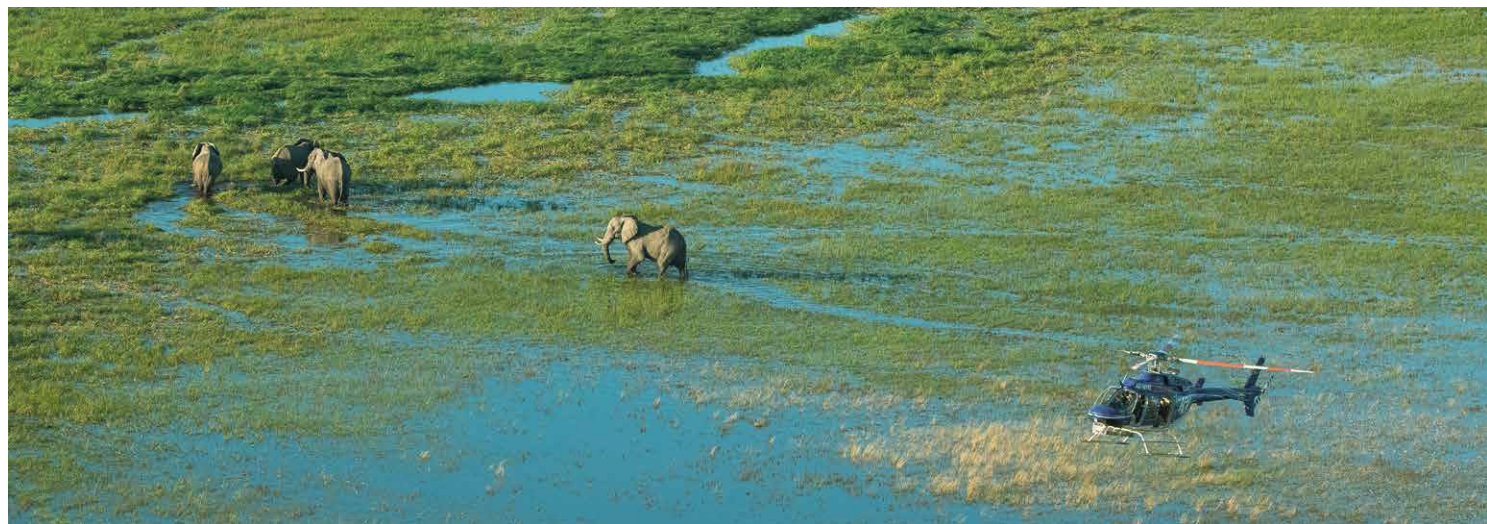
Doors are removed for unrestricted views, which offers great photographic opportunities and guests are provided with headsets for constant communication with our very knowledgeable pilots, guaranteeing a highly informative and expertly guided adventure.

Includes: Departure Tax.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

USD
265
per person /
minimum 2





OKAVANGO THROUGH THE LENS

60 Minute Doors Off Scenic Flight

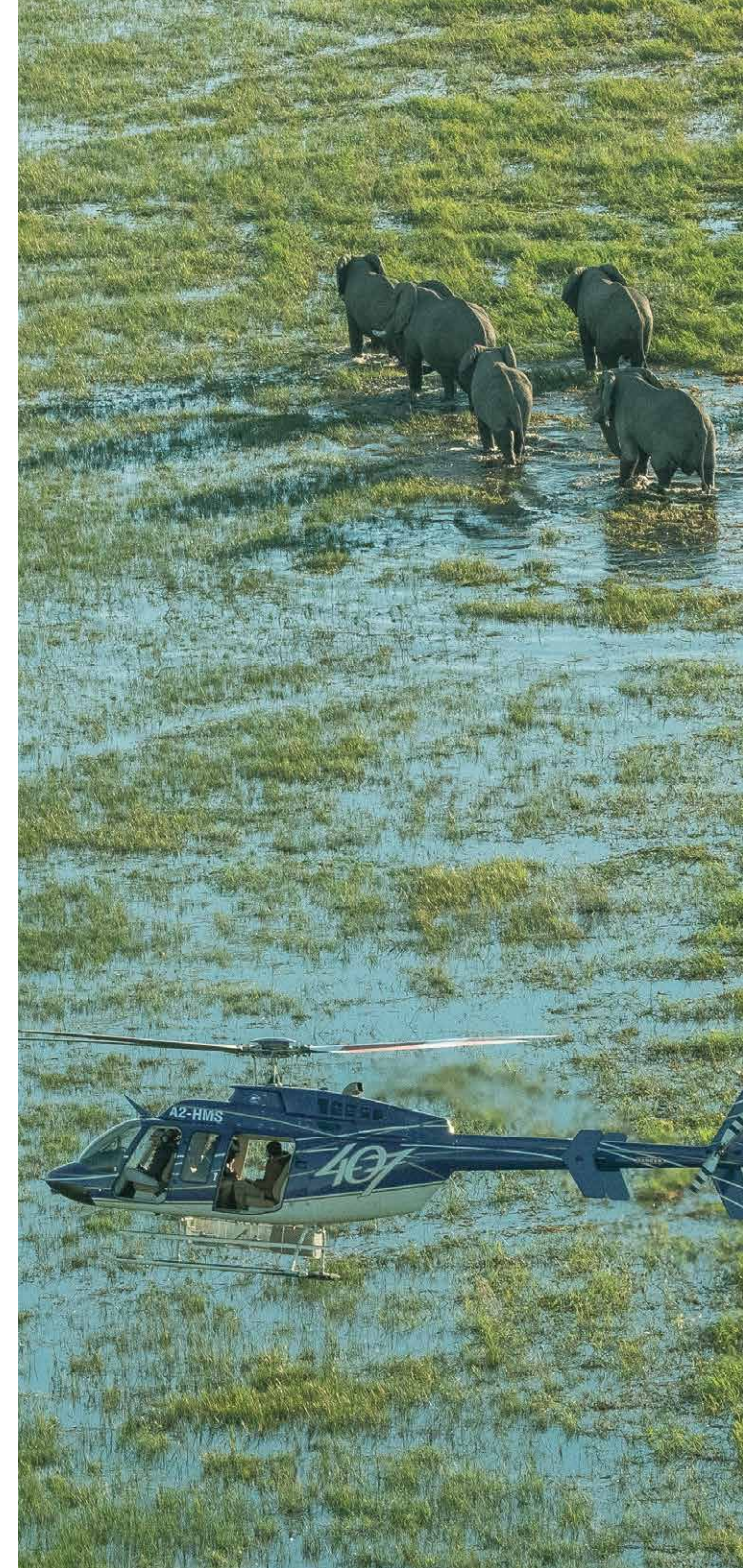
The full hour of flight time allows for extended wildlife sightings and access to a large area with more diverse landscapes and habitats. Soaring up to 1000 feet above the ground then swooping down to a few hundred feet provides completely different yet complementary views of the vast wilderness and the details of its components, including the characteristic smell of wild sage that grows throughout the Okavango drylands. This scenic flight will give you a thorough understanding of the biodiversity and ecosystems that led to the Okavango Delta being designated the 1000th World Heritage Site.

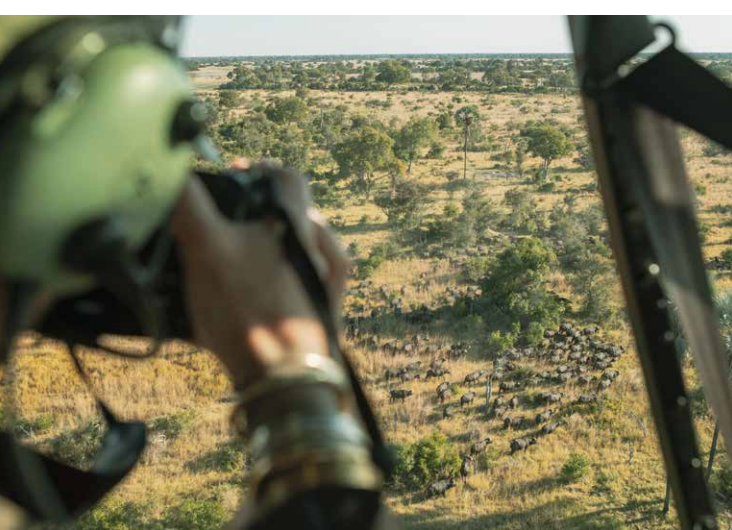
Your knowledgeable pilot offers a guided experience making sure every vista and sighting is perfectly set up for the best shot. They will find and highlight the terrain's greatest treasures through the completely unrestricted view guaranteed by removing the doors. With many of the Delta's most remote areas not reachable in any other way, an aerial perspective is the ideal way to gaze onto the vast Delta and its meandering labyrinth of crystal-clear channels. This is a bucket list experience for avid photographers seeking the perfect shot of the Okavango Delta from a unique perspective. First and last light, known as the golden hours, offer the best light conditions to capture the perfect photograph.

Includes: Departure Tax.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

USD
355
per person /
minimum 2





DISCOVER THE DELTA WITH CRAFT BEER

45 Minute Doors Off Scenic & Beer Tasting

The Okavango River flows into the Kalahari Desert, forming an oasis that supports a large variety of wildlife including abundant populations of mammals and birds. The Okavango also provides key ecosystem services to many traditional communities living in and adjacent to the wetlands. Okavango Craft Brewery produces craft beer from millet grown by small-scale farmers coexisting with elephants in northern Botswana, improving benefits for sustainable farming practices that are tied to a wildlife economy.

A scenic flight by helicopter over the Okavango offers incredible sweeping views of seasonal floodplains, permanent waterways and wildlife sightings from an unusual aerial perspective. Midway through your scenic flight, your pilot will stop on a deserted palm island so that you can taste locally brewed craft beer in the pristine Okavango landscape. On arrival back in Maun, you will be invited to the brewery itself to enjoy another taste of this delicious locally produced craft beer.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

Includes: Departure Tax, Okavango Craft Beer.

Any guest under the age of 18, will be provided with a non-alcoholic alternative, please request at the time of booking.

USD
295
per person /
minimum 2





DISCOVER THE DELTA OKAVANGO GIN

45 minute doors off scenic flight with Palm Island Gin Stop

This incredible scenic flight allows you to experience the wonderful variety of diverse ecosystems in the Okavango Delta, taking you to the permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons that constitute the heart of the south-western delta. Doors are removed for an entirely unrestricted view of wildlife sightings. Mid way through your flight the pilot will find a remote palm island for your Okavango Gin stop.

The early explorers cherished rations of Gin & Tonic after long days of adventure. The timeless sundowner ritual remains intact today and Okavango Gin celebrates this by distilling small batches of hand-crafted premium gin within the Okavango Delta. The blend of organically refined Okavango water and the subtle elements of the Mopane tree fuse together to form the fingerprint of our contemporary gin, an earthy, pure, dry and rustic African charm.

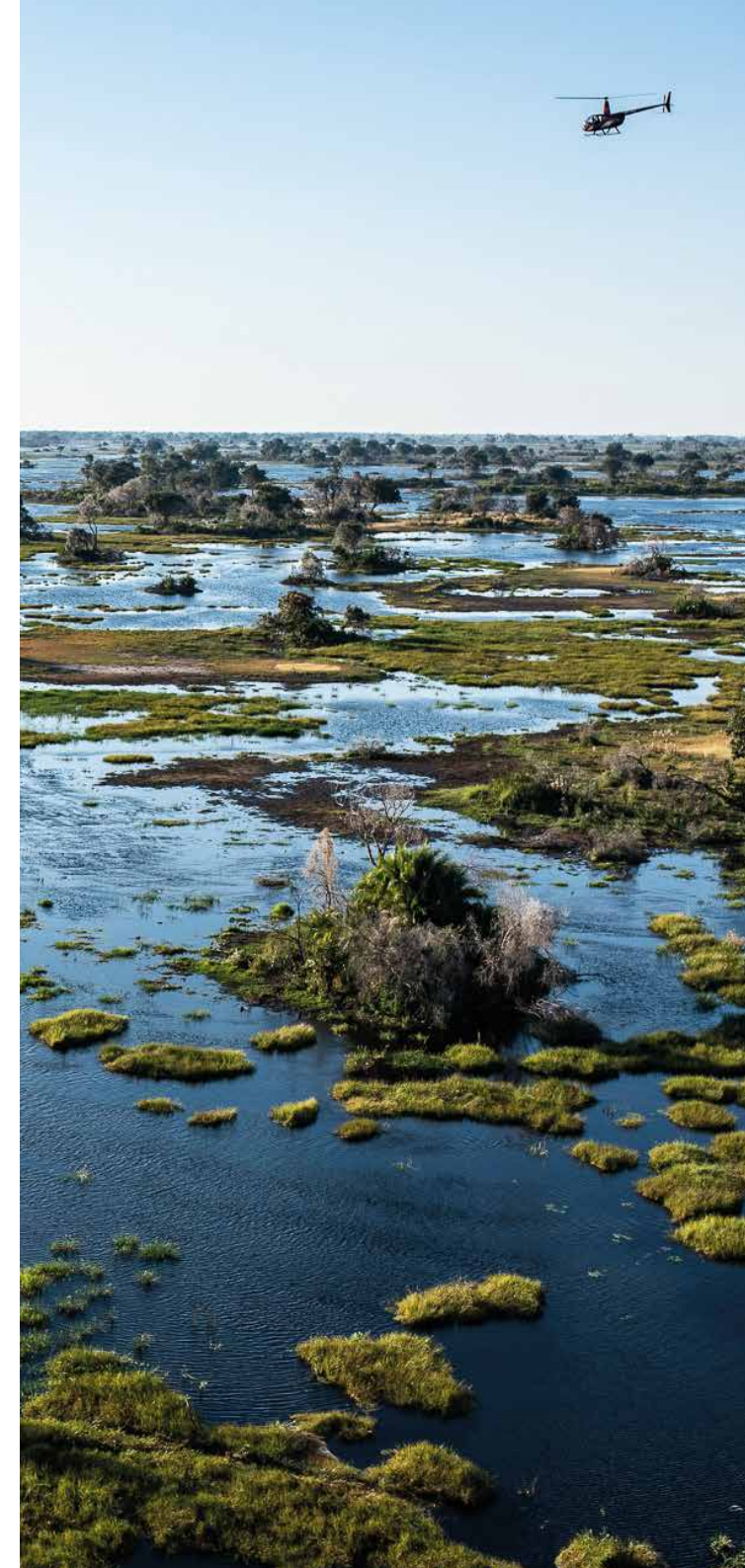
On your way back to Maun, you will experience breath-taking views of the seasonal floodplains west of the main Boro channel.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

Includes: Departure Tax, Okavango Gin.

Any guest under the age of 18, will be provided with a non-alcoholic alternative, please request at the time of booking.

USD
295
per person /
minimum 2





DISCOVER THE DELTA WITH BUBBLES

45 Minute Doors Off Scenic & Champagne Stop

A scenic flight over this unique wetland offers an experience like no other. Rainwater travels from the Angolan highlands before spreading over Kalahari sands to form the world's largest inland delta. This expansive wetland teems with wildlife dependent on access to permanent water sources offered by the Okavango. Expect to witness incredible panoramic vistas of this wetland along with an abundance of wildlife sightings including hippos, elephants, lechwe, buffalo, giraffe, impala and perhaps even some predators.

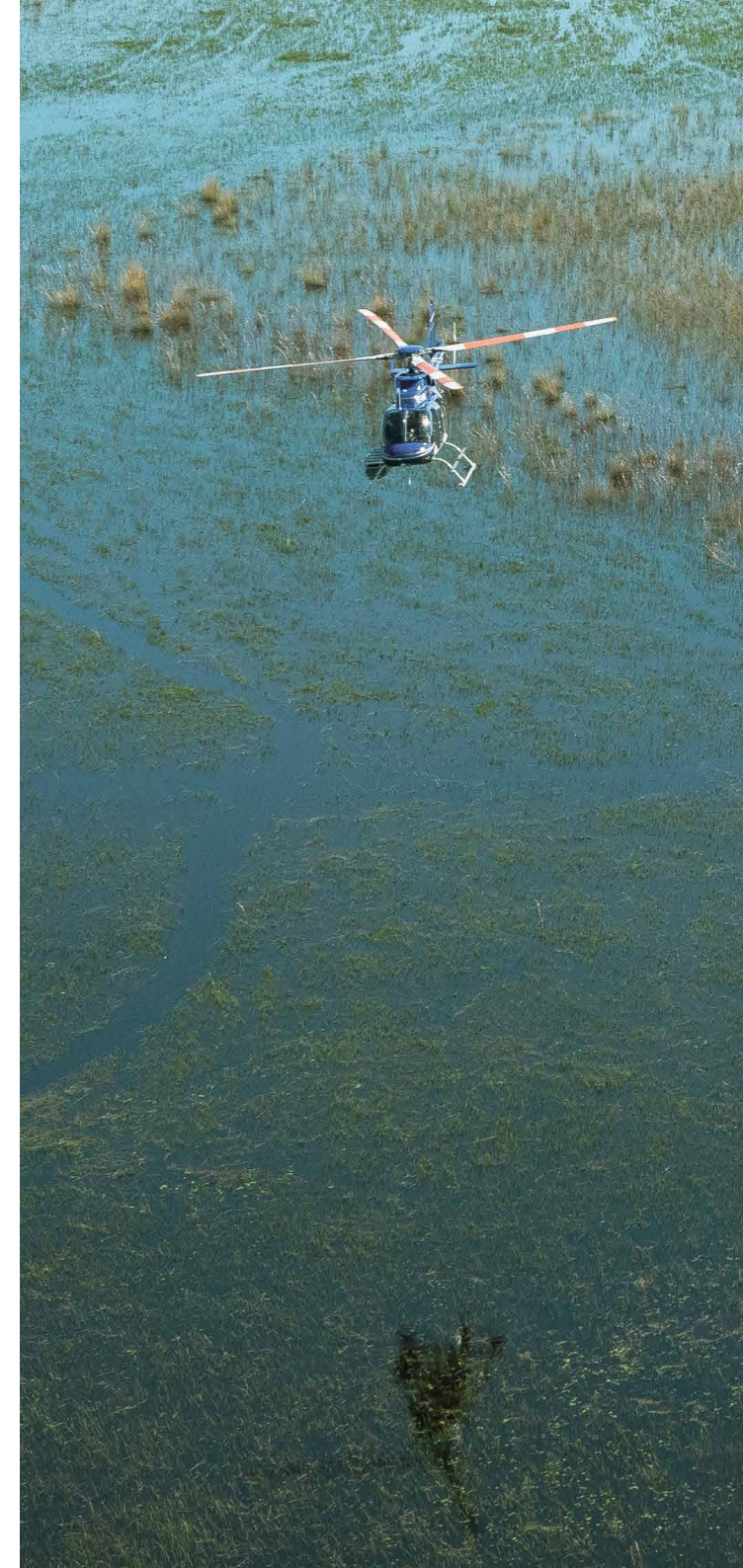
Halfway through your scenic the pilot will find a deserted palm island where you can enjoy a peaceful break. Once on the ground, champagne will be popped for you to enjoy alongside views from the ground and further information about the delta from your charismatic pilot. When you have quenched your thirst, you will have another opportunity to enjoy the aerial perspective on your way back to Maun.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

Includes: Departure Tax; Moët & Chandon Champagne.

Any guest under the age of 18, will be provided with a non-alcoholic alternative, please request at the time of booking.

USD
295
per person /
minimum 2





MOKORO INTO THE OKAVANGO

Doors Off Scenic Flight & Mokoro Experience

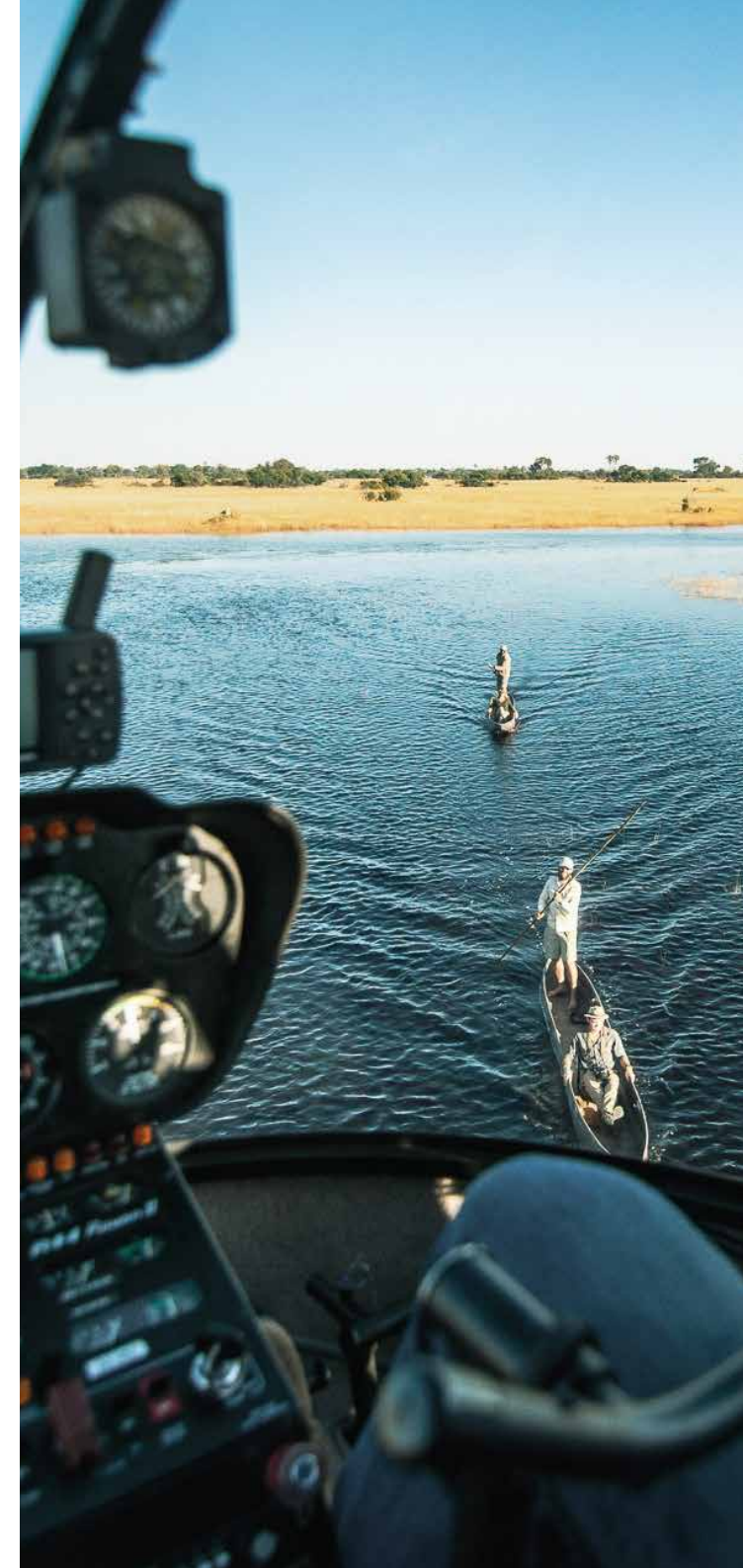
Flying at low altitudes over the floodplains of the south-western Okavango Delta will offer an oversight of a complex network of channels and lagoons that allows for wildlife sightings throughout your transfer to our remote mokoro station, where you will be met by your guide. This experience combines breath-taking aerial views with close-up experiences of the rich biodiversity dependent on the water-logged floodplains and papyrus surrounding deep channels and open lagoons.

A mokoro is a traditional dugout canoe propelled through the shallow waters of the Delta by talented and agile guides standing in the stern and pushing with an Ngashe (pole). Mokoro trips offer an almost silent glide through flooded vegetation, where you can find tiny reed frogs, picturesque waterlilies and various waterbirds with the occasional opportunity to look up at wildlife on the banks of a channel. Your experienced guide from the local community will share stories, folk tales and first-hand knowledge of the area's wildlife as they pole along the unspoiled waterways, reeds and channels of the Okavango Delta. A lifetime of experience means that polers make steering and propelling the mokoro seem effortless, but if you are brave enough to try it yourself, you will soon learn to admire their skills! Before lifting for your return journey to Maun your pilot will serve tea and coffee that you can enjoy in the serenity of the Okavango.

Includes: 45 minute total flight time with scenic en-route; departure tax; local guide; mokoro excursion; tea & coffee. | **Age Restriction:** 10 years +

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

USD
405
per person /
minimum 2





ELEPHANT HAVENS & DISCOVER THE OKAVANGO

Doors Off Scenic Flight & Elephant Orphanage Visit

Elephant Havens is a non-profit organization. The orphanage rescues and hand-rears orphaned and abandoned baby elephants, with the goal of eventually releasing them back into the wild alongside other wild elephants. This experience includes return helicopter transfers and a scenic flight en-route, interaction with orphaned elephants guided by informed and knowledgeable handlers and a donation towards the organisation.

After your visit to the orphanage we lift and head for the floodplains of the iconic Okavango Delta. This scenic flight will offer the perfect finale to your visit with picturesque vistas of the waterways and lagoons that make up this beautiful wilderness, with potential for wildlife sightings throughout. Spotting Elephants from the air further solidifies the intention of Elephant Havens, which is to release these gentle giants back into their natural habitat.

Includes: 60 minute total flight time with scenic en-route; departure tax; 1 hour experience at Elephant Havens & donation to the organisation.

Experience departs at either 8:00am or 3:00pm.

USD
455
per person /
minimum 2





A TASTE OF THE WILDERNESS

Doors Off Scenic Flight & Lodge Lunch

This experience offers the perfect taste of wilderness, combining a scenic flight and a lodge lunch. Soon after take-off, you will find yourself above the permanent waterways and lagoons of the heart of the Okavango Delta, which attract wildlife throughout the year. The manoeuvrability of the helicopter allows for incredible vistas, not only from a panoramic height, but also from much lower altitudes, offering sweeping views and unique wildlife sightings. Make sure you have your camera ready as doors are removed for entirely unobstructed views of elephants, giraffe, hippos and a variety of wildlife, including the chance to spot elusive predators.

On arrival at camp, you will be welcomed by friendly staff ready to host you for a delicious lunch and refreshing drinks. You will have the opportunity to relax amongst indigenous botanicals, spotting colourful birdlife across the seasonal floodplain. After lunch and your pilot will fly you back to Maun, offering a bird's eye view of the town known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta.

Includes: 60 minute total flight time with scenic en-route; departure tax.

Experience departs at either 11:00am ; 12:00pm ; 13:00pm

USD
445
per person /
minimum 2





XHOO COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Doors Off Scenic Flight & Community Experience

Support the people of Xhoo by joining us for an immersive experience of cultural exchange, storytelling, and local cuisine.

Xhoo is a small rural village near Maun which borders a wildlife concession in the Okavango Delta. The community has no access to reliable sources of income and few job opportunities. Their lifestyles are predominantly subsistence based – relying mostly on livestock rearing and gathering of natural resources. The community is excited to share their lifestyle and history with visitors and in turn learn about other cultures and ways of life.

After a breath-taking scenic flight over the Okavango Delta, touch-down in Xhoo for a 3-hour hosted experience where you will be offered tea and traditional snacks while exchanging stories about culture, lifestyle, and lived experiences.

This project is run by Mmila Mela - a registered Non- Profit Organisation – which has been working with Xhoo since 2021 to help develop community support structures and income generating activities. 25% of your payment is donated to Mmila Mela - 50% of your which goes towards supporting the operational costs of our development initiatives such as the Xhoo playgroup and feeding program for children under five. The remaining 50% goes directly to the community as livelihood support.

Includes: 45 minute total flight time with scenic en-route; departure tax, 3 hour village life experience with a private guide.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

USD
395
per person /
minimum 2





CONSERVATION & CO-EXISTENCE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Return Helicopter Transfers & Life With Elephants and CLAWS

This experience is the perfect compliment for any visitors to Botswana interested in conservation and culture. The experience combines a visit to two community coexistence projects located in one of the most remote parts of the Okavango Delta.

The first stop will showcase the work of CLAWS (Communities Living Among Wildlife Sustainably). Human & Wildlife conflict is a daily concern for many people living in the remote villages of the Okavango Delta. Farmers often lose livestock to predators such as lions. A herding program was established by CLAWS and is run by the community to reduce carnivore conflict and benefit livestock owners with veterinary assistance and improved rangelands. The experience includes a talk with the head herdsman of the project and a guided tour of the bomas used for confining and protecting cattle.

On arrival at our second project, guests will be taken on a two and a half hour tour with the 'Life With Elephants' tour group in the traditional Hambukushu village of Eretsha. The tour group was set up by the conservation NGO, Ecoexist in an effort to increase benefits coming back to communities that coexist with Elephants. Guests are guided on a tour of the village to experience all aspects of village life, including visiting the local school and a typical farmer household. After the tour, the day to day challenges of living amongst elephants are explained by village elders, followed by traditional song and dance. This unique experience offers a rare insight into remote village life in this part of Botswana, whilst showcasing how people strive to share space and resources with elephants. Ecoexist is facilitating and supporting new elephant-themed enterprises like this one as part of its strategy to promote coexistence between people and elephants.

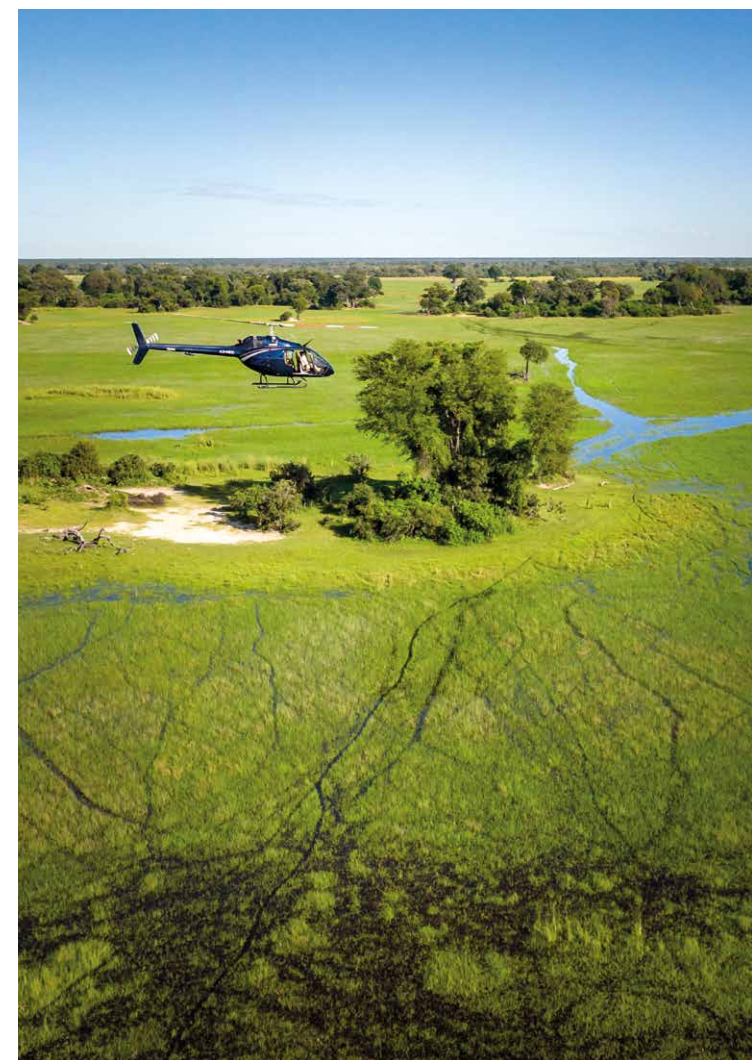
These remote projects are accessible by helicopter whilst showcasing some of the most picturesque scenes of the panhandle enroute. Together we pride ourselves in offering an integrated, sustainable and people driven approach to empowering communities in Northern Botswana. By booking this experience both projects are able to carry on supporting such an important issue for both villagers & wildlife in Botswana.

USD
1,070
per person /
minimum 2



Includes: Return helicopter transfers; departure tax; 3 hour experience at Eretsha Village; Private Guide.

Departure time scheduled at 07:30am from Maun International Airport



TSODILO HILLS EXPERIENCE

Return Helicopter Transfers & Tsodilo Hills Experience

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, firstly from the air and then by foot. This half-day trip includes a flight to Tsodilo Hills with a professional San guide who will explain the fascinating artwork found here, presenting a side of Botswana few travellers get to experience. The hike can be demanding, but the hills have an air and allure that is difficult to describe; perhaps they possess a draw that appeals to something within us all.

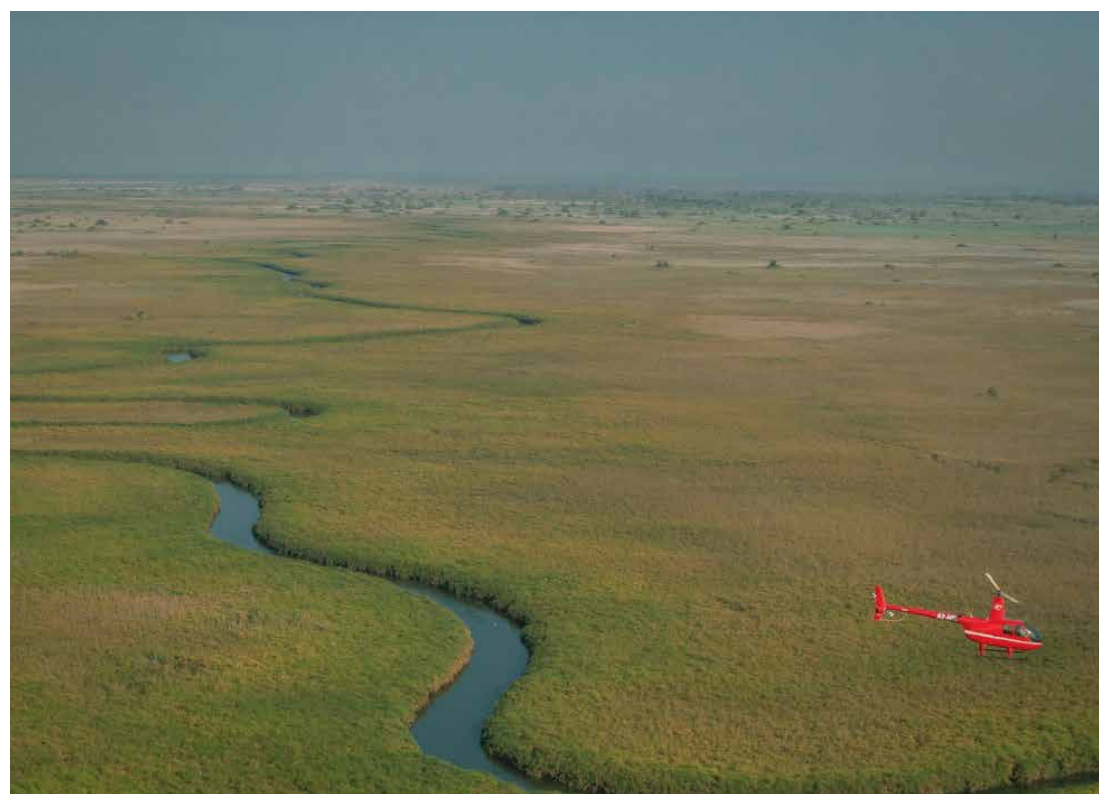
Tsodilo Hills are a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the remote northwest of the country; a definite 'must see' for those seeking more than wildlife from their time in Botswana. Over 4500 rock paintings, some dating back an estimated 26,000 years, adorn the quartzite rocks. The hills are sacred to the San Bushman who utilised the caves and spring here until the late 20th century, and there is evidence of human activity here dating back some 100,000 years. The return scenic flight will take you on a journey from the wide Okavango Panhandle across permanent lagoons back over the peripheral seasonal floodplains and wildlife rich wilderness, before landing back in Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta.

Includes: Return helicopter transfers; departure tax; 3 hour experience at Tsodilo Hills; private San bushman guide; entrance fees & picnic lunch.

Departure times can be scheduled to suit your preference.

USD
1,070
per person /
minimum 2





FULL DAY SAFARI ADVENTURE

Doors Off Scenic Flight, Game Drive and Boat Trip

The day begins with a short helicopter transfer directly from Maun Airport to your safari vehicle where you will be met by your safari guide ready to begin your morning game drive. Operated in a wildlife rich and private area of the Okavango Delta you will have the opportunity to sight incredible game from your open top safari vehicle. A picnic lunch is organised at the end of your game drive.

After lunch you will be met by one of our helicopters before lifting to experience a 40 min doors off scenic flight. Instantly after lifting the helicopter will offer a completely different perspective opening up the vastness of the Okavango Delta right before your eyes. The floodplains support larger numbers of grazers and smaller numbers of hopeful predators, all on offer with entirely unrestricted views as the scenic flight is operated doors off. Headsets are provided for constant commentary from your passionate pilot throughout the scenic flight.

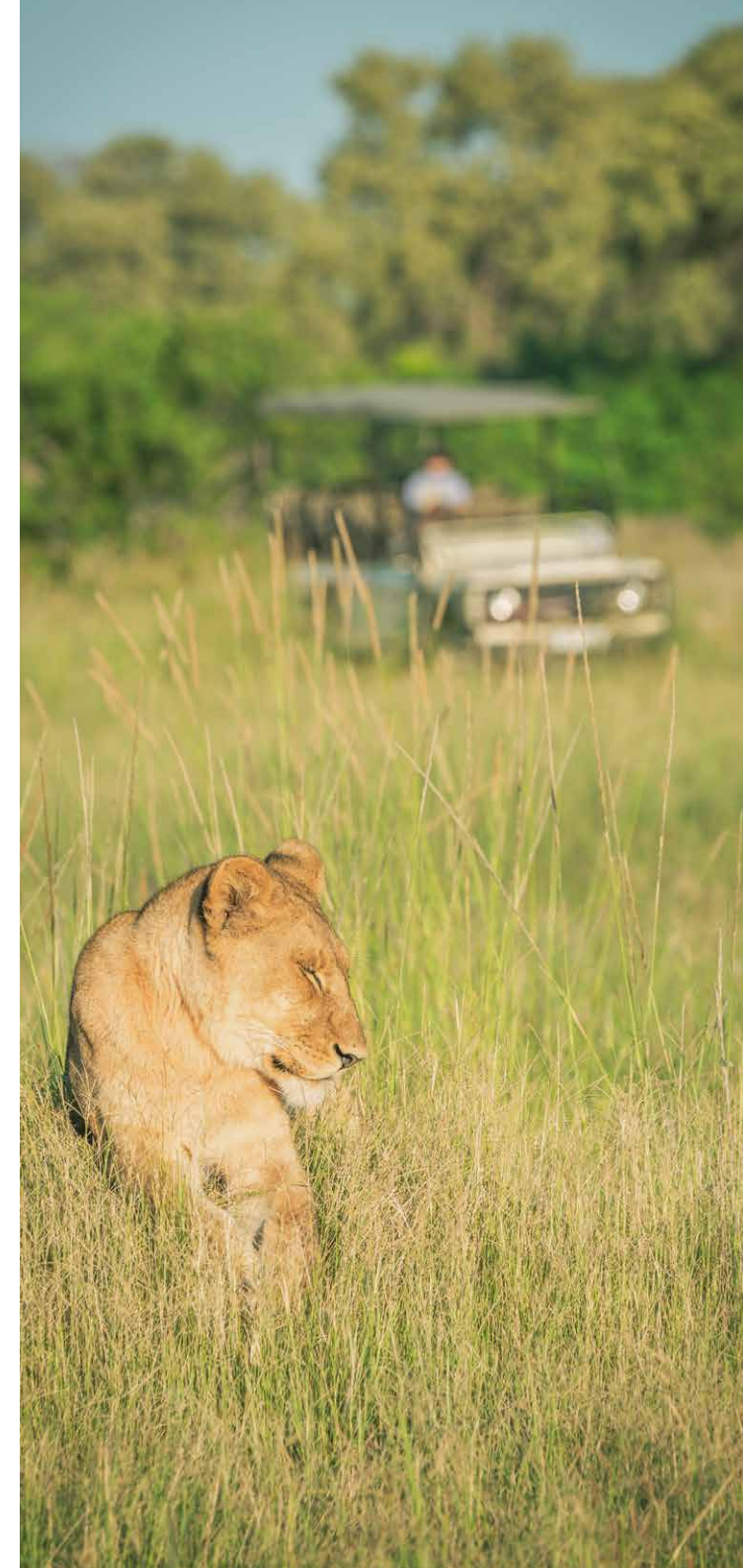
Next stop is meeting your boat guide on the banks of the Boro River, moments after departing by motorboat you will be cruising along the unspoiled waterways of the waterways across the famous buffalo fence where the Okavango Delta begins, your guide will be sharing first-hand knowledge of the area's wildlife whilst enjoying sightings from the banks that may include hippos, elephants grazing and many species of antelope from remote palm islands.

Your boat journey will continue down to the Thamalakane River and back to Maun where you will be met by our shuttle and transferred back to your accommodation. This experience offers wildlife sightings and delta landscapes from the air, boat and land all in one activity-packed day.

Includes: Doors off scenic flight (total 50 mins scenic flight time); departure tax; safari game drive & boat trip; private guides; entrance fees & picnic lunch.

Experience departs at 8:00am

USD
765
per person /
minimum 2





OVERNIGHT IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Return Helicopter Transfers & Lodge Experience

As we lift into the air and head north towards the Okavango Delta, you will fly over traditional villages and local cattleposts for a few minutes before crossing the veterinary fence that separates farmland from untouched wilderness. You will then follow the waters of the Okavango, complete with herds of elephants, bloats of hippos, dazzles of zebras and a multitude of other species before landing at a remote luxurious bush camp, where you will be met by your professional and experienced guide.

The authentic safari camp is designed to offer an intimate and exclusive nature-based experience in the Okavango Delta. The camp is located on the edge of an expansive lagoon, which not only hosts resident grunting hippos, but also attracts a variety of wildlife all year round. After your afternoon safari drive, you will enjoy sundowners on the balcony overlooking a waterhole whilst watching the wildlife come down to drink. Luxurious canvas tents will be home for the evening, providing everything you need to enjoy this exclusive and unique Okavango experience.

After waking up to the delightful sounds of birds preparing for a new day, you will be taken on an early morning game drive before your helicopter transfer back to Maun. If you would like a longer stay in this secluded location, we can accommodate you at an excellent rate for 2-3 nights.

Includes: Return helicopter transfers ex Maun departure tax; 1 night's accommodation, safari drive & full board.

Age Restriction: 12 years +

RATES ARE SEASONAL

Please enquire





FEED A CHILD

Maun Community

Feed a Child Botswana is committed to feeding numerous children within the Maun community. The organisation was formed to address basic nutritional needs of the community specifically focusing on orphans and vulnerable children. They take an integrated, sustainable and people driven approach to empowering people through proper nutrition. Helicopter Horizons is the sole provider for one of Feed A Child's many community centres.

**FOR EVERY GUEST FLOWN
WE WILL PLANT A TREE & FEED A CHILD**



SEEDBALLS

Helicopter Horizons

At Helicopter Horizons, we are aware of the impact our operations have on the environment. In this modern social climate it is imperative to us that we work to ensure that this impact remains a minor one. It is of primacy to us, over a long-term period that our operation is carbon neutral. We will plant an endemic tree for every passenger flown on an annual basis.



**FOR EVERY GUEST FLOWN
WE WILL PLANT A TREE & FEED A CHILD**



© Helicopter Horizons



Explore Your World