

BOTSWANA | OKAVANGO HORSE SAFARIS
7 NIGHT (8 DAY)

Okavango Horse Safaris

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Okavango Horse Safaris 7 night (8 day) riding safari takes you to two different areas of the Okavango Delta. Kujwana Camp has a choice of walk in Meru tents or Riverside suites, whilst Mokolowane Camp offers tree house accommodation. Both have superb views and locations, fine dining and en-suite facilities.



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Okavango Horse Safaris is based in the vast inland Okavango Delta, an area which teems with wildlife and birdlife. Expect to ride through water meadows, palm islands, grassy flood plains, mopane forests and clear streams. You will get close to elephants, big cats, and buffalo as well as herds of wildebeest and zebra. You will be able to gallop alongside giraffe and watch the intricate network of the bush unfold in front of you without the sound of an engine. Okavango Horse Safaris is owned and run by PJ and Barney Bestelink who, having kept horses in the Okavango for over a decade, are true experts in this part of the Delta. It is this extra dimension that they bring to the safari that makes this one of the best rides in Africa.

The Riding

Rides here are generally medium to fast paced; you should be able to trot for at least ten minutes and be happy at a canter or gallop. You can expect to ride for up to six hours a day. There are over 50 horses which are either thoroughbred or Anglo Arabs, and all of their horses are over 14hh.

You can choose between three, five, seven or ten day set departure trips. On this web page we detail the seven night option. If you would prefer a longer or shorter option please let us know.

The Highlights

- Riding through the diverse landscape of the Okavango Delta
- The safari takes place in a private concession area of over 2500sq kilometers
- Experience the excitement of wildlife viewing from horseback
- Four to six hours in the saddle each day
- Afternoons give you the option of wildlife drives, mokoro trips (dug out canoe), swimming or walking
- A total of five nights at Kujwana Camp
- Two nights at the Mokolowane Camp in between
- Elephant, lion, leopard and cheetah country and occasionally rhino and wild dog are spotted
- Luxury accommodation
- Private guide
- Eight days with a maximum group size of eight guests on set departure trips to ensure a highly personal experience



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KUJWANA CAMP

Okavango Horse Safari's main camp, Kujwana offers spacious tented accommodation with en-suite bathrooms and riverside views.

There are also two Riverside suites with spectacular views built on the river (The Hippo Cradle or The Rocking Horse can be booked on request), four meru double-bedded / twin-bedded tents on decking complete with attractive furnishings, bedside tables, hanging cupboard, luggage rack, floor rug, and chairs. Kujwana also has a swimming pool, bar, library and offers WiFi. Limited electric charging facilities are also available (220volt solar power).

MOKOLWANE CAMP

Situated north west of Kujwana, on the Matsebi River, the camp has five tree houses, two metres off the ground boasting superb views. A real haven for elephants that love the palm trees of this area. Each tree house has a en-suite bathroom and are fully equipped with eco toiletries made from wild sage and marula in the Delta, towels and linen.

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2018 TRAVEL DATES

(Operate from Sat to Sat or Tue to Tue)

May 01, 05, 08, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29

June 02, 05, 09, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

July 03, 07, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 30

August 04, 07, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28

September 01, 04, 08, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29

October 02, 06, 09, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30

November 03, 06, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27

December 01, 04, 08, 11, 15, 18, 25

2018 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE COSTS (GBP £)

Per person sharing a tent (travel January, February, March and December) is £4,510

Per person sharing a tent (travel March 31st to July 18th and November 2nd to December 1st) is £5,140

Per person sharing a tent (travel July 19th to November 1st) is £5,770

Single room supplement charged at 50% (if you are not willing to share)

Minimum of two guests required for the safari to operate.

RIVERSIDE SUITE UPGRADE

£70/person per night

There are two spacious Riverside suites with spectacular river views.

The Hippo Cradle or The Rocking Horse can be booked on request, depending on availability.

THE ITINERARY INCLUDES

Accommodation and all meals as stated

House drinks as stated

Laundry as stated

Activities as stated

Helicopter transfers to and from Maun

Airstrip transfers

National Park and concession fees.

THE ITINERARY EXCLUDES

International flights to Maun

Passenger and airport taxes

Premium brand drinks

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending.

WEIGHT LIMITS

Maximum weight is 90 kg. There is a non-riding programme for people heavier than 90kg or people who prefer not to ride.

WEIGHT SUPPLEMENT

Over 90kgs a supplement of 50% will be charged for an extra horse.

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Horse type

Full and part Thoroughbred, Pure Arab, Anglo Arab, Friesian cross, and Botswana Warm Bloods (American Saddle bred cross African Boerperd) between 14 and 17 hands; well-schooled, responsive and even temperament. There is a wide range of horses (over 50) suitable for the competition rider to a steady hack. Every effort is made to match horse and rider.

Tack and saddles used

Tack is English style and South African trail saddles. Each saddle has a seat saver for comfort. Tack is of high quality and kept in good condition. Saddles are well known makes such as Ideals, Albion, and Symonds. Most horses are in snaffle bridles.

Minimum number

2 riders

Maximum number

8 riders

Hours in the saddle per day

Between 4 and 6

Standard of riding required

Minimum riding ability required is mastery of the basic aids, ability to post to the trot for stretches of ten minutes at a time, to be comfortable at all paces and to be able to gallop out of trouble. It is a great advantage if you are a fit and a proficient rider.

Children accepted

Children must be over 12 years old

When to go

Open all year round

Non-riders welcome

Yes, non-riders are welcome (just need to ensure you are booked in as such). Non-riders have their own guide and enjoy game drives, walks and Mokoros. They move with the riding guests to the various fly camps and join non-riding activities and picnics.

Activities other than riding

Whilst the main priority at Okavango Horse Safaris is riding, there are alternative activities during the afternoons that are not day rides. A six hour morning can be tiring so afternoons are spent at leisure with evening bird walks or mokoro rides (water levels permitting). Afternoon wildlife drives and night spotting are also offered.