

# HELICOPTER EXPERIENCES with Sanctuary Retreats



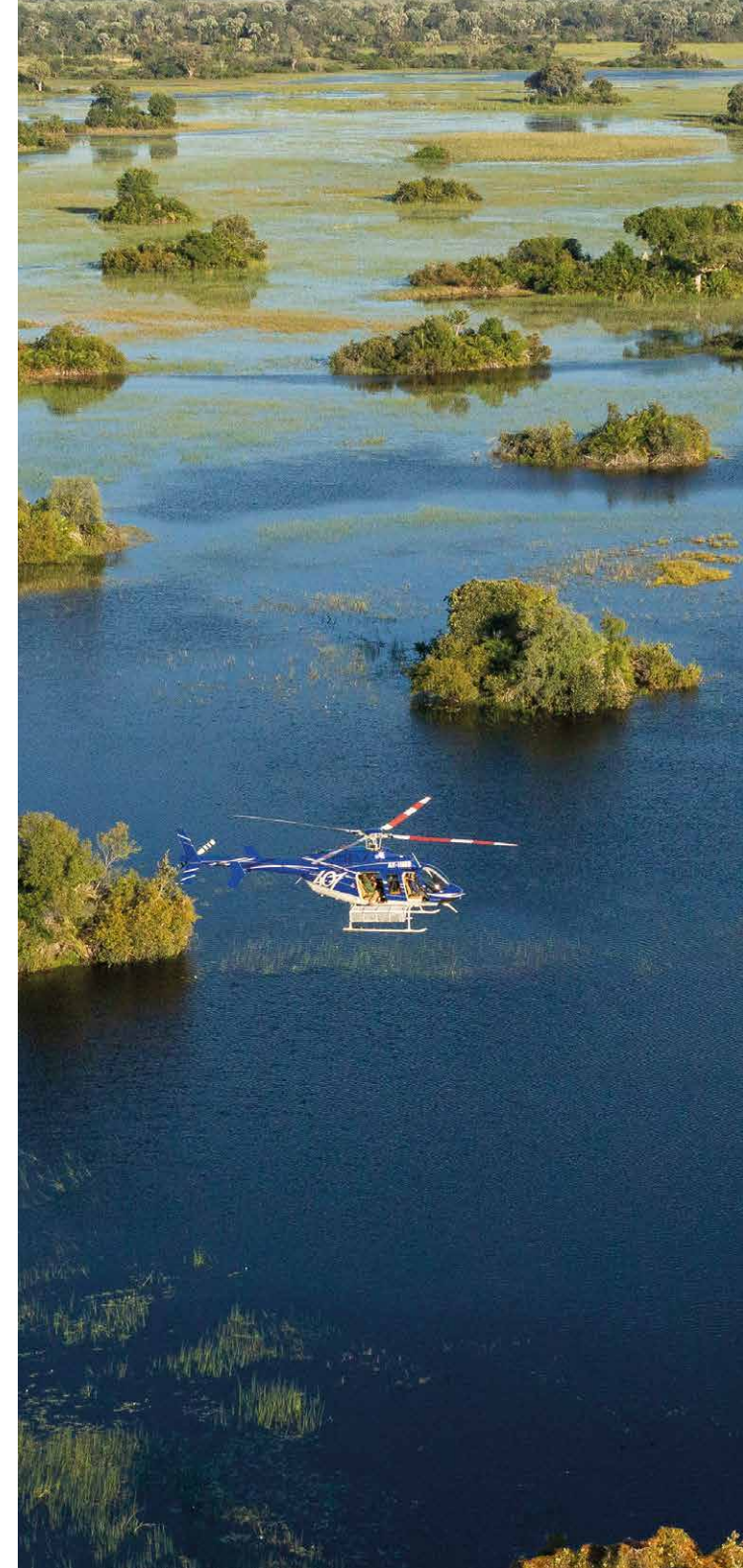
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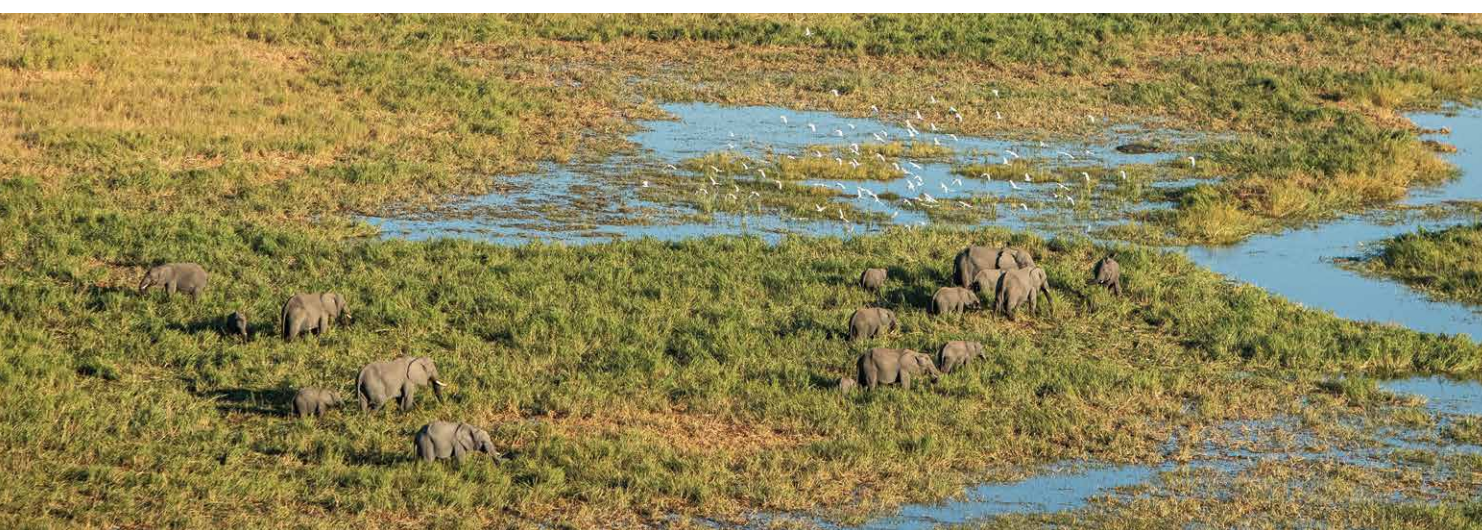
Experience the magnificent Okavango Delta by air. Helicopter Horizons Scenic Flights are a completely personalised experience offering the very best of Sanctuary's untamed wilderness & wildlife in widescreen. We offer a unique perspective that should be number one on every Sanctuary guests' bucket list.

Helicopters are a perfect way to explore deep into the Delta exposing permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons, with sweeping views of floodplains and incredible game sightings. Doors are removed for unrestricted views which offers great photographic opportunities. Guests are provided with headsets for constant communications with our very knowledgeable pilots, ensuring a guided and informed experience.

- All flights are private and guests are guaranteed a window seat
- Helicopter pads are moments away from camp
- 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
- Any experience can be scheduled around camp activities or to suit guest preference

Rates valid until 31 Dec' 2023





CHIEF'S CAMP

## THE CHIEF'S TRACKER

30 min doors off scenic flight

Immediately after lifting from Chief's Camp you will experience this extraordinary wildlife rich ecosystem from an entirely different perspective. Chiefs Island is known as the Predator Capital of Africa, and the legend does not disappoint.

Within minutes you will reach flood waters in the meandering Ngoha channel, one of the main waterways fed by the source of the Delta in Angola, north-west of Chief's Camp. This important waterway draws a variety of wildlife all year round. Crocodiles, hippos and elephants are abundant, along with plains wildlife such as impala, red lechwe and zebra that occur in large numbers. Predators rule this area and are regularly spotted hunting their prey.

The diversity of grasslands, majestic trees and palms mixing with permanent waterways and lagoons is a highlight from the air. Magic lies amongst the sweeping views of the crystal-clear floodplains and towering palm islands that are unreachable in any other way. Exploring this rich wilderness, where desert meets wetland by helicopter truly offers a unique perspective and is a great compliment to your safari at Chief's Camp.

30 min doors off scenic flight | Price \$325 per person (minimum 2 people)





CHIEF'S CAMP

## PHOTOGRAPHIC PIAJIO PLAINS

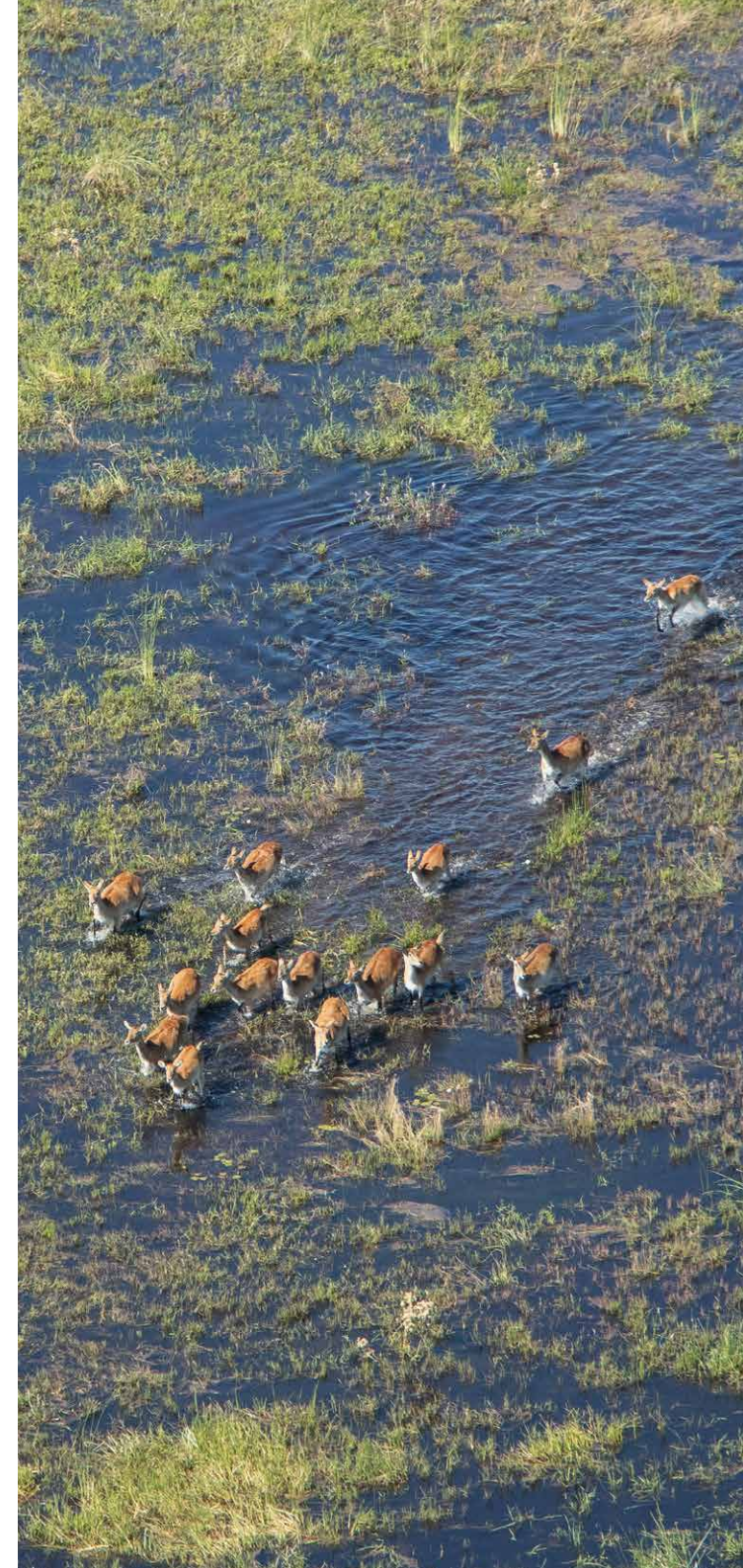
45 & 60 min doors off scenic flights

The extended flight time offers adventure to the further reaches of Chief's Island allowing for longer periods at wildlife sightings, more waterways to discover and more landscapes to explore. Soaring through the air up to 1000 feet uncovers the true vastness of this wilderness followed by sweeping views down to a few hundred feet for an entirely different perspective where the smell of wild sage fills the cabin, a vivid reminder of the Okavango. This scenic flight will give you a deep appreciation for the biodiversity and ecosystems that led to the Okavango Delta being designated the 1000th World Heritage Site and the inspiration for many a documentary.

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. An aerial perspective is the ideal way to gaze onto the vast Delta and its meandering labyrinth of crystal-clear channels, providing unfettered access to some of the most remote parts of the unique system. 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 shot.

45 min doors off scenic flight | Price \$490 per person (minimum 2 people)

60 min doors off scenic flight | Price \$640 per person (minimum 2 people)





CHIEF'S CAMP

## FLOODPLAINS TO PANHANDLE

90 min doors off scenic flight

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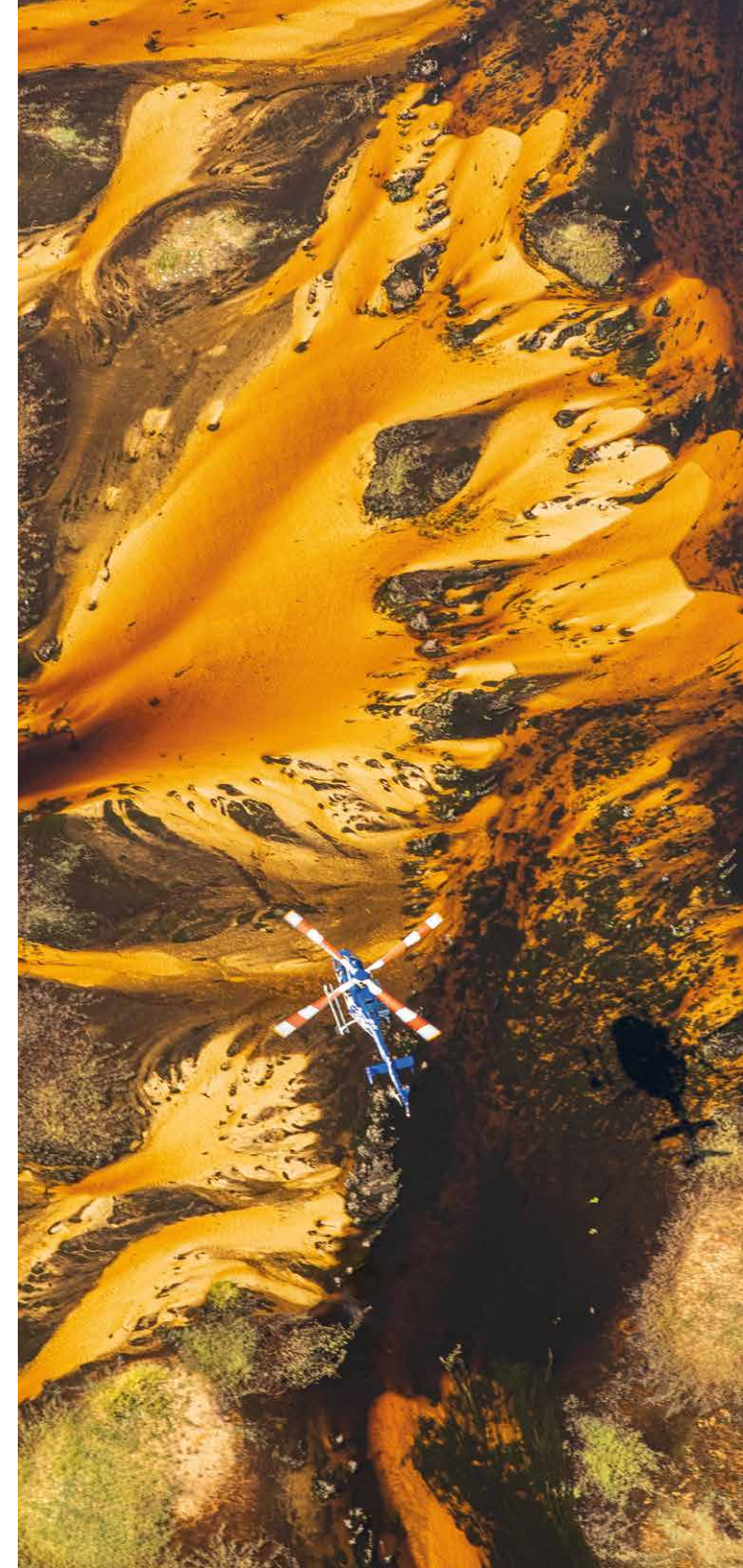
This helicopter scenic experience is unbeatable in its scale and possibilities, allowing guests to experience all aspects of the world's largest inland delta, the Okavango. You will enjoy a unique aerial perspective of the seasonal floodplains, continuing over permanent waterways and finally to the meandering Okavango River in north west Botswana, viewing the entire stretch of the 1000th World Heritage Site. Your private scenic is designed to find as many iconic animals as this ancient landscape allows, set against a backdrop of incredible sweeping vistas of the full Okavango Delta, responsible for breathing life into this part of Africa.

Heading north-west from camp towards Namibia and Angola, where the water originates, you will be taken on a journey over every type of wilderness the delta has to offer. Lush savannah, towering palm tree filled islands surrounded by bumbling hippos and crocodile infested channels lined with white sandy banks that feed into vast lagoons that support large herds of elephants and elusive predators adept at navigating this extensive wetland.

Time is on your side on this flight, enough time in fact to relax into a completely immersive experience. During the scenic, you can assist the pilot in choosing the perfect spot to land on your very own private island, where you will be able to take in a ground-level view of this remote region of the Okavango. Enjoy a refreshing drink and picnic while absorbing the sounds and smells of this magnificent wilderness. Feel free to relax and soak everything up or engage with your pilot, who will happily provide information and amusing anecdotes about life in one of the most pristine environments on the planet. The second half of your flight will follow vast waterways on the opposite side of Chief's Island, offering the opportunity to explore more unique landscapes and a different selection of wildlife.

This scenic flight is bespoke to suit the unique interests of those on board. No two flights are the same, offering a once in a lifetime experience for those seeking true adventure.

90 min doors off plus private island picnic stop | Price \$990 per person (minimum 2 people)







## BAINES' & STANLEY'S **BORO EXPLORER**

30 min doors off scenic flight

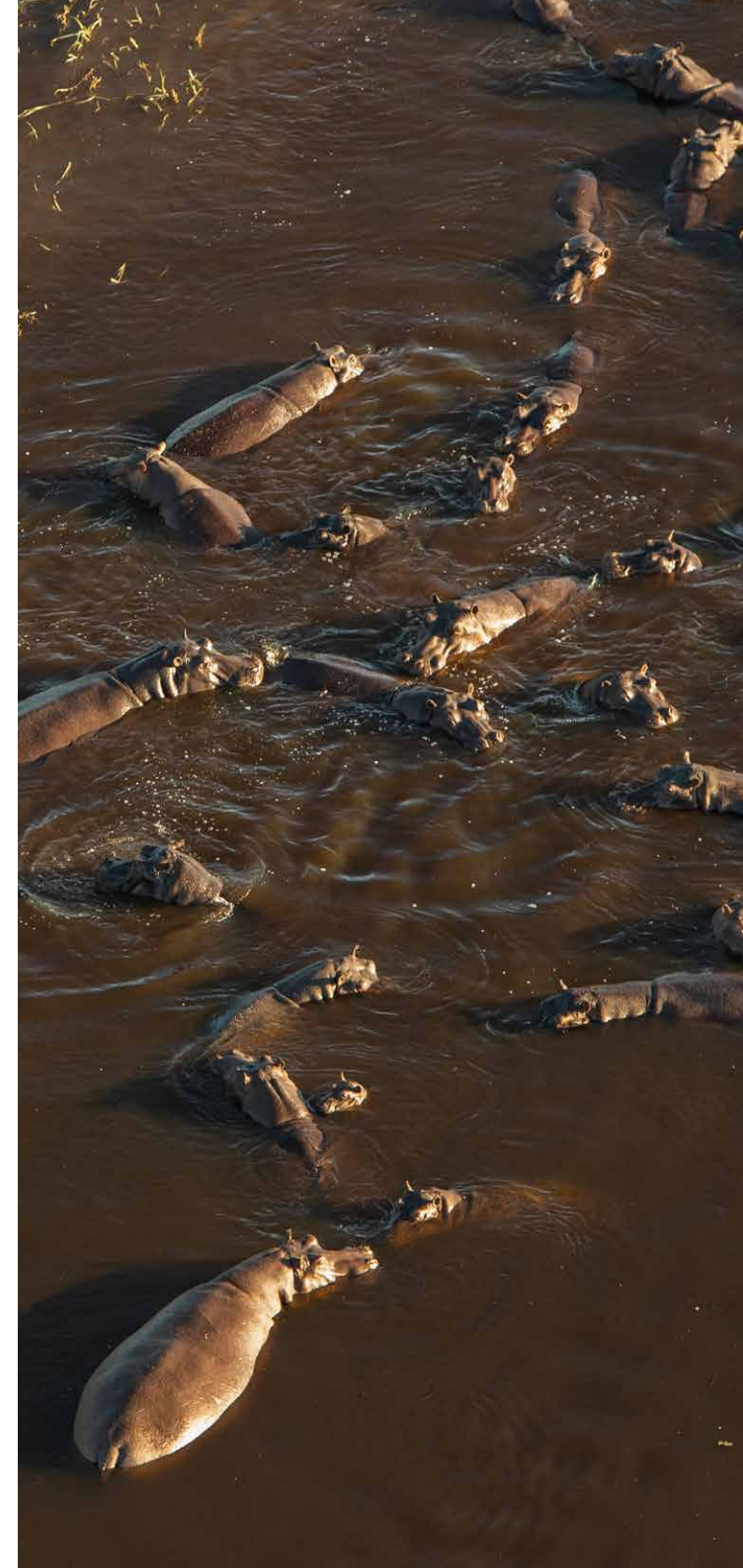
Centrally positioned between the Boro and Santanandibe Rivers finds you within an iconic wilderness area of the Okavango Delta, well suited to both camps namesakes. This untouched, pristine and private concession offers wilderness fit for any explorer. "A scenic flight over the Okavango Delta I presume?"

Within moments of lifting from camp you will experience emerald islands dominated by huge palm trees and enormous termite mounds fighting back the colossal flood waters. Heading East to the swelling Santanandibe River, huge herds of Elephants rule the land whilst giant Hippo pods command the waterways, along with Crocodiles littering the riverbanks.

Tracking North up river and exploring both sides of the banks you frequently spot big herds of Cape Buffalo, often followed by predators. Lions and leopards can be seen here but sweeping views of the river and floodplains are the main attractions, guaranteeing lasting memories.

Heading West and looping back towards camp along the edge of the iconic Chief's island offers potential sightings from the highest density wildlife area in Africa. This area dominated by dry habitats is home to browsers, such as giraffe and kudu, which you may spy before flying over the Boro River and floodplains, another magnet for plains game and their predators.

30 min doors off scenic flight | Price \$325 per person (minimum 2 people)





## BAINES' & STANLEY'S

# FRAMING THE BORO

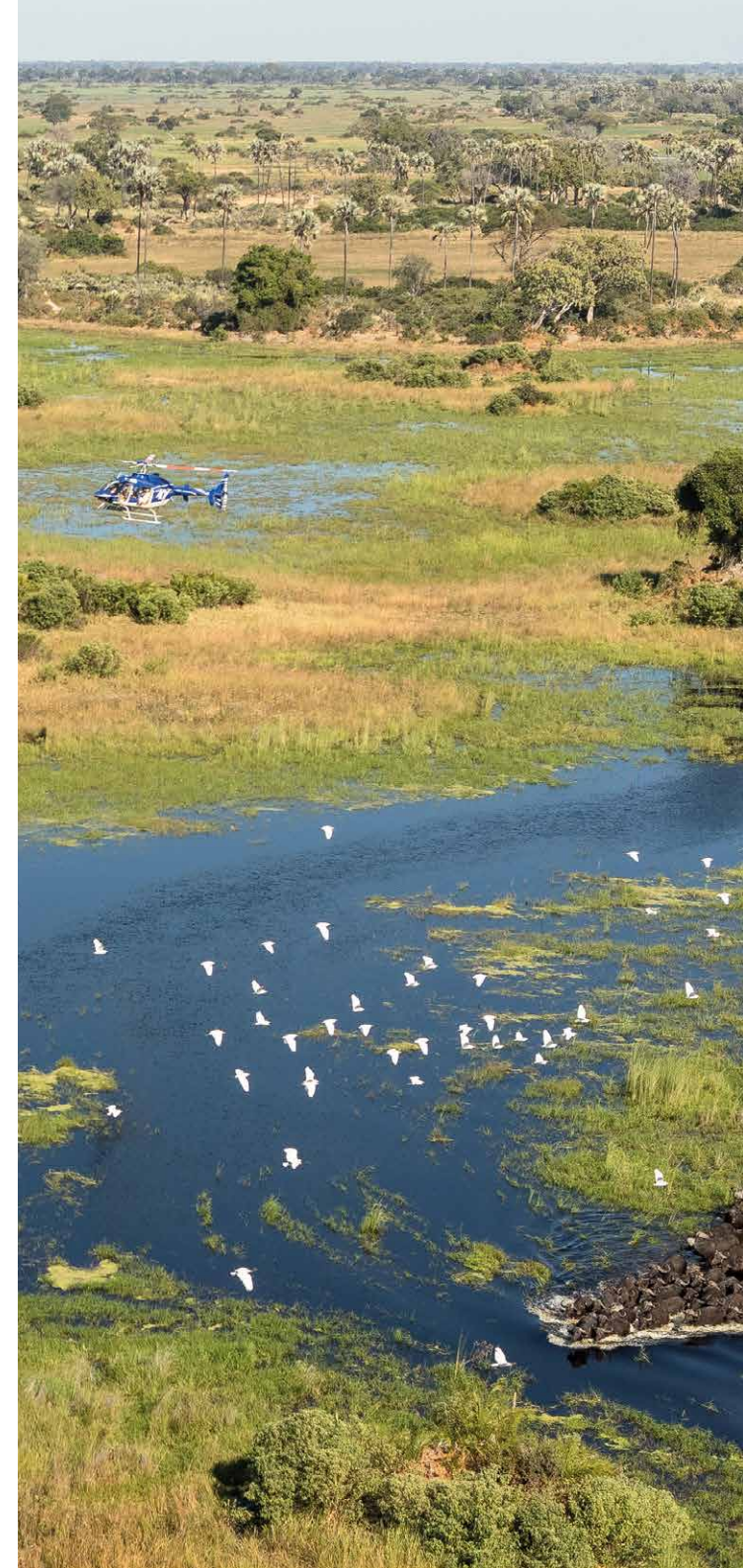
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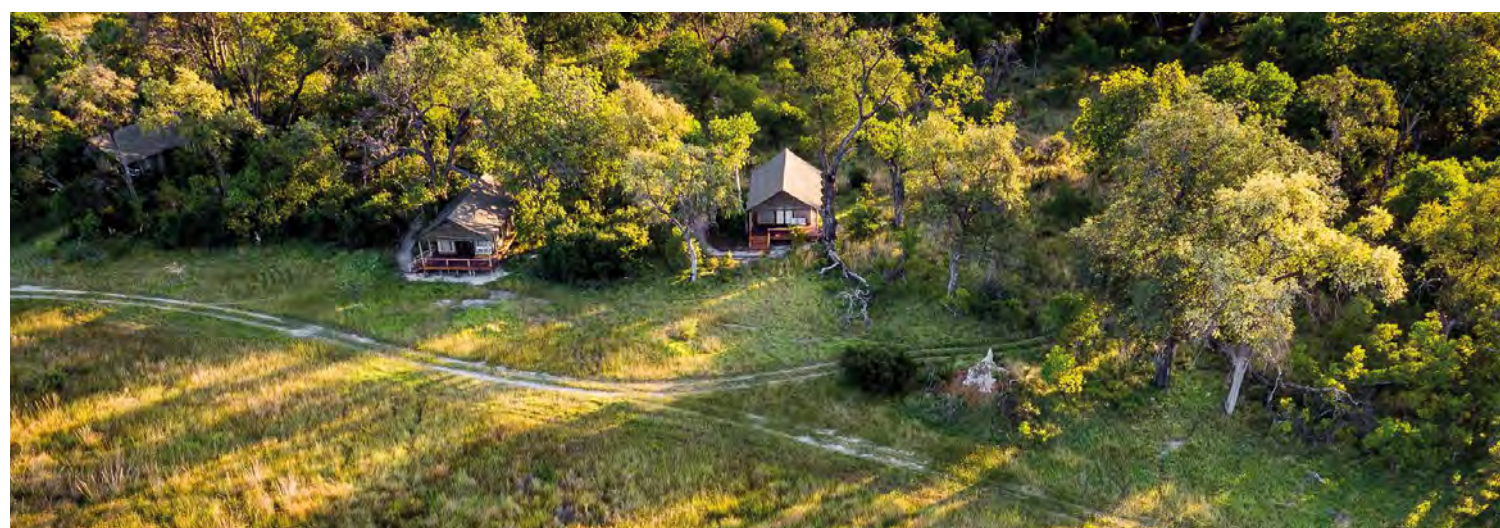
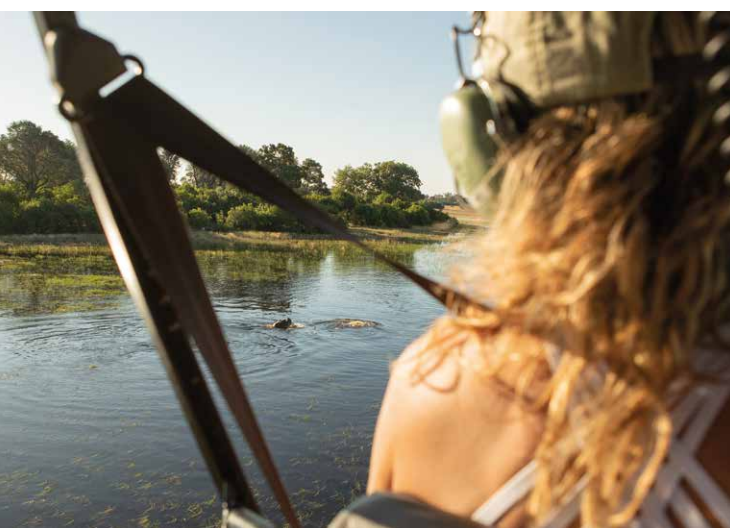
The extended flight time offers adventure further into Chief's Island, allowing for longer periods at wildlife sightings, more waterways to discover and more landscapes to uncover. Soaring through the air up to 1000 feet uncovers the true vastness of this wilderness followed by sweeping views down to a few hundred feet for an entirely different perspective where the smell of wild sage fills the cabin, a vivid reminder of the Okavango. You will be left with a sense of awe that only the Okavango Delta can provide, Africa's last remaining wetland experience, inspiring many documentaries.

Your knowledgeable pilot offers a guided experience making sure every vista and sighting is perfectly set up for the best shot. He will find and highlight this terrain's greatest treasures whilst the cool air brushes past as doors are removed for a completely unrestricted view. 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 a unique perspective of the Okavango Delta and of course that perfect shot. First and last light will create ambience for the perfect photograph.

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BAINES' & STANLEY'S

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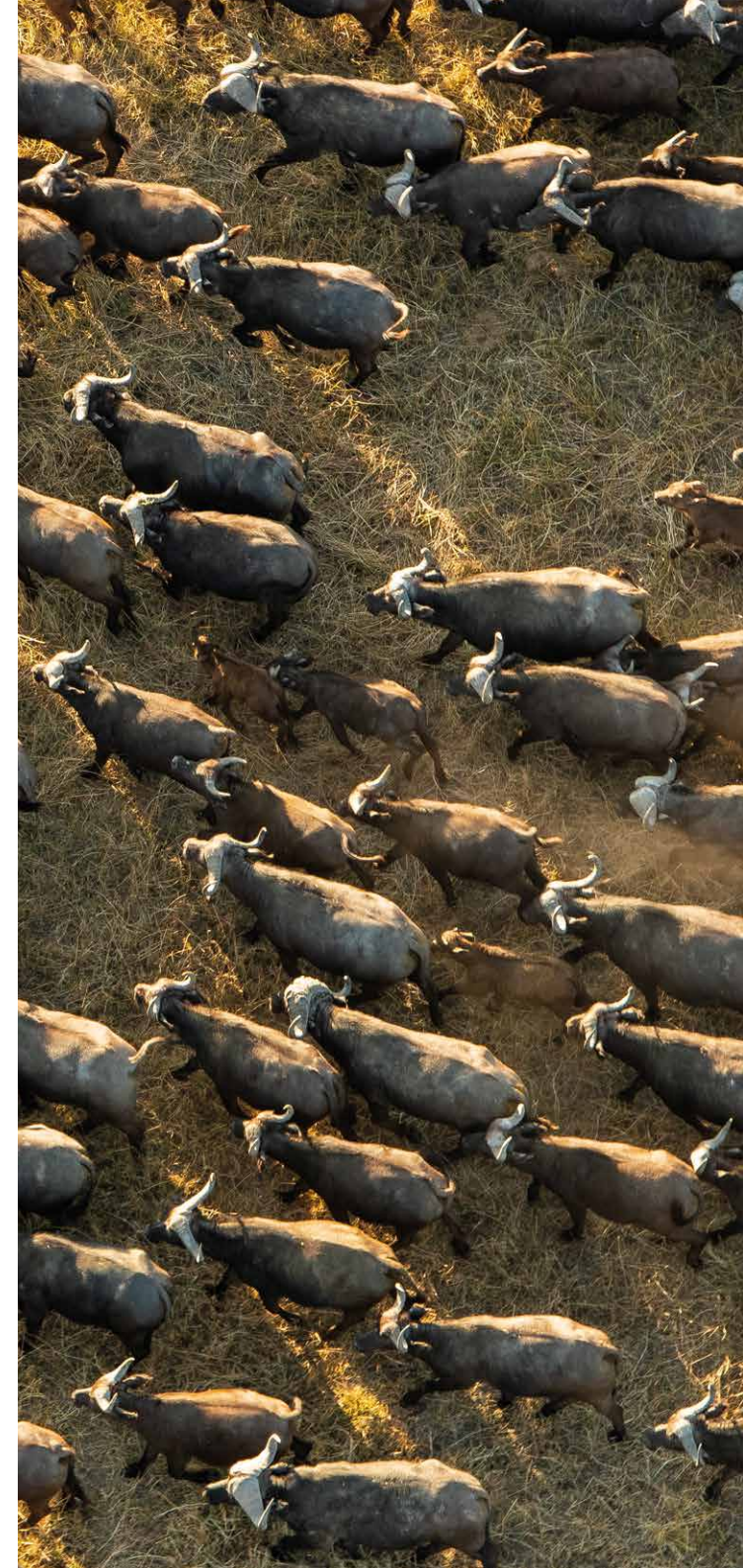
This helicopter scenic experience is unbeatable in its scale and possibilities allowing guests to experience one of the world's greatest natural phenomena from seasonable floodplains right to permanent waterways, viewing the total stretch of this incredible inland Delta before it disperses over the Kalahari Desert. Your private scenic is primarily driven to find as many incredible animals as this ancient landscape allows over incredible sweeping vistas of the full Okavango Delta, responsible for breathing life into this part of Africa.

Heading North from camp towards Namibia and Angola where the water originates you are taken on a journey over every type of wilderness the delta has to offer. Lush savannah, towering palm tree filled islands surrounded by meandering hippo and crocodile infested channels lined by white sandy banks. Until, you reach rivers that have transformed into inland seas navigated by herds of elephants and swimming hunters.

Time is on your side on this flight, enough time in fact to feel the flood yourself. During the scenic you can assist in choosing the perfect spot to land on your very own private island, to take in the same views as the incredible creatures seen from the air. Enjoy a drink & picnic whilst absorbing the sounds and remoteness, with your pilot continually narrating about this unique wilderness. The second half of your flight will follow vast waterways on the alternative side of Chief's Island offering the opportunity to explore more unique landscapes and a different selection of wildlife.

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SANCTUARY RETREATS

## CHAMPAGNE EXPERIENCE

\$50 per person

A champagne stop is possible on any scenic flight from any Sanctuary Retreats camp, where the pilot finds a deserted palm island halfway through the flight. Once on the ground, champagne is popped for the guests to enjoy alongside views from the ground and further information about the delta from our engaging pilot. An incredible moment mid-flight that offers a special touch.







SANCTUARY RETREATS

## HELICOPTER TRANSFERS

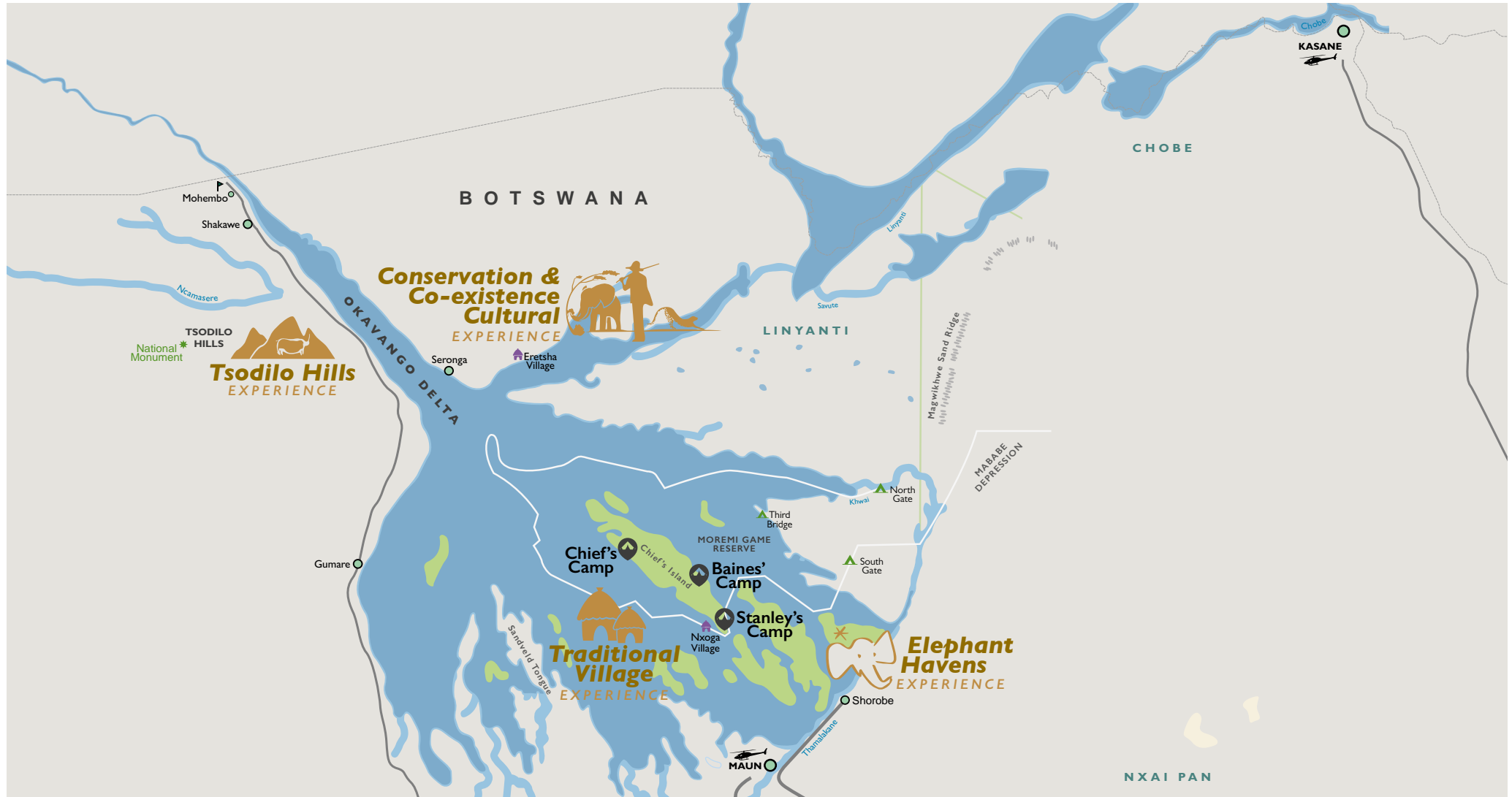
Helicopter transfers are private, direct and guarantee a window seat for potential wildlife sightings throughout. Guests are provided with headsets for constant communications with our very knowledgeable pilots to make sure that they have a truly guided experience.

This experience can accommodate all group sizes, including couples, families, friends and larger groups travelling together.



# HELICOPTER TRANSFERS WITH SANCTUARY RETREATS

The Tsodilo Hills, Conservation & Co-Existence Cultural, Elephant Havens and Traditional Village Experiences are available from any Sanctuary Retreats property



**Maun to Chief's Camp**  
\$525 per person (minimum 2 people)

**Maun to Baines' & Stanley's**  
\$295 per person (minimum 2 people)

**Chief's Camp to Baines' & Stanley's**  
\$295 per person (minimum 2 people)

**Chief's Camp to Kasane**  
\$1,670 per person (minimum 2 people)

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\$1,670 per person (minimum 2 people)



## CONSERVATION & CO-EXISTENCE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

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.



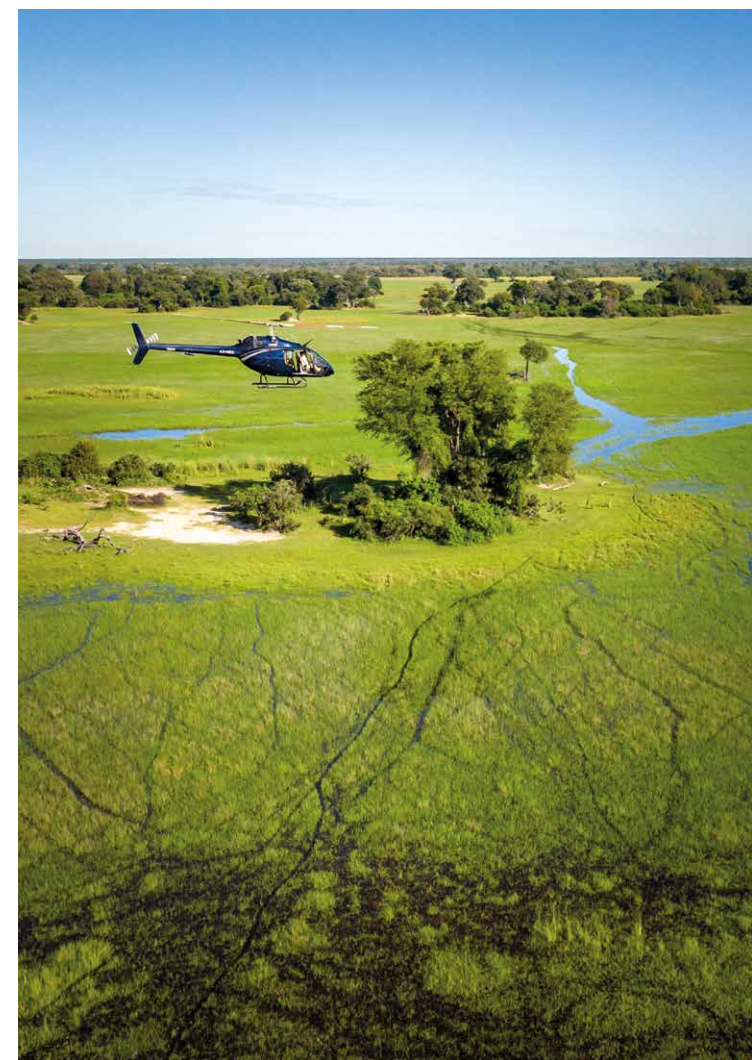
The first stop will showcase the work of CLAWS (Communities Living Among Wildlife Sustainably). Human & Wildlife conflict is a daily concern for many people living in the remote villages of the Okavango Delta. Farmers often lose livestock to predators such as lions. A herding program was established 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.

\$1,125 per person (minimum 2 people) | ex Chief's Camp / Baines' & Stanley's





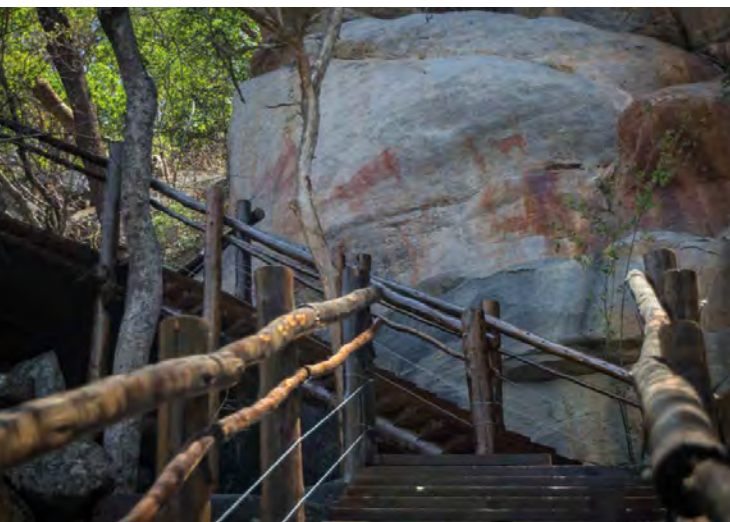
## TSODILO HILLS EXPERIENCE

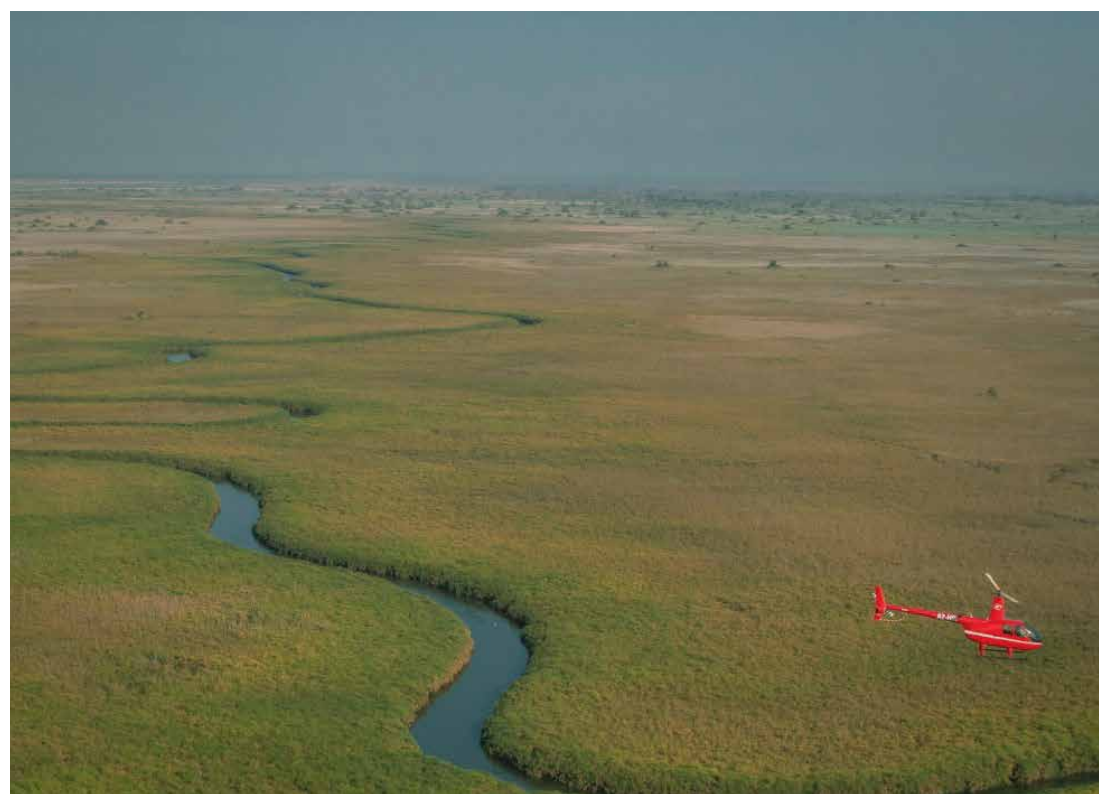
Four rocky hills, including Botswana's highest point, jut strikingly out of the surrounding Kalahari Desert plains to form Tsodilo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the remote northwest of the country; a definite a 'must see' for those seeking more than wildlife from their time in Botswana. Over 4500 rock paintings, some dating back an estimated 26,000 years, adorn the marshmallow coloured 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.

Arriving by helicopter saves a lengthy drive from Maun, allowing Tsodilo to become a fantastic half day trip, whilst allowing guests to fully appreciate the significance of the hills from the air and enjoy the game viewing on the flights to and from the Delta.

Guests are accompanied by an unassuming and ever-smiling San guide who will explain the fascinating artwork, presenting a side to Botswana few tourists 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.

\$930 per person (minimum 2 people) | ex Chief's Camp / Baines' & Stanley's







## ELEPHANT HAVENS EXPERIENCE

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.

\$710 per person (minimum 2 people) | ex Chief's Camp

\$445 per person (minimum 2 people) | ex Baines' & Stanley's







## TRADITIONAL VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

Helicopter Horizons make some of the most remote villages in the Okavango Delta accessible to those looking for a cultural side to complement its amazing wildlife, providing an unforgettable insight into a way of life that has changed very little for many generations.

The excursion, which lasts approximately 2 hours, begins with guests being picked up from their camp for a scenic flight to the village to which we have been invited. This journey and the return flight provide amazing photographic opportunities of the landscape and wildlife en route.

The tour is led by a local guide who explains aspects of village life such as architecture, religious beliefs, hunting and fishing, and there is also the opportunity to meet local craftspeople.

\$440 per person (minimum 2 people) | ex Chief's Camp / Baines' & Stanley's



# Explore Your World

