

# WELCOME TO THE OKAVANGO DELTA



The Okavango Delta is a vast inland swamp formed where the Okavango River spills into a depression formed between the Gumare and Thamalakane faults. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site, famous the world over for its great abundance of African wildlife and for its pristine environment. The wildlife viewing is simply out of this world.



It is also the most popular tourism destination in Botswana, hosting over 75 fixed camps and lodges, and numerous mobile safari and boating safari operations. Government policy has deliberately restricted the size of the fixed camps. There is no mass tourism here: whichever camp or lodge you choose you are guaranteed an intimate and very personal experience and unparalleled wildlife viewing opportunities.

Many of the camps and lodges are accessible only by light aircraft or by boat. The journey into the Delta is an important part of the experience – a light plane journey in particular is probably the best way to appreciate just how big the herds of buffalo, elephants, giraffe etc actually are. The bird's eye view from a plane is also the only way to gain an impression of the scale of the Delta: at ground level you can never see very far in this flat countryside.



If flying into a camp in a light plane the amount of luggage you can take is typically limited to 15 kg. But many of the operators offer secure parking in Maun, and anything you leave in your car will be perfectly safe.



The various camps and lodges are each very different, but all are excellent.

Some are open all year around, and others only in the dry season. Some are beside permanent water and always offer waterborne activities, whilst others are near water only during the annual floods and are surrounded by plains game during the dry season. Some cater for children: others have a minimum age they will accept.

Some offer the height of luxury whilst others are more affordable than one might expect.

If you have come all the way to Botswana a couple of nights in the Okavango Delta are a must – this is one of the last great wilderness areas of Africa.





We expect that you will want to choose your own camp or lodge in the Delta. There is plenty of information on-line, but it would take a long time to trawl through the websites for seventy six camps.

We can help with providing a shortlist matching your needs, interests and budget. If you want to find a camp with (say) a day programme for children and horseback excursions for the adults our database can generate a shortlist almost immediately.

If you can't decide we will happily recommend. We have our own favourites amongst the seventy six. And we have no vested interests: we operate on a flat fee basis rather than a commission so have no incentive to direct you to any particular camp.

Just make sure you include the Delta in your itinerary !