

# HELICOPTER EXPERIENCES with Xaoo Safari Camp





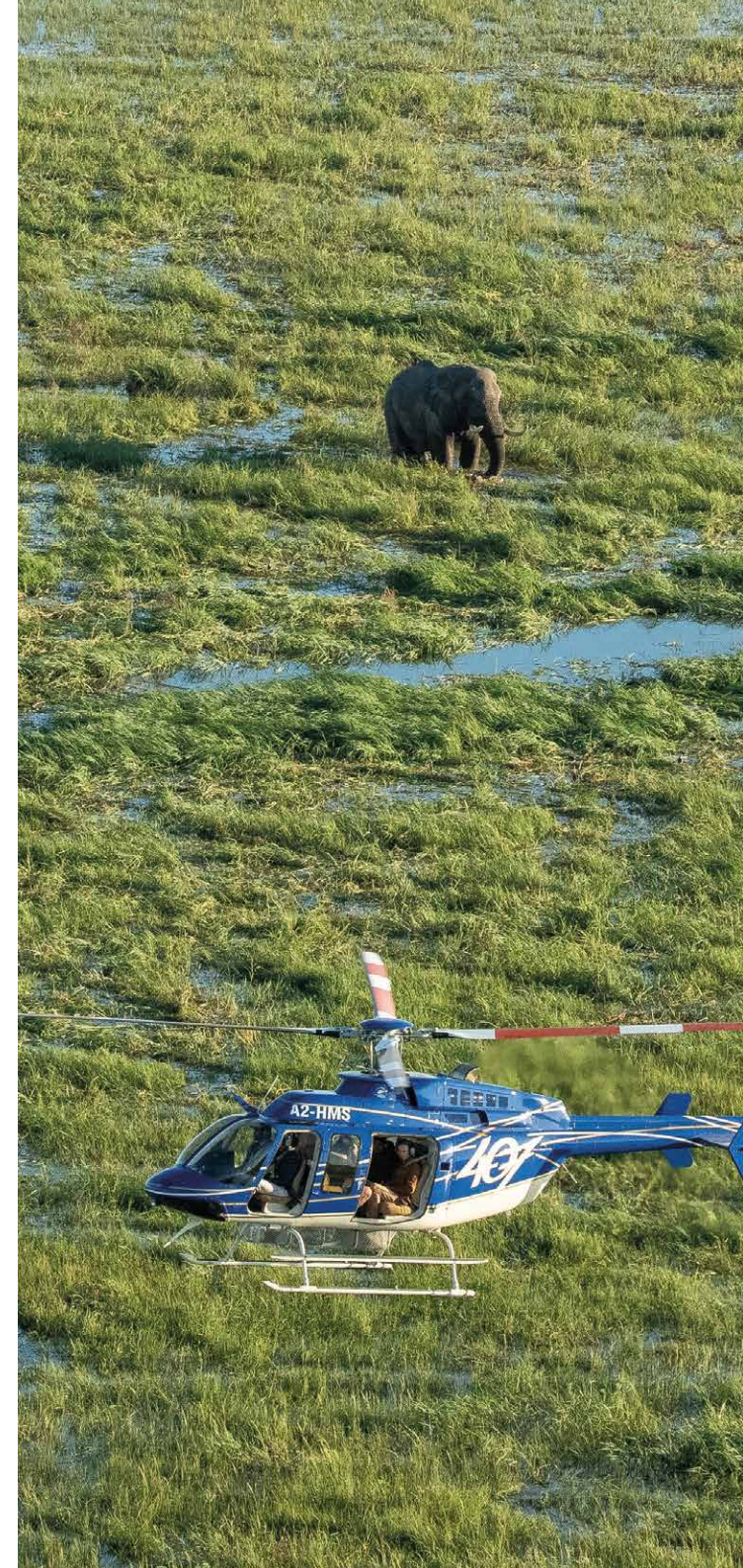
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Helicopter Horizons Scenic Flights are a totally personalised experience that is the quintessential African safari, showcasing the very best of Xaoo Safari Camp's untamed wilderness in vibrant detail from a unique perspective that should be number one on every guest's bucket list.

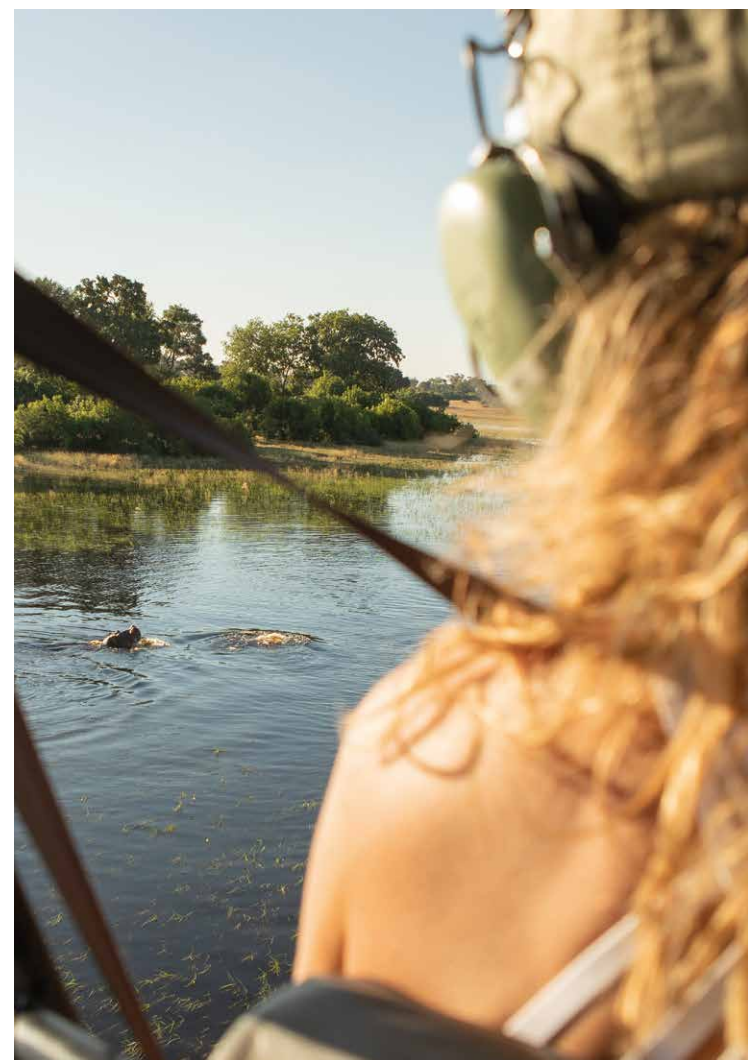
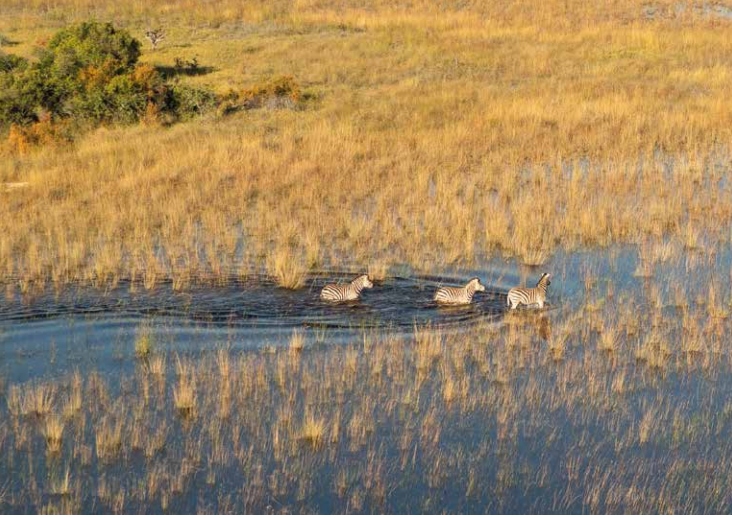
We use the helicopter to get guests deep into the Delta exposing permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons, with sweeping views of floodplains and incredible game sightings. Doors are removed for unrestricted views which offers great photographic opportunities & guests are provided with headsets for constant communications with our very knowledgeable pilots, making sure that they have a truly guided 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 and wildlife sightings
- 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









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## FLOODPLAINS EXPLORER

30 min doors off scenic flight

A scenic flight from Xaoo Safari Camp 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 Xaoo Safari Camp, 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.

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









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## XAOO THROUGH THE LENS

45 & 60 min doors off scenic flights

The extended flight time offers a chance for longer wildlife sightings, more waterways to discover and more landscapes to explore. 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.

Your knowledgeable pilot will offer a guided experience and ensure that 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.

All our enthusiastic pilots are highly sensitive to photographic framing and will position the helicopter perfectly for any sought after shot. Your knowledgeable pilot will be able to explain many interesting facts about the ecosystem and to interpret any wildlife behaviour that you may witness, while the long flight duration allows for extended time watching any wildlife interactions that you may come across. 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 perfect photographs.

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)









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## CHAMPAGNE EXPERIENCE

\$50 per person

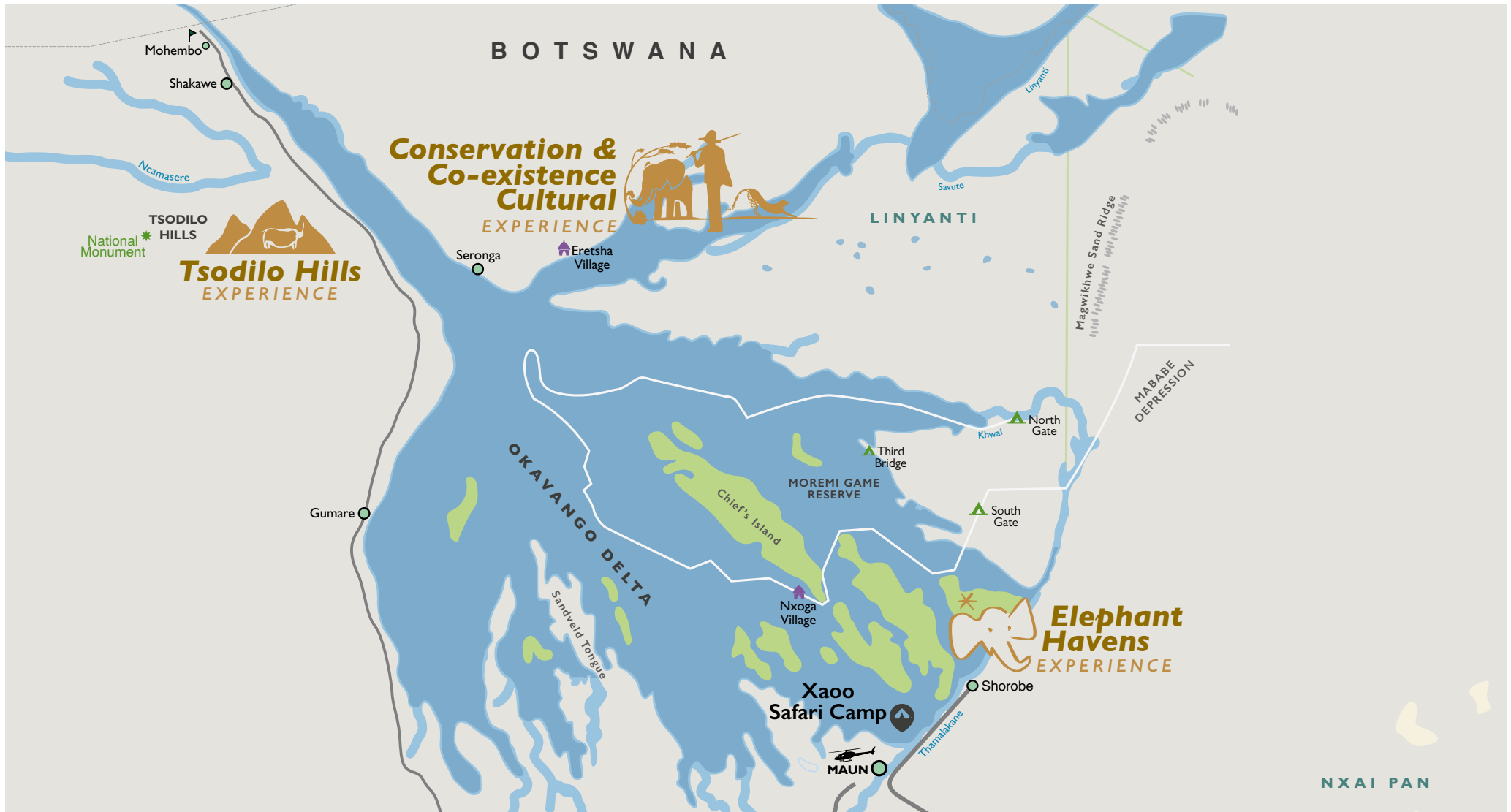
A champagne stop is possible on any scenic flight from Setari Camp where the pilot finds a deserted palm island halfway through the flight. Once on the ground, champagne is popped for the guests to enjoy as they take in the views from the ground along with further information about the delta from the engaging pilot, an unforgettable experience mid-flight.





# HELICOPTER TRANSFERS WITH XAOO SAFARI CAMP

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.



**One Way Transfer - Maun to Xaoo Safari Camp**  
\$250 per person (minimum 2 people)

**Return Transfer - Maun to Xaoo Safari Camp**  
\$500 per person (minimum 2 people)





## TSODILO HILLS EXPERIENCE

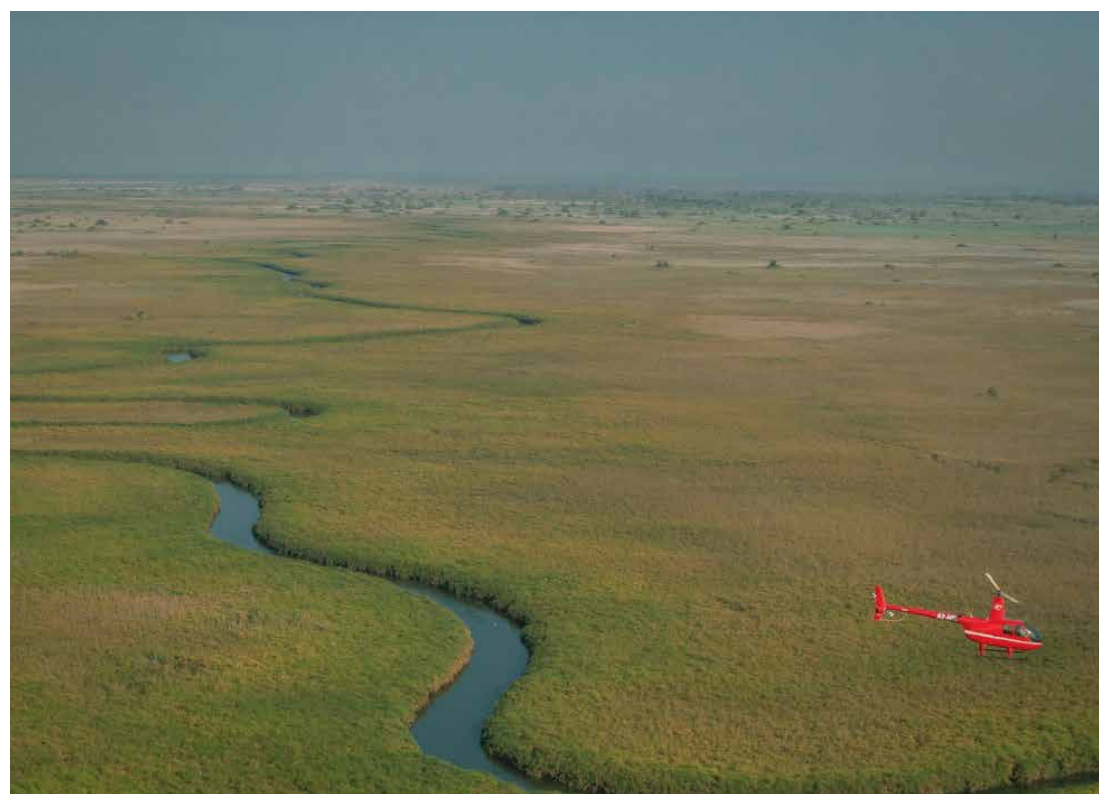
Four rocky hills, including Botswana's highest point, jut strikingly out of the surrounding Kalahari Desert plains to form Tsodilo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the remote northwest of the country; a definite a 'must see' for those seeking more than wildlife from their time in Botswana. Over 4500 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) | Xaoo Safari Camp









## 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.



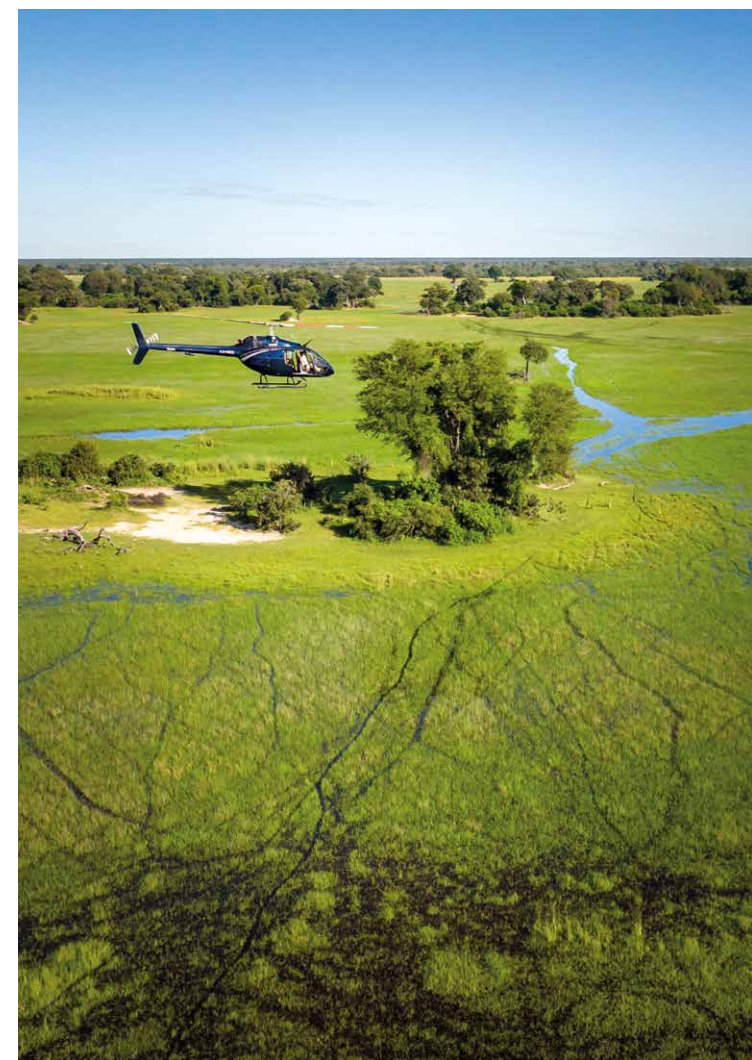
On arrival at our second project, guests will be taken on a two and a half hour tour with the 'Life With Elephants' tour group in the traditional Hambukushu village of Eretsha. The tour group was set up by the conservation NGO, Ecoexist in an effort to increase benefits coming back to communities that 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) | Xaoo Safari Camp









## 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.

\$445 per person (minimum 2 people) | Xaoo Safari Camp







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