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 The Botswana Experts *based in Botswana*

Okavango Lodge Horse Safari (7 nights)

The ultimate riding experience based in the Okavango Delta. This safari is for experienced riders only.

Jan - Mar, Oct & Dec 2012 - USD 6025pps

Apr - June, 16th Oct - 30th Nov 2012 - USD 6550pps

July - 15th Oct 2012 - USD 7095 pps

Day 1:

On arrival in **Maun** you are met and transferred by **plane and a game drive** to our camp which overlooks a seasonal flood plain lagoon. After **lunch under the trees**, there is time for a rest before the **evening ride** where you can get to know your horse. We return, as every evening, to a **candle-lit dinner**.

Day 2:

Awoken by a cup of tea or coffee in bed, followed by a light breakfast we then ride **westwards following Elephant trails** from one **palm island to another** through seas of grass into the backcountry. After lunch and a siesta we ride out into the plains, later enjoying a drink while the sun goes down.

Day 3:

We leave camp early to investigate fresh game tracks, joining **semi-aquatic red lechwe** as they thunder through the water meadows. A **champagne breakfast** is waiting for us under a large **Baobab tree**. The evening ride is spent exploring the **lower flood plains** where **Elephant** often gather at a pool. As dusk closes in we have drinks around the fire.

Day 4:

We ride through different country, making our way through clouds of **bushman hair grass** to plains with fig trees. We might encounter **Giraffe** or shy **Antelope** while passing through mopane woodlands. Our pace increases as we break out onto the flood plains, often disturbing troops of **Baboons**. Returning to the camp for an afternoon spent at leisure and later a **night game drive** by spotlight.

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Day 5:

While staff pack up we leave for our fly camp riding **deeper into the heart of the delta**. On reaching another river system we find our fly camp looking out over a **Hippo** pool. Here we stay for the night. The afternoon may be spent swimming or walking. Fires are lit at night to create a strong human presence to keep marauding animals away from the horses. Night watches are fun and guests usually join in.

Day 6:

Having kept watch under the stars the next morning we splash through water on the vast open plains, home to **Wildebeest** and **Zebra**. The riding may be fast as we approach deep reedy areas full of **Bird** life – heading back to main camp for a hearty lunch.

Day 7:

For our last full day we ride through the **shallow flood plains** admiring the deeper pools of lilies. Here the **Buffalo** gather in numbers and we have to creep up to them using islands for cover. The evening offers a last quiet ride with memorable smells of sage as the sun goes down.

Day 8:

For your **final ride** we will go along some of the **high palm islands** which offer great vistas. We'll maybe take a final exhilarating gallop and run with the game before returning to camp to prepare for your onward journey.

We are sure you will never forget the true sense of freedom which you will experience on your horse with us in the **Okavango Delta** in Africa.

Please note this Safari is **exciting but not strenuous**. This itinerary only serves as a guide; all **scenarios are dependent on the season and levels of the Okavango flood**. At times it may not be possible to go on fly camps and during cooler months one longer ride may replace the normal morning and evening rides. Local **weather conditions may also affect** game movements.