

# AIRVENTURES BOTSWANA

# FACT SHEET

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## OKAVANGO DELTA



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### QUICK FACTS

- Minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 guests
- Only available between 15 April and 15 September
- Hot air balloon activity replaces morning activity at the lodge
- Children – children under the age of 7 years are permitted on request and approval from AirVentures, a parent or guardian must accompany any child under the age of 16
- Keeping with tradition, on landing, the flight will be celebrated with sparkling wine and orange juice
- Location – North Western part of the Okavango Delta, Botswana
- Drive Time – Depending on the winds, the exciting drive to the launch site could take up to 1.5 hours

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AirVentures offers hot air balloon safaris over the Okavango Delta, a world heritage site located in the north western region of Botswana. The experience of a Balloon safari, in one of Africa's great wilderness destinations, epitomises the very best of game viewing, flying over a landscape flooded with water and winding channels, dotted with islands, and combined with large expanses of woodland forests. This age-old ballooning adventure explores the Okavango Delta in a completely unique way offering a 360-degree panoramic view from tree top level to a thousand feet in the air.

A welcoming greeting by the pilot, followed with a safety briefing and demonstration of the boarding and landing procedures for the balloon, gets you set and ready for take-off! The flight launches just prior to sunrise and will drift across the flood plains with the cool winds of the morning. On a different adventure every morning, the pilot will expertly navigate the balloon using only the winds at various altitudes. From drifting at treetop height to a 1000ft or more, spectacular vistas of the Delta will unveil themselves as the first rays of sunlight roll across the waters of the flood plains. The chance of sighting wildlife adds to the excitement of the flight, elevated by the heart pounding anticipation of spotting one of the Big Five.

A wide variety of wildlife, in an equally wide variety of terrain and vegetation types, can be viewed as the balloon floats unhindered across this great African Wilderness. The diversity of the fauna and flora, and the encounters between the two, provide for some spectacular photographic opportunities, especially from the unique vantage point the balloon offers. On landing, the balloon will be met by the recovery vehicles which have been tracking the balloon's journey. A scenic area in the bush will be selected for the traditional champagne celebration, to toast this age-old adventure.

A presentation by the pilot of your commemorative flight certificate concludes a memorable morning. The awaiting guides then take you on a game drive back to your Camp for a well-deserved breakfast. Our balloon safaris are located in the North Western part of the Okavango Delta, between the Vumbura River, and the Selinda Spillway. The area is comprised of a diversity of terrain types, ranging from large wooded forests, to wide open flood plains, and attracts a wide variety of wildlife. Large herds of buffalo and elephant visiting the area during the winter months, resident predators, and a prolific birdlife during the summer months, make this an impressive area to visit.



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