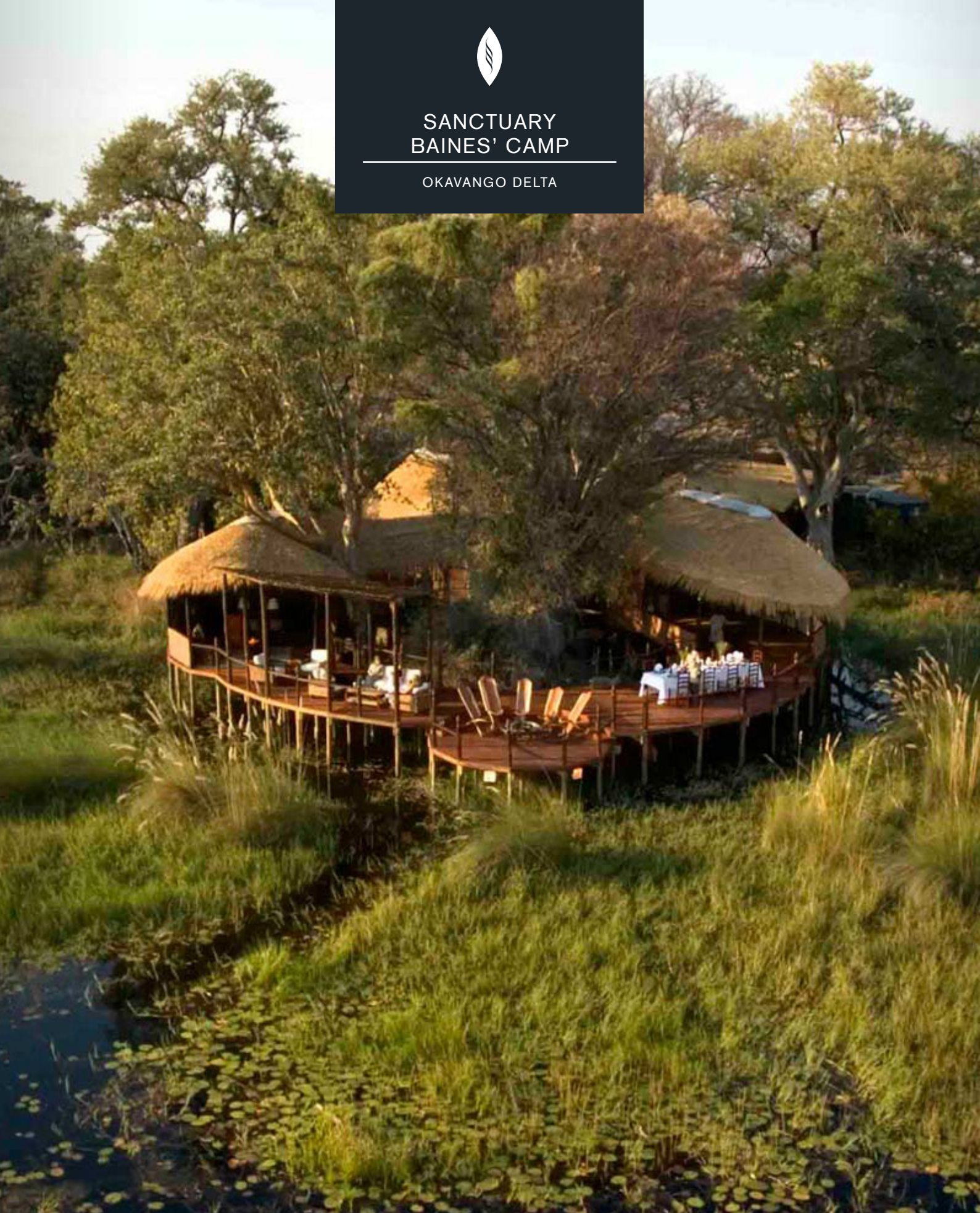




## SANCTUARY BAINES' CAMP

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OKAVANGO DELTA



## BOTSWANA 5 SUITES

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Sanctuary Baines' Camp is our smallest camp with only five luxurious suites. With star baths and sky beds on your private deck, this is a romantic oasis.



## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and one of our smallest camps, Sanctuary Baines' Camp.

Sanctuary Baines' Camp is located on a vast private concession bordering the Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana's Okavango Delta and with its vast and diverse wildlife species is one of the premium destinations in the world for a dynamic safari experience and offers a truly unique wilderness safari in Africa.

An intimate safari camp, Sanctuary Baines' was named after the 19th century explorer and painter Thomas Baines. This is Sanctuary's smallest camp with just five suites set on elevated platforms in the tree line with wooden decks that offer expansive views over the permanent water of the Boro River and a lagoon teeming with life. An eco-friendly property, Sanctuary Baines' Camp was built using only commercially grown wood, with over 150,000 recycled aluminium cans incorporated within the walls to provide insulation.

## USPS

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- Small intimate camp with just 5 rooms
- Romantic Star beds and star baths make it a perfect place for honeymoons
- Offers an exclusive and unique Elephant interaction activity
- Offers land and river based activities, walking and night drives
- Unique bush skills activity
- Eco-friendly camp built from cans
- Complimentary Wi-Fi available in all the rooms

## ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

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The five luxury suites are set on elevated platforms with wooden decks that offer expansive views over a permanent lagoon on the Boro River. Each luxury suite features ensuite facilities, a private viewing deck and four-poster "sky beds" swathed in mosquito netting.

The four-poster beds are fully mobile and can easily be wheeled out onto the private wooden deck overlooking the shimmering waters of the Boro River. For the ultimate indulgence, guests can enjoy a "star bath" on the deck. Each room is equipped with a hairdryer, ceiling fan, in-room safe, minibar, and mosquito nets. Ensuite facilities include an indoor shower and double vanity. Complimentary wireless internet access is available in all of the rooms of the camp.

The camp also has a swimming pool with two thatched salas on either side. Electricity supply is a combination of silent packed generator and battery system.

## LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

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Sanctuary Baines' Camp is located in the 260,000 acre private NG32 concession which neighbours the game rich Moremi Game Reserve. The camp is accessible by air and has its own registered private airstrip located approximately 45 minutes from the camp.

**Flying times:** (dependent on multiple pick-ups and drop offs)

- Maun to Baines' airstrip - 15 minutes
- Chief's airstrip to Baines' airstrip - 10 minutes
- Kasane to Baines' airstrip - 1 hour 30 minutes
- Livingstone to Baines' airstrip via Kasane airport - 2 hours
- Livingstone to Baines' airstrip via Kazangula and Kasane - 2 hours and 30 minutes

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All inter-camp flights are done by Mackair and the luggage restriction is 20kg / 44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag with no wheels.





## GAME VIEWING AND ACTIVITIES

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The game viewing around camp is thrilling. Water crossings are part of the adventure and watching zebra standing belly-deep grazing is a sight to see! Because Sanctuary Baines' Camp is set in a private concession, there is the opportunity to venture out after dark on night game drives to see the nocturnal animals. Key wildlife include: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, impala, zebra, wild dog, hyena, and hippo.

The following activities are included in your stay:

**Game drives:** Enjoy game drives, spotting wildlife from open-sided 4X4 vehicles, accompanied by professional guides. Because the camp is located on a private concession, guests have the opportunity to see animals up close on both morning and evening game drives to discover incredible nocturnal species.

**Mokoro excursions and motorised boating:** One of the best ways to view the wildlife is in a mokoro, a locally made dugout canoe or a motorised boat. Explore the waterways and lagoons that make up the Okavango Delta as you see the plains game from a new angle. (Subject to water levels). Generally mokoros are available from January to October and motorised boating from February to September but can't be guaranteed.

**Walking safaris:** Discover the signs of the bush, accompanied by your guide and armed ranger on exciting walking safaris. The camp is set in a private concession meaning guests can get very close in perfect safety with one of our guides.

## BUSH SKILLS ADVENTURE

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Learn what it takes to survive in the delta from those who grew up in the area. Our local expert guides are ready to share their knowledge and expertise. By day put your bush skills to the test while at night indulging in the luxuries of this five star camp. The Bush skills adventure is perfect for a father and son weekend away or for a family who wants to experience a real learning adventure. The activity is available at no extra cost to a minimum of four and a maximum of six guests. In the case of two guests wanting to do the activity a private vehicle would need to be booked and paid for when making the booking. We suggest guests stay at least three nights in order to experience all the activities in this program. Learn how to:

- Pole a mokoro
- Make traditional spears for fishing and how to catch fish in the delta (catch and release basis)
- Track and identify animal foot prints
- Find out how to identify and find edible plants (seasonal)
- Learn how to make rope out of natural materials
- Find water in the bush
- How to construct and place traps to catch wildlife (theory practical only)
- Palm nut harvesting
- Build a shelter, navigate by the stars / sun
- Weave a basket

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

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**Elephant interaction activity:** Sanctuary Retreats and non-profit charity Living with Elephants invite you to explore Africa from an elephant's perspective. Guests are able to enjoy the incredible experience of walking with two orphaned elephants in the bush brought up in the area by their guardians Doug and Sandi Groves. Every morning the elephants go for a walk around their home range, foraging for food. A few people each day are able to accompany them on their walk through the bush and see the wilds of Africa through the eyes of an elephant - a truly uplifting experience that makes a lasting impression on all who share their time with the elephants. This activity which is about four hours includes a leisurely paced walk with a pair of semi-habituated elephants, followed by a picnic lunch in their company. We recommend pre-booking. The activity is offered to a minimum of two guests and available to children 9 years and older. Please note the elephants are on leave each year from 15 January – 15 February (Pre-booking is essential.)

**Scenic helicopter flights:** Enjoy a scenic helicopter flight over the permanent delta, exposing areas unreachable by vehicle or boat and showcasing the sheer enormity of the Okavango Delta. There is the option of the doors being removed for unrestricted photographic opportunities. Guests are able to choose between a 30, 45 or 60 minute tour in a three seater, one turbine Bell Jetranger helicopter. This activity is offered on a year round basis. Guests are able to choose when they would like to do the activity, however we would recommend early morning and late afternoon as this time usually provides the best light for photography. Preferred flight times can be requested in camp when making a booking.



## A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

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### **Summer Schedule:** September - April

- 05:30 Wakeup call
- 06:00 Breakfast
- 06:30 Depart for morning game viewing
- 12:00 Lunch
- 16:00 High tea
- 16:30 Depart for afternoon game viewing
- 20:30 Dinner

### **Winter Schedule:** May - August

- 06:00 Wakeup call
- 06:30 Breakfast
- 07:00 Depart for morning game viewing
- 11:30 Lunch
- 15:30 High tea
- 16:00 Depart for afternoon game viewing
- 20:00 Dinner

## HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Guests celebrating their honeymoon will receive special surprises during their stay. All attempts are made to keep honeymooners separate from other guests.

Our honeymoon services include:

- Sparkling wine on arrival in the room
- Romantic turn downs
- Private candle lit dinner at the pool deck
- Private island lunch in the bush (if possible)
- Star baths set up on room deck as a surprise (in summer months)
- Star beds rolled out onto room deck for a night under the stars

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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We welcome children 6 years and older at Sanctuary Baines' Camp.

Our friendly guides will be able to offer special children's activities. These include teaching them the art of poling a mokoro, a local dug-out canoe commonly used in the Delta. It is propelled through the shallow waters of the delta by standing in the stern and pushing with a pole, in the same manner as punting. Find water and identify edible plants in the bush. Learn how to make rope out of natural materials.

Children under 15 years are required to share with an adult. The camp is able to accommodate 1 triple per night. Private vehicle must be booked for children aged 15 years and younger. Children aged 15 years and younger aren't allowed on walking safaris. Housekeepers are able to baby sit children while guests are on an activity. Child minding is charged at a nominal fee, which is paid to the child minder.

## DINING

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Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, snacks during activities and dinners are all included in your stay. Breakfast is served before the morning game activity. During your morning game viewing activity, coffee, tea and a selection of pastries and biscuits will be served out in the bush. Lunch will be enjoyed back at the camp.

Afternoon tea is served just before the afternoon game activity and offers a selection of cakes, sweet and savoury treats, tea, and coffee and fresh fruit juices. Afternoon and evening game drives include classic sundowner cocktails and canapés at specially selected spots before returning to the camp for pre-dinner drinks and dinner. Romantic private dinners on your room deck or by the pool can be arranged upon request. With prior notice, our camps are able to arrange halaal meals, however, please note our kitchens aren't strictly halaal and our chefs are not trained in halaal food preparation. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange kosher meals.

### **Meals typically consist of the following:**

- Breakfast: Continental and full English Breakfast
- Lunch: Buffet style lunch with a variety of choices, one being a vegetarian
- Dinner: Table d'Hote, 3 course meal with 2 to 3 choices, one being a vegetarian



## CLIMATE

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Green season usually begins in late November and lasts through early March. This season has hot sunny days with occasional afternoon thundershowers cooling down the surrounding area. Average daily temperatures range from 20°C-38°C. The dry season runs from late May to early October. In winter (June–August) temperatures can plummet as low as 0°C at night with a daily maximum of around 26°C-28°C.

## CLOTHING

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Clothing should be cool and comfortable. Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris especially when doing a walking safari. We suggest long sleeves and long trousers and for morning and evenings due to mosquitoes and a fleece jacket as it could be cold early mornings. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp.

Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. The camp provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.

## HEALTH

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We advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking with your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure. Travellers from or through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever upon arrival into Botswana.

## MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

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All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard and traveller's cheques. US dollars, Pounds, Euros and Rands are also accepted; however change will be given in the local currency. Diners Card and American Express Cards are not accepted.

## TIPPING GUIDELINE

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Tipping is not obligatory but generally accepted rates are \$15 per guest per day for the guide and \$10 per guest per day for the rest of the staff.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

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Sanctuary Baines' Camp prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, interests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.



## PHILANTHROPY PROJECTS

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### **Living with Elephants Foundation**

The Living with Elephants foundation was launched in 1999 by American couple Doug and Sandi Groves, and the charity is dedicated to creating harmonious relationships between people and elephants. Living with Elephants also works to secure the long term future of its elephant ambassadors. Elephants can live for 70 years so when Doug and Sandi adopted Jabu and Morula, rescuing them from culling operations that had left them orphans, they knew they were making a life-long commitment to the pair - and that they would probably outlive the Groves by decades.

Every year, Living with Elephants offers children from neighbouring villages the opportunity to interact with the elephants. Immersed in the world of the African elephant for two days, ten children at a time (aged between 9 and 12 years), along with two adult chaperones, participate in active educational games and share in discussions, art and music. They learn about the natural history, ecology and behaviour of the African elephant, their complex interaction with people, and explore actions that encourage a more positive relationship between elephants and humans. Sanctuary is proud to sponsor Living with Elephants' invaluable work to improve the human-elephant interface.



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## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally', all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

## RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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