



**8 DAY AFRICAN**

**HORSEBACK SAFARI**



# THE START OF A LEGACY

Falcon Safaris is run by people who know the African continent intimately, who have lived there, and who know the people and Places. It is run by people who were born and raised in Africa and who continue to return year after year – not only to refresh their knowledge but predominantly because of the love and passion that they have for its areas.

Falcon Safaris is owned and managed by  
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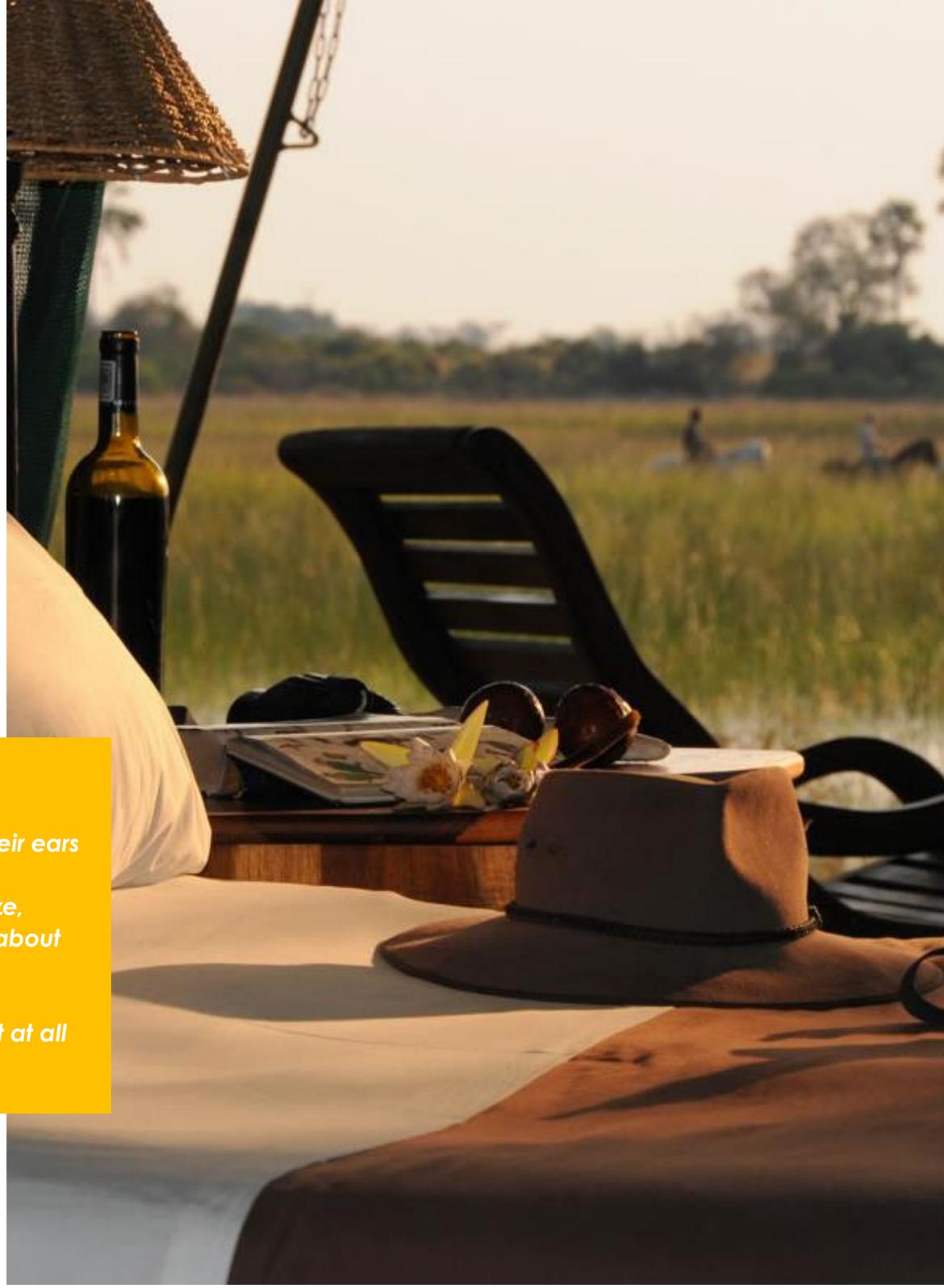


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There is no better way to savour the Okavango Delta and experience its unparalleled wildlife population than on horseback. The annual flooding of the area leaves vast swathes of the Delta inaccessible to vehicles, making horses the most natural and exciting means to explore. Our experienced guides are full of fascinating stories about the ever-changing landscape, its trees and plants, and have an incredible ability to spot even the best-camouflaged wildlife.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ *Our horses also have finely-tuned senses - keep an eye on their ears to see where animals are hiding.*
- ✓ *Once comfortable, our horses calmly drop their heads to graze, sending a signal to other animals in the area to relax and go about their normal daily routines.*
- ✓ *In order to ensure the safest and most enjoyable horseback adventure for everyone, riders must be riding fit and confident at all paces.*





## ROUTE & ITINERARY

### DAY 1:

Upon arrival in Maun, you are met and transferred by light aircraft, then by game drive vehicle, to Macatoo Camp which overlooks a seasonal flood plain lagoon. You are met with a song, and refreshing drink, before going to your tent, to unpack. Accommodation is luxurious, and the tent has a private veranda, overlooking the plain. After lunch under the trees, there is usually time for a rest before the evening ride where you get to know your horse. Return to camp for a candle-lit dinner.

### DAY 2:

An early morning wake-up call, with a cup of tea or coffee, before a light breakfast, and then you start your morning ride. Travelling westwards following elephant trails from one palm Falcon to another, through seas of grass, into the backcountry. After lunch and a siesta, you ride out into the plains, and enjoy a refreshing sun downer, before returning to camp, and dinner.

### DAY 3:

You leave camp early today, to investigate fresh game tracks, joining the rare semi-aquatic antelope, the red lechwe, as they thunder through the water meadows. A champagne breakfast is waiting for you 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, enjoy drinks around the fire.

## **DAY 4:**

The ride today is through different country, as you make your way through clouds of bushman hair grass to plains dotted with fig trees. There is a chance that you will encounter giraffe or shy antelope while passing through mopane woodlands. The pace increases as you break out onto the flood plains, often disturbing troops of baboons. You return to the camp for an afternoon spent at leisure and later a night drive by spotlight.

## **DAY 5:**

While the staff pack up camp, you leave for the 'fly-camp', riding deeper into the heart of the Delta. On reaching another river system, you arrive at the new camp, which is already set up, and looks out over a favourite elephant watering hole. The stay here is for one night, enjoying a genuine bush experience. The afternoon may be spent swimming or walking. Fires are lit at night, creating a strong human presence to keep marauding animals away from the horses. The night watch is fun, and riders usually join in.

## **DAY 6:**

Having kept watch under the stars, the next morning splash through water on the vast open plains, home to wildebeest and zebra. The riding may be fast as you approach deep reedy areas full of bird life. After a break, you ride back to Macatoo Camp along the numerous waterways lined with large trees.



## DAY 7:

This is your last full day's riding, and you get to canter through the shallow flood plains, admiring the deeper pools of lilies. Here, the buffalo gather in numbers and you 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 with final sundowners in a surprising location.

## DAY 8:

For your final ride, you go along some of the high palm islands which offer great vistas. You have the chance for a final exhilarating gallop and run with the game before returning to camp to prepare for your onward journey

## INCLUDED

- ✓ Accommodation at Macatoo Camp on a sharing basis
- ✓ All meals and selected local beverages
- ✓ Riding and Non-Riding activities
- ✓ 12% Government VAT

## EXCLUDED

- ✗ Visas and full travel and medical insurance - which is essential
- ✗ Return transport from your home to Maun/Kasane
- ✗ Charter flight from Maun/Kasane to camp (see rates below)
- ✗ Gratuities for camp staff and guides
- ✗ Purchases from the curio shop



# OUR TRAVELLERS SAY



Google Rating

5.0 ★★★★★

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**B. Hopkins - AU**

**reliable and friendly**



Good communication and service. Bookings made with them were all in order.

Only booked Hotel and transfer- not a Safari



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**Great Planners**

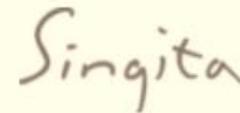
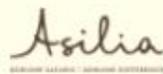


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