



Helicopter and Horseback Safari at Belmond Eagle Island Lodge

Starting at first light in the morning, a ten-minute helicopter flight (with its doors off for maximum game-viewing) takes guests to the private concession bordering on the Moremi Game Reserve where the horses live. After meeting with the specialised guide, it's time to mount the horses and explore the miraculous World Heritage Site of the Okavango Delta, traversing palm-lined islands, grassy flood plains, mopane forests and clear streams.

What makes this experience so special is that guests will have the opportunity to get close to most of the game. Being able to move silently on the horses, it is also possible to pass unnoticed whilst watching the animals go about their day to day business totally unaffected by your presence. Another advantage of being on horseback is that one can move with the animals and follow them on their journeys, unhindered by river crossings and difficult terrain that would rule out a game drive vehicle. Guests can therefore anticipate the possibility of riding with wild dogs on the hunt, travelling with elephants as they meander through the river systems, investigate vultures circling in the distance, or follow herds of buffalo.

The helicopter and horseback safari experience can be pre-booked at time of your reservation or at Belmond Eagle Island Lodge and guests may opt for a half-day or a full day experience. The magnificent horses, all full or part thoroughbred, pure Arab, Anglo Arab, Fresian Cross and Botswana Warm Bloods, are well-schooled, responsive and a pleasure to ride.

Terms & Conditions:

- Minimum riding ability required is mastery of the basic aids, ability to post to the trot for stretches of 10 minutes at a time, to be comfortable at all paces and to be able to gallop out of trouble
- Maximum weight is 200lbs (90kg)
- Minimum horse-riding age is 12 years, and maximum of 80 years of age
- A riding and indemnity form must be completed by each person prior to the activity taking place
- Guests must provide suitable riding gear
- Riding chaps and helmets will be provided
- 3 hours riding time when booking a half-day excursion, and 6 hours riding time when booking a full-day excursion
- Suitable travel insurance is required by all guests taking part in the activity





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Rates 2016

Half Day: \$716 pp | Full Day: \$ 958 pp

Includes:

- A return 20 minute scenic helicopter flight
- Guided by experienced and armed guides
- Riding chaps and helmets
- Light refreshments will be available before, during and after the ride
- A buffet lunch with soft drinks will be offered during a full day excursion
- Okavango Air Rescue enrolment
- 12% VAT

Excludes:

- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Gift shop purchases
- Personal insurance for horse riding activities
- Guests to provide comfortable riding gear and shoes

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