



## ELELA, OKAVANGO DELTA FAQs

How big is Singita's Okavango Delta concession (NG26)?

175,000 hectares / 420,000 acres.

What does Elela mean?

Elela means 'to flow' in Setswana.

Is the concession exclusive to Singita?

Singita has majority access to the concession (NG26). However, there are two other operators, Beagle Expeditions and African Horseback Safaris, that sub-lease from Singita and operate in private areas in the southern part of the concession. Due to its size, their presence and operations don't impact or interrupt the Singita experience.

How can I get to Elela?

Mack Air offers daily scheduled flights from Maun/Kasane to the Singita Airstrip. These are shared flights and may have stops along the way. Alternatively, Mack Air offers private charter options

Guests can also charter helicopter flights with Helicopter Horizons for a more scenic flight over the Delta.

How far is the airstrip from Elela?

15 minutes' drive.

What are the airstrip coordinates?

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E 022'33"09"

How many lodges are there in Singita's concession (NG26), and what are the plans for the future?

Elela will be the first property to open here in December 2026. Singita plans to expand our offering across the concession in the future

Does each camp have a private vehicle?

Yes, each camp comes with its own private vehicle, guide, tracker, Camp Manager, and arrival point, for complete exclusivity.

What experiences will be on offer?

Is there water all year round? Is Elela a wet and dry camp?

What is the wildlife viewing like across seasons? What can one expect to see?

Twice-daily drives, walks, mokoro excursions (seasonal), boat trips (seasonal), helicopter flights, wine tastings and pairings, fishing (seasonal), stargazing, yoga, wellness rituals, a Conservation Lounge, workouts in the fitness spaces in the four-bedroom camp and the hub, visits to the Singita Community Culinary School, and other conservation and community guest experiences we will communicate soon.

Elela overlooks permanent water year-round, but the floodwaters fluctuate.

The Okavango Delta is a year-round travel destination with a distinct dry season (winter), when the floods arrive, and rainy season (summer), and gentler transitional periods in between.

Its landscape shifts significantly with these seasons, as does wildlife presence and movements. We recommend adjusting your clothing choices around the timing of your journey.

#### **January - March:**

The Delta experiences its heaviest rainfall during this period, usually in thunderous afternoon storms or showers lasting between a few hours and days. Mornings and evenings are cool, but daytime temperatures remain high. We recommend bringing waterproof gear (jackets, long pants, and closed shoes), as well as comfortable casual clothing to manage the heat and humidity during the day.

#### **April - June:**

This is the beginning of the Delta's dry season. As the rains start to dwindle, floodwater from the Okavango River fills the Delta, drawing

out all forms of life. This period tends to be consistently yet bearably warm. Days are clear and the nights are cool, making it a pleasant time of year to be here. We recommend bringing comfortable clothing for the daytime and a light jacket or warmer attire for the cooler evenings.

#### **July - September:**

This is the coolest and driest time of year in the Delta, with little to no rain and low humidity. Days are often still warm and pleasant, but mornings and evenings can get very cold, with temperatures sometimes approaching freezing. We recommend bringing a combination of warm clothing for early morning drives and boat trips and comfortable casual clothing for relaxing in, and if days are warm.

#### **October - December:**

Temperatures rise considerably during this period. Days are hot and sunny, broken by occasional cloud cover, cooling rains, and thunderstorms. Nights and early mornings are warm and pleasant. We recommend packing for the heat. Bring comfortable, breathable clothing for the daytime and light waterproof gear for the cooler mornings and nights.

Wildlife viewing at Singita Okavango Delta is excellent throughout the year, but there's never a guarantee of what you'll see. This is the nature of the wilderness.

During the dry season, from April to September, the floods arrive in an otherwise water-sparse landscape. Wildlife, both big and small, congregates around them, making this a great time of year for viewing wildlife. This is the beginning of peak safari season in the region.

Between October and March, when the landscape is lush and thriving, migratory birds arrive, and many species in the region experience their birthing season. This is a great time of year for birders, and to see predator-prey interactions, along with other big plains game and antelope.

What wildlife can you expect to see at Elela?

The Delta is an incredibly rich and diverse ecosystem. Although wildlife sightings are never guaranteed, it's home to lechwe, lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, roan antelope, sable antelope, sitatunga, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, kudu, cheetahs, honey badgers, hyenas, wild dogs, bat-eared foxes, black-backed jackals, crocodiles, and hippopotamuses, as well as abundant bird, plant, insect, and marine life.

Angolan reed frogs and other amphibian species make for a particularly soothing nighttime chorus.

What is the recommended length of stay at Elela?

We recommend a minimum of four nights to make the most of all that the Delta offers.

What is the age restriction at Elela?

Children of all ages are welcome at Elela. If guests are travelling with children, we recommend booking either a two-bedroom camp or the four-bedroom camp. Alternatively, a triple can be arranged for one young child under the age of 12.

What can you combine with Elela within Botswana?

When combining Elela in an extended itinerary, we'll consider the time of year guests are travelling, their profile and expectations, and the experience they're hoping to have, as well as what other Singita properties are being combined.

For Botswana-only itineraries, we'll look at combining Elela with the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans and/or the Linyanti Reserve, or possibly with another region within the Okavango Delta.

Elela combines well with Pamushana and Malilangwe House, as well as Victoria Falls, in Zimbabwe, and Singita's properties in the Sabi Sand and Kruger National Park. We'll also look at combining Elela with Singita Volcanoes National Park and Singita Serengeti.

Please see our preferred supplier list for Botswana.

Can all the beds be split?

Yes, all beds can be twin split.

Are triples possible?

Yes, there is a day bed set up in each bedroom that can be used as a third bed, although only for children under the age of 12. Triples impact the flow of the room, so we recommend that guests book a two-bedroom camp where possible.

What is the distance from the main area to the guest camps?

Camp One to Hub: 190 m

Camp Two to Hub: 202 m

Camp Three to Hub: 212 m

Camp Four to Hub: 105 m

Camp Five to Hub: 60 m

Camp Six to Hub: 116 m

\*Please note that Camps One, Two, and Three sit on the same island and are easy to walk between, but to get to Camps Four and Five from Camps One, Two, and Three, you would need to walk all the way back around to the hub (almost) and join another pathway. There is a water channel that separates Camps Three and Four.

There will be a raised deck to move

between all the camps and the hub (slightly raised above the ground but not high as there is a full strand electric fence around the property).

Do the camps have air-conditioning?

Yes, all camps have air conditioning in each room.

What is the average temperature in the Okavango Delta?

The temperature fluctuates depending on the time of year. Please see the above detailed weather overview or refer to our [Botswana Destination Guide](#).

Where does Elela's electricity come from?

Elela is powered by solar energy.

Is there a lounge in Maun? What will be on offer?

There will be a Singita lounge opposite the airport in Maun where guests can wait for their flight, connect to Wi-Fi, and enjoy some light refreshments. It has a washroom but no shower facilities, and seats 14 people.

What are the entry requirements for Botswana?

A passport valid for a minimum of six months from the date of entry into Botswana, with at least three consecutive blank pages.

Guests must also be prepared to show a round trip or onward ticket and evidence of sufficient funds to support their stay.

Citizens of over 100 countries can enter Botswana for tourism purposes without a visa. The list of visa-exempt countries includes the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and most European countries, as well as South Africa and Namibia.

If guests are unsure, they can check whether they need a visa on [Botswana's e-visa website](#).

How many rooms are there at Elela?

There are five one-bedroom camps, two two-bedroom camps, and one four-bedroom camp, making for a total of 13 rooms.

Which room type is best suited for families?

Either a two-bedroom or the four-bedroom camp.

What are the international flight connections into and out of Maun?

Airlink flies from Johannesburg and Cape Town to Maun daily. Ethiopian Airlines also flies into Maun, and there are connections with Mack Air between Kasane and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

How will Elela combine with other Singita properties and what will the connections be?

Private charters with CFS or Federal Airlines are the most direct route, with no overnights required. Alternatively, overnight accommodation may be required in Johannesburg if guests prefer to travel via scheduled flights.

At this stage, a private charter will be required to combine Singita Malilangwe and Elela, or guests can overnight in Johannesburg and connect with the Federal Air shuttle/Airlink flight.

Are there rooms suited to wheelchair access?

Yes, one of the one-bedroom camps has been designed to accommodate wheelchair users.

Are the rooms of equal size in the one, two, and four-bedroom camps?

Yes, all rooms at Elela are equal in size.

Is there a wellness space at Elela?

Wellness rituals can be arranged in each camp's lounge.

How many wellness therapists will there be at Elela?

Four or five.

Please note that there are six therapists employed at Elela, but factoring in leave cycles, one will always be absent from the lodge at any given time.

Is there a fitness space at Elela?

The four-bedroom camp has its own fitness space, and there's a larger one in the hub.

Can you book Elela exclusively, as a buy out?

Elela can be booked out exclusively. However, due to the distance between camps, it's not ideal or recommended.

Are there any launch promotions?

There are no specific launch promotions.

Are there trackers on the vehicles?

Yes, each vehicle has a tracker, who will double up as a poler when guests go on a mokoro excursion.

How many pilot guide rooms are there?

There are two pilot guide rooms.

Please explain how the "hub" will work?

Elela's hub is a gathering place at the heart of the property, offering 360-degree views across the concession.

Open to guests at any time, it brings together a shared dining area, bar, wine cellar, Conservation Lounge, Boutique & Gallery, deli, and fitness space — where guests can eat, drink, browse, and simply be.

Beyond the guest-facing areas, the hub is also home to the Singita Community Culinary School campus, an open-plan kitchen, canteen, clinic, and the spaces where our people live and work.

At Elela, the line between front and back of house is intentionally blurred. Guests are welcome to explore and engage with our people across all these spaces — to become part of the ecosystem, and in doing so, connect more deeply with both our people and the Delta itself.

Will Singita have a conservation partner in Botswana?

Yes, we're in the process of establishing (a relationship with) a not-for-profit entity that will oversee all conservation and community initiatives across our Delta concession

Why does each camp at Elela have a private vehicle, but rooms in other regions don't?

Each camp at Elela is private and designed to function as the primary arrival and departure point for all activities — as opposed to the hub, which is how our other properties operate.

This, coupled with the more intuitive experience Elela offers, means it's operationally smoother for each camp to have a private vehicle.

Given the small number of camps relative to the size of the concession, this is possible without negatively impacting the landscape and ecosystem.

Can Elela accommodate two extra children in the four-bedroom camp?

Yes, provided they are under the age of 12. There is a small bunkette behind the main bed in each camp, including the four-bedroom, suitable for one smaller child.

The beds in each room are Single XL, but when pushed together, they make up a single King XL-sized mattress that can accommodate another child.

Elela's rates are significantly higher than those in other regions where Singita operates. Why is this?

Singita Okavango Delta is a vast concession comprising many different species, landscapes, and ecosystems. In order to ensure its integrity is preserved and our impact upon it remains light, we have opted to build only eight camps at Elela.

This low headcount, paired with our commitment to conservation, informs our rates. By opting to travel to Elela, guests are directly contributing to the protection and rejuvenation of the concession.

What is the age restriction for participating in the experiences on offer?

The minimum age requirement for boat trips is six years, 12 years for mokoro excursions, and 16 years for walks across the concession. However, younger children may be permitted to join at the discretion of a guide.

Why are there no family suites at Elela?

The two-bedroom camps at Elela are designed to accommodate families with younger children as both rooms are of equal size, making them suitable for guests of all ages. Family suites typically have one smaller bedroom, which limits booking opportunities for guests without children.

What will the configuration of the vehicles be?

Elela's fleet consists of 10 game viewing vehicles — eight four-seaters and two 6-seaters.

These can be modified by removing their centre console boxes to create rows of three. Four-seaters can be customised to accommodate five guests, and six-seaters can be adjusted to seat seven or eight.

Do you have any renders that you can share?

We're not currently sharing renders. If you're interested in joining us on the journey as Elela comes to life, please sign up to receive updates [here](#).

What happened to the Abu Elephants?

The captive-born and bred elephants that roamed the concession as part of Elephant Back Safaris have all been successfully rewilded and released into the wilderness. Having had no direct interactions with humans over the past 18 months, they have successfully begun breeding, showing partial reintegration with wild herds.

Their release was conducted by Vulcan, a team of vets, large herbivore and animal welfare and behavioural specialists, and postgraduate students researching the value and benefits of rewilding elephants, before Singita and the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) took over the concession lease. Final monitoring of the four remaining collared elephants took place at the end of 2025. We no longer refer to any of the animals by their names, nor will we offer updates on specific individuals.

Can you confirm rates for the other Singita properties so I can book multiple Singita lodges for my guest?

You can access our 2027 rates [here](#).

What does the rate include?

All meals and experiences, including a private vehicle, guide, tracker, and Camp Manager. The only things not included in Elela's rate are all levies, purchases from the Boutique & Gallery, wellness rituals, transfers to and from the lodge, and any additional guest experiences not mentioned above.

Is there an airport VIP Meet & Greet?

The Maun airport is very small and easy to navigate, so VIP assistance or fast track services aren't common practice. Upon arrival, an airport representative will direct guests through the airport, and they will be met by a Singita representative when they enter the main terminal.

If two couples are travelling together and staying across two one-bedroom camps, can the dining spaces be configured to accommodate four people at one of the camps?

Yes, the lodge will be able to accommodate four people for meals.

Could a couple join another booking for a meal at their two-bedroom camp (six people)?

Although the dining spaces in the two-bedroom camps aren't designed to accommodate six people, we can add chairs when requested.

Casual fireside dining at the camp is no issue; however, seating everyone around a table may be challenging. Luckily, there are other opportunities for dining together outside of the camps, like bush dinners, picnics, and meals in the hub or on-site SCCS campus.

The hub is preferable for seated dining as there is more space, so that should be the norm and dining in camps, an exception, unless for a casual fireside dinner.

If guests are travelling with a private guide, they may also want the guide to join for meals in their camp — can this be accommodated?

Typically, Singita charges an exclusive-use rate for any bookings that accommodate 60% or more of the property. Will this be the same at Elela?

Will Elela offer night drives?

How many Mokoros can be out at one time?

How big is the road network across NG26?

What are the Elela camps made from, and which areas are air-conditioned vs naturally ventilated?

What is the square metre size of each camp?

Yes, adding one extra person to the inside dining table is no problem.

Please discuss with Sales at the time of enquiry.

Yes, each camp will have its own vehicle, allowing for flexibility to head out on drives at any time.

Elela accommodates a maximum of ten guests on mokoro excursions at any one time, with each mokoro carrying two people and a poler — meaning no more than five can be out on the water simultaneously.

Singita has laid approximately 250 km of new road infrastructure, significantly expanding access to the concession.

**Overall structure:** Each camp is set on wooden stilts with wooden decks.

**Room / “burrow” area:** Built with a combination of cork and cladding. It is well insulated and has air conditioning.

**Kitchen / lounge area:** Constructed using glass, canvas, cladding, and mesh. The lounge is air-conditioned, while the kitchen is designed for more natural airflow using a combination of canvas and mesh.

**Wellness space:** A combination of glass and canvas, with air conditioning. These rituals take place in each camp’s lounge.

**Comfort considerations:** All spaces have been designed with weather and airflow in mind to ensure maximum comfort.

One-bedroom camp: 116 m<sup>2</sup> internally & 188 m<sup>2</sup> external decks, pool, etc. = 304 m<sup>2</sup> total.

Two-bedroom camp: 188 m<sup>2</sup> internally & 260 m<sup>2</sup> external decks, pool, etc. = 448 m<sup>2</sup> total.

Four-bedroom camp: 474 m<sup>2</sup> internally & 495 m<sup>2</sup> external decks, pool, etc. = 969 m<sup>2</sup> total.

What size are the pools in each camp?

One-bedroom camp: 5 m x 2.5 m x 1.4 m deep.

Two-bedroom camp: 5 m x 2.5 m x 1.4 m deep.

Four-bedroom camp: 9 m x 2.7 m x 1.4 m deep.

Elela lodge descriptor

At Elela, the Delta is more than a setting — it's the experience itself. Mesh walls usher the breeze, floods pass beneath walkways, and circular camps open to the landscape on all sides. Winds change, waters swell and recede, and the sun shifts constantly, revealing a different experience in every moment. Both in the privacy of your camp and the hub at the heart of the property, there's no separation between inside and out, guest and guide, you and the wild. Here, you learn to see all that you didn't know to look for, and days take their shape from instinct.

What does each camp include?

Each camp includes a private vehicle, guide, tracker, Camp Manager, and arrival point. Inside, there's a living area, kitchen, and dining space to gather in. Outside, a deck, pool, and fire pit open onto the wilderness, and a dedicated lounge hosts wellness rituals.

The four-bedroom camp includes two private vehicles, as well as a wine cellar, fitness space, and personal chef.