



**SANDIBE OKAVANGO, Botswana**

**THE LOWDOWN** Not just a luxury hotel, but an experience with a capital E. **BEST FOR** Getting up close and personal with African wildlife.

This recently renovated camp is located on its own private reserve within the Okavango Delta, a Unesco World Heritage site. But if the word 'camp' brings back memories of damp nights spent under canvas, relax – the Sandibe Okavango comprises 12 immaculate suites, each of which stand on stilts above the flood plain. Wood-burning fires, private plunge pools and air conditioning add a luxe touch to pared-back furnishings, such as cane seating and tree-stump tables. Discreet butler hatches are a reminder that the service on offer here is top-notch, so if you want your lunch, say chilled avocado soup or a Caesar salad, brought to you poolside, you only have to ask. Excursions can be included to sights as far away as Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, but Africa is going to come and say hello to you too – expect to be woken by birdsong, watch baboons fool around while you breakfast and gaze in amazement as an elephant gives you the eye.

**BOOK IT** Double rooms from £1,170 ([andbeyond.com](http://andbeyond.com)).



CLOCKWISE FROM THIS PICTURE Watch Africa's creatures come out to play from Sandibe Okavango's luxe lounge; accommodation is positioned to give the best-possible views; and the pared-back suites have modern glam touches

