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FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

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During May, Reservations Project Manager Tanya Karovsky visited Wilderness Chitabe, Vumbura Plains North and King's Pool camps.

Wilderness Chitabe

This camp made my soul happy. The staff was warm, the food plentiful and delicious, and our guide, BB, was incredible. Chitabe offers a classic feel with modern comforts. The game viewing was fantastic: cheetahs, leopards, lions, elephants and more. The terrain in this concession is highly diverse: one moment you feel like you're in a desert, surrounded by dead leadwood trees; the next, you're driving along the river, enjoying an abundance of water birds and lush vegetation.

Wilderness Vumbura Plains North

Vumbura is simply amazing. The stunning rooms and décor blend seamlessly with the Delta. A mokoro ride with our poler, Joe, was a highlight, as were his authentic, engaging stories. Guide OB's cultural talk and the choir's performance on Boma Night were standout moments. After the mokoro ride, Gee and trainee guide Kevin explained how Wilderness collaborates closely with the Okavango Community Trust and local communities, interesting and enriching information. We also took a 15-minute scenic helicopter ride, an absolute must for any guest!

Wilderness King's Pool

The staff and guide were fantastic, and we were treated like royalty during our stay. Special touches like a sundowner stop and brunch at the Elephant Hide made the experience even more memorable. The rooms are gorgeous, with spectacular views; each one has an outdoor lounge set lower to the ground, great for game viewing. I've never seen so many elephants!



Tracy-Lee Davids and Berelize Jansen from our Namibia office visited Botswana in March and shared their experience.

Wilderness Little Vumbura

On arrival at the airport we were warmly greeted by Wilderness staff, feeling special with our boarding passes and personalised water bottles. Flying over the Delta was magical. Upon landing, our guide Max arranged a beautiful picnic before taking us by boat to the camp. Wilderness Little Vumbura, with its intimate setting and eight well-designed tents, felt like home. The food was delicious, served with care. A boat trip with Max revealed bird life, lechwes and hippos.

Wilderness Vumbura Plains

After breakfast, we transferred to Vumbura Plains North, welcomed again by the Wilderness team. The camp's art, interior design and luxurious suites were highlights. Guide Mocks was knowledgeable and skilled, tracking two lions and a cheetah despite the high grass. A mokoro ride with Sticky amazed us, as his sharp eyes spotted tiny frogs, adding to the unique experience. Our trip ended with relaxing by the plunge pool, appreciating more views of Delta wildlife.

All in all, our trip to Wilderness Vumbura Plains and Little Vumbura offered a blend of luxurious accommodation, thrilling wildlife encounters, a variety of activities and unbeatable hospitality, set against the backdrop of the astounding Okavango Delta. Unforgettable.



Louise Newland recently went on a Botswana educational trip and shared some feedback on her stay at Wilderness Jao.

Wilderness Jao

Wilderness Jao is set in a breathtaking location surrounded by riverine forests and wide floodplains. The camp is modern and luxurious, with a sophisticated, contemporary style that boasts stunning features throughout. The two-story main area includes a custom gallery-museum, a library, a traditional boma for dining under the stars, an excellent wine cellar and a well-equipped gym.

The suites and villas are spacious and uniquely designed. They feature wood and thatch roofing, with a mix of glass and mesh walls, all elevated on composite decks connected by wooden walkways.

Known for its top-notch treatments and luxury, the award-winning spa offers the Delta's most sublime spa experience.

The food presentation was creative and visually appealing, and each meal flavourful and plentiful. The menu changed daily, with especially impressive vegetarian options.

The staff was incredibly warm and welcoming. Management staff PK and Reuben were notable for their personable natures, thorough briefings and willingness to share their stories. Disco and Captain, our mokoro guides, were knowledgeable, engaging and delightfully humorous.

