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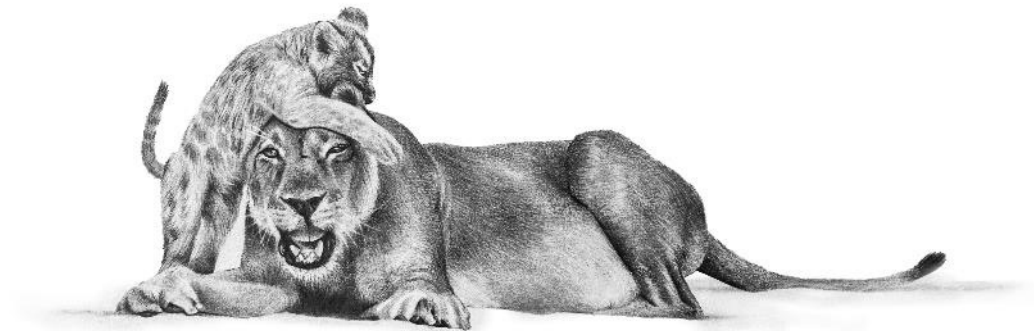
A SUMMER SEASON JOURNEY
BY CRAIG GLATTHAAR

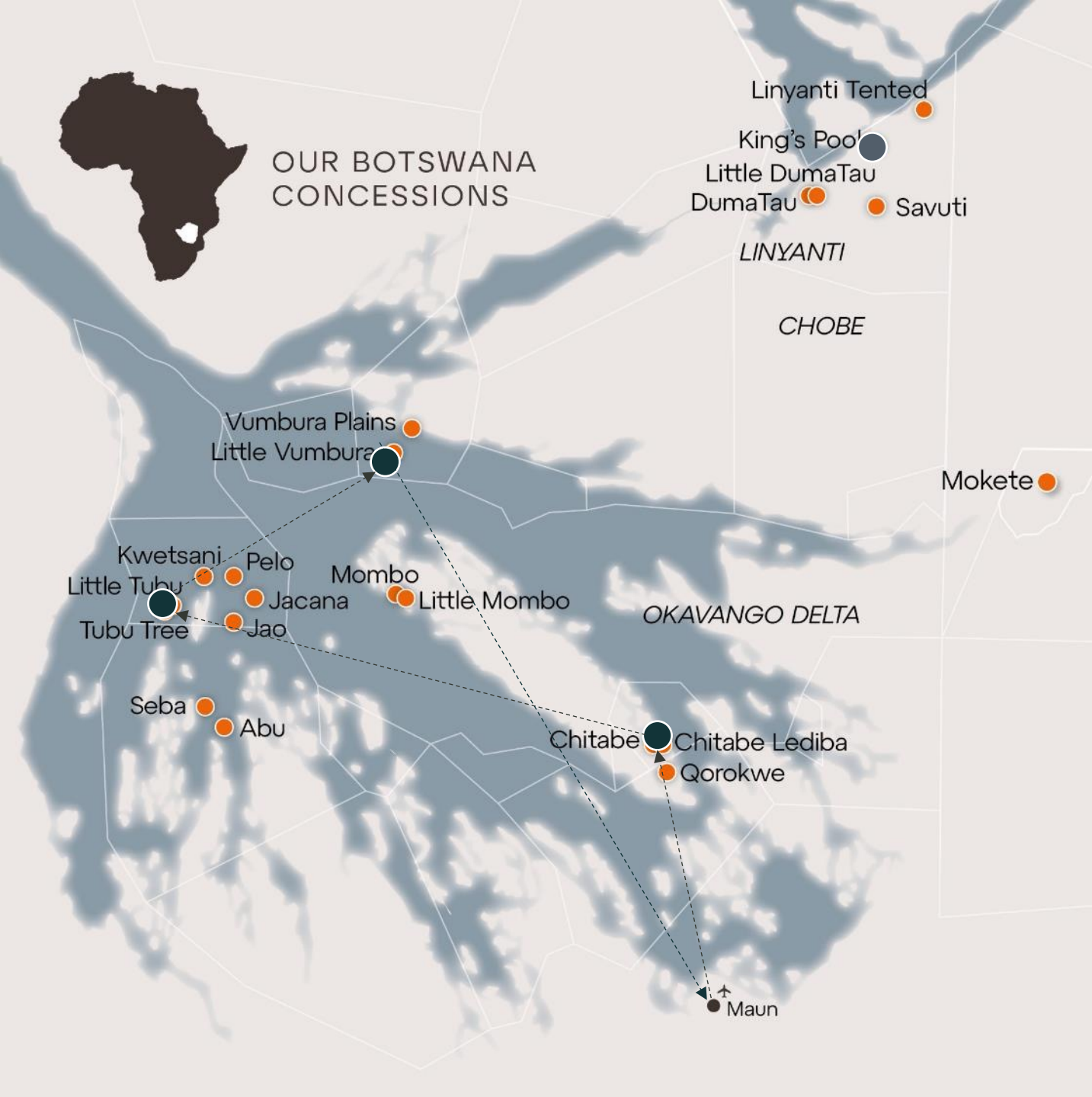
SPOTLIGHT ON BOTSWANA





Craig Glatthaar's (Wilderness Head of Sales: Americas) experience as a private guide, his work with Wilderness, and his training as a conservation scientist, have given him extensive and valuable insight into safaris throughout the seasons. Below are his recommendations for an unforgettable Botswana safari in the summer season.





WILDERNESS CAMPS

- 3 nights Chitabe
- 3 nights Tubu Tree
- 3 nights Little Vumbura

Add on

- 3 nights King's Pool

WILDERNESS OFFER

Book this itinerary and take advantage of a free night if you book six nights or more.

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Wilderness Chitabe



Chitabe
8 tents



100% solar



Pool



Game
drives



Guided nature
walks



Helicopter
flights

Place: Situated on a beautiful old tree-island in a prime wilderness locale in the south-east of the Okavango Delta, Chitabe is built on elevated decks to provide superb views across an expansive floodplain. Thanks to its mosaic of habitats, a plethora of plains game is seen on day and night drives as well as guided walks.

Accommodation: Eight spacious tents decorated with fine-art wildlife photographs, are set on elevated wooden decks. Thanks to evaporative coolers, there are ample cool spaces to relax in during the warmer months – from the lounge and dining areas to the library and bar. A lap pool and gym round off the in-camp experience.

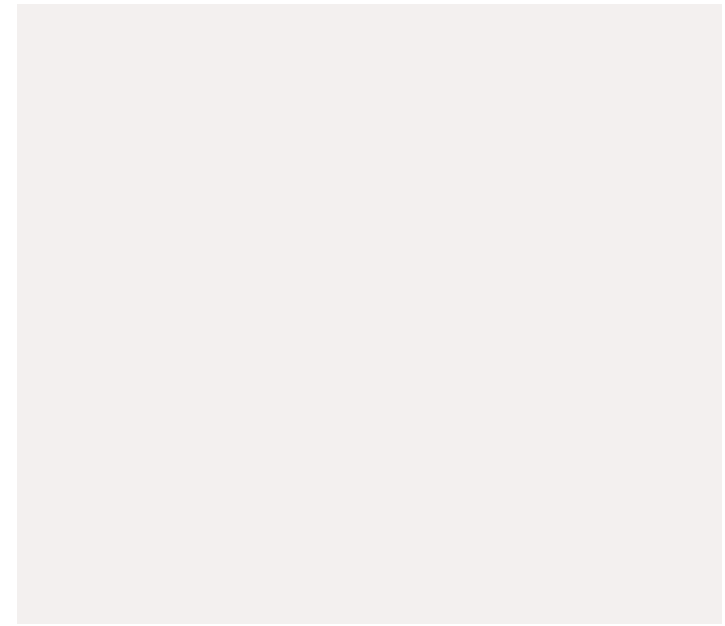
WHY CHITABE? CRAIG SAYS...

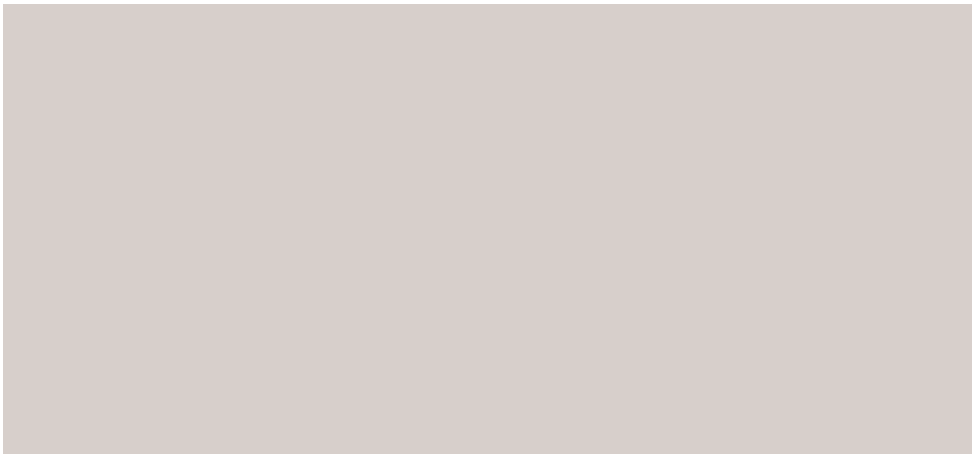
- Natural wildlife haven: The Chitabe sand-tongue, surrounded by permanent water on three sides, creates a diverse and resource-rich environment. The extreme diversity of soil types, vegetation, and variety of ecotones make it a prime location for wildlife, including both herbivores and predators, which are essentially isolated on this natural peninsula.
- Year-round viewing: The variety of vegetation and soil types supports wildlife throughout both winter and summer, offering excellent viewing opportunities in all seasons.
- The people of the area: Many have worked here for more than 20 years, creating a sense of family and local knowledge that is hard to beat in this part of Botswana.
- Luxury and sustainability: The Chitabe properties maintain a balance of high luxury, sustainability, and low impact, providing all the essentials, and more, for an exceptional stay.











 WILDERNESS CHITABE – MAIN AREA



Wilderness Tubu Tree



8 tents
(1 family)



100% solar



Catch & release
fishing



Game drives
(night & day)



Mokoro



Boating



Star Bed



Guided
nature walks

Place: Hunda Island, where Tubu Tree is situated, is known for its concentrations of game, and offers spectacular wildlife viewing, as well as tranquil adventures on the water. This combination of activities makes time spent at Tubu Tree a complete Delta experience.

Accommodation: As its name indicates, this eight-tented traditional-style camp is set into a tree canopy on elevated wooden walkways, with uninterrupted views over the surrounding floodplains. The family unit has two adjoining tents, separate bathrooms and a shared lounge. The main area, set around a majestic anthill, features finishes like light oak, live-edge wood, rattan, and thatch, bringing wilderness elements indoors. By day, the pool deck invites quiet contemplation of the panoramic view, while the Tubu Star Bed offers a romantic night under the magnificent African sky.

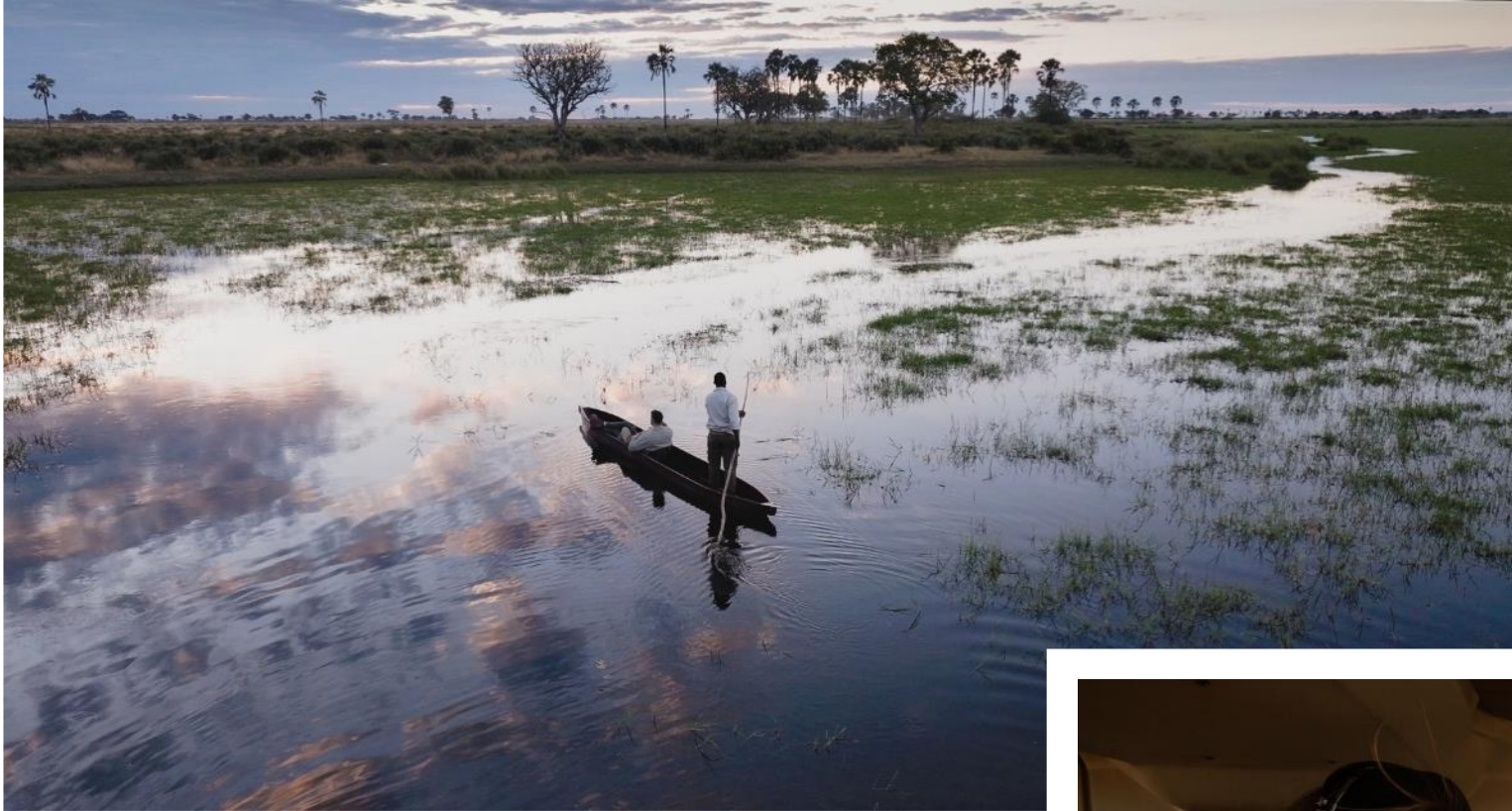
WHY TUBU TREE? CRAIG SAYS...

- Elevated classic safari style: Newly rebuilt, Tubu Tree brings a fresh yet traditional safari experience, reminiscent of iconic safari destinations of the past.
- Unique Delta dynamics: From an ecological point of view, the most essential feature that makes this part of the Delta unique is the extreme spatial and temporal variations in the inundation patterns we see each season. Where the Boro Channel meets the famous Jao Flats, we see extreme variations in water levels throughout the year, creating diverse and dynamic habitats.
- Rich wildlife diversity: The wet-dry habitat gradient supports a wide range of species, including hippos, sitatunga, spotted-necked otters in permanent waters, and grazers like reedbuck and lechwe on the floodplains.
- Leopard and predator activity: Well-wooded islands like Hunda offer ideal conditions for leopards and other predators, especially as grazers move onto the flats, creating prime hunting opportunities.





 WILDERNESS TUBU TREE – DAY & NIGHT DRIVES

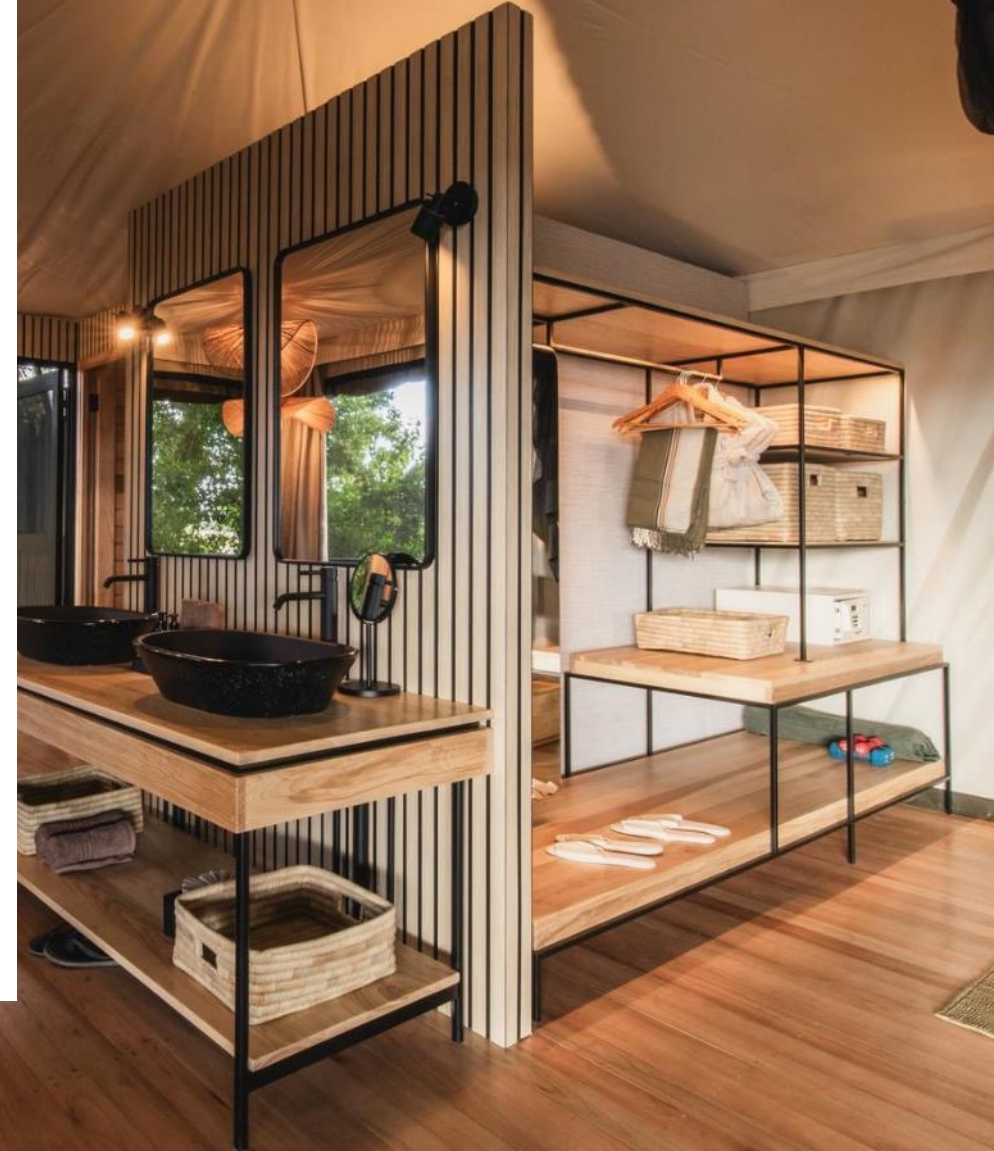


 WILDERNESS TUBU TREE – MOKORO & SCENIC FLIGHTS



 WILDERNESS TUBU TREE – MAIN AREA

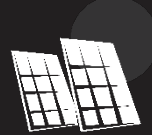




Wilderness Little Vumbura



6 tents
(1 family)



100% solar



Guided nature
walks



Game drives
(day only)



Mokoro



Boating

Place: Surrounded as it is by water and lying close to large rivers, water-based activities are a focus at Little Vumbura. Mekoro adventures through the floodplains under the guidance of experienced polers, and motor boat rides through the permanent channels offer water-based wildlife viewing, which is consistently good all year round.

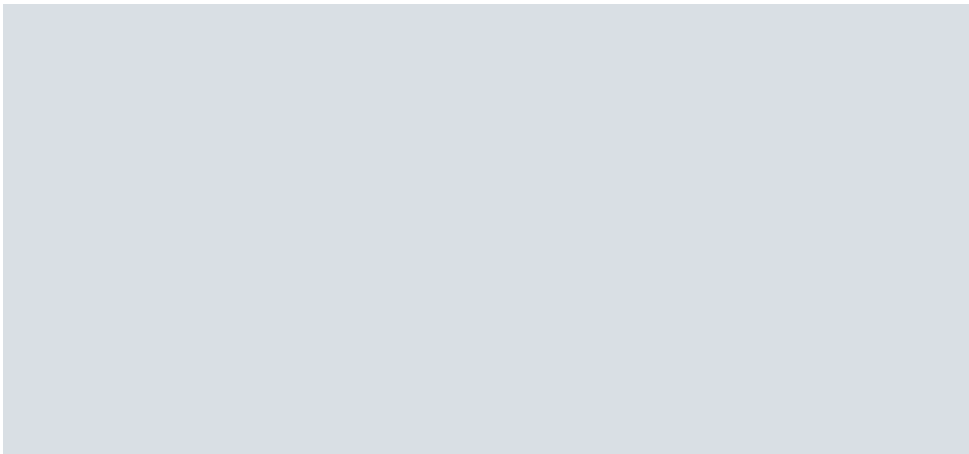
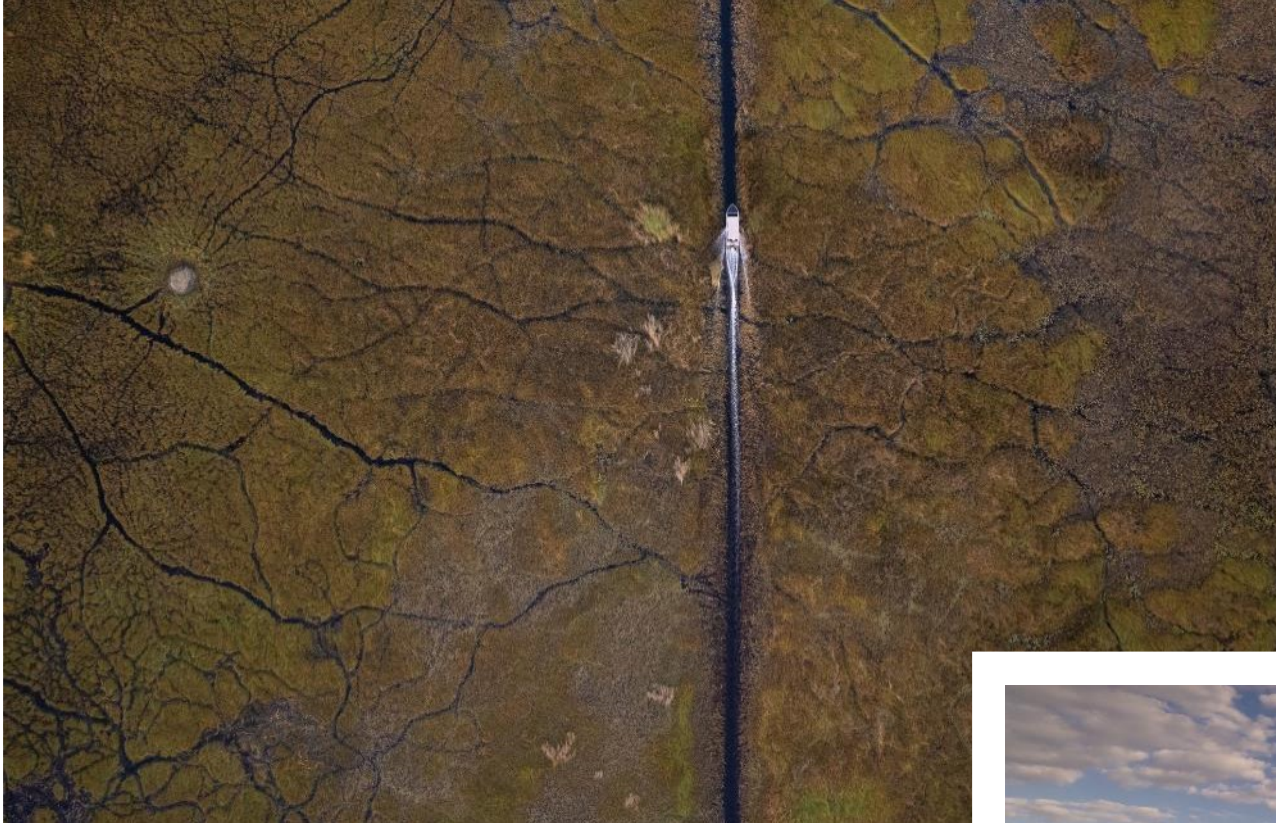
Accommodation: Little Vumbura has six beautiful tented rooms (including one family unit), each with views over the waving grasses of the surrounding floodplains. A pool and reading area overlook the floodplains, and a star deck leads off the dining area.

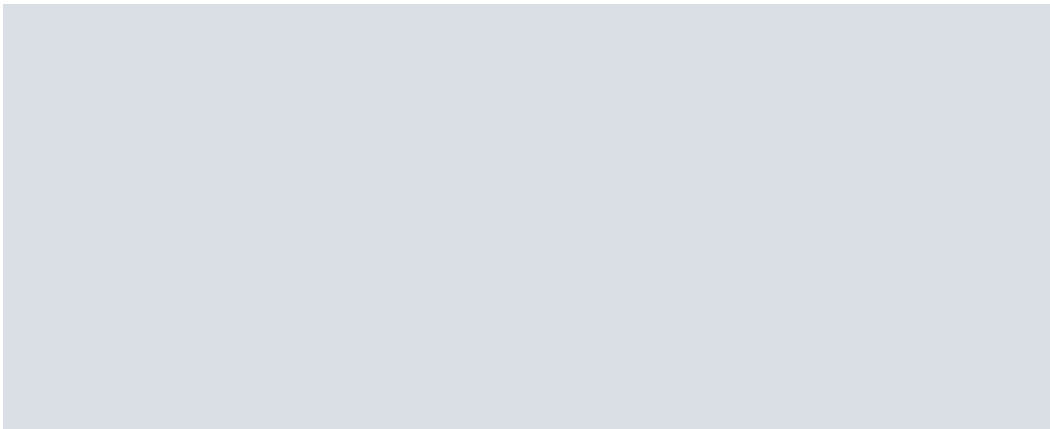
WHY LITTLE VUMBURA? CRAIG SAYS...

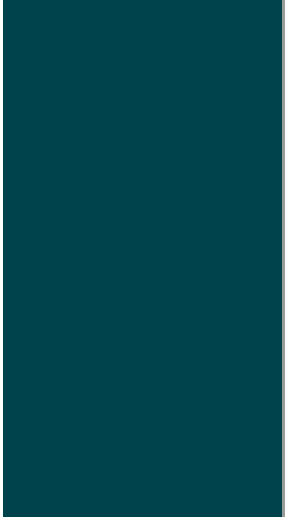
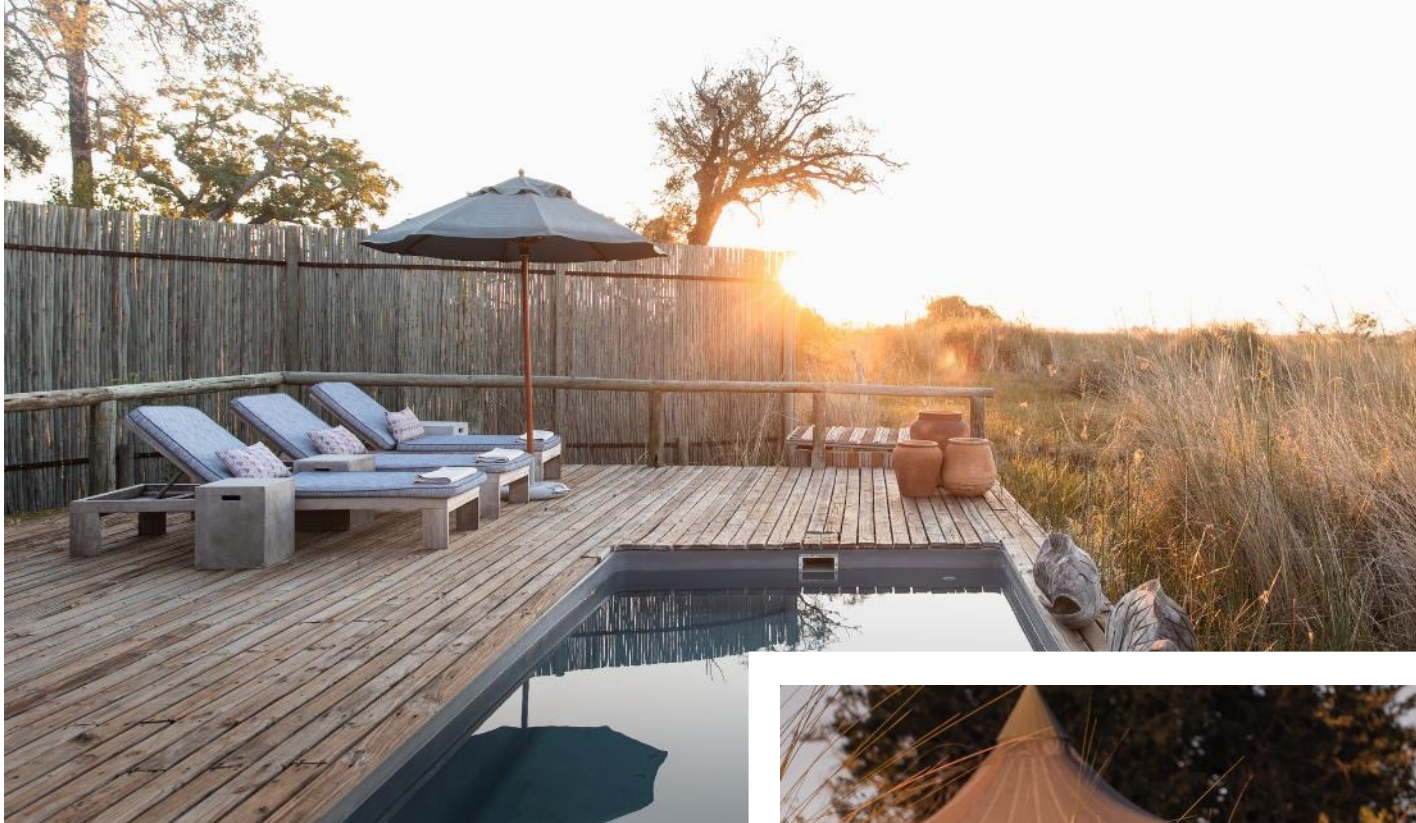
- Year-round water supply: The Nqogha channel system feeds the Vumbura concession, ensuring consistent water presence throughout the year.
- Diverse vegetation: The vegetative variety (read: beauty) and therefore wildlife diversity, of what is geologically quite a homogenous system, is quite exceptional. Though the variation in elevation in this area is small (maximum two metres), these differences in elevation experience large inundation effects and seasonal changes to the system, resulting in the large variations in vegetation.
- Habitat variety: The concession includes open-water communities, sage grasslands, riverine woodlands, dry woodlands, and dry scrub, each supporting different wildlife communities.
- Rich channel fringes: Species diversity is higher along channel fringes, particularly in the Vumbura area, which hosts some of the most significant channel fringes in the Okavango.














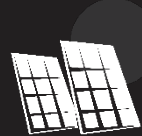


 WILDERNESS LITTLE VUMBURA – GUEST ROOM

Wilderness King's Pool



8 tents
(1 suite)



100% solar



Helicopter flips



Game drives



Barge



Boating



Spa
treatments



Catch-and-
release fishing



Guided nature
walks

Place: Named for Scandinavian royalty, this stylish camp overlooks the oxbow-shaped King's Pool Lagoon and Linyanti River system. Activities include day and night game drives, walks, and nearby hides, ideal for photographing birds and wildlife. In the dry season, guests can spend their siesta watching game come down to drink at the unique underground hide, where the water is at eye level. Seeing elephant feet and trunks almost within touching distance while safely inside is an experience that transcends that of an ordinary safari.

Accommodation: Eight well-appointed tents (including one suite), all canvas, wood, and thatch, soak up the views of the lagoon. The main area, deck, and bar offer uninterrupted views and are closer to the water, while parts of the roof extend down to ensure privacy.

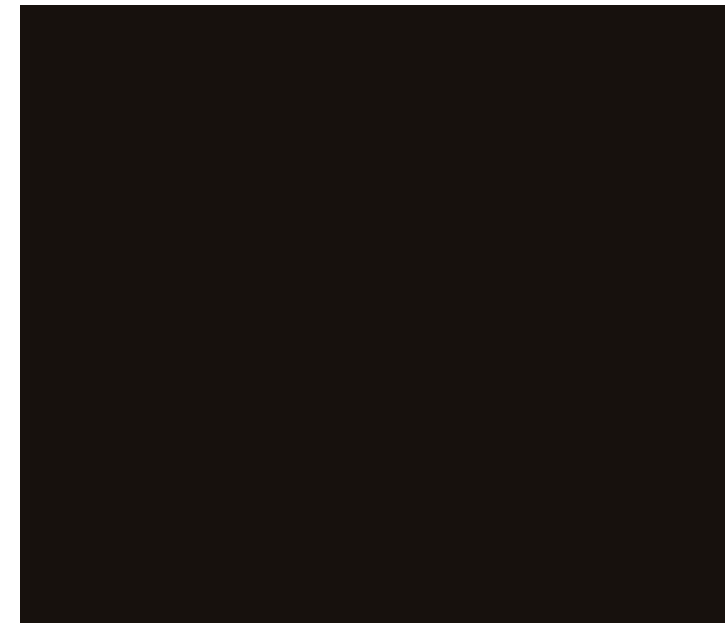
DON'T OVERLOOK KING'S POOL, SAYS CRAIG...

- Riverine belts and road networks: The riverine belts along the Linyanti Channel and the adjacent road networks offer valuable summer safari experiences.
- Exclusive species: The Linyanti riverine woodlands host specialised species not found in the Delta, making it a unique area for wildlife sightings.
- Targeted sightings: The riverine habitat along the channel is ideal for spotting leopards and other forest-dwelling species.
- Rewarding drives: Consider species like roan and sable antelope, which remain in the relative safety of the woodlands during summer; with patience, driving through the thick mopane woodlands can lead to special wildlife sightings.





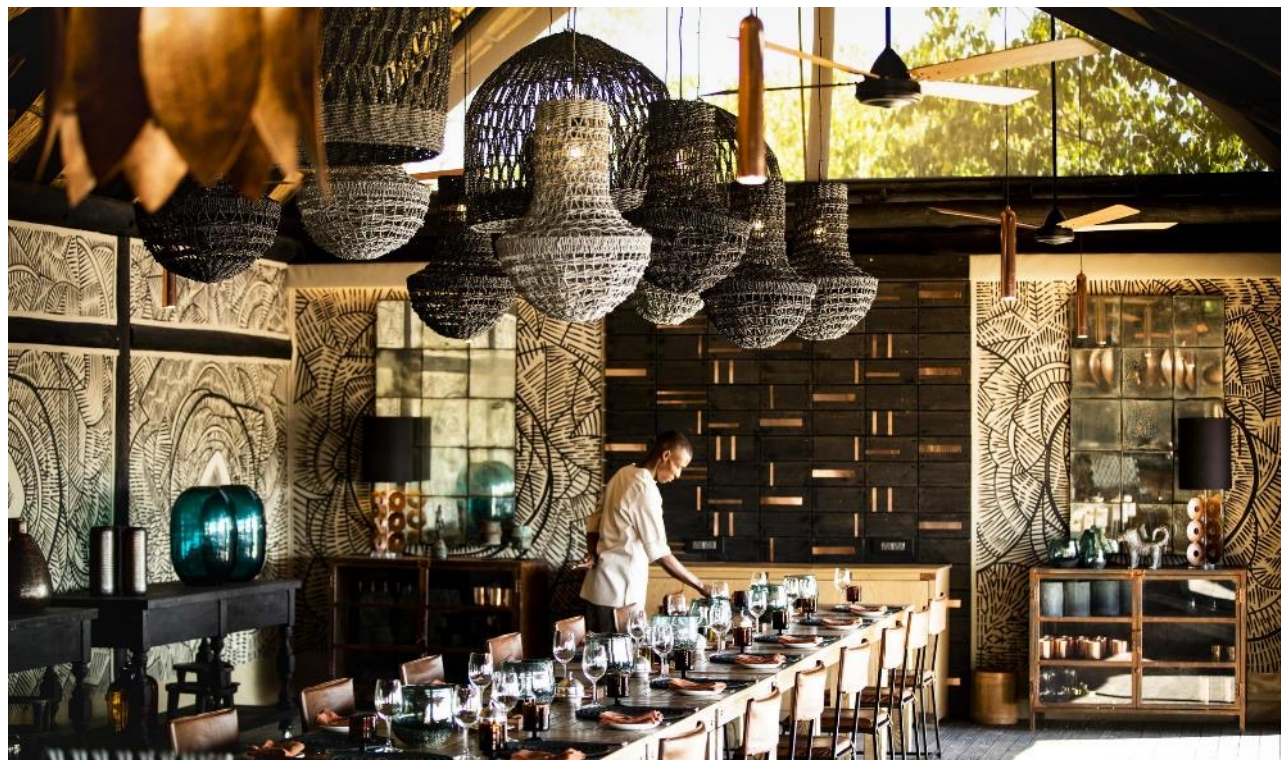






WILDERNESS KING'S POOL – QUEEN SILVIA BARGE





WILDERNESS KING'S POOL – MAIN AREA



 WILDERNESS KING'S POOL – BOMA & POOL



 WILDERNESS KING'S POOL – GUEST ROOM

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