



WILDERNESS PRODUCT

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GENERAL UPDATES

Wilderness Qorokwe closure

Qorokwe is closed from 03 January to 27 February 2025 (inclusive) for a softs refurbishment of the rooms and main areas. All affected bookings have moved to alternative camps.

Wilderness Linyanti Tented Camp East refurbishment closure

Wilderness Linyanti Tented Camp (East) will be closed from 01 January to 31 December 2025. Linyanti Tented Camp (West) will only operate for Groups & Incentives. All affected bookings have moved to alternative camps.

Jao Airstrip landing restrictions

As of December 2024, Jao Reserve has made the operational decision to lift the restrictions for other charter companies (e.g Mack Air, Safari Air) to land at Jao and Hunda airstrips.

- In addition, any landing fees for other charter companies with Jao Reserve will no longer be charged.

Botswana camps water levels

As of 17 January 2025

- Mekoro – Due to recent rains in the area, mokoro activities are currently available at Jao and Jacana. However, with the rains having since stopped and the water levels dropping daily, they will only be available for a limited time. Operations will offer mokoro activities as applicable, depending on feasibility.
- Boating & Mekoro – At this time no water-based excursions on offer at Tubu Tree and Little Tubu.
- Boating & Mekoro – All water activities remain possible at Vumbura Plains and Little Vumbura.
- Boating & Barge – All water activities remain possible at DumaTau and Little DumaTau.
- Barge – No change at this time and this excursion is currently not operational.

Champagne Stop Experience – Mokete Helicopter Transfer

Helicopter Horizons, in partnership with Wilderness Air Botswana, has introduced a Champagne Stop Experience on any scenic transfer in and out of Mokete. This is an optional extra and a great start or end of a safari. Please note there is a requirement of minimum two guests to book this activity.

CAMP REVIEWS

Bradley Toughey and Jonathan Felix travelled to Botswana in the month of November 2024, and the below is an account of their travel.

Destination:	Wilderness Mokete
Participants:	Bradley Toughey & Jonathan Felix
Suits which type of traveller:	Families with older children (no family room) honeymooners, couples, groups, friends travelling together and single travellers
Recommended activities:	The sunken hide, game drives and the waterhole in the camp
Cuisine:	Food was well prepared. Meals are served buffet style with boma night on a Monday evening.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helicopter flight from Maun, flying over the Okavango Delta and seeing the vast differences in the vegetation below after the water has moved out – from dry, brown landscapes to lush green where the water had recently been. • When getting close to camp we were fortunate to get an aerial view of a herd of buffalo estimated at about 2,000. • Arriving at the camp, cheerful singing and welcoming by friendly faces and a much-needed welcome drink. • The waterhole in camp. • With a mosquito net as your window, you have a full 180-degree view of the Botswana bush, giving you a true feeling of being in Mother Nature and seeing all she has to offer. • We had perfect weather, the star gazing from the bed in our tents brought us close to the beauty of the Botswana sky.



Destination:	Wilderness Savuti
Participants:	Bradley Toughey & Jonathan Felix
Suits which type of traveller:	Families – has a family room, honeymooners, couples, groups, friends travelling together and single travellers
Recommended activities:	The Star Bed at Zibadianja Lagoon, game drives, sunken hide
Cuisine:	All meals are served buffet style. We had lunch on arrival at the camp, dinner at the sleep-out and breakfast in the bush.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival by helicopter • We opted for the Savuti Star Bed sleep-out on the evening of our arrival and were not disappointed. The sleep-out was lit up with lanterns, there was a fire going and a small team to look after us. We were served a warm meal overlooking the start of the Savuti Chanell. • The next morning, en route to Wilderness DumaTau, we were spoiled with a breakfast stop overlooking a waterhole. There is nothing better than enjoying a breakfast bite while appreciating the beauty of the bush all around you.



Destination:	Wilderness DumaTau
Participants:	Bradley Toughey & Jonathan Felix
Suits which type of traveller:	Families – has a family room, honeymooners, couples, groups, friends travelling together and single travellers
Recommended activities:	Breakfast barge, game drives, fishing
Cuisine:	Set menu and plated
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lodge itself is stunning; its situation overlooking the lagoon is a real highlight, best location. • Spent the afternoon on our veranda watching the elephants crossing the river and playing on the banks. • Our extremely knowledgeable guide, Rodgers. • Delicious meals with the river as our backdrop.



- Our breakfast barge trip. Highly recommend this, the food was delicious and the barge trip is a great way to explore the Linyanti.
- We took a moment to give fishing a bash, and we can both say that we successfully caught (and released) something.



Destination:	Wilderness Tubu Tree
Participants:	Jonathan Felix and Bradley Toughey
Suits which type of traveller:	Families with older children, honeymooners, couples, groups, friends travelling together and single travellers
Recommended activities:	Game drives (no water activities available)
Cuisine:	Good food and great variety
Highlights during visit/stay:	Beautiful rooms, our deck at the family room was very spacious – 45 metres long.



Destination:	Wilderness Jao
Participants:	Jonathan Felix and Bradley Toughey
Suits which type of traveller:	Families with older children, honeymooners, couples, groups, friends travelling together and single travellers
Recommended activities:	Being November, and the end of the winter (no rain yet and the annual Delta inflow having receded), water activities were not possible; however, the game drives led to interesting sightseeing. Spa treatments are also available.
Cuisine:	Excellent, all dishes were a work of art and tasty
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The library, rooms and The Nest at the pool. Jao is all about space, high ceilings, a large main area and massive rooms. Also, the villa with plunge pool and sunken outside seating area with fire pit.



Destination:	Wilderness Mombo
Participants:	Jonathan Felix and Bradley Toughey
Suits which type of traveller:	Families with older children, honeymooners, couples, groups, friends travelling together and single travellers
Recommended activities:	Game drives, sundowner spots were amazing. Visit to the wine cellar Spa treatments
Cuisine:	Plated and tasty meals which were very good
Highlights during visit/stay:	Good game viewing, Mombo has the best showers, excellent Eggs Benedict!

