

WILDERNESS PRODUCT

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Zimbabwe | Zambia | Botswana

Travel dates: 24 November – 4 December 2024

Zimbabwe

Destination:	Little Makalolo
Participants:	Ashley Thomas Annah Kekana Waybe Van Heerden Zanele Nodwele
Suits which type of traveller:	Honeymooners, couples; would say the more experienced traveller, it's a bit more rustic than modern
Recommended activities:	Our arrival into Hwange began with a thrilling game drive; we found the legendary Charles Ndlovu waiting for us at the airstrip, well equipped with cold bottled water and variety of soft drinks. Each drive offered a new encounter with majestic wildlife. Guided by an expert, we managed to see two cheetahs just on our way to camp – what a sighting. The camp is famous for its log pile hide, the perfect spot to sit back and enjoy the wildlife drinking water, or elephants just playing in the water. We had a keen birder in our group and he was in paradise. Charles ensured that each bird that was spotted felt like a new discovery. We saw lions, elephants, zebras, wildebeest, rare roan and sable antelope, and numerous other wildlife.
Cuisine:	Camp offers a la carte menu, The meals were perfectly paced, with amazing service, making it a memorable dining experience.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The friendly staff and knowledgeable guides truly made our stay unforgettable. One of the highlights was a private sighting with two cheetahs. We had the chance to spend a good amount of time with them, soaking in the incredible experience.







Zambia

Destination:	Toka Leya
Participants:	Annah Kekana Zanele Nodwele Ashley Thomas Wayde van Heerden
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, groups or even single travellers.
Recommended activities:	We had guided tours of both the Zambian and Zimbabwean side of the Victoria Falls, getting there early before the heat set in. We then went on a thrilling rhino tracking adventure with Department of National Parks & Wildlife rangers. The camp staff gave an insightful back-of-house tour, discussing their eco-friendly initiatives. We also enjoyed a peaceful river cruise on the Zambezi, followed by some catch-and-release fishing, making the most of every moment.
Cuisine:	The a la carte menu truly catered to all tastes. From fresh starters to indulgent mains and decadent desserts, there was something for everyone. Each dish was expertly crafted, allowing us to customise our meals, whether we craved something light or indulgent. The variety made it an unforgettable dining experience.
Highlights during visit/stay:	From breakfast to dinner, the food was absolutely divine. We enjoyed sunset drinks on a boat cruise, taking in the stunning views. The staff were incredibly friendly and helpful, making us feel right at home. The room was beautiful and spacious, with air conditioning. The tour to the Victoria Falls offered breath-taking views from both the Zimbabwean and Zambian sides – truly unforgettable.



Botswana

Destination:	King's Pool
Participants:	Annah Kekana Zanele Nodwele Ashley Thomas Wayde van Heerden
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, groups and single travellers.
Recommended activities:	The game drives offered up-close encounters with wildlife in their natural habitat. The water was low so we did not experience Queen Silvia; walking is also possible however, when the vegetation is thinner and lower.
Cuisine:	A la carte style, wholesome meals. A hit for us was the home-made burger.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The rooms are beautifully designed, offering a perfect blend of comfort and style. We enjoyed our surprise sunset drinks stop, taking in the breath-taking views. The staff were incredible – friendly, helpful, and always ready to make our stay special. Evenings by the firepit, overlooking the water, were magical. And the food? Absolutely delicious at every meal.







Destination:	Tubu Tree Camp
Participants:	Annah Kekana Zanele Nodwele Ashley Thomas Wayde van Heerden
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, groups, single travellers
Recommended activities:	The game drives were exciting, again offering close-up encounters with wildlife in their natural habitat. Experienced a mokoro ride (water levels allowing), gliding peacefully through the water and enjoyed a boat excursion, also dependent on the water levels. Each activity provides a unique way to connect with the stunning surroundings.
Cuisine:	Wholesome delicious food



Highlights during visit/stay:	The tents are beautifully designed, offering both comfort and a touch of luxury in the wild. One evening, we stopped for sundowner drinks by a waterhole, where we were lucky enough to watch giraffes come to drink – truly magical. Our guide, Delta, was incredible, sharing his knowledge and making every moment special. The swimming pool, overlooking the open plains, offered breathtaking views, especially when the area is inundated during high water season – it was an unforgettable sight.

Destination:	Mokete
Participants:	Annah Kekana Zanele Nodwele Ashley Thomas Wayde van Heerden
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, single travellers
Recommended activities:	The game drives were an unforgettable experience, offering close encounters with herds of buffaloes and elephants. Each drive was filled with excitement as we explored the vast landscapes of the area.
Cuisine:	The buffet style dining was a feast for the senses, with a wide variety of dishes to choose from. Each meal offered something for everyone, from fresh salads to hearty mains and delicious desserts. The selection was always plentiful. The relaxed atmosphere made it the perfect setting to enjoy a meal at our own pace.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The rooms are beautifully designed, very comfortable, stylish with inverter-powered air conditioners to keep the temperature just right – it was the perfect retreat after a day of adventure. One of the most unforgettable moments was witnessing thousands of buffalos at different sightings – each encounter was absolutely insane, the sheer number and power of the herds leaving us in awe. The helicopter transfers were amazing, afforded us incredible views of the Mababe Depression.



