

## WILDERNESS PRODUCT

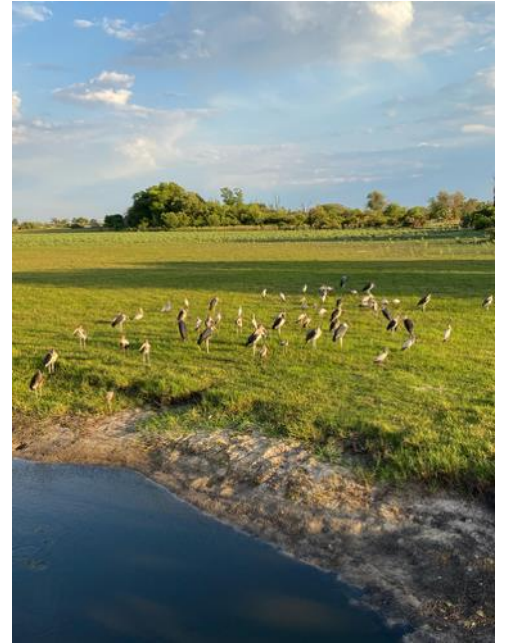
# FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

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**BOTSWANA**

Destination:	<b>Wilderness Little DumaTau</b>
Participants:	Merryn Haller Verena Altern
Suits which type of traveller:	All travellers
Recommended activities:	<p>Barge brunch – Great opportunity to see elephant crossings, which were spectacular</p> <p>Speed boat – Lovely to explore to the smaller channels off Osprey Lagoon</p> <p>DumaTau main camp visit – for even greater lagoon views</p> <p>Game drives – elephants and lion prides were sensational</p>
Cuisine:	Every morsel was delicious. We especially enjoyed how local flavours were incorporated. All dietary needs were fully catered to. Selection of non-alcoholic beverages (including wine and bubbly) was very inclusive and appreciated.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>Game drives. We were extremely fortunate to have witnessed over 10 lions on the move on our first drive, plus more on day 2. Nas, our guide, was incredibly knowledgeable and a great storyteller. He was often the first to a sighting.</p> <p>Surprise barge brunch. Nas informed us of the brunch as a surprise on our way back to Little DumaTau. When we arrived at DumaTau main camp, the entire barge with chef and staff was waiting for us, with an incredible spread of food. We saw elephants crossing the lagoon just metres away from the boat.</p> <p>The friendliness and welcoming energy from the staff were definitely a highlight. Every single staff member was kind, warm, and unbelievably attentive.</p> <p>Of course, the abundance of elephants on the concession was just amazing.</p>



Destination:	<b>Wilderness Jao</b>
Participants:	Merryn Haller Verena Altern
Suits which type of traveller:	All travellers
Recommended activities:	Game drives – even without dramatic sightings, the concession is beautiful. Remarkable birdlife and biodiversity. The land is like an Eden.
Cuisine:	Absolutely delicious – particularly the afternoon tea
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>We had just one night at Jao but Meshak, our guide, was brilliant in every way. Interpreting the landscape for us, explaining wildlife behaviours and telling us about his background growing up in a nearby village. It was a privilege to speak with him.</p> <p>Wildlife highlights include seeing a sleeping male lion just inches from the vehicle – we would have totally missed it if Mesh hadn't gotten our attention.</p> <p>When enjoying bush sundowners and listening to Mesh's fascinating life stories, he suddenly went dead quiet... He had heard a leopard cough. We looked for the leopard for a while and while we didn't manage to find it, Mesh made the entire process very exciting – predicting where the leopard might be based on lechwe behaviour, bird calls, etc. was so memorable.</p> <p>Siesta time at the villa was naturally a highlight as the space is so luxurious and comfortable – with a great view over the deck.</p>



Destination:	<b>Wilderness Little Tubu</b>
Participants:	Merryn Haller Verena Altern
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples or groups
Recommended activities:	Game drives – our guide made these excursions very special and we saw amazing wildlife  Night drives
Cuisine:	Simple yet delicious – the meals had a homely feel with a little touch of fanciness
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>Thanks to our fabulous guide, Kealoitse or Kelly, we saw two leopards in two days, amongst all the other incredible wildlife. The first leopard was eating a baby warthog. The second female leopard jumped into a tree and lay on one of the branches. Just us and one other vehicle observed this fantastic sighting.</p> <p>The staff are just wonderful. Warm, kind, welcoming, attentive – sweethearts all round.</p> <p>After a prolonged drought in the area, we were blessed to see the beginnings of light rain in the form of a spectacular dust storm. Whilst on a night drive, the sky changed and made for a dramatic event with lightning cutting through dark clouds. Back at camp, it was a beautiful thing to see all the staff celebrating 'Pula' in thanks for the rains.</p>







Destination	<b>Wilderness Qorokwe</b>
Participants:	Merryn Haller Verena Altern
Suits which type of traveller:	All travellers
Recommended activities:	Mokoro Bush brunch Game drives
Cuisine:	Delicious fine dining and traditional food like Sesswa which was served on Boma night. Selection of non-alcoholic beverages also very inclusive.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>The family unit – luxurious with great views over the floodplain, where we saw a mother and infant elephant drinking from a small watering hole.</p> <p>Mokoro – we finally got to explore this aspect of the Delta on our last day, which was so memorable and special. One of the polers had been doing this for 15 years. We also had hippos just 10 or so metres from us, which was very exciting, and sunset in that part of the concession was breathtaking. A very peaceful experience.</p> <p>Tsabo, our knowledgeable guide, found us fantastic wildlife. The area along the Gomoti River was especially idyllic. We saw a lion catch a baby lechwe, hippos out of water, and incredible birdlife.</p> <p>Seeing a handful of hyenas and even a jackal was a special highlight.</p> <p>Surprise bush brunch on our way back to camp.</p> <p>Tsabo found us our third leopard in three days – even shifting the vehicle so we could get different exposures for our photographs. This was at sunset, so very beautiful to see the leopard sleeping on a tree branch.</p> <p>On our very last morning, we were told we missed a pack of wild dogs right in front of camp. But not 20 minutes later, they were back. We saw about 20 or 30 wild dogs running across the floodplain in front of camp, watched them roll around in the mud and even saw one of them catch a baby lechwe. A great send-off.</p>



## TANZANIA

### Fam Trip: 14 – 23 March 2025

<b>Destination:</b>	<b>Wayo Manyara Green Camp – Manyara National Park</b>
<b>Participants:</b>	Nick Beal, Michelle Miliias, Elizabeth Gicheha, Mercy Kariri, Jo-Ann Larkan, Susan Thomas
<b>Suits which type of traveller:</b>	Couples, Families, Solo travellers, Nature lovers, Birders, Adventure seekers
<b>Recommended activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day / Night game drives</li> <li>• Canoe Safaris</li> <li>• Treetop walkway within the park (at park entry)</li> <li>• Walks along the lake shore</li> <li>• Full day extreme hike up to Rift Valley</li> <li>• Waterfall swims</li> <li>• Outside park activities such as mountain bike to park gate / village tours on foot or by Tuk-Tuk (Wayo Activity Centre)</li> </ul>
<b>Cuisine:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snacks and drinks are offered throughout the day</li> <li>• Full breakfast is offered (fruits, cereal, pastries, coffee, tea Juice &amp; eggs prepared to order</li> <li>• For lunch, depending on guests' schedule - picnic or light meals are served</li> <li>• Dinner – communal dining</li> <li>• Beach in front of camp is mostly used for all dining – weather / river levels permitting.</li> </ul>
<b>Highlights during visit/stay:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp location – set on the edge of a dry river bed, facing the Endabash Waterfall that was in full flow during our stay, due to the rains.</li> <li>• Camp fire talks with Doctor (Children in the Wilderness Tanzania Co-ordinator) who came to visit us on the first night and shared all the good work being done with communities, and in particular children's educational programmes</li> <li>• Bushbaby spotting at night</li> <li>• The automatic retractable roof allows for some epic stargazing through the gauze</li> <li>• The staff were all so welcoming and helpful</li> <li>• The main area left us all in awe on arrival. Its simplistic, yet striking features, set the tone for the perfect place of gathering</li> <li>• Falling asleep to the sound of the waterfall</li> <li>• We absolutely loved the diversity the bush camp offers in terms of activities – whether you want to relax and immerse yourself in the surrounding tranquillity, or be active and partake in an array of activities available – your time is your own, and you can easily curate an itinerary to your liking</li> <li>• Exceptional birding!</li> </ul>





<b>Destination:</b>	<b>Wayo Serengeti Green Camp South</b>
Participants:	Nick Beal, Michelle Miliias, Elizabeth Gicheha, Mercy Kariri, Jo-Ann Larkan, Susan Thomas
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, Families with older children, Single travellers, Nature lovers, Birders, Adventure seekers
Recommended activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning and afternoon game drives</li> <li>• Walking safaris accompanied by and experienced walking guides. Short walks take place from camp. Full day walks are also possible. Guests will need to book Serengeti Wayo Green Camp on a game package basis if they would like to do a walking safari.</li> <li>• Guests also have access to hot air ballooning from Wayo Serengeti Green Camp South (to be prebooked at an additional cost)</li> <li>• Birdwatching</li> <li>• Private activities</li> </ul>
Cuisine:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very nice vehicle/bar set up in the main area</li> <li>• Drinks are offered throughout the day</li> <li>• Full breakfast is offered (tropical fruits, spreads, cereal, fresh baked bread, pastries, coffee, tea Juice &amp; eggs prepared to order)</li> <li>• Hot lunch with salads</li> <li>• Three course dinners (soup, mains, desert / fruit – indoor and outdoor communal dining</li> </ul>
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm hospitality - the staff were all very kind and welcoming</li> <li>• Fantastic birding and game viewing</li> <li>• Lounge, indoor and outdoor dining</li> </ul>



- Camp fire conversations
- Wi-Fi available throughout
- This is a beautiful camp, modest but comfortable
- Tents offered 180-degree views



<b>Destination:</b>	<b>Wilderness Usawa Southern Plains</b> – Kusini region of Serengeti National Park
<b>Participants:</b>	Nick Beal, Michelle Miliyas, Elizabeth Gicheha, Mercy Kariri, Jo-Ann Larkan, Susan Thomas
<b>Suits which type of traveller:</b>	Couples, Families, Solo travellers, Birders, Photographers, great for exclusive use (groups of 10-14)
<b>Recommended activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Game drives (morning/full day/afternoon)</li> <li>• Full day game drive recommended at least once if migration not close to camp (this is more often than we think as they move A LOT)</li> <li>• Walking (remember TANAPA walking permits)</li> <li>• Hot air ballooning</li> <li>• Birding</li> </ul>
<b>Cuisine:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snacks and drinks available throughout the day.</li> <li>• Breakfast option before morning activity yoghurt, muesli, cereal, fruits, eggs, bacon, toast</li> <li>• Lunch either in camp or packed for out in the bush; both excellent varieties, served in a buffet style at each table; fresh and healthy</li> <li>• Dinner either plated or buffet style at each table; also, fresh and healthy, with a good variety of options</li> <li>• The food was honestly brilliant at Usawa – best food throughout our Tanzania trip!</li> </ul>

<p>Highlights during visit/stay:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Game drives with George; the guiding was brilliant throughout</li> <li>• Exclusivity of Kusini region; fewer vehicles than Ndutu with a more private migration experience.</li> <li>• Hot air ballooning followed by bush breakfast and champagne</li> <li>• Excellent big cat game viewing</li> <li>• Excellent wildebeest migration viewing</li> <li>• Birding</li> <li>• Special drinks stop on the kopjes south of camp</li> <li>• Drinks around the campfire</li> <li>• The staff: Issa, George and Freddie really stood out!</li> <li>• The food was fantastic</li> <li>• Guest tents have 180-degree views and are very open, enhancing bush experience</li> <li>• Night-time sounds including lions roaring the whole time, and leopard rasping</li> <li>• The back of house tour – amazing to see what it takes to run a mobile camp like Wilderness Usawa</li> <li>• Dramatic Serengeti storms this time of the year!</li> </ul>
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