

WILDERNESS PRODUCT– SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

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GENERAL UPDATES

Qorokwe Soft Refurb (01 December 2026 to 28 February 2027)

Please note that **Qorokwe** is planning to undertake a soft refurbishment, which will include the installation of air-conditioning/evaporative cooling systems in the rooms (similar to what Chitabe offers), as well as improvements to insulation to enhance cooling during the hotter months. As a result, the entire camp will be closed from **01 December 2026 to 28 February 2027.**

Wilderness King's Pool Pricing Update

The superlative experience at Wilderness King's Pool is a premier offering; one that continues to delight guests in the Linyanti Wildlife Reserve.

When DumaTau re-opened in April 2021 after an extensive refurbishment, it also joined Wilderness' Premier portfolio in the region. This highlighted the need for us to review our portfolio strategy across all four Wilderness camps in the Linyanti – King's Pool, DumaTau, Savuti and Linyanti Tented Camp. We therefore adjusted the pricing for King's Pool with immediate effect, in order to strongly differentiate between the various camp offerings. This will also ensure that King's Pool is well-placed from a pricing point of view between Savuti Camp and DumaTau, while still offering a Premier experience.

Please login to the [Wilderness Window](#) for updated rate sheets.

Botswana Water Levels

Jao Reserve – The water levels have dropped a fair amount, affecting the activities offered.

Wilderness Botswana Operations anticipate more limited boating towards the end of the month, if not earlier. However, we will advise on further changes as necessary.

- Tubu / Little Tubu – Boating activities are no longer available. Only mokoro is on offer.
- Pelo – Mokoro and boating is still available.
- Jao – Due to low water levels, boating is now conducted with mud buddies. Mokoro still available.
- Jacana – Same as Jao, boating is with mud buddies and water levels are being monitored. Mokoro still available.
- Kwetsani - The water levels are too low for mokoro and Boating noting that this camp is closed due to the rebuild from October 2025 to May 2026.
- Qorokwe – Boating expected to continue for about one more week before stopping. Mokoro still available.

As of 20 October 2025, boat trips to Hunda Island have come to an end. This is due to the current low water levels, and vehicle access to the Island remains restricted

Water levels are slowly receding, however Jao will continue to offer our local boating and mokoro, and will share another update month-end.

Mombo Airstrip – Open After Flooding

Wilderness Air Botswana are pleased to advise that the necessary repairs have been completed, with the essential safety inspections duly conducted. Thus, allowing for the full resumption of operations. The reopening of the Mombo Airstrip reinforces our dedication to delivering seamless experiences, and we look forward to welcoming guests once again, offering an approximate 15-minute vehicle transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities en-route) from the Mombo Airstrip to Wilderness Mombo and/or Wilderness Little Mombo.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Destination:	Wilderness Chitabe
Suits which type of traveller:	Families with older children (no family rooms), friends, couples, honeymooners, seniors, groups, and solo travellers.
Recommended activities:	Game drives, bush walks.
Cuisine:	Meals are served buffet-style. Simple and homely dishes included vegetable soups, casseroles, and traditional roasted goat. Authentic African food was served at the Boma.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>From the moment we arrived, the staff greeted us with warmth and song, instantly making us feel at home. The hospitality throughout our stay was exceptional.</p> <p>The recently renovated rooms, built to premier camp standards, were extremely comfortable. The outdoor shower was the best of all the camps we visited—refreshing and beautifully integrated with the natural surroundings.</p> <p>Chitabe offered the best game viewing of our entire trip. Sightings were consistently impressive, with a wide variety of species and many close-up encounters that made every drive unforgettable. Our guide, Aaron, was outstanding—his deep knowledge and passion brought each moment to life.</p> <p>Mamma Jo kindly arranged a site visit to Chitabe Lediba.</p>



Destination:	Wilderness Vumbura Plains South
Suits which type of traveller:	Families with older children, couples, honeymooners, seniors, small groups (only six rooms), and solo travellers. Please note that Vumbura Plains South does not offer family rooms. However, guests needing a family unit can be accommodated at Vumbura Plains North, which features two dedicated Family Rooms.
Recommended activities:	Vumbura offers land and water activities. Mokoro Excursions Game Drives Boating Fishing on catch and release basis
Cuisine:	Meals were à la carte, with menus provided before game drives to allow advance ordering. The camp was flexible and accommodating, offering alternatives on request. Fine dining was excellent, and high tea provided a delightful variety of options. The food was consistently very good.
Highlights during visit/stay:	Wilderness Vumbura Plains South perfectly balances modern design with nature. The use of blue in the main area creates a calming atmosphere in the wilderness. We received a professional and warm welcome, especially from the Camp Manager, Charity—we felt the “Wilderness Way” immediately. The mokoro excursion was peaceful and meditative. A surprise buffet brunch in the bush was magical. Game drives, often through water and sandy terrain, were a highlight. We spent more time driving through water than on land. The speedboat transfer to Wilderness Little Vumbura was exciting.



Destination:	Wilderness DumaTau
Suits which type of traveller:	Families, friends, honeymooners, couples, solo travellers, seniors, and small groups.
Recommended activities:	DumaTau offers lands and water-based activities. Game Drives Barge excursion – Breakfast/ lunch/ sundowners Boat cruise Fishing on a catch and release basis Guided nature walks
Cuisine:	A la carte plated meals with excellent presentation and variety. Fine dining with consistently high quality.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>Breakfast on the barge was sensational—peaceful, picturesque, and the perfect start to the day.</p> <p>Lops, the Camp Manager, was gracious and attentive, personally showing us around Wilderness Little DumaTau, including the spa and deli.</p> <p>The Boma dinner and dance were festive and authentic, with staff singing and dancing adding joy and local spirit.</p> <p>Special mention goes to Ezsy, who created the most memorable sundowner of the trip along the river. The setup, view, and atmosphere—topped with the best sunset of the journey—were unforgettable.</p> <p>Game viewing was excellent. A leopard lounging in a tree provided a picture-perfect moment, while encounters with elephants, both on land and in the water, were thrilling.</p> <p>Please speak to your Travel Designer for more information.</p>

