



WILDERNESS PRODUCT– JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2026

BOTSWANA NEWS & UPDATES

REGIONAL UPDATES

Khwai Airstrip, previously communicated as reopened, has temporarily closed again due to recent rainfall resulting in soft ground conditions. Reopening is now anticipated on **17 February 2026**, with a further status update to follow on **10 February 2026**.

In the interim, Wilderness Air will continue operating via **Khwai Private Reserve**, with all onward transfers managed by road.

Water Levels Update

Please take note of activities in relation to water levels as of 19 January 2026.

Camp	Boating	Mokoro
Vumbura Camp	Still available throughout the year	Still available throughout the year
Little Vumbura	Still available throughout the year	Still available throughout the year
Duma Tau	Both boating and barging still available throughout the year	x
Little DumaTau	Both boating and barging still available throughout the year	x

WILDERNESS AIR

From 01 February 2026, Wilderness Air will discontinue seat-rate flights on the Zambezi Triangle routings.

What this means for bookings:

- The preferred alternative will be a road transfer with Wilderness Touring Zambezi
- Should the guests prefer to fly, bookings will be transferred to Mack Air
- Sole-use flights with Wilderness Air Botswana will remain available on request only and must be booked directly with them
- All existing confirmed bookings with Wilderness Air will be honoured and remain unchanged
- All new and provisional bookings need to be booked directly with Mack Air

Flight Schedule Overview:

- Flights operate from Kasane at 13h00 on both routings
- Check-in is 1 hour prior to departure
- An 11h00 departure may be requested directly with Mack Air and is subject to availability and aircraft movements on the day

As always, our team is available should you require any further assistance.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Written by Wilderness Staff

Destination:	Wilderness Qorokwe
Suits which type of traveller:	Families, Solo travellers, Couples, Honeymooners, Small MICE groups
Recommended activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game drives • Boating (seasonal and water-level dependent) • Bush walks • Helicopter flights (outsourced supplier) • Mokoro (seasonal and water-level dependent) • Night drives.
Cuisine:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast includes fresh fruit, pastries and made-to-order eggs, or breakfast packs for early game drives. • Lunches are home-style, with à la carte dishes and shared salads. Evenings at the boma feature a buffet of local favourites such as pulled beef, oxtail, pap and chakalaka, followed by soups and desserts. Freshly baked bread adds to the warm, inviting atmosphere.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game viewing was outstanding – multiple leopards, aardwolf, cheetah, lions, elephants, bat-eared fox and abundant birdlife. • Boating offered a different perspective, rich in birdlife. Mokoro experiences were water-level dependent but equally memorable. • A surprise sundowner setup was a highlight, and evenings at the boma, with local singing and dancing, were unforgettable.
Images:	<p>On board our first Wilderness Air flight from Maun.</p> 



Our wonderful guide, Tshabo at Wilderness Qorokwe and sundowners



One of the many leopards and a rare sighting of an aardwolf.



Destination:	Wilderness Vumbura Plains
Suits which type of traveller:	Families, Solo travellers, Couples, Honeymooners, Small MICE groups, privately guided groups, anniversaries
Recommended activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mokoro – outstanding experience • Boating – excellent when water levels allow • Helicopter scenic flights • Village and cultural visits • Game drives – morning, afternoon and night • Guided walks
Cuisine:	<p>The food was absolutely amazing, with a fantastic variety. High tea setups were charming and delightful, making for a special midday treat.</p> <p>Lunches and dinners offered a mix of buffet and à la carte options, with a menu that felt both trendy and gastronomical. Every dish we tried was incredibly tasty, leaving us eager for the next meal.</p>



<p>Highlights during visit/stay:</p>	<p>Our mokoro and poler experiences were absolutely amazing, offering an incredible way to explore the Delta. Our guide, Chris, was outstanding —passionate and knowledgeable. We learned so much about the Delta, from buffalo fences to the mighty baobab tree, and his storytelling made every moment fascinating.</p> <p>All the staff, along with Charity’s team, set a remarkably high standard, making us feel welcomed and cared for throughout our stay.</p> <p>The rooms are spectacular, with open-plan layouts, sunken lounges, and 180-degree views. Animals often came close to the camp and even our rooms — elephants walked right up to where we were staying, creating truly unforgettable moments.</p>
<p>Images:</p>	<p>Vumbura Plains South Camp Manager, Charity. Everyone loved her!</p> 
	<p>Our guide Chris and the Mokoro polers</p>  
<p>Destination:</p>	<p>Wilderness DumaTau</p>
<p>Suits which type of traveller:</p>	<p>Families with older children, Solo travellers, Couples, Honeymooners, Small MICE groups</p>



Recommended activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barge experience – a standout highlight• Game drives – day and night• Spa and wellness• Fishing• Helicopter scenic flight
Cuisine:	The food was consistently tasty, with a wider selection of meals available on the à la carte menu. We were impressed by the extensive wine list and enjoyed exploring the impressive cocktail menu.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<p>The bar is eye-catching, and arriving back from an evening game drive to the floating fire pit on the edge of the water, with lanterns softly glowing, was truly a sight to behold. The main area is beautifully furnished, creating a welcoming and stylish atmosphere.</p> <p>The Osprey Retreat spa and pool area offer stunning views. Our rooms were spacious, tastefully furnished, and offered both indoor and outdoor spaces. The family room bath is a standout feature, and all the rooms provide spectacular views of the surrounding wildlife and landscape.</p>
Images:	<p>Lion sighting in the Linyanti.</p> 
	The floating deck at DumaTau and wonderful guide MP.

