

Spring is starting to make its presence felt in southern Africa. While there are still a few months to go until the first summer rains quench the parched earth, the remaining months of the dry season are sure to deliver some interesting moments. As the bush dries up, animals are drawn to the last remaining water sources in areas like the Linyanti and Etosha. This makes for fascinating encounters as huge herds of antelope and elephants are drawn to the life-giving water in the rivers and shrinking waterholes. This in turn attracts the attention of a diverse array of predators who are often found in close proximity to the water sources. The promise of spring lures the migratory birds back to the sub-region and marks the time of year when a number of trees are in full bloom. These are a few of the factors that make a safari in spring an incredible experience.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GREAT WILDERNESS JOURNEY

We still have two seats available on the Photographic Great Wilderness Journey which will be led by our inspirational guide, Ona Basimane. This safari departs from Livingstone on 8 November 2015. The 10-night itinerary visits iconic destinations such as Chobe National Park, the Linyanti and the Okavango Delta.

The combination of these great areas will make for unique photographic opportunities, all under the expert guidance of Ona (see two of his images below). For more information on this departure, click [here](#)



DISCOUNTED RATES FOR 2015 EXPLORATIONS

A reminder that we still have availability for some of our 2015 departures and are offering discounted rates as follows for trips still running in 2015:

Great Wilderness Journey – \$1,000.00 discount off per person nett rate. No single supplement.

Botswana Summer Encounter – \$595.00 discount off per person nett rate. No single supplement.

Diverse Namibia (1 Sep 2015 to 31 Oct 2015) – ZAR5,500.00 discount off per person nett rate and single supplement reduced to ZAR2,918.00)

Diverse Namibia (1 Nov 2015 to 31 Dec 2015) – ZAR3,710.00 discount off per person nett rate and single supplement reduced to ZAR3,015.00)

Desert Dune Safari (1 Sep 2015 to 31 Oct 2015) – ZAR4,400.00 discount off per person nett rate and single supplement reduced to ZAR4,651.00)

Desert Dune Safari (1 Nov 2015 to 20 Nov 2015) – ZAR3,980.00 discount off per person nett rate and single supplement reduced to ZAR4,800.00)

Please click [here](#) for more information on these discounted rates.

To view our **availability report** for the remainder of 2015, click [here](#)

Valid for new bookings only and no conversion of existing bookings.

GET TO KNOW YOUR GUIDE – BROOKS KAMANAKAO



“I was really born in the bush” states Brooks. This rings true as he grew up in the small village of Motopi, on the banks of the Boteti River, one of the main channels of the Okavango Delta. Belonging to the Bayei tribe (the people who introduced mekoro to the Okavango Delta), Brooks had a fascination with Botswana’s wild areas from a young age.

Determined to succeed, he began his career in tourism as a casual worker. He was soon promoted to waiter and, as his natural talents and ambition presented themselves, he was moved into the position of tracker. After a year of tracking, Brooks became a professional guide in the year 2000.

Since then, Brooks has fine-tuned his skills working at both Kings Pool and Mombo. In 2006, he joined the Explorations team in order to enhance his knowledge of other areas of the country, and spend more time with guests. His superlative knowledge of the bush, friendly personality and interests in astronomy, birding and the diverse cultures of Botswana, combine to make Brooks a popular guide.

Brooks has travelled to America and loves telling guests about the adventures he had there. Being a family man he enjoys spending time with both young and old and he particularly enjoys educating guests on the history of Botswana. He loves walking and tracking and is also an avid wildlife photographer. A safari with Brooks, with his fun-loving and adventurous personality, is sure to be a trip of a lifetime.

WHAT GUESTS SAY ABOUT BROOKS

“Brooks’ knowledge is beyond amazing! ... I enjoyed his sense of humour, his ability to engage everyone in the group and his overall ability as a gracious host and leader.”

‘I can’t say enough good things about Brooks. This was my first safari. I was travelling alone and did not know the other guests. However, they were experienced and knew each other. Brooks went above and beyond to insure that I was included. He spent considerable time and effort making sure I saw the animals and that everything was ok. His knowledge and skills are exceptional. His passion for his job is evident and he is extremely good at it. Brooks is a great asset to your organisation.’

Until next time,

The Explorations Team

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