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As the end of the year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a fantastic 2016 together.

We wanted to share some guest feedback that we received this year to remind you of the impact that an Exploration can have on an individual. Within Wilderness Explorations, we remain cognisant of the fact that one of the key distinguishing features of our trips remains the quality of our guides. We are constantly looking at improving the guided experience and to this end, we recently hosted a photographic workshop for some of our guides at Gomoti Tented Camp. We will also share some of this feedback with you.



Guest feedback from Desert Dune Safari:

*"Why did I wait so long to take this trip? I could go on and on for pages. Absolutely spectacular! We are so happy with the tour we took and all the details involved. Wilderness Safaris does an outstanding job. Our guide, Jeremia Mwapopi, was incredible. We simply could not have had a better guide. The lodges are out of this world from every angle - amenities, locale, staff, food and drink, comfort - world class! ... The activities: such a great variety and so much to see it is hard to say what I liked best. There is scenery that is out of this world, wildlife that is out of this world, adventure (Swakopmund) that is out of this world, travel by Land Rover and Cessna that is out of this world, dining that is out of this world!"*

Guest feedback from Diverse Namibia:

*"There are too many highlights to mention, but we will try to highlight a few. The cultural experiences in Damaraland were amazing, as were all the camps. Our guides were excellent, vehicles were great, comfortable and equipped with whatever we needed. Food was incredible at every stop. We were amazed at the quality and amount of food, especially at Kulala Adventurer Camp. Thank you Rosario (sp), your menus and freshly baked bread was outstanding. Each place had a great selection and always kept us full. Our packed lunches were also very good and filling. Seeing the desert elephants in Damaraland was a highlight, as we saw a breeding herd of nine elephants and several settled down for an afternoon nap. The lions at Ongava were a treat to see and just hearing them at night was amazing. We loved our trip and can't wait to share our pictures and experiences with our friends."*

**PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP AT GOMOTI TENTED CAMP**

We recently hosted our first photography workshop for some of our Explorations guides. The aim of the workshop was to enhance the guides' photographic skills so that they can offer our guests a better service. As usual, Gomoti Tented Camp did not disappoint when it came to producing excellent sightings.



Feedback from some of the guides that attended the workshop:

*"Thank you very much for the opportunity you gave me to attend the workshop. I had a great time networking with other guides and learning from the best, Dana Allen. I returned home last night with a better knowledge of photography. I will take some time to sit with my fellow guides in the Hwange area to share what I learnt."* Sam Mushandu.

*"It was absolutely amazing. On our last morning we went on a game drive which started off seeing African wild dog tracks along the road. We looked around the area but there was no sign of even a single dog. We continued on our drive as we did not have much time, given we were leaving early that day. On our way back to camp I used the same route, as I was driving somebody spotted the dogs close to where the tracks were first seen. I drove closer and we saw that the pack was finishing a baby impala. There was a small elephant mud bath close by and as they finished feeding they all rushed to the water and started chasing each other and playing in the water, this gave us the opportunity to get some great pictures"* Richard Avilino, private Explorations guide.



A friendly reminder that our 2016 Explorations journeys are open for bookings, they are as follows:

- Okavango Channels and Plains - **NEW**
- The Great Wilderness Journey
- Botswana Summer Encounter
- Desert Dune Safari
- Diverse Namibia

To view our availability report [click here](#).

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We wish you happy holidays and a prosperous New Year

Until next time

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