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Greetings and a very happy New Year from Africa!

2017 is going to be truly awesome, more so because from 21 to 30 July we will be running the very first of [The Trans-Okavango](#) Explorations, guided by the one and only Thuto Moutloatse.

This epic journey – which includes the thrill of walking, boating and flying planes (and even a helicopter) between camps – explores the Okavango from west to east, capturing the essence of the Delta and imbibing the real spirit of exploration. Take in the abundant game-viewing areas of Hunda Island, Mombo and Chitabe interspersed with iconic water experiences offered at Pelo and Xigera.

**Highlights of this Exploration:**

- A comprehensive exploration of one of the world's biggest inland deltas and top wildlife destinations.
- Diverse activities and transfers between camps: walking, game drives, boat trips, mokoro trips, and flying by light aircraft and helicopter.
- The wide range of accommodation types, from dome-tent camping to Premier Camps, ensures a holistic and exciting safari experience.



**About Thuto Moutloatse :**



Voted by America's OUTSIDE magazine in 2014 as "seven best adventure guides on the planet", Thuto Moutloatse seems to have evolved, rather than simply grown up, around wildlife. His passion runs so deeply that one of his guests once observed: "He seems to really understand the profound position he is in - that he lives our "trip of a life-time" every single day."

Thuto's privilege to live in and amongst the pristine was due to his father's involvement in tourism and conservation and a school career spent in the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains in neighbouring South Africa. His first four years at Wilderness Safaris were filled guiding in the Linyanti before being "set free" in 2006 to satisfy his insatiable interest in the diverse ecosystems of Botswana as a private guide. This enhanced his natural sense for guiding and is now frequently requested by both tour operators and repeat guests from all over the world.

As for his specialties, the list is endless. From birding and tracking to astronomy and wildlife photography, his knowledge is impressive; indeed he conducts photographic safaris and freely shares information on even the more technical aspects. Likewise, Thuto's larger than life personality makes for memorable family safaris.

In fact there is a never a dull moment with Thuto: he may have you down on your hands and knees looking at the tiny critters, or you could find yourself tracking big game on foot; and “breakfast-on-a-spade” to dinner under the stars are likely to be of his creation. Going on safari with Thuto will leave your mind reeling from the experience. Chances are good that you will return home having acquired a great deal of knowledge as well as a new friend; but while you are with him, don't forget to ask him about Tour de Tuli and why he loves seafood so much.

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Until next time

The Wilderness Explorations Team

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