

It is hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through 2015. We still have availability on some of our 2015 departures and to assist you, we will be offering a discounted rate on all of our scheduled Explorations trips. Read more below about these **discounted rates** for the **Great Wilderness Journey, Botswana Summer Encounter, Desert Dune Safari and Diverse Namibia**.

We also highlight the change in the **Botswana Summer Encounter** itinerary for 2016. The change is largely due to the fact that the summer game viewing at Gomoti has been so good.

#### **DISCOUNTED RATES FOR 2015 EXPLORATIONS**

We still have availability for some of our 2015 departures. With this in mind, we 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 Aug 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 Aug 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.*

#### **CHANGES IN BOTSWANA SUMMER ENCOUNTER ITINERARY 2016**

We have decided to maximise on the great summer game viewing at Gomoti Tented Camp. From next year, the Botswana Summer Encounter will spend three nights at Gomoti. The itinerary will be as follows:

3 nights Deception Valley Mobile Camp

3 nights Gomoti Tented Camp

3 nights Linyanti Tented Camp

1 night Toka Leya

The images below were captured by Explorations guide Dave Luck at Gomoti during summer. To view more of Dave's Summer Season shots at Gomoti, visit [http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/blog/safari-albums#gallery-1577\\_Summer+days+at+Gomoti](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com/blog/safari-albums#gallery-1577_Summer+days+at+Gomoti)



## GET TO KNOW YOUR GUIDE – DAVE LUCK

We maintain that it is our Explorations guides that truly make our trips. Dave Luck is no exception to this and is arguably one of the finest guides in Southern Africa.

Dave was born in South Africa and grew up in the Copper-belt region of northern Zambia. His father was Chairman of the Zambian Wildlife Society for many years and this encouraged Dave to explore Zambia's eco-systems and wildlife areas. He developed a keen interest in all creatures great and small and kept 17 Flap-necked Chameleons at home in Zambia to keep the insects in the vegetable garden at bay!

After spending some time with the Anti-poaching Units in North Luangwa National Park helping protect the Park's elephant population he honed his talents as a lodge/camp manager and then later as a guide/ranger and spent his first years guiding in Zimbabwe and Malawi. His passion has taken him on numerous adventures to some amazing places. His speciality is Botswana, but once guests have travelled with Dave, they don't want to travel with anyone else again. He has subsequently led trips to Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. He has also led expeditions to photograph polar bears in the Arctic, and recently (November 2011) explored and photographed The Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), South Georgia and the Antarctic. West Papua (Indonesia) including Raja Ampat was his latest visit, exploring the rich fish diversity of the exquisite coral reefs and trekking to find the rare Red Bird of Paradise on Gam Island.

He is an exceptional all-round guide, but has special interests in:

- Photography
- Ornithology
- Mammals – Predators and elephants in particular
- Family-orientated safaris
- Walking and canoe trails

We believe that a safari has the potential to be a trip of a lifetime. With Dave as your guide, it is bound to be that. To get the most of your next safari, chat to us about Dave joining your guests as a private guide. If you don't believe us, this is what some of his guests have said:

*"Dave Luck is a jewel in the middle of Africa! He was fantastic in every way -- knowledge, passion for his work and the wildlife, attention to every one's needs, and just an all-round good human being."*

*"Dave is amazing! We couldn't ask for a better guide! He was totally attentive to our needs and what animals we wanted to see and even scheduled some special meals for us. What a treat for us to have him to ourselves!"*

*"This was my third trip with David Luck and it just might have been the best yet. Dave continues to amaze with his knowledge and skill. He amazed us yet again with his tracking abilities and his knowledge of animal behaviour. I cannot say enough positive things about this wonderful guide."*

*"Dave Luck was amazing as our expedition leader. I left Botswana with an in-depth understanding of the delicate eco-system and the roles that the animals and flora all play. He gave me facts that amazed me. Very professional and very helpful with a wonderful sense of humour. My trip was far more than I ever dreamed it could be because of Dave."*



*Dave sharing his images with some Himba children in Namibia. Dave, the family guide, going to great lengths to explain the workings of a mud wallow.*

Until next time,

The Explorations Team

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