

Greetings from Africa!

We are delighted to announce the 2017 Explorations departure dates are now available and can be viewed on the website and in the Wilderness Window. We are still working on 2017 rates and will communicate accordingly as soon they are finalised.

We have a few spots still available on the following Explorations for travel June, July and August 2016 so please bear this n mind for those last minute enquiries.

- [Into the Wilderness Botswana](#) – a short 6 night Botswana itinerary.
- [Hwange Walking Safari](#) – a 4 night adventurous walking safari in Hwange.
- [Diverse Namibia](#) – a 9 night safari from Sossusvlei to Etosha and in between.

Our first [Great Wilderness Journey](#) of the season is complete and [Ollie Porote](#) and his guests saw incredible wildlife and had an amazing experience:

“The trip started at Toka Leya Camp where we went on an afternoon game drive to see the rhinos in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. We met up with the wildlife park rangers and then walked to see the rhinos, a female with a sub-adult. We returned to camp just in time to enjoy sunset drinks watching over the mighty Zambezi River. The next day it was off to Botswana for a Chobe River Boat Cruise with the river now full. We saw elephant and hippo; the birdlife was great too. After light lunch on the boat we returned to Kasane Airport for our afternoon flight to Linyanti. The flight was great as we had an opportunity to fly over the Chobe and guests we excited to see lots of general game along the River.

On arrival at Linyanti Concession we did a game drive on the way to Linyanti Tented Camp. On our way in I spotted a leopard close to King’s Pool. It was a male with an impala kill. We then continued with the safari along the Linyanti River which borders Namibia and Botswana. That night we had dinner under the African sky in the Boma watching the “African television” (camp fire). The next day we surprised guests with a bush dinner on the eastern side of the camp. The staff made a cake for one of the guest who was celebrating her birthday, it was a very special surprise. After the birthday celebrations we turned to astronomy.

The stay at Gomoti Tented Camp in the Santawani concession was great. We saw two lions and a lioness on our first night game drive. The following morning we saw a leopard and a herd of Cape buffaloes. They camp staff showered us with a traditional performance on one of the days.

The Okavango Delta is amazing as the water is rising; the boat and mokoro activities at Jacana Camp were incredible. On the first mokoro one of the polers spotted a Pel’s fishing owl, we went off the boat and approached it on foot. We thereafter went swimming in the Delta. One the chefs at Jacana Camp demonstrated basket weaving and guests were happy to learn. On the second day we went for a nature walk on the island next to the camp to learn about tracks and signs of the wild. I did two presentations whilst at this camp, one about Botswana and another on Wilderness Safaris, “Our commitment to Conservation”. This was a very successful trip”



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View our [availability report](#) for the remainder of 2016.

Until next time
The Wilderness Explorations Team

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