

May 2018

Greetings from Africa!

2018 is well under way and our Experienced Based Privately Guided Journeys continue to offer remarkable experiences. One of our Private Journey Guides, Alex Mazunga enjoyed a productive week of guiding at several of our Botswana Camps. Here is what he shared;

"I met my guests, a group of agents at Maun airport before flying to <u>Vumbura Plains</u>. On our way from the airstrip to camp we were met with a surprise bush tea. After tea I offered to take our guests on a drive and the highlight of this drive was seeing a leopard and her young cub with an impala kill. The next day was full of fun, we had a competition planned for guests at lunch and the ladies split into two groups: "The Swahili Sisters" and "The Motswana/Batswana Mosadis".

That afternoon we left camp early and had our tea at the mokoro station. While having tea a wonderful surprise for the ladies materialised as a helicopter came in to land and they all enjoyed a 20-minute scenic flight over the Delta. After that we went out on a mokoro activity; halfway through I found a nice open waterway and the ladies had a one-on-one poling competition, which they all loved and which the Motswana/Batswana Mosadis won.

On our last morning we had a short, but very productive drive, as we found a coalition of four male lions after tracking them for more than an hour; we left them and headed to the airstrip for our onward adventure at Kwetsani Camp. Due to the tight schedule on this day, we had early tea and headed to Hunda Island for a site inspection of Tubu Tree and Little Tubu Camps, we enjoyed a short drive and had some great sightings, including a lot of general game and a male lion with a buffalo kill."







Our late flight to <u>Seba</u> the next afternoon was welcomed as it allowed us to fit in a site inspection of Jacana and Pelo Camps, have brunch and a site inspection of Jao before leaving for Seba. Our first game drive at Seba took us past <u>Abu Camp</u> for a site inspection, where guests were thrilled to meet the Abu elephants and their two new herd members, three-month-old Motlotlo and an as-yet unnamed seven-day-old calf. The next morning we went on a game drive before flying to <u>Qorokwe</u>; a very productive morning it was too, watching two wild dogs hunting (unsuccessfully) as well as spending time with the hyaena clan at their den. We saw a lot of general game and rounded off the early evening with a surprise Champagne stop. After dinner we went out on an amazing night drive where we saw three different wild cats, as well as civet, serval and a spring hare

On our last morning we did a short game drive and saw a lot of elephants, giraffe and zebra, as well as a female leopard hunting. On our way to the airstrip we also saw a lioness at a waterhole. After a very productive Botswana safari we headed to Maun International Airport where I helped the guests to check in before seeing them off to Cape Town and Johannesburg."

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Until next time

The Wilderness Explorations Team

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