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Greetings from Africa!

Botswana is a year round safari destination and perhaps the most rewarding country in Africa in which to experience a diversity of flora and fauna. Explorations offer scheduled and tailor-made experiences with exclusive access to some of Botswana's best wilderness areas.

These are just some of the reasons why you should book an Exploration in Botswana:

- Passionate, experienced and highly trained guides who are local individuals make the whole journey seamless and interpretive from start to finish.
- Small groups of up to 7 people, with each guest being guaranteed a 'window seat' on game viewing vehicles.
- Exceptionally diverse activities are offered and can include game drives, walks, water activities, flights, picnics, bush dinners and many more.
- These journeys take place mostly in private concessions and wildlife areas exclusive to Wilderness Safaris guests
- Accommodation is in authentic, fully-serviced, luxury tented camps that also provide an intimate 'close-to-nature' experience.
- To meet specific and specialist requirements, tailor-made Explorations for private groups are also possible.

One of our private guides, Letsogile Kamogelo raves about his latest Exploration:

"The trip was smooth and exploratory from the beginning till the end. On arrival at our water based camp, Pelo, we did an afternoon boat cruise through the seasonal flood plains of the Okavango Delta where we saw lots of red lechwe, other antelopes and elephants walking through the flood plains of the Delta, as well as lots of water birds. In the morning we did a mokoro ride through the water ways of the Delta and sighted Angolan Reed Frogs, elephants grazing through the Papyrus and a pod of hippos grunting in the reeds. We had an amazing sighting of five sitatunga antelopes walking through open water.

At Seba, we had amazing sightings of large herds of buffalo grazing and giraffe browsing through woodland as well as a female leopard with two cubs feeding on red lechwe. During one of our morning drives we came across a pack of eight African wild dogs that were chasing impalas, about 12 spotted hyenas with their pups at the den and as we arrived they started their ceremonial greetings. We also saw a herd of elephants grazing, zebras and wildebeest grazing through on an open dry flood plain with lots of pelicans. We had a sundowner along the channel were there were hippos showing off, this was really fantastic.

On our way from Chobe airstrip to Linyanti Tented Camp we drove along the Linyanti River where we encountered lots of elephants. The elephants were grazing and swimming along the river to cool down. Just before we arrived at camp we came across two male lion feeding on a baby elephant and vultures on top of the trees waiting for the lion to move off. Every game drive that we conducted at Linyanti included more than 300 elephants along the river while a female leopard in a tree and African wild dogs hunting impala along the Linyanti River were highlights. The boat cruise along the Chobe River was very productive, we had elephants, hippos grazing on land, crocodiles basking in the sun and the birdlife was incredible as ever. During our rhino walk at Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park we saw five majestic rhinos. It was an incredible trip"

In 2018, we venture Into The Wilderness for a Great Wilderness Journey within the Okavango Channels and Plains. Please contact your journey specialist to confirm your 2018 space for an extraordinary Botswana encounter and more







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