



Greetings from Africa

“*Lycaon pictus* is a canid found only in Africa, especially in savannahs and lightly wooded areas. It is variously called the African wild dog, African hunting dog, Cape hunting dog, African painted dog, painted wolf, painted hunting dog, spotted dog, or ornate wolf. It is the second-largest wild canid after the grey wolf, and the largest canid in Africa, with adults weighing 18–36 kilograms (40–79 lb).

It is a unique canid, being the only extant species in the genus *Lycaon*. It is most closely related to the *Canis genus* [domestic dog, wolf, coyote, jackal etc] though it cannot interbreed with them. It is a prolific breeder, with large litters of up to 19 pups, and may reproduce at any time of year. The breeding is usually limited to the alpha pair.

Lycaon pictus is a highly successful hunter, with the majority of its chases ending in kills. It preys mainly on medium-sized ungulates, though it will take other prey such as ostriches. The African wild dog is found in various open habitats across sub-Saharan Africa, though its range has been greatly reduced. It requires large territories for its survival, a factor which creates challenges for its conservation.

It faces various threats to its survival: lions, disease, and human activity all harm the species. Numerous conservation organizations are working to ensure the survival of this iconic species.” **Wikipedia**

One of our Explorations guides, Francis Kudumo, “paints” a more emotional picture of these Endangered species with these beautiful photos and had this to say on his recent Migration Routes Explorations

“We saw great game in most of the areas, with special general game on the water at Xigera Mokoro Trails Camp, lions at Banoka Bush Camp and Linyanti Adventure Camp and an animated pack of wild dogs hunting in the Linyanti, with herds of elephants all over the place.” For more on this stunning Exploration [click here](#).



Warm Regards
The Wilderness Explorations team

Wilderness Explorations Availability – 22 September 2014

F = Fully Booked

A = Ask for Space

Any number = number of seats available on the safari

C = Cancelled departure

BOTSWANA

The Great Wilderness Journey (DISCOVERER)

South Bound (Livingstone to Maun) 2014 & 2015	
Date of departure	Number of seats left available to book
2015-03-27	8
2015-04-02	8
2015-04-05	8
2015-04-17	8
2015-04-20	8
2015-05-02	4
2015-05-05	4
2015-05-08	6
2015-05-31	8
2015-06-06	8
2015-06-15	8
2015-06-29	8
2015-07-08	F
2015-07-20	6
2015-07-29	8
2015-08-12	6
2015-08-18	6
2015-08-21	6
2015-09-08	8
2015-09-17	4
2015-09-30	4
2015-10-21	8
2015-10-30	6
2015-11-05	6
2015-11-08	8
2015-11-14	6

Botswana Summer Encounter (DISCOVERER)

North Bound (Maun to Livingstone) 2014 & 2015

2014-12-03	4
2014-12-21	F
2015-01-04	8
2015-01-13	6
2015-01-19	8
2015-01-31	8
2015-02-21	6
2015-03-05	8
2015-03-26	F
2015-12-02	8
2015-12-11	8
2015-12-21	8

Migration Route (ADVENTURER) discontinued for 2015

North Bound Departures (Maun-Livingstone) 2014	
Date of Departure	Number of seats left available to book
2014-10-30	A
2014-11-08	A
2014-11-11	2

NAMIBIA

The Great Namibian Journey (DISCOVERER) 2014

Date of departure	Number of seats left available to book
2014-10-25	F
2014-11-06	F
2014-11-11	2
2014-11-16	4

Desert Dune Safari (DISCOVERER) 2015

Date of Departure	Number of seats left available to book
2015-05-05	6
2015-05-13	6
2015-05-26	8
2015-06-04	8
2015-06-15	8
2015-06-27	8
2015-07-03	8
2015-07-13	8
2015-07-17	8

2015-08-03	8
2015-08-13	6
2015-08-19	5
2015-08-23	8
2015-09-04	8
2015-09-17	F
2015-09-28	4
2015-10-05	8
2015-10-18	8
2015-10-25	8
2015-11-06	8
2015-11-11	8

Diverse Namibia (ADVENTURER) 2014 & 2015

Date of departure	Number of seats left available to book
2014-10-26	F
2014-11-05	F
2014-11-27	F
2014-12-19	4
2015-01-20	8
2015-02-01	4
2015-02-10	8
2015-03-06	8
2015-03-21	4
2015-03-28	8
2015-04-02	8
2015-04-15	8
2015-04-18	8
2015-05-08	2
2015-05-11	F
2015-05-23	8
2015-06-04	6
2015-06-16	8
2015-06-19	8
2015-07-01	8
2015-07-07	F
2015-07-19	8
2015-07-22	F
2015-08-03	8
2015-08-06	8
2015-08-18	6

2015-08-30	8
2015-09-08	2
2015-09-21	4
2015-10-02	4
2015-10-05	8
2015-10-20	8
2015-10-26	8
2015-10-31	8
2015-11-05	6
2015-11-27	8
2015-12-07	8
2015-12-17	8
2015-12-20	8

SOUTH AFRICA

Pafuri Walking Trails 2014	
Date of departure	Number of seats left available to book
2014-10-24	F
2014-10-27	F
2014-10-31	F