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Greetings from Africa!

We are thrilled to announce that our exciting [Trans-Okavango](#) exploration is now available to book for 2017. With just one departure scheduled (21 to 29 July 2017), it is vital to reserve your seats sooner rather than later. Explore the Okavango from west to east, capturing the essence of the Delta and imbibing the spirit of exploration. Take in the abundant game-viewing areas of Hunda Island, Mombo and Chitabe interspersed with iconic water experiences offered at Pelo and Xigera; with the opportunity to walk, boat and fly between camps, as well as enjoy the thrill of the Delta in a helicopter.



This Exploration will be led by one of our highly sought-after guides, [Thuto Moutloatse](#). Named "one of the 7 Best Adventure Guides on the Planet" by **Outside magazine**, Thuto has proved his popularity over and over again with guests. This is what some had to say:

*"We literally can't say enough...we were both ABSOLUTELY blown-away with Thuto. The breadth and depth of his knowledge is staggering and encyclopaedic in its scope - from animals to animal behaviour, tracking, geology, entomology, history, religion, politics, horticulture, botany, ecology, conservation, astronomy - the list goes on and on. And believe me, it was IMPOSSIBLE to trick him up. He's that good. He's infectious in his enthusiasm and passion for what he believes in and seemed to really understand the profound position he was in - that he lives our "trip of a life-time" every single day. Despite me proudly identifying the 500th red-billed hornbill of the day (which probably marked the billionth for him!), he was always enthusiastic and happy to shower me with kudos. Additionally, he cheerfully goes the extra mile to answer the billion questions we peppered him with day after day. But beyond that, he's a thoroughly fine person - he's always interesting, full of anecdotes and fascinating facts and figures; he was always fair to all guests and he was genuinely interested in all of us."*

*"Thuto was the height of professionalism from start to finish. His knowledge was incredible along with his commitment to providing everyone with the most comprehensive experience that one could have. I have been on quite a few safaris but never had a guide as conscientious and dedicated as Thuto. Plus on top of all of this he has a fantastic sense of humour so along with all we saw and all we learned we had an awful lot of fun"*

*"I've travelled with many companies throughout my 70 years and I'd have to say that Thuto was far and away the BEST guide I've ever had! What an amazing young man he is. He's knowledgeable about the ecosystems, animals, plant life, birds, history of the country and people, AND he's kind and fun to be with on a daily basis. Amazing!"*

*"A constant fountain of knowledge, far and away better than any I have ever had, and I have had many. Thuto went out of his way, including a night trip to photograph the milky way and the southern cross. He organized a last morning game drive, even though it was not guaranteed. We learned much about the Okavango's evolution to its present day through his lectures. Please hang onto him."*



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Until next time  
The Wilderness Explorations Team

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