

BECOME A WILDERNESS  
*Eco-Expert*

Have you ever wondered how an ecosystem functions, how to identify a bird from its call or how to track wild animals on foot? Then this is a programme for you.



This life-changing itinerary (six nights/seven days) offers an immersive wildlife experience in one of Africa's finest wilderness areas, where you will be exposed to a form of guide training on a practical and fun level. From basic guide skills and bushlore, to familiarising yourself with the local fauna and flora and their conservation, this opportunity will develop your bush skills, and challenge and fascinate you.

So join us in our classroom – the wildlife-rich Linyanti Concession of Botswana – and learn from the best: one of two highly knowledgeable and passionate guides, both of whom hail from rural Botswana and whom have honed their skills in this very wilderness.

**Accommodation:**  
Linyanti Tented Camp

**Programme Dates:**  
08-14 December 2019 (Guide – Ona Basimane)

*Course Components*

**THEORETICAL COMPONENT**

- Key habitat types of Botswana
- The Linyanti ecosystem
- Flora – grasses and trees of the Linyanti
- Mammals – identification, distribution, behaviour, habitats, unique species
- Birds – identification, distribution, behaviour, habitats, unique species
- Reptiles – identification, distribution, behaviour, habitats, unique species
- Amphibians – identification, distribution, behaviour, habitats, unique species
- Conservation projects (incl. the Wilderness Trust) and IUCN species in Botswana
- Astronomy, a.k.a star-gazing (not your star signs)

**PRACTICAL COMPONENT** (the fun stuff that builds on the theory)

- Navigation in the bush
- Medicinal and traditional uses of plants
- The art of tracking
- Wildlife photography
- Frogging (at night)
- Southern Hemisphere constellations
- Wild sleep-out experience

**TYPICAL COURSE DAY**

- An early morning start with tea/coffee (add Amarula, why not)
- Spend time in the field for theoretical and practical training
- Brunch at camp
- Theory-based learning in camp (no hard studying here though)
- Short break and free time before high tea (just in time for a gin and tonic)
- Back into the field for theoretical and practical training
- Dinner at camp
- Nocturnal topic and activity

*Our journeys change lives*