



November – March: Season of Plentiful Life

Why Sensational Summer?

- In summer, Botswana becomes a productive wildlife paradise interspersed with vibrant floral displays.
- There's an explosion of new life: many species give birth to their young.
- Predator sightings are frequent as they take full advantage of the abundance of inexperienced younger prey.
- Best season for birding. Several bird species display their breeding plumage and many migratory species are present.
- The famous Deception Valley in the Kalahari is at its wildlife viewing peak.
- Receding water levels in the Okavango Delta reveal more open areas for the grazing game species.
- These receding floodwaters mean that it is also possible to explore the islands and plains either on foot or in a safari vehicle.
- The now-flowing Savute Channel affords year-round game viewing opportunities in the Linyanti.
- Summer mornings are exceptional. The temperature is perfect for warm pre-dawn starts to the day and afternoon excursions.
- More personal experience on offer because of fewer travellers.
- It is a more affordable period to experience Botswana, its wildlife and outstanding wilderness reserves.



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Central Kalahari Highlights

Camp: Kalahari Plains Camp

- In this normally arid area with wide-open vistas, rain is welcome and the desert is entirely transformed. Several hues of green; fields of wild flowers burst out of the ground taking advantage of the limited moisture on offer.
- Following the brief sporadic and limited rains, grass sprouts in the ancient river valleys and fossil pans, providing much-needed sustenance for enormous concentrations of springbok and oryx during their breeding season – simply the best summer wildlife viewing in the country.
- These abundant herbivore concentrations are ideal for viewing the attendant predators.
- The Kalahari offers some of the best cheetah viewing in southern Africa, often with cubs at this time, and is famous for its immense black-maned male lions and their prides of females.
- Unique mammal species such as honey badger, reclusive brown hyaena, porcupine, bat-eared and Cape fox and even leopard are present year-round.
- Summer birding opportunities are excellent.



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Okavango Delta: Land Camps

Camps: Mombo, Little Mombo, Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura, Kwetsani, Jao, Tubu Tree, Little Tubu, Chitabe, Chitabe Lediba, Abu and Seba.
(Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura, Jao and Seba offer both land and water activities.)

- Floodplains exposed by the receding winter flood are transformed by the rains into a tapestry of green drawing grazers from the woodland of the higher lying larger islands onto the open plains.
- Game with young, feeding in these open areas, makes for excellent photographic opportunities coupled with rich landscapes and dramatic summer skies.
- During the summer months more varied habitats are accessible with grasses in the woodlands supporting its own suite of grazers.
- The birthing of multiple antelope species and zebra makes for interesting predator-prey interactions.
- Certain predator species such as spotted hyaena can also den and breed at this time of year.
- A myriad migratory bird species arrive, such as vibrant kingfishers, vocal cuckoos and colourful bee-eaters.

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Okavango Delta: Water Camps

Camps: Xigera, Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura, Seba, Jacana, Jao

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- Those camps with access to permanent shallow floodplains and channels continue to offer the quintessential Okavango waters experiences such as mekoro and boating activities.
- Specialised mammal species such as sitatunga and red lechwe thrive during this time of the year.
- For birders this is the most prolific time of year to be in the Delta when heronries and other nesting colonies are active and at their most impressive in terms of bird numbers.
- Bird 'specials' like lesser jacana, African pygmy-goose, copper-tailed coucal, and Pel's fishing-owl remain common sightings. Migrant birds arrive in numbers, from woodland kingfisher to southern carmine bee-eater.
- Nature walks on the islands remain an exciting year-round option.



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Linyanti Camps

Camps: DumaTau, Savuti, Kings Pool

- Due to the flowing Savute Channel, the famed elephant population that historically dispersed in the summer months now stay in the Linyanti, albeit in smaller family herds.
- The Savute Channel and its surrounds are optimal game viewing areas.
- The Linyanti offers diverse habitats including mopane woodland with seasonal productive pans, acacia woodland favoured by carnivore and herbivore alike, Kalahari apple leaf woodland and cool riverine forest.
- Between November and December, many antelope species give birth in their numbers; this plethora of young animals attracts a variety of predators in their turn including lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog.
- The birth of species from zebra to mongoose and warthog make for a wondrous time to observe the comical and endearing antics of young learning to face life for the first time.
- Phenomenal birding opportunities abound thanks to habitat diversity in close proximity and the influx of migratory species.
- The Linyanti region offers a diverse array of activities from walks to safari drives (by day and night) and boating.

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