

VUMBURA PLAINS



A LEGEND REVITALISED


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AN ICONIC DESTINATION

From floodplains to deep waterways, riverine and island woodlands, to a dry savannah interior, Vumbura Plains epitomises the serene beauty and year-round wildlife diversity of this iconic destination within the Okavango

Delta World Heritage Site.

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The Vumbura Plains Private Wilderness Area is found in the northern-eastern Okavango Delta adjoining the Moremi Game Reserve. Its prime position in the drier interior, set on one of the main channels that feeds the inland Delta, means year-round adventures on land and water.



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*Vumbura's immensely rich
wildlife diversity offers
an intensely memorable
wilderness experience.*

Kim Nixon, Wilderness Botswana MD

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DIVERSITY OF WILDLIFE

Variety is the thrill of life. Vumbura's myriad ecosystems support almost every species found in the Delta, and many that are found in few other places. Every activity becomes a journey of discovery as you watch the fierce interactions between predator and prey, or spy a rare sable or Pel's fishing-owl.

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Far left: Bringing down around 80% of their prey, the African wild dog is the most successful hunter in Africa

Above: Giraffe – always be attentive when these gentle giants become alert

Left: Good zebra numbers indicate the health of an ecosystem



Herds of elephant are a regular sighting at Vumbura Plains

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EVERY DAY A NEW ADVENTURE

Vumbura Plains offers endless adventures – choose to explore by vehicle, on foot, by boat or mokoro. Also by air. The area’s vast floodplains, deep clear channels, lagoons, woodlands and dry islands lend themselves to a range of activities, and days and nights that segue seamlessly into each other.

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WAYS TO
EXPLORE
THE AREA



Guided Walks



Game Drive
(Day)



Game Drive
(Night)



Mekoro



Boating



Seasonal
Hot Air
Ballooning



Helicopter
Flips



Seasonal
Catch-and-
Release Fishing *



Above left: Serene and immersive mokoro excursions reveal the fascinating smaller creatures of the Delta

Above right: Explore further along the channels by boat, an idyllic water adventure that can be experienced year-round

Left: Walking into the wild with an experienced guide is thrilling and rewarding



Above: The juxtaposition of game drives through floodplains and the drier savannah and woodland interior

Right: Take to the skies and watch wildlife from a different perspective – whether from a helicopter or a hot air balloon





LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, EXCEPTIONAL GUIDING

Vumbura Plain's community concession agreement means that many of its staff grew up here or close by, adding an extra layer of authenticity and cultural relevance to their roles. Whatever our guests' particular interests – from big cats to birds – guides can tailor each activity to dovetail with their safari wishlist.

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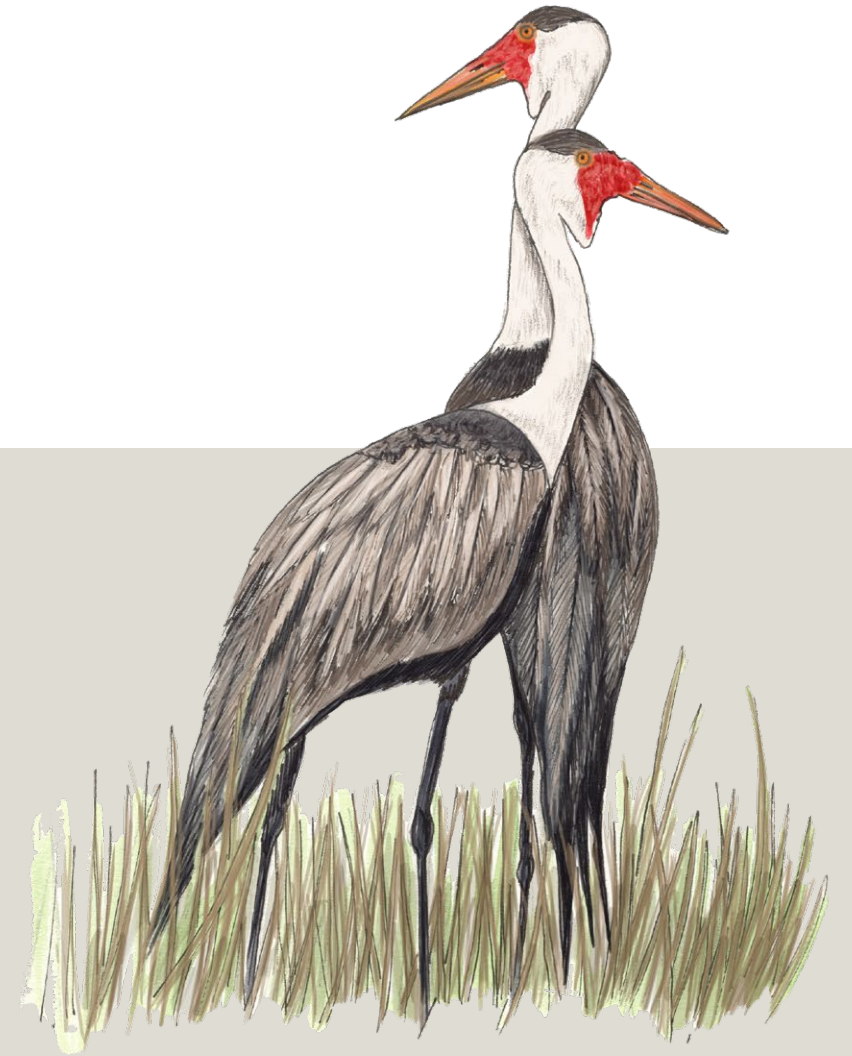
Our guides are the vital link between our guests and the intricacies of the natural world. Sharing their knowledge is their passion, and adapting to each specific guest and need is their strength.



REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Vumbura Plains represents a successful, long-running partnership with five local villages, and continues to make a significant contribution to community upliftment through job creation, skills transfer and helping to preserve and promote local heritage and tradition.

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OUR PURPOSE



Top left: Baskets handwoven by our staff are showcased throughout camp

Top right: Vumbura Plains' commitment to community empowerment and involvement includes supporting local farmers

Bottom left: The Okavango Community Trust (OCT) was formed in 1996 to represent the interests of villagers in the region

Bottom right: Working with the OCT, we run our Children in the Wilderness programme in five village primary schools



Our generous and hospitable staff are the cornerstone of Vumbura Plains' sublime experience

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OUR ACCOMMODATION REVITALISED

The newly refurbished Vumbura Plains is a proud tribute to its people and traditions. Local craftspeople have been instrumental in creating an authentic Okavango experience throughout, and the new colourways, patterns and decorative themes serve to create an immersive experience with the expansive and gorgeous watery outdoors.

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By weaving these extraordinary conservation and cultural stories into our décor and design, we're bringing the local culture alive for our guests in a tangible way.

Cate Simpson, Lead Interior Designer

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Top left: The bar light fittings are an impressive display of the baskets woven by staff

Top right: Details of the baskets are reflected in contemporary metalwork throughout camp

Bottom left: Light fittings fashioned from traditional fish traps hang over a map of the Okavango Delta's water flow

Bottom right: Metallic waterlilies and pads represent the smaller fauna and flora of the surroundings





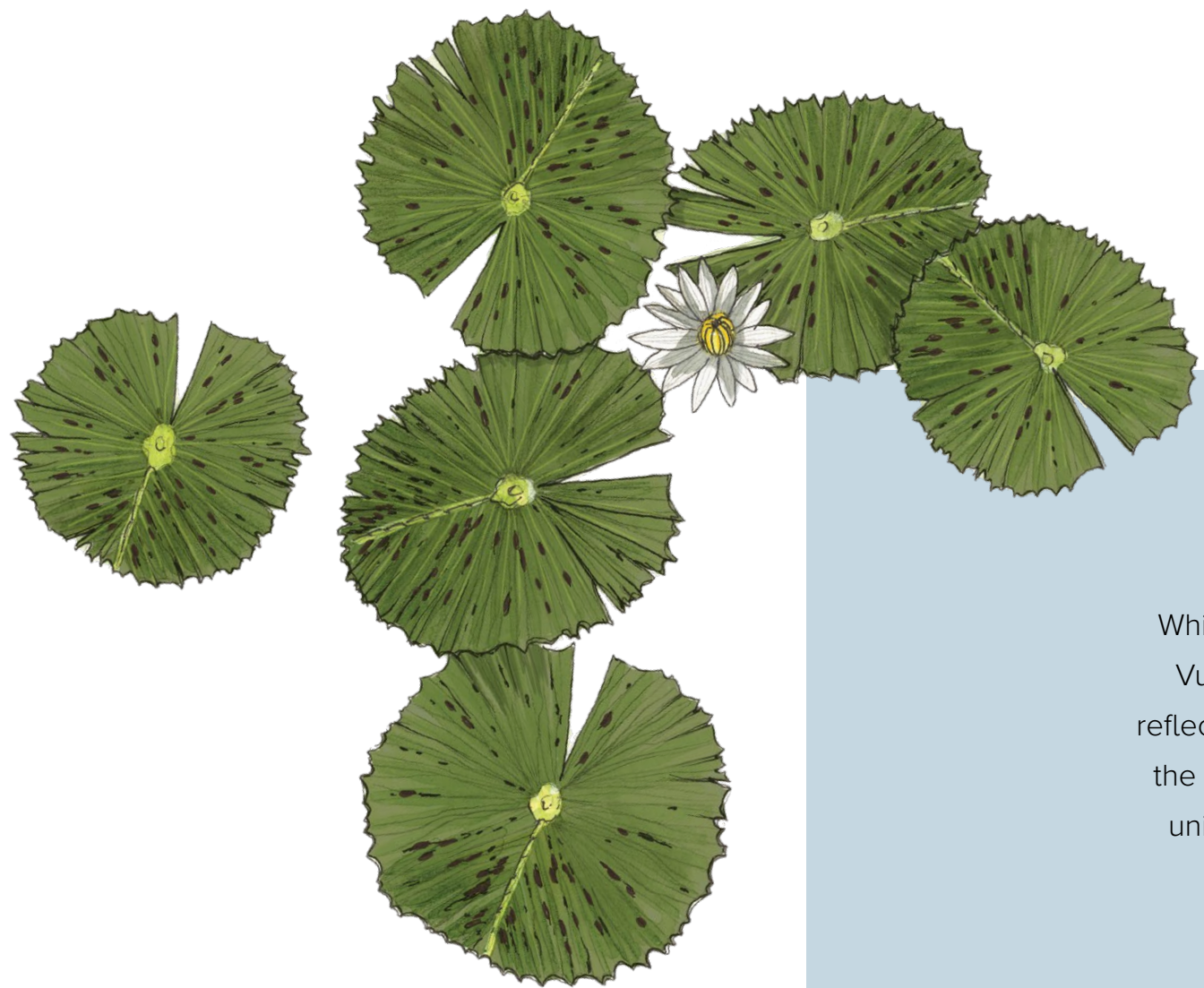
Top left: An artistic map of Vumbura and the area is a central feature of the dining area

Left: Waterlilies are a recurring theme

Above: The basket-weaving theme is also depicted in furniture pieces



The decorative themes and blue-green colourways of the Okavango are reflected in the large guest suites



REJUVENATING THE **SPACIOUSNESS**

While significant upgrades have improved the camp's structure, Vumbura's (gentle) footprint remains in place and continues to reflect the immense space of the concession. Making the most of the large, airy suites – including two of the most sizeable family units in the Delta – the improved doors and windows now take even fuller advantage of the horizon-wide views.



The endless horizons are brought into the expansive suites

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Very few can compete with Vumbura for scenery and awe. There is water everywhere, and the multitude of wetland and savannah habitats results in a diverse and constantly changing environment to explore.

*Raz Wilson Dube,
General Manager Vumbura North*

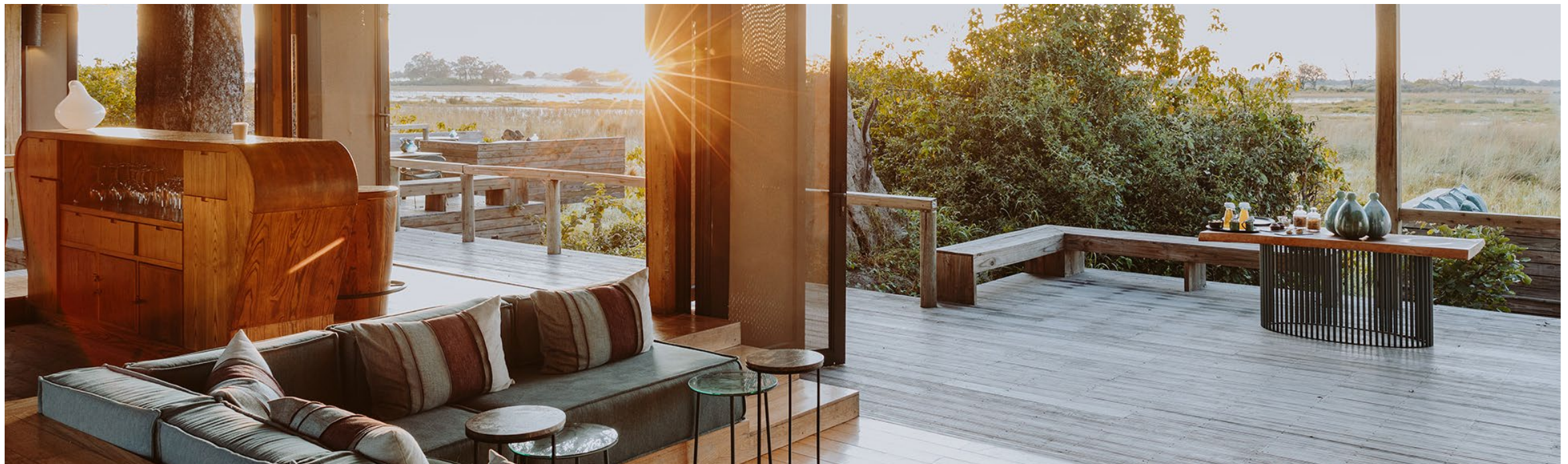
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Far left: The Vumbura Plains' immersive experience

Left: The soft rays of sunrise dance over the lounge

Below: A serene vista from the lounge and bar area





View from above a suite. Each has a private plunge pool, for cool contemplation of the wilderness and wildlife.

A TASTE OF THE DELTA

In line with our light footprint philosophy and ethos of supporting our communities, Vumbura's scrumptious dining options and menus celebrate the delicious local, seasonal ingredients of the region, its traditions and our partnerships with the local farmers, suppliers and artisans. One standout partnership is with the Ecoexist Trust, which helps find sustainable solutions for the local farmers who share their land with elephants.

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The food offering at Vumbura is as sumptuous as its surroundings.



Longest-serving staff member of Wilderness Safaris, Head Chef MMA Glo serves her delectable fare



The waterlily (locally known as tswii) is a multi-use food-source for local people. The main stem, or rhizome, is pounded into a flour-like powder, which is used to make pancakes, pasta or Mma Glo's Tswii, a delicious stew.




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