



## **Duba & Selinda Explorers Safari • Botswana 2020** **25 June - 1 July**

Join Wildlife Photographer **Hannes Lochner** for an unforgettable **7 days** Photosafari Experience to the **Okavango Delta** on **Duba Plains Private Reserve & Selinda Reserve**

### **Duba Explorers Camp**

Duba Explorers Camp is a wildlife connoisseur's getaway; situated on an island in the northern reaches of the 33,000 hectare Duba concession and surrounded on all sides by pristine Okavango Delta. Duba Explorers Camp prides itself on its extraordinary wildlife experiences, and rightly so. Guests of the camp enjoy regular sightings of a diverse range of species, including lechwe, kudu, tsessebe and giraffe. Herds of elephants and buffalo move around the camp and hippo trudge through the swamps creating their channels and paths daily. Lions, leopards and even African wild dogs are spotted regularly. Birds abound, and the area is a birdwatcher's paradise. Enjoy guided walks, mekoro and boating opportunities or early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives and revel in the one of the most stunning and varied wildlife areas in the world.

### **Selinda Explorers Camp**

This camp is located in the 130,000 hectare Selinda Reserve of northern Botswana on the banks of the Selinda Spillway. The camp sits in a prime predator habitat, in a location, which was handpicked based on exploring this area for years. Lion, leopard and cheetah and the recently discovered Explorers Pack of African wild dog hunt these parts regularly. Giraffe, buffalo, roan and sable are possible sightings. At the peak of the dry season in late September, the Selinda Reserve has been documented to hold up to 9,000 elephants. Bird life along the Spillway's banks is also phenomenal. Wildlife viewing is focused on guided walks and canoeing (when water levels allow) in addition to drives, allowing guests to take in the smaller things often missed from a vehicle.



## General Information



### This trip offers a number of extraordinary photographic highlights!

- One of the best of the Okavango Delta Swamps and surrounding areas.
- Photography on land using photographic vehicles combined with Mokoro and/or Canoe excursions depending on water-levels. Being on the water allows for good game viewing in the channels further away from camp revealing the smaller fascinating critters and striking waterbirds of the region. Fabulous sightings of hippo and crocodile and maybe even the elusive sitatunga might come your way.
- Small groups with a maximum of 6 participants.
- Photographic support for all skill levels, one-on-one tutoring and tour guiding from Hannes.
- Open 4x4 game drive vehicle on early morning and late afternoon game drives.
- Opportunity for Night photography around the camps.
- You will spend the night in two beautiful and luxury camps.

### Basic course content:

- Knowing your subject • Knowing your equipment • Knowing what you want the image to say
- Telling a story. Does the photo have *Feeling*? • Focussing on the eyes • Composition - Rule of thirds • Using flash - during the day and night! • Watching the light. What time is good for photography? • *The little things!* - There's more to wildlife photography than lions • Patience and perseverance • Getting the perfect shot in the field (without Photoshop)! • Mastering birds in flight • Shooting in manual mode • Night Photography, Star-Timelapse • And many more tips and tricks!

### What is included:

- The 3 Flights: from Maun to Selinda Explorers Camp to Duba Explorers Camp and back to Maun • Photographic tutoring and one-on-one personal assistance by Hannes Lochner
- a combination of two to three activities per day, game drives, Mokoro or Canoe excursions
- 3 nights at Selinda Reserve • 3 nights at Duba Plains Private Reserve • Full board • All local drinks, excludes premium imported brands • Laundry • Park fees

### What is not included:

- Your international flight • Travel insurance • Single supplement for solo travellers • Gratuities • Visa fees (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature



## Itinerary



### Day 1 Arrival in Maun Airport – Selinda Reserve

On arrival at Maun Airport you will be met and assisted by Hannes and a Mack Air pilot who will fly you to the Selinda Reserve. There you will be met by your guide in an open game drive vehicle who takes you to Selinda Explorers Camp where a warm welcoming team is awaiting you. After Hannes has given a short introduction regarding the course you will be accompanied to your tented accommodations and get an orientation of the facilities & familiarisation of the 'lay of the camp'. After settling in and a light refreshment is is time for your first game drive. In the evening enjoy a superb dinner and relax afterwards around the campfire.

### Day 2 - 3 Selinda Reserve

This is basically everydays routine: After a light breakfast we leave for the Morning Drive during which there will be a coffee break. Later on we return for Brunch anywhere between 11-12 pm. In the afternoons there will be time for tutoring, one-on-one tutoring and time off for yourself. High Tea is served before leaving for the late afternoon game-drive. A superb dinner is served after returning from the game drive.

Possibility for Night photography around the lodge.

Daily Activities: Early morning and late afternoon/early evening game activities to suit, including guided walking safaris, canoeing trips and game drives where required in open 4x4 vehicles.

### Day 4 - 6 Duba Plains Private Reserve

At a time to be advised by camp management, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your aircraft transfer from Selinda Explorers Camp to Duba Plains Private Reserve. There you will be met by your guide in an open game drive vehicle who takes you to Duba Explorers Camp which will be your new home for the next three days.

Daily Activities: Early morning and late afternoon/early evening game drives in an open 4x4 vehicle, guided walking opportunities as well as mekoro and boat-based wildlife viewing activities when water levels permit.

The last evening to round off the course we hold a general presentation with photo projection where each person can show a small selection of their favourite photographs.

### Day 7 - End of the photography trip / Return to Maun

At a time to be advised by camp management, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your aircraft transfer from Duba Explorers Camp to Maun Airport. This is where the trip ends and you can continue your individual travel.





## Accommodation • 4 Star Luxury Tented Camps



### Duba Explorers Camp | Duba Plains Private Reserve

This intimate camp, with its own private traversing area within the concession and away from that of Duba Plains Camp, consists of five expedition-style tents of light airy canvas on slightly raised decking, each with views of the surrounding floodplain.

Each tent is stylishly furnished and designed by Great Plains Conservation Founders and National Geographic Explorers-in-Residence Dereck and Beverly Joubert, using their unique sensibilities to capture a spirit of exploration. Each room has a campaign writing desk and private verandah as well as en-suite facilities consisting of flush loo, double vanities and indoor shower. Fans and open air design maintain a comfortable climate for rest and relaxation. Open-air main area, under sweeping marquee canvas, on raised decking and consists of an open-concept dining and lounge area.

ROOM FACILITIES: Balcony/Deck, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Dressing Gowns, Electrical Outlets, En-Suite, Fan, Hair Dryer, Lounge Area, Safe, Shower, Tea/Coffee, Verandah.



### Selinda Explorers Camp | Selinda Reserve

Selinda Explorers is an intimate camp designed in the style of the early explorers. The camp's magic lies in its expedition-style, with campaign furniture and vintage travelling trunks that lend an authentic, transient atmosphere to the camp.

The camp's focal point is the Bedouin-style main area consisting of a lounge and dining room. Under a canopy of jackalberry and mangosteen trees, the four canvas guest tents are raised just slightly off the ground, connecting guests with the pulse of the wild. Rekindling the magic of safaris gone by, hot and cold water in the tents is provided in large jugs for the copper vanities. The separate en-suite flush toilet and shower area, although covered and enclosed at the sides, remains open-air. The atmosphere of the camp is one of bush elegance with a relaxed bohemian style, complemented by attentive staff, outstanding guiding and fabulous food.

ROOM FACILITIES: Dressing Gowns, En-Suite, Fan, Lounge Area, Outside Shower, Pure Cotton Linen, Safe, Shower, Tea/Coffee, Verandah.



### Botswana's Location in Africa



### Botswana Overview



19°23'29.80"S 22°45'29.09"E

