

Kalahari Summer Launched

Footsteps in Africa in conjunction with a group of small independently owned lodges have launched the Kalahari Summer promotion. This promotion is strictly directed for the trade. The Promotion runs from the 1st December 2007 to the 31st March 2008. This is the only circuit of Botswana lodges that includes all 4 major key areas namely the Makgadikgadi Pans, Central Kalahari Desert, Okavango delta and Chobe riverfront. Should you require more info on this exciting special drop me a note to see our rates and flight transfers – the best offer you have seen in a long time in Botswana - anthony@footsteps-in-africa.com

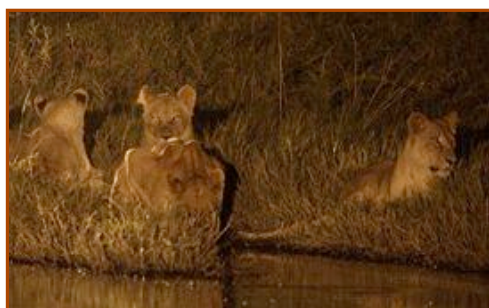
For more general information, please visit our **trade only** website at: www.kalaharisummer.com

THE PARTICIPATING LODGES IN KALAHARI SUMMER ARE:

Makgadikgadi Camp	Makgadikgadi Pans
Deception Valley Lodge	Central Kalahari
Delta Camp	Okavango Delta
Mapula Lodge	Okavango Delta
Muchenje Safari Lodge	Chobe River Front
Delta Air	Charter – Maun & Kasane

NEWS FROM THE LODGES:

Mapula Lodge:



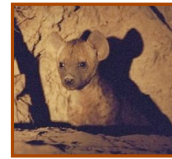
Three great bits of news emerged in the last two weeks from Mapula Lodge. Firstly Ngakaemang Ramakoba better known in the safari industry as “Doctor” joined Mapula Lodge from Kwando Safaris. “Doctor” has been appointed as principal guide to Mapula Lodge. Using his incredible bush talents he immediately proved his worth by discovering a active wild dog den.

The den consists of 5 adults with 6 puppies aged at 1 to 2 months old. Photo's will soon be posted on the Footsteps in Africa website: www.footsteps-in-africa.com. The Mapula Lodge area is “home” to Doctor who grew up in a remote village adjacent to this large concession. Good news is that we do still have some very limited space at Mapula for those wild dog enthusiasts.

“Doctor” will also be available to conduct Family safaris as well as private guided safaris. The new airstrip at Mapula Lodge named; Xarakai has served us very well and makes accessing Mapula more convenient than in the past.

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Following the phenomenal success we have had with guides and trackers at Deception Valley Lodge, as of today Mapula Lodge now operates with guides and trackers. The benefits of guide and trackers was made very clear on the first drive, when one of the teams discovered a spotted hyena den with the matriarch and 4 cubs.



Deception Valley Lodge



The season in the Kalahari is busy changing early morning are not as cold as a few weeks ago. The last two weeks has been exceptional for game drives and game viewing – with sightings of lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog. Guests were very happy to see two of our resident lions mating right in front of the lodge as seen on the photo. Hopefully in the next 3 months we will be able to report a new litter of cubs.

A wild dog pack that has been visiting regularly over last few months has again been sighted last week. The alfa female as seen on the photo (right) is visibly pregnant. This is the time of the year that the wild dogs find a site to make a den for the pups. We will keep our fingers crossed and hopefully we might be able to report to you a second wild dog den at a Footsteps in Africa lodge! Our Bushmen trackers are standing by to locate the den site shortly.



Delta Camp:

Delta Camp offers some of the best walking in the Okavango delta in addition to the legendary mokoro excursions. The Delta in the area is beautiful and offers a game rich locality in which to walk – being adjacent to Chiefs Island, generally accepted as the best game area in the Okavango Delta. Guests are taken out in mokoro where they are offered to explore the numerous islands on foot with their own private guide.

Regular sightings reports from Delta Camp have been consistently good with lion, elephant and buffalo's sightings a daily occurrence.



Makgadikgadi Camp – New Management Team

Footsteps in Africa are pleased to announce that a new management team has been formed and is now active at Makgadikgadi Camp. In addition the product has been re-branded with the slogan: Authentic, Affordable, Amazing. Activities on offer are: viewing of the Suricate “Meerkat” colonies, trips to the pans, quad biking, archaeological sites and viewing of the specially adapted wildlife.

A brand new package has also been launched that affords guests the unique opportunity to view the largest zebra migration in Southern Africa. The 30 000 zebra return annually to the Makgadikgadi Pans from December – end March.

<http://www.footsteps-in-africa.com/tours6.html>

Oddballs Camp:



Oddballs must still be rated as one of the very best value for money camps in Botswana. All guests are accommodated in dome tents on raised platforms and explore in mekoro and on walks. Each tent has a private guide. On 5 night bookings guests can even camp out in the Delta.

Resident elephants put in a regular appearance around Oddballs sometimes closer than expected....