



# Tuli News

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## Wildguides@Tuli – last minute availability



We have two spaces left on our Wildguides@Tuli course running from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and a couple of spaces left on the course running from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September. **We are offering these at a discounted rate of P6300** per person sharing (usual rate P6900).

Wildguides is a fascinating, action-packed 4 day course which is designed to equip you with some of the skills and awareness of a safari guide - learning in a hands-on way how to track animals, drive a 4x4, read bush sign, navigate using the stars, predict animal behaviour, handle a rifle, understand animal/plant interaction and approach, view & retreat from animals.

Run in partnership with Okavango Guiding School, Botswana's leading guide training organization, it is ideal for people who want to extend their knowledge and go beyond the 'usual' safari experience.

If you can't make it this year, next year's courses will run on 24-27 May, 28-31 May, 22-25 Aug and 26-29 Aug. Please contact [info@tulilodge.com](mailto:info@tulilodge.com)

## Lodge talk ...

\*\*\* We're delighted to let you know that Tuli has recently been re-graded as **4 star**, reflecting our continuous improvement in quality and service and in recognition of our extensive refurbishment. Thanks go out to all the great staff at Tuli for their tremendous effort and hard work.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 5 years Tuli has been voted **Botswana's Leading Safari Lodge** in the World Travel Awards. Many thanks to all who voted and made this great achievement possible!

We shall be exhibiting at the **DSTV Getaway Show** at the Coca Cola Dome in Johannesburg on 11-13<sup>th</sup> September – please come and visit us at stand F36 and be sure to enter our draw to win a weekend for two at the lodge.

We're also delighted that **Craig Beaton** has joined us as our conservationist. Many of you may know Craig from when he ran Tuli Wilderness Trails. His experience, knowledge of and passion for the area is unsurpassed and he'll make a great addition to our team.

It is now possible **to book online** for Tuli Safari Lodge and Tuli Bushcamps via our website [www.tulilodge.com](http://www.tulilodge.com). We hope that this will help save you time, but we are always happy to chat to you via email or on the phone!

## Molema



Molema is just 25km from Platjan border post and a perfect stopover for anyone driving between Botswana and South Africa, or for a peaceful weekend break.

As part of our ongoing programme to enhance our bushcamps, we've **relocated** one of the chalets to a great new position underneath a 600 year old Nyala berry tree on the banks of the mighty Limpopo River, which still has water flowing today.

A **new self drive track**, with an extended 40km road incorporating a lovely 3 hectare dam where elephants often congregate in significant numbers will be opening next month.

## Lentswe le Moriti culture house



We have a new **community experience** to offer you when you next visit Tuli. We have helped the village of Lentswe le Moriti to create a new culture house which was opened to the public on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The house was built in the traditional style by the ladies of the village to show people more about our local Motswana culture. Tuli guests can meet with villagers, enjoy a traditional meal, see the 'kgotla' (traditional court) in action and visit the local school with entertaining traditional dancing.

## Wildlife new –new Tuli babies



We're delighted to inform you that the wild dogs have once again denned near Pontdrift and produced a litter of 13 pups on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to Craig Jackson of the Northern Tuli Predator Project for the photo! Tuli guests have enjoyed regular sightings of the hunting pack close to the lodge and we expect the whole pack to be travelling with the pups soon. For more information on the Tuli wild dog project please visit <http://tulipredatorproject.ning.com/group/northerntuliwilddogproject>

We have also had other great predator sightings with cheetahs being seen on many occasions, and the resident female leopard has been spotted walking with her new cubs.

***We look forward to welcoming you to Tuli again soon!***

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