



# Tuli News

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## The du Toits are back!



Many of you will remember Wendy & Francois du Toit fondly from their time managing Tuli Safari Lodge. We are delighted that they are now closely involved with Tuli again, as through their company du Toit TMCS they have been appointed as the executive management team responsible for the day to day management and operations of Tuli Safari Lodge & Tuli Bush Camps. Francois and Wendy are very proud to join the Tuli Team and are supported on the ground by assistant lodge managers Hantie and Stephanus Schoeman, and our F&B Manager Fran Tunnicliffe.

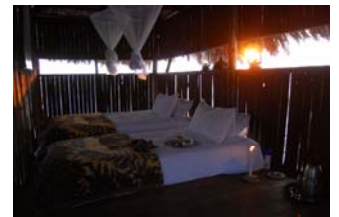
## Wildlife news



We are now going into autumn after a long, hot and relatively dry summer and are enjoying excellent game viewing especially close to water points. Many guests have had the privilege of watching

up to 100 elephants drinking, swimming and playing in the dam at one of our hides. We've also had spectacular plains game sightings at this hide, with 120+ eland, 50 wildebeest and 60 zebra congregating there one morning recently. To relieve the pressure on the veld around this hide, we have now moved the water pump to hide no. 1, which we use for dinners and sleep-outs, so we are expecting excellent sightings here in the coming months.

## Ultimate wilderness experience



Tuli guests can spend time in any of our three hides situated at key sites across the reserve - either with our guides as part of a morning or afternoon activity, or on their own with just binoculars, some drinks and snacks for company. This is a lovely, relaxing way to spot wildlife and is particularly good for photographers and birders. For the ultimate wilderness experience, guests can opt to dine in the bush and stay overnight at our comfortable hide no. 1, equipped with bathroom and a light to spot nocturnal wildlife!

## Rates

Due to an increase in Botswana VAT our rates are going up by 2% as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 (we shall honour all existing bookings at the old rates). Apart from this we are holding our current rates for 2011.

## Simon & Baker travel review

Tuli Safari Lodge was recently reviewed by the well-respected Simon & Baker Travel Review, which commented that 'the Tuli area was worth a dedicated visit for several reasons including the game viewing', 'it was the quality as well as the quantity of the bush experiences that we remember fondly' and that 'Tuli was home to some of the friendliest people we have met'. To see the full article, please visit <http://simonandbaker.com/tuli.html>

## Lodge talk ...



Our guests often comment on the warmth and friendliness of our staff, who play a huge part in making the lodge such a relaxing and happy environment. Repeat guests are always delighted to see the same friendly faces on their return visits, and most of our staff members have worked at the lodge for a long time. Cry, our beloved barman pictured above, celebrates 27 years service at the lodge this year! He is closely followed by one of our chefs Eva who has worked at Tuli for 26 years.

## Mapungubwe Action Group

In our last newsletter we drew your attention to the proposed coal mine, Vele Colliery, on the banks of the Limpopo approx 5km from Mapungubwe. We are devastated to report that the licence has now been awarded by the Department of Mining. Tuli shareholder Nick Hiltermann has set up the Mapungubwe Action Group to work with other key parties including Peace Parks, WWF, Endangered Wildlife Trust and the Archaeologists Society, in order to fight this decision in the courts. For further information, please contact [nick.hiltermann@telkomsa.net](mailto:nick.hiltermann@telkomsa.net).

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

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