

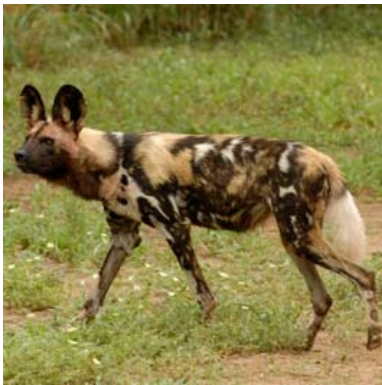


Tuli News

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***** A last minute cancellation means that we have some unexpected availability at Easter – please contact the lodge if you'd like to take an Easter break! *****

Wild dog reintroduction



We are extremely excited to advise that 18 African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*) are being reintroduced to the Northern Tuli Game Reserve. African Wild Dogs used to occur in the area before being hunted to local extinction around the beginning of the last century. It is hoped that their re-introduction will be a success and will contribute to growing the population of these greatly endangered animals.

This important project is being managed by The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) and Wild Dog Action Group. It is the intention to radio collar two dogs and have a researcher monitor the pack over the next 18 months.

Northern Tuli Game Reserve is assisting with the many and varied expenses which come with a project such as this, which include vehicle running costs, radio collars and employment of a community liaison officer and so on. Should anyone wish to make a donation please contact nick.hiltermann@telkomsa.net for further information.

Exceptional rains



The Northern Tuli Game Reserve is looking stunning after an exceptionally good wet season. The average annual rainfall is 350mm and there has been 430mm already! This is great news for all the wildlife and will ensure good viewings throughout the year.

Tuli at Indaba

We'll be exhibiting as usual on the Botswana stand at Indaba in Durban from 10-13th May. We look forward to meeting up with our colleagues in the trade and updating everyone on the exciting developments at Tuli – if you'd like to arrange a meeting please email us at marketing@tulilodge.com.

Botswana – Mapungubwe – Wild Dog package

We have teamed up with Mopane Bush Lodge, just across the border in South Africa, to offer a fascinating and varied 4 night stay combining a Botswana safari with a visit to the World Heritage Site at Mapungubwe plus the chance to track wild dog at the Venetia wild dog project.

This would make a great long weekend or mid-week break. Costs R5845 per person sharing – please contact us for more info.

New camping & self-catering option open soon

There will soon be a new camping & self-catering option in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve. Tuli Safari Lodge has formed a joint venture project with the local community at Molema, providing 4 fully furnished log chalets and 4 camping sites.

Situated near the Platjan border post Molema will make a great stop-off point when travelling between South Africa and Botswana.

We are just finalising all the paperwork and hope to be open for business around Easter time.

New management couple

As part of our continuous improvement programme, we have recently appointed an assistant management couple to support our General Manager Jacques van der Merwe. Rob & Heidi Wightman bring great front of house, admin and maintenance skills and we wish them and their baby daughter Janelle a very warm welcome.

Safari diary



Our leopard sightings continue to abound with a pregnant female having taken refuge in the sandstone outcrops behind the lodge, another female with two young cubs has been spotted on several occasions and our big resident male continues to put in regular appearances.

At the other end of the scale, we can guarantee close ups of elephant shrews at one of our favourite sundowner spots!

We look forward to welcoming you to Tuli again soon!