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# WILDLIFE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERING - BOTSWANA

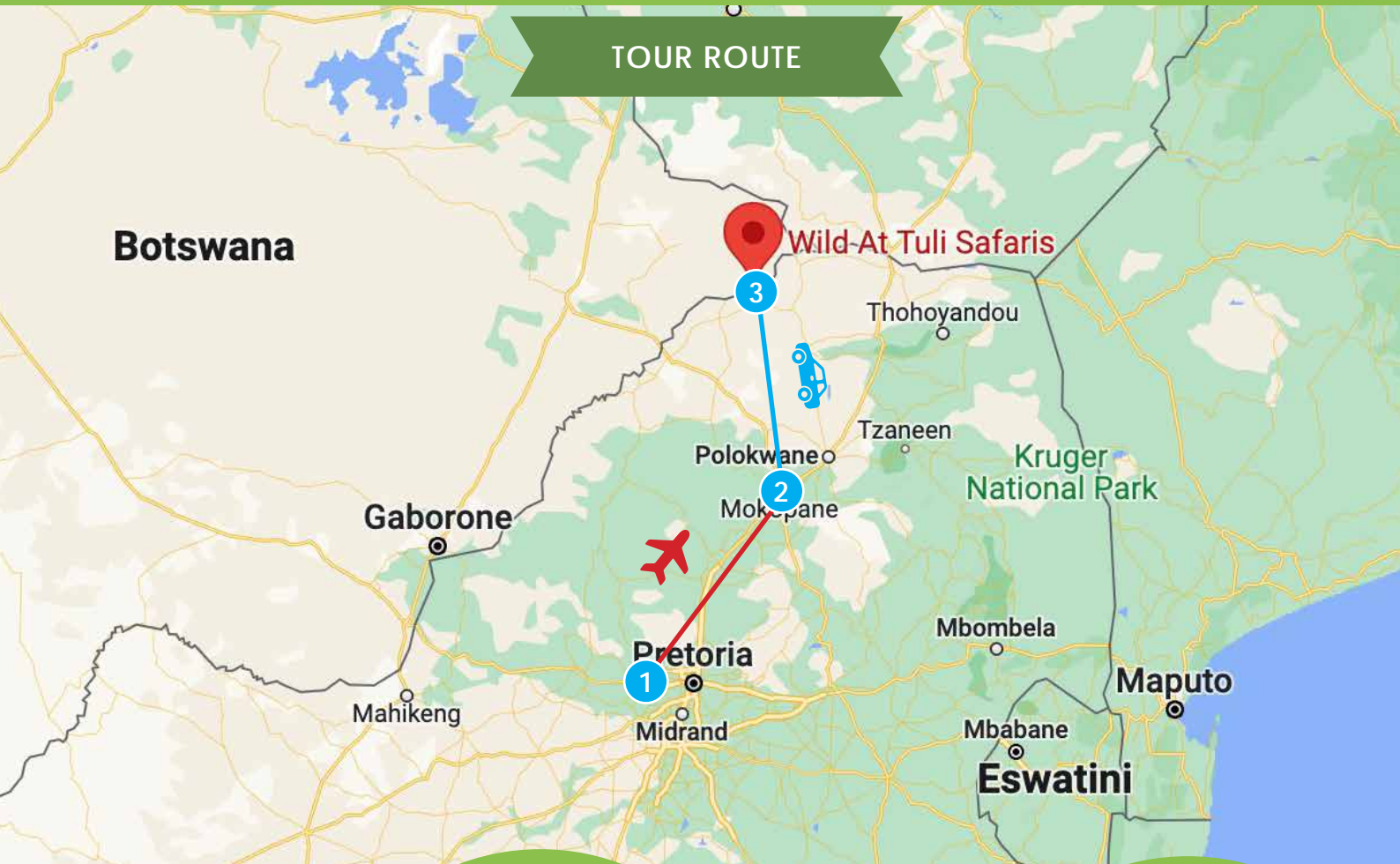
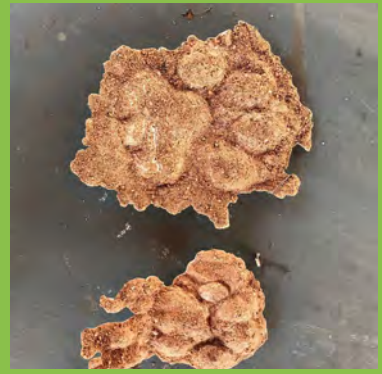
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volunteer in a true African wilderness area in  
the central Tuli Block in Botswana!



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**Research**

**Wildlife**

**Discover**

**Sleep-outs**

**Wildlife**

## ACTIVITIES

Become immersed in the real magic of Africa - with its vast landscapes and indigenous wildlife.

Experience nature at its best and directly contribute to the conservation objectives of this wilderness area.



### RESEARCH

Contribute to a greater understanding of this wilderness area by conducting mammal and bird surveys, learning about the migration of different species at different times of the year, and building knowledge about resident individuals and herds (such as developing elephant identikit).



### CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Activities are undertaken that reflect the conservation needs at the time and depend on climate, time of the year and circumstances. All projects are important and necessary for protecting and maintaining the wilderness area.



### WILDLIFE

Integral to being in a wilderness area is the opportunity to observe wildlife. This is the animals' home and whether you are in a game-vehicle, walking in the bush, sitting at a waterhole or sleeping under the stars, you feel their presence.



### SLEEP-OUTS

A highlight of every experience is a sleep-out under Africa's starlit sky. You truly feel the vastness of the universe by overlooking the plains, witnessing a Botswana sunset, and falling asleep under the African sky.



### DISCOVER

Be exposed to the magic of the African bush by going on hikes, investigating tracks and signs, observing and identifying wildlife big and small and taking in the silence and wild-ness of the surrounding landscapes.

# WHY THE TULI BLOCK IN BOTSWANA?



The Tuli Block extends 350km along the Limpopo River in south eastern Botswana, and borders on South Africa to the south and Zimbabwe to the north and east.

It is known as “The Land of Giants” as it is home to large herds of elephants. The region has an illustrious history that has made it one of Botswana’s prime tourist destinations.

This volunteer program is situated at Wild at Tuli, located in the Central Tuli Block region. Historically a mixed-use area, much of the land was farmed or hunted until a group of private conservationists came together to re-wild the area and return it to its natural ecological state. This region has now become a sanctuary for wildlife with vast areas of wilderness protected and home to a range of Africa’s iconic species, such as lion, cheetah, leopard, hyena, zebra, giraffe and elephant. There are also many antelope species and hundreds of birds. With large tracts of land unfenced in this area, it provides an important space for migrating wildlife species.

The key objective of this program is to provide an authentic wilderness experience for youth, while also working towards the conservation objectives of the area. With the help of volunteers, we are working together to protect the fauna and flora of this sensitive African wilderness.

## DAY TO DAY

### DAY 1

Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you are transferred for your domestic flight to Polokwane. Thereafter, you are transported over the Botswana border and into the Camp by road.

A short game drive and orientation introduces you to your new surroundings.



### DAY 2

Today's focus is building and repairing waterholes. Waterholes are essential for the survival of wildlife, especially during times of drought. Your involvement in building and repairing waterholes is critical to the management of this wilderness area.

Some activities include collecting stones for waterhole walls, cleaning solar panels for water pumps, repairing damaged walls and windmills (often caused by elephants) and sometimes building a new waterhole in an area identified as important for wildlife migration.



### DAY 3

Embark on a conservation discussion with your hosts to learn about some of the conservation challenges that they are tackling and how your involvement will make a difference to their conservation vision.

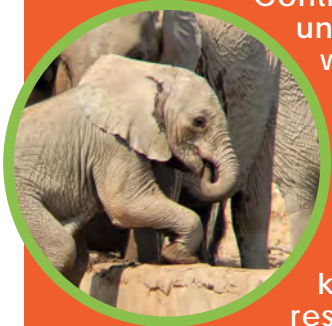
Get involved in placing camera traps, which are important tools for monitoring wildlife that are elusive (such as leopards) and/or nocturnal (such as hyenas). End your day with a magical Botswana sunset.



### DAY 4

Contribute to a greater understanding of this wilderness area by conducting mammal surveys, learning about the migration of different species at different times of the year, and building knowledge about resident individuals and herds (such as developing elephant identikit).

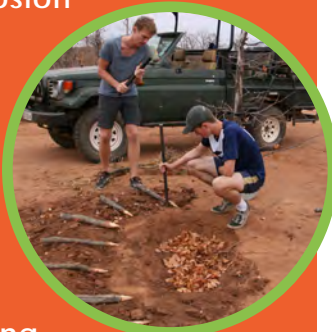
Thereafter, continue with the waterhole activity. Some projects are multi-day activities that you will be coming back to over the course of the two weeks. There is a wonderful sense of achievement to see how your work is having an impact on bigger projects.



### DAY 5

Today you focus on erosion control. This is a very important activity to prevent land degradation during the rainy season, which can transform natural landscapes and impact biodiversity.

Activities include making stakes from small trees, building erosion barriers and planting seeds to create new vegetation.



## DAY TO DAY

### DAY 6

Learn how to identify birds, including tips on observing shape and color and looking out for distinguishing characteristics. The Tuli Block is home to almost 400 species of birds!



Practice what you have learned around camp and then participate in collecting data for a bird census. Prepare for your bush sleep-out!

### DAY 8

Drive to a nearby wildlife reserve where you have the opportunity to hike with experienced rangers and learn to track and observe rhinos. This is a once in a lifetime experience to be exposed to these amazing animals! An endangered species, rhinos are closely monitored and fiercely protected due to the risk of poaching for their horns.



Learn about the skill of tracking and spend time with the rangers who share valuable information about their behavior and conservation status.

### DAY 10

Spend the day with the anti-poaching team. Conduct a snare sweep and assist rangers by identifying and collecting wire snares that are used to catch bush-meat illegally.



Learn about the challenges that the anti-poaching team face and actively participate in removing this threat to wildlife. Hike in the wilderness and be exposed to the tracks and signs of the bush.

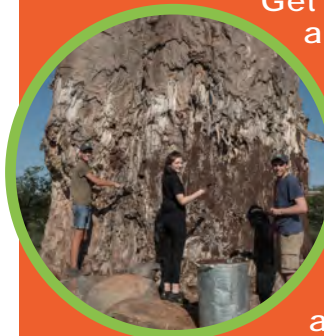
### DAY 7



Participate in fence repair. Maintaining and repairing fences is an important activity in a wilderness area. Fences play a valuable role in ensuring that cattle and domestic animals do not enter the wilderness area, as there is potential to spread disease.

Similarly, it is important to keep wildlife out of villages and rural communities where they can destroy crops, cause injury, and lead to human-wildlife conflict.

### DAY 9



Get involved in a baobab and crocodile census. Baobabs are a tree species that hold water and during times of drought are sought after by elephants. Thus, they can be heavily damaged by elephant activity, and it is important to assess and monitor these ancient trees.

Enjoy a hike along the river while collecting data on crocodile abundance. A survey is used to monitor the crocodile population over time and assess the overall health of the species in the area.



## DAY TO DAY

### DAY 11

Today is an opportunity to be exposed to the life of the Botswana people living adjacent to the wilderness area. Drive to a rural village and spend time with local women, learning traditional weaving and making your own bracelet using local materials.



Explore the ancient rock paintings in the area and if there is time, enjoy swimming in a nearby pool.

### DAY 12

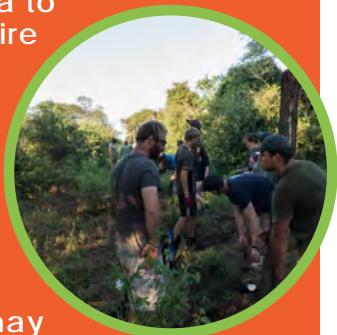
Help out with road repair. Roads are the lifeline of the wilderness area, providing access to monitor wildlife, conduct research, repair waterholes and ensure effective management. Stones and soil are collected and used to fill holes and repair damaged areas.



Prepare for a bush sleep-out, which is a special opportunity to be exposed to nature's elements and appreciate the wild landscapes of this wilderness area.

### DAY 13

Hike in a different area to look for and collect wire snares to assist the anti-poaching unit and prevent wildlife from being entangled. If hiking along the fence line, use the opportunity to clear the grasses and vegetation that may interfere with the electric fence.



Locate the elephant herds and collect data on individual animals, movement and behavior. Enjoy this opportunity to observe and be in the presence of these gentle giants.

### DAY 14

Wake up to your final morning in the bush, enjoying the birdsong for an early morning breakfast.



Pack up and depart for Polokwane, on route to Johannesburg and your flight home.



# TERMS

## INCLUDED

- 13 nights stay at Wild at Tuli Safaris in Botswana
- All food and activities
- Ground transfers
- Volunteer certificate

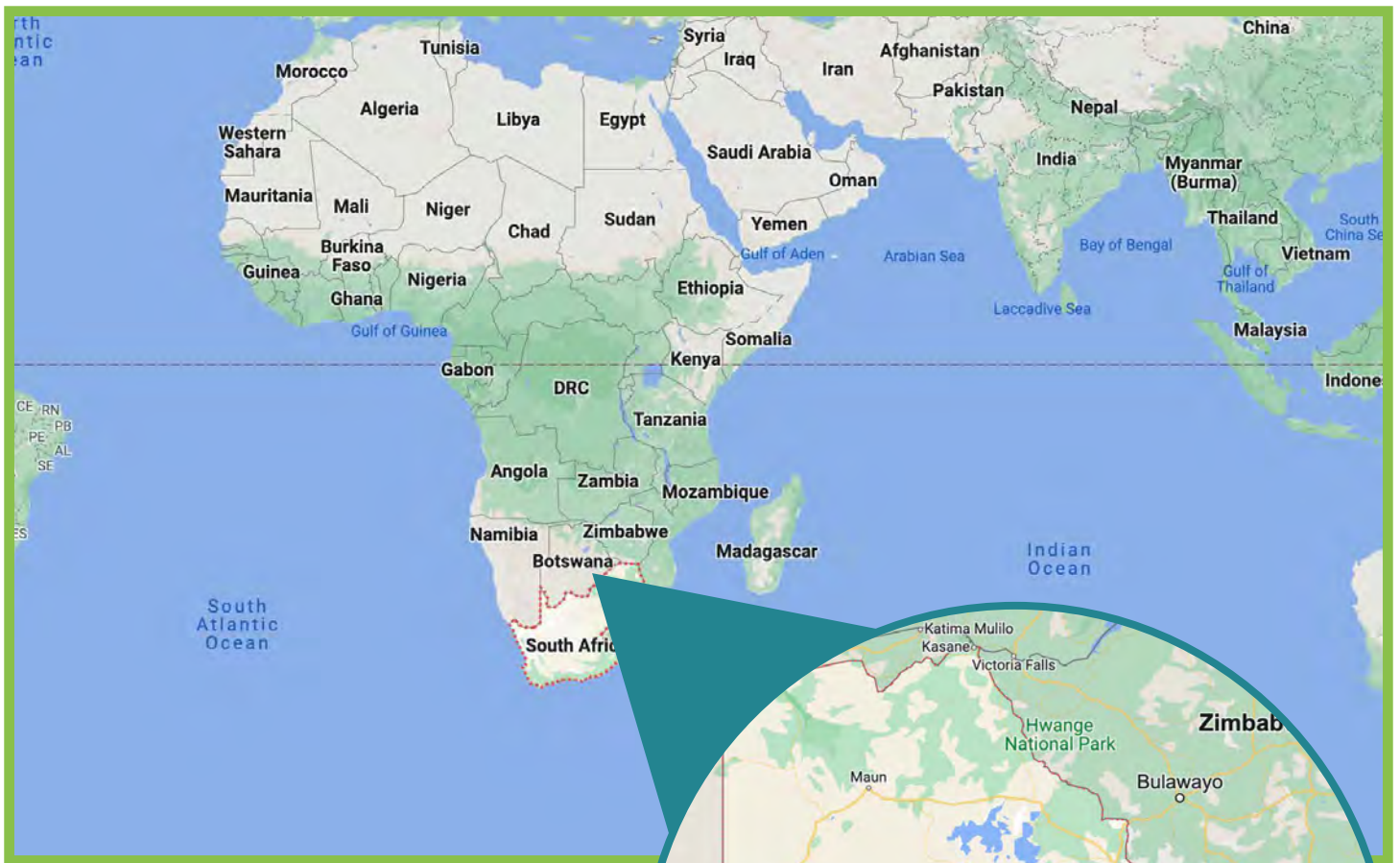
## EXCLUDED

- All flights
- Visas if required & travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

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\*All itineraries can be adjusted/customized to suit your specific needs

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# ABOUT US


## SOUTHERN SKY ADVENTURES

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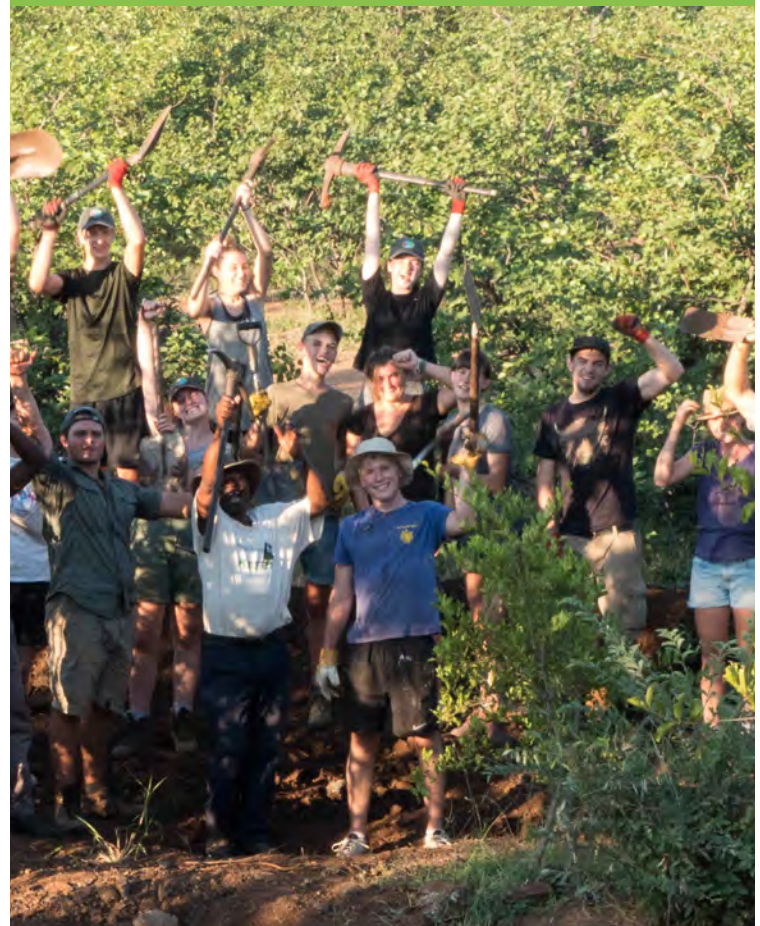
Youth 4 Conservation is a non-profit organization based in South Africa, committed to creating meaningful conservation experiences for youth while ensuring tangible impacts on the ground.

We began with a vision to connect young people, through their schools and youth groups, to immersive conservation experiences in Africa. This provides an opportunity for personal enrichment while also providing direct support to important conservation projects. This is what we call a 'win-win'!

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# TESTIMONIALS

## AN INSPIRING AND HUMBLING EXPERIENCE

*"I found Botswana an inspiring and humbling experience. To work hard for an impactful goal and to share it with a such a fantastic group of likeminded people was beyond rewarding."*

- Volunteer



## THIS EXPERIENCE IS A GENUINE LIFE CHANGER

*"My son spoke to me constantly, non-stop, for two hours, telling me about his experience. 'I had the best time of my life', he says. This experience is a genuine life changer."*

- Parent



## NATURE IS THE BEST TEACHER

*"Exploring Africa's wild places with my students was a dream come true. Freed from the four walls of the classroom, my students learned deeply and authentically about ecosystems and conservation issues - the curriculum brought to life! Nature really is the best teacher."*

- Teacher