



DAVID LUCK
SPECIALIST SAFARI GUIDE -FREELANCE



Operates anywhere in Botswana and other parts of Africa

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1961, David grew up in Zambia. He spent much of his youth in the bush accompanying his father who was Chairman of the Zambia Wildlife Society. He quickly developed a passion for the wilderness and its complexities and between him and his brother; they collected a menagerie of chameleons and snakes! In his later years he accompanied anti-poaching patrols

to combat elephant and rhino poaching, before graduating to a guiding career in Zimbabwe. In the intervening years David has travelled extensively in south and central Africa including the mysterious island of Madagascar and the Seychelles.

David started guiding in Zimbabwe in 1986 in Matusadona National Park. Moved to Malawi and guided guests on Lake Malawi doing kayaking and scuba diving trips to outlying islands from 1996 to 1998. He moved to Botswana at the end of 1998. Besides guiding in Botswana, he leads privately guided trips to Tanzania, Madagascar, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, the Republic of Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

He was very fortunate to have lead expeditions in the Canadian Arctic in 2004 to photograph polar bears and other Arctic wildlife.

Years of guiding experience

David started guiding in lodges in 1991 and has been privately guiding for 18 years now.

Regional knowledge and expertise

The whole of Botswana, Tanzania, Madagascar, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, the Republic of Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

Ideal for accompanying

Adventurous families, multi-generation family travel, journalists, photographers.

Areas of special interest

Conservation, wildlife, photography, birding, Okavango and Linyanti swamp regions, big cats especially lion and leopard, elephant and great ape behaviour, ornithology including migration, family oriented and photographic safaris.

Qualifications & Expertise

- David started guiding in lodges, following on with private guiding, leading expeditions, as well as training guides during the quiet season.
- He has a Wilderness level 3 qualification (FEGASA affiliated) which includes walking with potentially dangerous game.
- He has been fortunate enough to have led trips in most of Southern and Eastern Africa (Including South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania).
- In 2004, he spent time leading trips in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada to photograph Polar bears and Arctic wildlife.
- David also explored the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula by boat for 18 days, seeing an abundance of bird and mammal life.
- Natural Habitat Adventures honoured David with a “Hall of Fame” award in 2006. Botswana Tourism have also used his images in numerous publications based on tourism in Botswana.

Languages: English, basic Setswana.

Currently Lives: in Maun, Botswana.

“I guess what is unique about me is my guiding style combined with my passion for photography and all things natural. I have many years’ experience with a variety of different locations and habitat types, and I also have experienced guests from all corners of the world. I like to turn an experience into an incredible journey.” – David Luck

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