

## THUTO MOUTLOATSE

66 Each and every day I am grateful for the stories I get to share, the adventures
I get to have and the incredible people I get to meet. 99

Guiding Experience: Thuto started guiding in 2001.

**Regional Knowledge & Expertise:** The Okavango Delta, the Kalahari, Southern Africa, East Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

**Ideal for Accompanying:** Adventurous families, multigenerational family travel, photographers, couples, small groups, journalists.

Areas of Special Interest: Birding, walking safaris, mokoros, boating, wildlife photography, astronomy, animal behaviour, tracking, geology, entomology, history, religion, politics, horticulture, botany, ecology, conservation - the list goes on and on.

## Qualifications:

- Thuto completed a Travel & Tourism course.
- Following graduation, he undertook volunteer work at Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve, then returned to Botswana, beginning his career at Khama Rhino Sanctuary.
- He then spent four years as a lodge-based guide in the brivate Linyanti Concession.
- To feed his insatiable interest in Botswana's diverse ecosystems, Thuto began leading safaris that spanned the country's mosaic of prolific wildlife regions, enhancing his natural sense for guiding and furthering his personable rapport with guests.
- · He worked for Wilderness Safaris for 16 years.
- His specialties range from birding and tracking to astronomy and wildlife photography, his knowledge is impressive.
- He conducts photographic safaris and freely shares information on even the more technical aspects.
- Thuto's larger-than-life personality makes for memorable family safaris.

Languages: Setswana, English.

Currently Lives: Maun, Botswana.

## **OPERATES IN BOTSWANA & PARTS OF AFRICA**

Voted one of "Seven best Adventure Guides on the Planet" in Outside magazine's Travel Awards in 2014, Thuto Moutloatse's life has evolved around wildlife. His passion for nature runs so deep that one of his guests once observed: "He seems to really understand the profound position he is in – that he lives our "trip of a lifetime" every single day."

Thuto's privilege to live in and amongst the pristine natural areas of Botswana was due to his father's involvement in tourism and conservation and a school career spent in the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains in neighbouring South Africa. His first four years at Wilderness Safaris were filled with guiding in the Linyanti before being "set free" in 2006 to satisfy his insatiable interest in the diverse ecosystems of Botswana as a private guide.

Frequently requested by both tour operators and repeat guests from all over the world, his specialties range from birding and tracking to astronomy and wildlife photography. Thuto's knowledge is impressive and his larger-than-life personality makes for memorable family safaris.

In fact, there is a never a dull moment with Thuto. He may have you down on your hands and knees looking at the tiny critters, or you could find yourself tracking big game on foot. Chances are good that you will return home having acquired a great deal of knowledge as well as a new friend.

Thuto can spot game most can barely see with binoculars. He can track anything, and there is not a question unanswered. It seems there is no creature or habitat that escapes his full knowledge of past and present history - not to mention his knowledge of Botswana and Africa in general.

