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New “Green” Lodges Open inside Two Botswana National Parks

New Solar-Powered Camps are First Permanent Camps Inside Nxai Pan and CKGR

Annapolis, Maryland (May 29, 2009) – Until this spring overnight stays inside Nxai Pan National Park and Central Kalahari Game Reserve were limited to mobile camping safari groups and self drive campers at designated campsites. This recently changed with the opening of two eco-lodge camps inside Nxai Pan National Park and Central Kalahari Game Reserve, two of Botswana’s most remote and stunningly pristine wilderness areas. Now traditional lodge camp enthusiasts can enjoy the views and wildlife sightings within these parks from the comfort of their lodge.

Kwando Safaris won the bid rights to build and operate the concessions with their plan to create eco-lodge properties that leave a minimal imprint on the environment. They are currently the only lodge properties inside each park. Both lodge camps, Nxai Pan Camp in Nxai Pan National Park and Tau Pan Camp in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, are completely solar-powered. The vast majority of building materials utilize local/regional sources and the properties adhere to green business practices. Guests enjoy the casual elegance and comfort of a purpose-built lodges.

Nxai Pan Camp is nestled in the tree line with a main lodge and 8 spacious sleeping rooms (7 twin rooms and 1 family room, which sleeps 4). The main lodge area houses the dining room, lounge area and library, curio shop, a spacious outdoor viewing deck with swimming pool, and a campfire conversation pit. Guests enjoy an outstanding view of the nearby water hole, and breathtaking views of the vast grasslands of the Nxai Pan.

Tau Pan Camp is situated inside the world famous Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) on an established sand ridge overlooking Tau Pan. This camp boasts stunning views of the permanent Tau Pan water hole, breathtaking night skies and the seemingly endless Kalahari horizon. Guests are accommodated in 8 simply luxe desert rooms under thatch (one of which is a family room sleeping 4 people), while the main area consists of dining room, lounge area, curio shop, and spacious viewing deck with a fire pit and a swimming pool.

For more information on these eco-lodge concessions, visit www.kwando.com.

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To discover more about Botswana's Nxai Pan National Park and the Central Kalarahi Game Reserve, visit www.botswanaturism.us.

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