



## EXPERIENCE THE DESIGN OF AFRICAN BUSH CAMPS' NEW KHWAI LEADWOOD CAMP IN BOTSWANA

*Scheduled to open on August 1, 2020, the new luxury tented camp captures the classic safari feel with the use of clean lines and bold themes. Its finishes were crafted by South African design firm, Fox Browne Creative.*



*Artist rendering of the new Khwai Leadwood camp due to open in August 2020*

An unforgettable safari wildlife experience may be the primary reason for travelers to visit **Khwai Leadwood**. However, it's the camp's design that will keep them there in style.

Opening on August 1, 2020, along the banks of the Khwai River in Botswana, the modern camp is positioned in a prime spot for viewing the frequent river crossings of hippos, elephants and lions between the concession and the Moremi Game Reserve. Watching these animals maneuver through the water is an exceptional experience, even for safari veterans.

Khwai Leadwood's look, feel, and hospitality concept is the work of **Fox Browne Creative**. The South African design firm has three other African Bush Camps already under its belt. "We are privileged to work in these beautiful remote areas with people who are passionate about making a difference in wildlife conservation and their communities," notes designer **Debra Fox**. "We see sustainability as a multifaceted process. It encompasses every aspect of the operations, values, and beliefs of a business."

# African BUSH CAMPS

African Bush Camps' 15<sup>th</sup> luxury location features six twin/double tents and one family unit. Rooms are designed for comfort, with modern amenities, private en-suite bathrooms, indoor/outdoor showers, and private decks.

The design was inspired by a classic safari style which is captured in a clean, sculpted, and almost-rustic way and a touch of whimsical retro design. The tents have modern finishes and furniture pieces show elements of ebonized timber and steel. The old patterned and natural textures of locally produced Botswana basket-ware give the spaces a contemporary look and feel.



*The finishing touches are being fine-tuned for the new Khwai Leadwood camp*

Hints of mustard yellow, inspired by the water lily of the Okavango Delta, and wild grasses liven up an otherwise subtle duo chrome palette. Circular patterns on features, including lampshades and sun loungers, reference giant water lily leaves.

The bed, notes Fox, “is the hero of the room.” Its wall-mounted Botswana baskets create a striking headboard. It gives the rooms warmth and a distinctive sense of place. The drinks trolley with a low-energy, battery-operated cooler and the beautiful dressing table found in every tent, continues this basket reference.

The designers kept the guest areas playful and light. Imagine archival animal print wallpaper, custom Southern African furniture, and Botswana basket-ware visible in contemporary chandeliers, tables and cabinets. External and feature walls, outdoor showers, and the camp’s outdoor dining area were inspired by a construction technique from the local village. In the village, houses and walls are made with recycled glass bottles or cans set between mud plaster.

Sustainably built, Khwai Leadwood is exceptionally environmentally friendly. 90% of energy is drawn from a full solar farm and The camp uses energy-efficient appliances and light fittings. Tents are made of tensile fabric and set on plinths to reduce their foundations and enable placement in intimate settings without disturbing roots or removing trees.

The new Khwai Leadwood camp is a thoughtful, inviting space for travelers to immerse themselves in an authentic safari setting based on local inspiration, modern design, and contemporary, sustainable amenities.



For Secret Season bookings, from 1 January to 31 March 2021, guests can stay at selected camps – including Khwai Leadwood – and receive up to 45 percent off. For those interested to put their plans in place, you can book now while only needing to settle your booking deposit in August 2020.

For more information or to make reservations at Khwai Leadwood, visit <https://africanbushcamps.com/camps/khwai-leadwood/>

Find the Khwai Leadwood fact sheet [here](#). Images can be downloaded [here](#).

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### **About African Bush Camps**

African Bush Camps (ABC) is a 100% owner-run, African-based safari company designed to delight adventure travelers with authentic safari experiences amid untamed wilderness across Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. Operations are always focused on the guests, with 15 luxury tented bush camps and lodges, offering seamless safari experiences with internal flights, food, drinks, and activities included. **African Bush Camps** promotes and influences travel to Africa on a global scale while operating with a strong focus on conservation, and an environmentally sustainable footprint that celebrates the culture of communities in the areas in which it operates.

The **African Bush Camps Foundation** is a nonprofit organization focused on conservation, education, and empowerment for the communities that surround the company's camp locations. Launched in 2006, the Foundation operates through a multi-faceted partnership with the company, which donates \$10 to the Foundation for every bed night accommodated in each of its camps. All donations go directly to community-based development projects initiated by the Foundation. Since opening, the Foundation has spearheaded 72 community projects across Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia; 42 of those projects are currently in operation under the Foundation's wing.

African Bush Camps was founded in 2006 by **Beks Ndlovu**, a professional safari guide born and raised in the village of Lupane on the outskirts of Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. From the start of operations, Ndlovu's mission has been to operate a portfolio of luxury tented camps and lodges across Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia that reincarnate the fantasy of 'Old Untouched Africa,' while treating guests to authentic and adventurous professional guide-led experiences and bespoke safaris that can only be found in the bush.