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The season is turning...

May in Botswana is like a slow exhalation. The rains have done their work, the land is drawing breath, and everything settles into a different rhythm. At Feline Fields Vintage Camp on the Mbudi Channel, the Khwai Community Concession is moving into its most rewarding season, the wildlife gathering, the light sharpening, the waterways alive with birdlife.

In the Kalahari, the nights are cooling and the days are crisp and luminous in a way that only the dry season delivers, drawing wildlife ever closer to the permanent waterhole at Feline Fields Lodge and reminding you why the dry months are so beloved by those who know this landscape well.

It is, in other words, the moment when both properties step into their finest season, and this newsletter finds us with rather a lot to share. There is news from the boma at Feline Fields Lodge that we are delighted to reveal. There is an invitation to consider what it might mean to take an extraordinary place entirely for yourself. And there is, as ever, the pull of the Khwai Community Concession and the photographic world that Feline Fields Vintage Camp sits at the heart of.

Read on! And we hope to see you soon!

The team @ Feline Fields!



Introducing the Feline Fields Exclusive Retreat

We've got a new package... It's built around a simple but transformative idea: that the finest way to experience Feline Fields Lodge is with your own people, at your own pace, with every detail arranged entirely around you. This is the [Feline Fields Exclusive Retreat](#), from US\$90,000 for a minimum five-night exclusive-use stay at Feline Fields Lodge, which accommodates up to 16 adults and six children under 14, with the full team, the kitchen, the guides and the rhythm of each day oriented entirely toward your group.

It's a format that suits milestone occasions particularly well. A significant birthday, a family reunion, a wedding party, a group of friends overdue for time in the same place. The accommodation spread across Pool Suites, Bush Suites and the Family Villa means different configurations of the group can settle into different degrees of space and privacy, while the activities work beautifully across generations.

The Ju/'hoansi San experience lands differently at every age, as does learning more about our giraffe reintroduction programme. Game drives at dusk produce the collective held breath of a vehicle full of people who all care about each other watching something extraordinary unfold.

[Read the full story on this wonderful offer here.](#)

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Our secret is out...

We have been keeping a rather lovely secret. The four young giraffe who arrived at Feline Fields Lodge some months ago now have names, and we are delighted to introduce them: *Sophie, Emma, Lucius and Melman*, two females and two males, settling quietly into their large boma while the team prepares them carefully for release into the open Kalahari system.

They are in expert hands. The Feline Fields Lodge team has been caring for them with exceptional dedication, and the reintroduction itself is the result of years of permitting, planning and infrastructure investment that reflects the lodge's long-term commitment to the ecological recovery of this landscape.

Guests will have the opportunity to learn about the conservation work behind the project, why giraffe matter so profoundly to this ecosystem, and what their return means for the rewinding of the land around the lodge.

There is a cultural dimension to that story too. To the Ju/'hoansi San, the giraffe has never been simply an animal. It carries spiritual weight in San tradition, appearing in ancient rock art alongside the eland and the elephant, woven into ceremony, dream interpretation and the blessings spoken over children.

Sophie, Emma, Lucius and Melman's arrival connects the present landscape to something far older than any conservation programme, and guests who engage with the Ju/'hoansi San experience will find that thread waiting for them.

[Find out more here.](#)



Slow things down in Khwai

There's a particular kind of safari that the industry has largely moved away from, unburied, unscripted, rooted in genuine connection with the landscape rather than the accumulation of sightings. Feline Fields Vintage Camp, on the Mbudi Channel in the Khwai Community Concession, is a deliberate and beautiful exception.

The name isn't incidental because the camp's aesthetic, its old-world spirit, its pace and its priorities all speak to an era when a safari was a journey of immersion rather than a schedule of activities.

Game drives happen, and they're exceptional, the Khwai Community Concession bordering Moremi Game Reserve and delivering wildlife encounters as varied and wild as anywhere in Botswana. But so do mokoro trips along the Mbudi Channel at first light, walking with expert guides through a landscape that rewards patience and attention, afternoons at the croc-free, hippo-free lagoon where the tea-coloured water is crystal clear and utterly, unexpectedly inviting.

What Feline Fields Vintage Camp offers, at its heart, is time... Time to sit with a landscape rather than pass through it. Time to notice the jacana picking its way across a lily pad, the fish eagle turning overhead, the way the light on the channel changes between six in the morning and seven. This is the Africa that drew the first travellers here and kept them coming back, and it's increasingly rare. At Feline Fields Vintage Camp, it's been kept carefully, consciously alive.

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