

Bush News

- Regular sightings of our dogs
- Our lioness has her cubs—2 in total and keeping them safe
- **First sighting** of a jackal in Selous for several years
- Other lioness is very pregnant
- George still going strong



Amara Updates

- Attending ITB Berlin this year, on the Tanzania Stand
- Website updated with downloadable images on the home page for agents
- Specialized children's safari packages from June onwards with a specialized guide
- New honeymoon and wedding packages available from June
- Reduced rates available from June 2011—please contact us



Travel saying

"When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable." - **Clifton Fadiman**

Amara Selous

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Amara Selous

Well March is upon us and we will soon be closing the camp down and sending the camp staff on leave which they are all really looking forward too as its been a busy season and hot and humid these last months.

During the coming months we will be finalizing some exciting developments and additions to our existing programmes which are on offer as well as some special packages for weddings, honeymoons and exclusive use of the property. These should be live in the next 2 weeks and will be forwarded to you all as well as added to our Facebook and website too.

Of great interest is our decision to

offer tailor packages for families with children where specialized guides will in the closed season under go training for guiding for children and from June you can start booking these packages.

Children are our future and its important that we educate them in fun ways on the precious wildlife and our environment whilst not forgetting that they are on holiday too. Focus game drives and on site activities filled with education and learning experiences will bring us to the forefront of offering tailor made experiences in the African Bush. So watch your inbox for more information on the **Amaradillos** club launching June 2011.

On site improvements in our back of house area continue with upgrades to our maintenance department ensuring that on site routine works on cars and equipment is continued throughout the season. We have recently replaced all the lighting in our main pool with leds and what a difference this makes to the dining by the pool experience.

From June, our on-site curio shop will be fully operational with a wide range of gifts and safari necessities as well as a stock of Simon Stevenson's unique 'A Brush with Africa' prints. We are delighted to be adding some of his 'limited' editions chosen exclusively for our tented suites.



GUIDES SHORT DIARY



Isaiah

*February has been a great month for game sightings with a small blip just as the rains came and the wildlife had to find their space but they have all settled down and we are seeing some great sightings. Leopard have been seen on 7 sightings this month and lions have been

seen by all guests except a few in the middle of the month as the rains came. We are delighted to confirm the birth of 2 cubs to our lion pride having lost her first litter and she is being very protective of them but we are seeing them frequently albeit for short periods as she has them very well hidden. Our other lioness we are delighted to report is also heavily pregnant so that is fantastic news for us.

We have also been seeing the 3 lone males both on drives and walks and guests have had some great experiences with them. George remains as faithful as ever to us and entertains us with his antics of mock charges and dust baths. Of great excitement is the sighting of a side stripped jackal on our concession (jackals have not been seen in the selous for some years) so a big thank you to

Guest Comments Feb '11

We have had three wonderful days here in this well situated and well equipped lodge. Selous has showed its most beautiful face, light green and pastoral sights after the rain. Meeting the wild dogs was a great experience. Warm hospitality and good service from every friendly staff. We will recommend the Amara camp to our friends in Sweden and elsewhere.

Gudrun & Peter
Ake & Chatarina - Sweden

Thank you for an amazing trip. Amara is so well situated and the lodges are beautiful. we had a great time and will definitely recommend it to our friends and family.

Sonya & Sameer

You have a wonderful and magical story at Amara in Selous - your team and you both make this already magnificent lodge a more memorable and personal experience. A special thanks to Phillip for 'solitaire training' and the staff for heeding to our perpetual room service.

Jitesh

Thank you for 3 wonderful nights, two new species sightings and one hippo birth. Very happy you will be first with proof of jackal in the Selous. We hope the area stays as peaceful and quiet as it is now, it is very nice not to bump into other vehicles. We shall spread the good word.

Stephanie and Gary - Iraq

We enjoyed every minute of our stay at Amara Camp - from the romantic dinners the professional service, the beautiful and pampering room and incredible location. Thank you so much for everything done with a great smile

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Amara Selous

'endless dreams that awaken your soul'

Stephanie Arthur for providing these pictures. Other exciting guest viewings included guests just missed seeing the birthing of a hippo. Lions and their cubs. George has been very patient and very good at letting us get quite close for photographs.

The environment has turned green after the 140 mm of rain we had this month, which was a blessing as it was very dry and animals had dispersed quite a bit but we are seeing our large herd of buffalo, zebra, gnu's, impala, Giraffe, and warthog—one which was quite cheeky looked like he wanted to attack, typical Pumba stance he then trotted off a short distance to stop and give us the beady eye again. Very funny for all who experienced.

Leopard sightings have been good too, and frequent sightings

of African wild Dogs with our most recent guests actually watching a successful hunt ! Vervet monkeys and baboons, banded and dwarf mongoose in the SN area being seen. New sightings of Side-striped jackal, Grasshopper Buzzard, and Giant Eagle Owl.

Wild flowers are blooming everywhere and the daisies, fried egg flowers, morning glories are plentiful.

We are doing more and more walks, as certain areas are only reachable on foot and so packaged picnic breakfasts with cold drinks in hand as we explore these areas.

The boating safaris have brought us up close to big crocodiles and hippos who are now used to our boats and to enjoy these sundowners trips with the sun setting in the background make for some wonderful photos.



Some of our agents and guests alike have asked us to describe some unique extras that we offer that no website, no brochure, no information actually highlights. There are so many little things that we do that its quite tough to decide which ones to mention as ultimately there still has to be an element of surprise for our guests when they arrive.

I do think that our managers, Peter and Anitas extensive knowledge on photography is a great asset to have and I have often

found myself in the lounge watching Peter and Anita tend to our guests cameras and explaining how to use them, how to capture that perfect shot, how patience is paramount to get that perfect shot and even at times joining the guests on a game drive or walk and teaching them hands on photography. This personal service starts right from when the booking is made and is followed right through until our guests leave. So there's one tip, watch this space as I share a secret or two each month !

Now its time to dedicate this last section to our dearly departed Froggie who was with us in the lounge tree for several weeks—he will be missed by us all but more so by Slither who now has no one to play with !



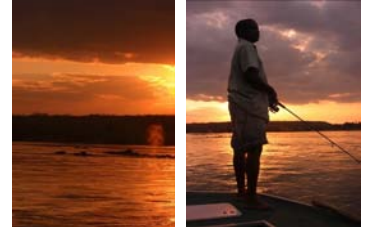
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Now you don't !

Well that's it from us all at Amara, here's wishing you great selling for the Year 2011 and a year filled with fun, happiness, laughter and safe travelling !

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