



SIMON BYRON

Growing up on a farm in the central part of Botswana, the son of an avid exploration geologist, Simon spent his childhood camping out and enjoying nature as his playground. Numerous family holidays to the Okavango Delta and many other wild places in Southern Africa engrained in him a passion for wild and remote places. "I spent every free moment during my childhood and university holidays in the bush, either exploring or guiding (to pay for my student life!). So after I finished uni it was the natural thing to do and I haven't looked back since!"

Simon has spent the better part of fifteen years working as a professional guide in the safari industry. He started his career with Wilderness Safaris as a lodge based guide and was associated with the majority of their Botswana properties including the Linyanti, Vumbura, Xigera, Chitabe, Abu, Selinda and Mombo. "Lodge guiding was a blast, and I especially enjoyed spending long periods of time in one area, getting to know it and its animals intimately." Simon left Wilderness Safaris in 2010 and now runs his own mobile expedition company, Beagle Expeditions, as well as working as a freelance private guide. This has given him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Africa, gaining knowledge of, and experience in, the two related fields which he is most passionate about: Conservation and Safari.

He spends his free time travelling, reading, walking and working on various safari and conservation projects he has since started. Simon has a wonderful in-depth knowledge of all things wild and historical, with a passion for conservation and Africa that is contagious. Simon has gained a reputation throughout Africa as an exceptional and top class safari guide, and was featured as one of The 25 Best Safari Guides by Condé Nast Traveler at the end of 2013.

