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JUNE 31°C / 18°C  Highlight:     Frequent Sightings:      <p>The bush is incredibly lush and green after the long rains. Food for the grazers and browsers is plentiful leading to plains game, giraffe, antelope and predators in abundance. River levels are normally high resulting in a good time of the year for boating and fishing.</p>	JULY 32°C / 18°C  Highlight:     Frequent Sightings:       <p>July is when the wild dog often den near us. Plenty of giraffe are around, and the elephants begin to appear along the river. The herd of 1000+ buffalo make their appearance, relying on Azura's waterholes which we keep topped up. Our territorial leopards can be frequently seen as well as the lion prides that roam our area.</p>	AUGUST 35°C / 22°C  Highlight:    Frequent Sightings:       <p>The bush becomes dry with water only available from the river & Azura's waterholes. The river becomes lower, forcing the hippos to fight and be very vocal over their little patches of deeper water which offers exciting sightings. The wild dog puppies start to wander further out from the thick of their den and become visible.</p>	SEPTEMBER 38°C / 25°C  Highlight:     Frequent Sightings:     <p>A dry month when elephant, buffalo and lion sightings are great and common providing wonderful viewing opportunities. Wild dogs leave their dens, often coming into our area to use the waterholes. Cassia trees start sprouting their bright yellow flowers making a wonderful backdrop for photos.</p>	OCTOBER 30°C / 24°C  Highlight:     Frequent Sightings:      <p>The sightings of elephant, buffalo and lion continue in their frequency. Impala start giving birth with lots of babies around, attracting the leopards and lion prides to the surrounding areas. In anticipation of the rains to come the wild dog packs frequent the area.</p>
NOVEMBER 38°C / 25°C  Highlight:   Frequent Sightings:    <p>Nov. is known as the month of short rains (vuli). Lions rule our area this month as it is prime mating season. Hyena offer great sightings during our night game drives. The elephant and buffalo begin to spread out to the surrounding areas however the hippos continue to noisily announce their presence in the nearby river.</p>	DECEMBER 42°C / 31°C  Highlight:    Frequent Sightings:      <p>Green shoots of grass start to push through allowing for good sightings of grazers in our area. Wildebeest begin making their way back, and this is the month in which they give birth, so lots of babies around. Great elephant sightings are normal and our lion prides are very active near camp.</p>	JANUARY 38°C / 28°C  Highlight:    Frequent Sightings:      <p>Lions tend to have their cubs around January and sightings have been wonderful at this time as well as leopard sightings are also very good. Bird life becomes abundant with all the migrants returning from the northern hemisphere. Temperatures cool a little, with no rain. This is the best time for birding in the Selous.</p>	FEBRUARY 35°C / 25°C  Highlight:     Frequent Sightings:      <p>The wild dog puppies have grown and begin to take part in the hunts. A great month for game viewing all round, with a large presence of our lion prides, leopards and elephant. Offers great photography opportunities including abundant bird life.</p>	MARCH 32°C / 22°C  Highlight:    Frequent Sightings:      <p>The lion cubs become more adventurous and stand offs with wild dog have often been seen in March. The bush is very dry giving some wonderful animal sightings of all types of game ahead of the long rains due at the end of march. The Selous sees some spectacular cloud formations making for amazing sunsets.</p>

KEY:  BIRDS  BUFFALO  ELEPHANT  GIRAFFE  IMPALA  WILDEBEEST  ZEBRA  HYENA  LEOPARD  LION  WILD DOG