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Emmy Winning *Equitrekking*® Debuts New Episodes from Botswana

PBS Travel TV Series Showcases Local Villages, Ancient Cultures and Wildlife on Safari

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 3, 2012) – Two new episodes from [Equitrekking](http://www.equitrekking.com), the Emmy Award-winning PBS travel TV series hosted by Darley Newman, are airing throughout May and June 2012 on most PBS stations, taking viewers on exciting adventures in Botswana, Africa.

The *Equitrekking* TV show follows three-time Daytime Emmy-nominated TV host and equestrian Darley Newman as she travels around Botswana with local people as her guides, to get an in-depth, eco-friendly look at Botswana's natural surroundings, culture and history. In two special half-hour high-definition episodes, Darley brings viewers on a journey through Botswana's iconic wilderness areas and villages: the wet wonderland of the Okavango Delta, through the "Land of the Giants" in vibrant Tuli, around culturally rich Maun and on the lunar-like Makgadikgadi Pans, meeting the people and wildlife which make Botswana such a special Southern African nation.

"The Botswana episodes are some of our most exhilarating and visually stunning episodes to date," said Darley. "Viewers will feel like they are traveling right along with me as I gallop through the largest inland delta in the world, the Okavango Delta; camp out on the peaceful Makgadikgadi Pans, the best star-gazing destination I've ever visited; and get 'up close and personal' with large game on Mashatu Game Reserve in Tuli."

In the Okavango Delta, Darley rides horses with the locals to view giraffes and wildebeests and even has a close encounter with an elephant. The crew, who has to ride horse back to reach many remote destinations, filmed from boats, jeeps and helicopters, truly bringing each adventure to life. They also let viewers in on a few special experiences: hiking with the San, an ancient tribe who have inhabited Africa for tens of thousands of years, and filming with one of Botswana's top basket weavers.

"While Botswana is widely regarded as a premier safari destination, few people realize it is an outstanding equestrian vacation destination that provides a trip-of-a-lifetime experience for both experienced riders and their non-riding travel companions," says Leslee Hall, Botswana Tourism's representative for North America. "With millions of PBS viewers, the secret is now out and we couldn't be more delighted."

Learn about all episodes at <http://www.equitrekking.com/tv/episodes/> or read more about the Botswana adventures on Darley's Blog at <http://www.equitrekking.com/index.php/articles/darley>. Photo galleries, video promos and more can be found at <http://www.equitrekking.com>, and high-resolution photos for media to download are available at <http://www.equitrekking.com/press/>. Viewers should check their local Public Television listings for dates and times in their area, at <http://www.pbs.org/stationfinder/index.html>.

About The Botswana Tourism Organization

The Botswana Tourism Organization (Botswana Tourism) is a parastatal body set up through an Act of Parliament with the mandate to market the Botswana tourist product, grade and classify tourist accommodation facilities, and promote investment in the tourism sector. With its long-standing commitment to conservation of its land, wildlife and cultural heritage, Botswana enjoys a solid reputation as a progressive sustainable tourism destination and one of the top safari destinations in the world. **For more information, visit www.botswanaturism.us.**

About *Equitrekking*

Equitrekking is the Emmy Award-winning travel television series that takes viewers on global horseback riding adventures to experience culture, cuisine, history and adventure. Hosted by travel expert and producer Darley Newman, *Equitrekking* broadcasts in high definition on PBS in North America. To date *Equitrekking* has produced 35 episodes of their series, which broadcasts in over 65 nations around the world. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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