Siama

IMMERSION IN BOTSWANA

INDIGENOUS WISDOM,
ANCESTRAL CONNECTION
AND THE INTELLIGENCE OF NATURE.



Some journeys take you somewhere new.
Others bring you back to what has always been alive within you.
Siama is one of those journeys.

Guided by Sangoma's Niall and Colin Campbell, it invites us to slow down, to listen deeply, and to remember that life is lived in relationship. This understanding is beautifully captured in the word **Umoya**—Breath of Life.

Umoya speaks of more than breath. It is the life force that moves through all living things.
It reminds us that life is never lived in isolation, but in relationship
—with ourselves,

with one another,

with our ancestors,

with those who will come after us

with the land and

with life itself.



An initiative from Weaving Wisdom



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A living encounter with indigenous wisdom, ancestral connection, systemic work, and the intelligence of nature.

PROGRAMME

For one full week, we are welcomed by Colin and Niall Campbell, two traditional healers (Sangomas) who have dedicated their lives to preserving and sharing the wisdom of their ancestors and the lineage of their teachers.

They welcome us into their family home, where they have lovingly created a traditional homestead—a place where ancient teachings, rituals, and community continue to be lived rather than merely remembered. It is here that we gather each day, learning directly from a living tradition that has been carried through generations.

WHAT IS THIS WEEK ABOUT?

- Daily conversations, teachings and rituals
- Exploring systemic work through the lens of indigenous African wisdom.
- Spending one night in the African wilderness during a night vigil—a night of presence and deep listening.
- Visiting and communing with local people.
- Exploring what it means to commune with nature and one another.
- Learning about leadership in a different way: leadership, like nature, is about participating, noticing, and becoming intimate with your environment.

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WHAT DOES IT BRING?

As the week unfolds, many participants experience a profound shift.

- Nature is no longer something around us but something we belong to. And we learn to attune to the rhythm of nature and receive its teachings in taking our leadership.
- The ancestors become less an idea and more a living presence within a larger story.
- Life becomes less about control and more about participation.

Many participants return home with a deeper understanding of themselves, a quieter mind and a stronger inner spine. Not because they learned more. But because they remembered what had always been there.

WHAT IS IT (NOT)?

This is not a programme that promises to transform you.
It is an invitation to remember.
To experience life beyond the illusion of separateness.
To rediscover that we belong—not only to each other, but to nature, to those who came before us, and to something much larger than ourselves.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Timing: October 4-11th
- Location: 45min from Gaborone (Botswana)
- Price:
  - 2500€ excl. VAT, incl. accommodation, meals, local transportation; flights and personal expenses not included
  - Cancellation: less than 2 months prior to leaving: 25% will be charged
  - You are responsible for your own medical / travel insurance (including cancellation insurance)
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Facilitators

FACILITATING, HOLDING, CREATING
CONTEXT FOR DISCOVERY





Colin Campbell
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Niall Campbell (also known as Phokojwe (the Jackal)) is a sangoma, a traditional doctor nyanga (medicine man), a doctor of traditional ceremonies as well as institutions as well as a Ngaka ya diKoma, a doctor of rites. He is a world-renowned specialist in men's rites of passage. He facilitates men's rites of passage, initiations, entering adulthood and manhood and is widely regarded as one of the foremost holders of traditional ways.

Colin Campbell embodies a unique synthesis of traditional African wisdom and contemporary thought. His life's work continues to inspire individuals worldwide to reconnect with ancestral knowledge and the natural world, fostering a more ensouled and ecologically balanced existence.
Colin's contributions extend to various organizations dedicated to environmental and cultural preservation. As a longtime consultant and associate of the Gaia Foundation, he has played a key role in developing experiential trainings in African cosmology. In 2022, he also co-founded Animate Earth with Rachel Fleming and Angarad Wynn.

Both have over 25 years of apprenticeship in ancestral and nature spirits, divination, and medicinal herbalism with African teachers.
They are both subjects of numerous international documentaries on shamanic healers and consults, lectures, and works all over the world.



Connectors

CONNECTING, HOLDING, CREATING
CONTEXT FOR DISCOVERY

People often ask me why I return to Botswana every year.
The answer has become simpler over time.
I don't go to find something.
I go to remember.

The land teaches a different kind of leadership.
Not leadership through knowing.
Or certainty.
But through participation.
Through paying attention.
Through knowing your place.
Through trusting that life is always bigger than your plans.

Perhaps that is the deepest lesson Botswana keeps offering me.
Life is not asking us to lead it.
Above all, it is asking us to participate in it.



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Evelyne is a seasoned coach and facilitator specialized in leadership and organizational development, with a background as an HR director and extensive experience in international settings. She offers systemic coaching, training, and consulting services tailored to leaders, teams, and coaches.

With Untamed Presence, she offers leadership development workshops and programmes specifically designed for women.

Her approach is deeply influenced by ancient wisdom, rituals, and inspiration drawn from South Africa and Botswana.



Ria Verlinden, Petra van den Dragt, and Evelyne Debeuckelaer from the Weaving Wisdom Community. We offer a place for growth where we connect traditional wisdom with the challenges of modern society.
Nourishing our roots and respect for those who came before us brings great joy in our personal and professional lives.