



## “BIG FIVE” AFRICA WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

### 1. ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Note direct website links to the individual guesthouses, lodges and camps are provided in the table.

Day	Date	Transfer	Accommodation
Day 1		Arrive South Africa- vehicle transfer	Sleep overnight in <a href="#">Pretoria G/house</a>
Day 2		Road transfer Mashatu, Botswana	<a href="#">Mashatu Tent camp</a> - 3 nights
Day 5		Road Transfer to Heynetsburg	<a href="#">Bramasole Guesthouse</a> - 1 night
Day 6		Road transfer to Timbavati	<a href="#">MalaMala Main camp</a> - 4 nights
Day 10		Road transfer to MalaMala	<a href="#">Tanda Tula</a> – 3 nights
Day 13		Road transfer to Johannesburg	Sleep overnight in <a href="#">J'burg guesthouse</a>
Day 14		Road transfer to the Airport	

### 2. DETAILED DAILY ITINERARY

#### Day 1

Arrive at Johannesburg International Airport, South Africa. An Iconic Images International representative will meet you at the airport from where you will transfer to Pretoria for an overnight stay at the Waterkloof Guesthouse.

#### Day 2, 3 & 4

After an early breakfast we drive to Mashatu Game reserve in Botswana. The drive from Pretoria is approximately 5 hours. On arrival at the border we will pass through customs and cross the Limpopo River where a Mashatu Game Reserve representative will meet us. From

there we will transfer on game vehicles to Mashatu Tent Camp. It is an hour's drive from the border to the camp.

Mashatu is situated in the Tuli block area at the confluence of the Shashe and Limpopo Rivers, [Mashatu Game Reserve](#) is an unheralded gem in a 35000ha wilderness. Being an open, semi-arid area, game viewing is relatively unrestricted by shrub and trees. We can anticipate exceptional sightings of leopard, lion and cheetah - the large cats. But the Tuli area is best known for it is the elephants. Once known for their ill manners, these elephant are now docile and they walk within a few meters of your vehicle.

And if these sightings aren't enough, then let the giraffe, eland, baboons, kudu, impala, zebra, wildebeest, red hartebeest and bird species (over 350) entice you further into this wonderland. With a landscape broken by deep lying riverbeds cutting through its rocky surface, Mashatu offers landscapes and scenery that tells of a time gone past and where giants used to once roam.

**As you have gathered, Mashatu offers excellent photographic opportunities and we this photo safari has been planned accordingly. For non-photographing partners, Mashatu offers morning walks, archaeology, cultural and predator tours.**

Without sacrificing any luxuries, accommodation is in a tented camp situated in the northern reaches of the reserve. Twin luxury safari tents offer you a luxurious rest in bush surrounds. Each tent has two large single beds, an en-suite bathroom, flushing toilet and its own private veranda to relax on. Breakfast and lunch are served in a main dining area whilst dinner is served in an outdoor boma overlooking an adjacent waterhole. There is a central lounge area to relax in, a plunge pool and a bar. A hide overlooks the waterhole next to the camp.

## **Day 5**

After a short morning drive and breakfast we will depart Mashatu and transfer to Magoebaskloof in Limpopo province, back in South Africa. It is a 2-hour drive from the border to [Bramasole Guesthouse](#) where we will overnight.

Nestled at the edge of a rain forest, Bramasole offers luxury accommodation in a warm and tranquil atmosphere. This lakeside setting is often shrouded in a mystical mist, which adds to the splendour of this beautiful area. At Bramasole, you can do as much or as little as you like. If you feel like unwinding, you can curl up next to a crackling fireplace and lose yourself in a novel. Explore the magnificent forest or try out the many hikes in the area where the *landscape photography* will take your breath away.

## **Day 6, 7, 8, & 9**

After breakfast at Bramasole we will transfer to [MalaMala Main Camp](#) where we will spend four magnificent nights. I

MalaMala promises some of the finest game viewing on the African sub-continent and regularly provides the subject matter for a veritable collection of international and local wildlife documentaries (including National Geographic). Many of these documentaries have won international accolades amidst critical acclaim. Several [publications](#) are available

showcasing the treasures that make the property one of the most sought-after on any photographer's itinerary.

Every aspect of MalaMala's Main Camp is designed to appreciate and enjoy the view of the surrounding wilds. Pathways wind their way along the perimeter of the camp to reveal individual ochre coloured units tucked into the greenery which flanks the Sand River. Massive trees and rolling green lawns are filled with birdsong, with the occasional antelope or elephant which seeks the succulence of greenery.

The camp is unfenced - an oasis in the midst of the bushveld.

### **Day 10, 11 & 12**

After a morning photo shoot we will transfer to Tanda Tula in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. [Tanda Tula Safari Camp](#) is located in the heart of the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, forming part of the Greater Kruger National Park. As one of South Africa's most luxurious East African-styled tented bushcamps, you will enjoy an unforgettable experience in game viewing, warm hospitality and award-winning cuisine.

Set on the banks of the Nlharalumi riverbed, Tanda Tula is shaded by majestic trees and overlooks a watering hole that attracts wildlife from dawn till dusk. Each of the 12 tents is completely private, surrounded by lush riverine bush with a deck overlooking the riverbed. Tanda Tula is sanctuary to Africa's Big Five, which can traverse over more than 20,000 ha of wilderness and undisturbed biodiversity. You are guaranteed an incredible wildlife variety. Skilled ranger and trackers will guide you in the early mornings and evenings, in open Land Rovers or on foot.

Tanda Tula is the oldest camp in the Timbavati. Steeped in history, the proprietors, Hugo family go back many generations linking conservation and the Shangaan cultures and their joy is sharing it with the world. The camp exudes elegance, combining comfort and style with African roots. The open plan lodge merges luxury with the natural environment.

### **Day 13**

Today you will have a final game drive and breakfast after which you will head back to Johannesburg. MalaMala is a five and a half hour drive from Johannesburg. In Johannesburg we will spend the last night of the tour in the [President Lodge Guesthouse](#) which is within 15 minutes' drive from the airport.

### **Day 14**

After breakfast you will transfer to the airport for your international flights home. This unfortunately is the end of the photo safari.

## **3. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS PHOTO SAFARI**

- Pickup and transport for the entire tour.
- Shared accommodation i.e. two persons per room/tent.
- Entrance park fees and accommodation at all reserves and guest houses.
- All meals, based on three meals a day.

- All game driving/photography activities and walks.
- The services of two professional wildlife photographers who understand the needs of photographers having a wide variety of skills & experience.
- Gratuities to local staff and guides
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#### 4. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PHOTO SAFARI

- Alcoholic and soft drink beverages.
- Airfares to/from Australia to Johannesburg
- Extra activities of a personal choice not included in the information above.
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Personal travel and other insurance
- Travel visas and associated costs.
- Credit surcharges (if applicable).
- Airport taxes (if applicable).

#### 5. SOLE BOOKING AGENT –

Iconic Images International Pty Ltd (“Iconic Images International”) is a company registered in Western Australia. Iconic Images International in conjunction with C4 Images & Safaris will be your guide during the land package segment of the photo safari. Iconic Images International is not a travel agent or travel service provider in Australia.

The **sole booking agent for this photo safari is XXXX**, Licence Number YYYY, and to whom all payments for the photo safari will be made upon registration. The contact details for XXXX are:

XXXX,  
Aaaa Street,  
Bbbbb.

**Tel:**

**Fax: Email:**

**XXXX Contact:**

**Tel: Fax: Mobile:**

**Email:**

XXXX can also assist you with flights to/from Africa &/or with any private extensions to the photo safari you may wish to arrange either before the photo safari commences or after it finishes.

#### 6. COSTS & TERMS OF PAYMENT

The photo safari commences in Johannesburg on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and finishes in Johannesburg on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

The all-inclusive cost is AUD\$sssss.00 per person, twin share. If specifically

requested, a single supplement of AUD\$2450.00 is applicable.

Terms of Payment are as follows:

- A non-refundable 30% deposit together with the signed Registration Form, no later than 30th September 2012. *Places will be allocated strictly on the basis of receipt of the completed Registration Form together with payment of the first deposit.*
- A second non-refundable payment of 30% no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.
- A final payment of the remaining 40% no later than 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

## 7. CANCELLATION POLICY

XXXX must receive written notice of any cancellation by you at which time, the following cancellation fees will apply:

- If cancelled 90 days or more before departure a fee equal to 60% of the photo safari cost will be payable.
- If cancelled 60 days or less before departure, or in the case of a “no show” on the date of departure, a fee equal to 100% of the safari cost will be payable.
- Failure to pay by the due dates will be deemed to be a cancellation of the booking.
- Bookings made within 60 days of the departure date must be paid in full on booking.

No refunds will be made for unused portions or services of the photo safari for any reason. The photo safari is sold as a land package only. Cancellation fees are not transferable.

Credit card surcharges will apply if the fees are paid by credit card. Current surcharges are 2% for payments by Visa or MasterCard and 3.5% for other types of credit cards. Direct deposit facilities are available and details may be obtained from Platinum Travel Corporation.

Iconic Images International reserves the right to cancel this safari. In the event of this happening, all payments received for the land package will be refunded, but the participant shall have no further claim, of any nature whatsoever, against Iconic Images International, arising out of such cancellation. Any such refund will not include payments or cancellation charges for any bookings for private or additional services made in addition to the itinerary outlined above. Responsibility for such bookings lies solely with the participant.

## 8. COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Due to the relative remote destinations in this photo safari, participants are **required** to purchase emergency evacuation insurance coverage. To emphasize, emergency evacuation insurance is *MANDATORY* for this safari.

XXXX can assist you with information on the required insurance, should you wish.

**Due to the non-refundability of deposits paid, as stated above, participants are strongly urged to purchase travel protection insurance at time of or prior to paying the first deposit.**

## **9. HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

This photo safari is designed to be within the capabilities of average people in good health. Some of the time participants may be required to walk over uneven terrain or trails, stepping into an out of Land Cruiser type vehicles, occasionally hiking -- while carrying an assortment of sometimes heavy camera equipment. If you have concerns about your own capabilities and/or fitness as it relates to this trip, please enquire with Denis Glennon AO at [denis@denisglennon.com](mailto:denis@denisglennon.com), before reserving a place.

By forwarding a signed Registration Form and paying the initial non-refundable 30% deposit, you warrant that, to the best of your knowledge, you do not have any physical or other disability that would create a risk for you or other trip participants. Iconic Images International reserves the right to request a medical certificate from a participant at any time before departure or during the photo safari. The photo safari leader's judgment will provide the ultimate determination of an individual's ability to embark upon or to continue the photo safari. Once booking has been accepted by XXXX and Iconic Images International, medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to the cancellation policy. Iconic Images International assumes no responsibility for medical care or for special dietary requirements. Due to the remote destinations of some parts of this photo safari, **participants are required to purchase emergency evacuation insurance coverage** (see Section 4 above, headed "Insurance is Compulsory"). If you sustain an injury or become ill on the photo safari, Iconic Images International reserves the right to continue the photo safari for the benefit of other participants. Iconic Images International and C4 Images & Safaris will make every effort to assist you while at the same time trying to minimize interruption to the photo safari.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Iconic Images International reserves the absolute discretion, in the event of behaviour detrimental to other persons, to decline any person's participation at any time during the photo safari and cancel that person's participation in the photo safari, in which case any refund will be on a recoverable cost basis only.

## **10. RESPONSIBILITY**

Iconic Images International and/or its agents act only as agents for the participants in this photo safari, in regard to travel arrangements including, but not limited to, sightseeing, meals, lodging and transportation, whether by railroad, vehicle, motor coach, boat, ship or aircraft. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Iconic Images International disclaims liability for injury, damage, loss, or delay which may be occasioned by reason of a defect in any vehicle or for any other reason whatsoever, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the participant or in carrying out the arrangements of the photo safari.

Iconic Images International accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to

delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the participant, as the photo safari costs provide for arrangements only for the times and locations stated. Baggage, including photographic equipment is at the participant's risk entirely.

All care has been taken to compile the information in this and the other documents pertaining to this photo safari but circumstances change, including but not limited to, airline schedule changes, airline fuel charges, tax increases and increases in operational costs are subject to change. Iconic Images International cannot be held responsible for changes that occur and reserve the right to change the price up to the date of commencement of the photo safari. Changes in price may also include adjustments for adverse currency exchange fluctuations.

The right is reserved to (i) substitute hotels/lodges/tents/camps of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary or transport where deemed necessary or caused by changes in schedules or equipment substitution; (ii) cancel the safari prior to departure, in which case a refund of all payments received for the land package will be given. However, in such event Iconic Images International will not be, responsible for any other trip preparation expenses such as penalized or non-refundable air tickets, visa fees and medical related expenses; (iii) substitute the photo safari leader(s) for the leader(s) originally specified, in which case the substitution is not a basis for participant cancellation or refund, or (iv) accept or refuse any person as a participant in the safari.

In the event that, at the sole discretion of Iconic Images International, it is necessary or advisable for the photo safari to be cancelled due to such events as outbreak of conflict, government intervention, or withdrawal of access/traffic rights, or in the event of insufficient numbers being available, the refund of all monies paid, pro rata if applicable after commencement, shall constitute a full and final settlement by Iconic Images International and their agents of any obligations to participants. The operation of the photo safari is at the sole discretion of Iconic Images International, having in mind the welfare of all participants and the safe and prudent operation of the itinerary and program.

Participants will be informed of such an adjustment, if applicable, fifteen (15) days before making the final payment. Iconic Images International is obligated to pay the costs of the photo safari in US dollars.

The Registration Form must be completed and signed by each participant at the time of paying the first deposit. Participation by any person will be declined in the absence of a completed and signed form. No modification to the Terms and Provisions of Registration, detailed on page #3 of the Registration Form, will be accepted.

## **11. LIABILITY**

Iconic Images International does not accept any liability of whatever nature, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of third party providers. Under circumstances where liability cannot for some reason be excluded, such liability is limited to the cost of the land package arrangements. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Iconic Images International disclaims liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss (including consequential loss), delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or any other event

which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on Iconic Images International's part.

## **12. SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PACKING CAMERA AND OTHER GEAR FOR THIS PHOTO SAFARI**

As we will be flying between Australia and Johannesburg it is important to read the following information carefully.

When in our vehicles we will not be confined to the usual low weight per person, experienced on planes. Ideally pack your camera gear as your hand luggage (i.e. your cameras, lenses, etc.) so that it can be carried with you onto the plane. This will ensure if one of in-hold bags is delayed or lost at least you can commence photographing as soon as you arrive in South Africa. As we will be passing through Johannesburg airport it is highly advisable to have your in-hold baggage shrink-wrapped at your Australian departure airport.

Ideally DO NOT travel with HARD suitcases; hold-all/duffle bags are better for packing in the vehicles.

Pack your camera gear in bags such as those manufactured by Lowepro, Think Tank etc.

Ensure you have your long lenses (>300mm) well packed in protective packs designed for such lenses.

Should you have any questions on this aspect I would be pleased to answer them and I may be contacted either by email at [denis@denisglennon.com](mailto:denis@denisglennon.com) or on 0418 923 103.