

SOUTH AFRICA & BOTSWANA



PRIVATE RESERVE PHOTO SAFARI

2024

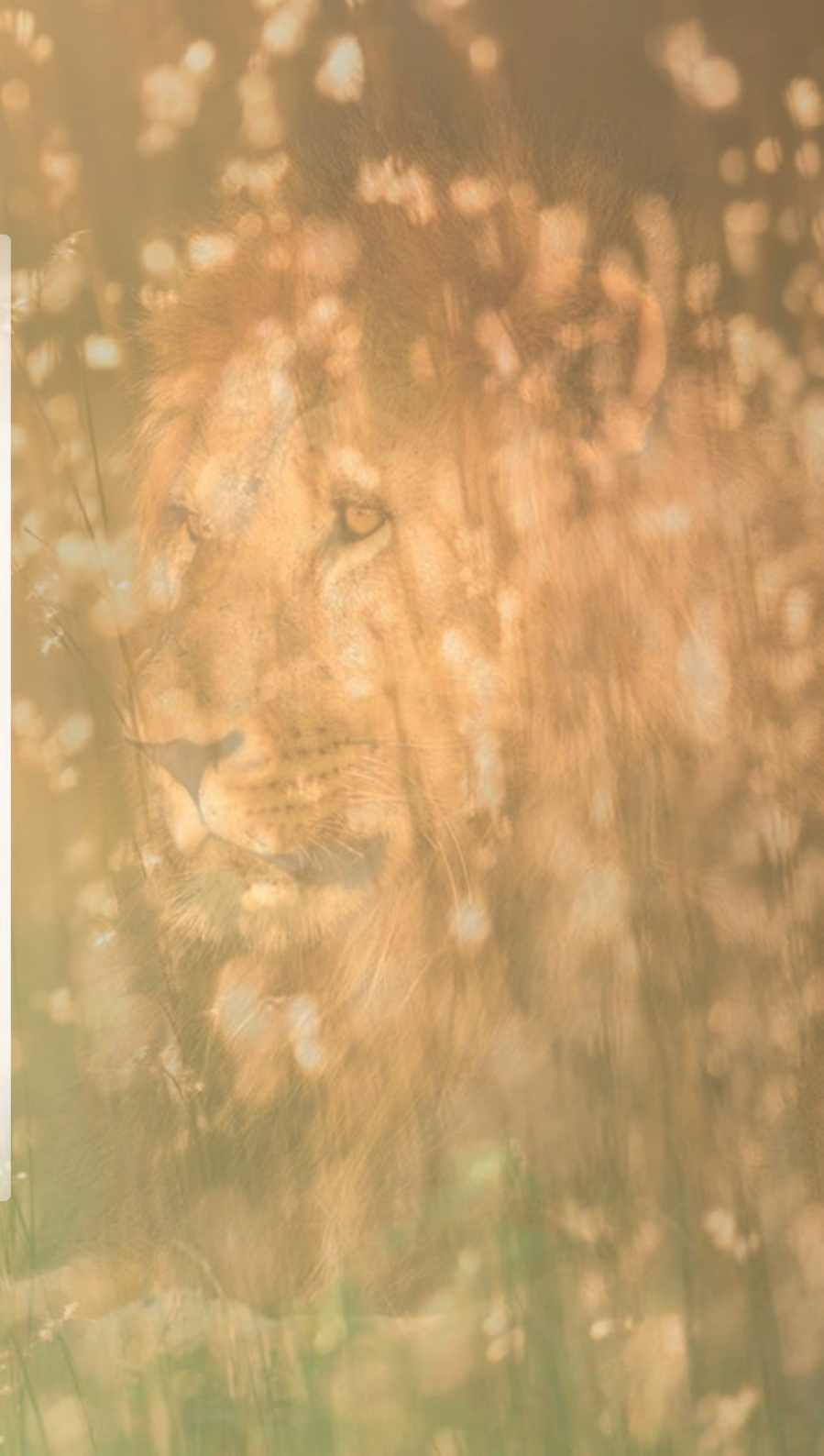
Africa.


Just hearing the name conjures up images of herds of mighty elephants, elegant giraffe, and frisky zebra roaming over the vast plains, while lion prides laze under the shade of the tangled brush and solitary leopards survey the land from the trees.

This premium African safari leads us through three private game reserves, one in South Africa and two in Botswana, where animals and birds abound. Access to the reserves is restricted to a small number of guests, giving us the luxury of enjoying uncrowded and unhurried wildlife encounters.

While the wildlife takes centre stage on this safari, our splendid lodgings are a welcome accompaniment bringing cheer and times of refreshment to the earnest, and curious, big game photographer.

We warmly invite you to join us on this wonderful adventure.





Beginning in Johannesburg we transfer to our base for the first four nights: a little-known yet luxurious and wildlife-rich private reserve in the heart of Zululand. Game drives are typically very productive, with lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, and buffalo all found here. This boutique reserve also has many ground-level waterhole hides for both animal and bird close-viewing, and boasts a state-of-the-art overnight hide which offers unrivalled photo opportunities as it is the only hide of its kind in all of Africa. And if all of that is not already fantastic enough, it is also often possible to photograph cheetah from ground level, under the instruction of our expert resident guides.

We then travel to neighbouring Botswana where we explore two private game reserves which are situated on the eastern fringes of the Kalahari Desert. The siting of the lodges near to water, amongst thickets of vegetation, has us positioned in an enclave populated by animals and birds. The surrounding undulating and seemingly endless plains are home to a rich diversity of over 50 animal species including lion, leopard, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, zebra, as well as 350 bird species. This area is a wildlife wonderland and, most importantly, the lodges' priority is for guests to enjoy exhilarating nature encounters with few, if any, other people around.

Having the opportunity to photograph at three very different exclusive game reserves on a safari of this duration is rare. Africa's calling!



ITINERARY

DAY 1 JOHANNESBURG

Arrival day. We meet in the evening for dinner to discuss the adventure ahead.

DAY 2 JOHANNESBURG TO ZULULAND

This morning we take a domestic flight from Johannesburg to Richards Bay and then transfer by private vehicle to the private game reserve lodge. After settling into our rooms we will have lunch, before preparing for our first game drive. We return to the lodge in the early evening where a delicious dinner awaits.

DAYS 3 - 5 ZULULAND

We enjoy three full days exploring this wildlife-rich reserve with a mix of game drive and ground-level hide photography. On one night we have the unique opportunity to photograph from the overnight hide, which has been designed to accommodate up to 4 photographers. This fully self-contained hide is built into a waterhole with the large window opening centimetres above water level. Animals that visit the waterhole metres from you. A network of infrared beams keeps a lookout over the drinking edge signalling when animals approach so we can rest in bed, read or use the wifi while waiting for subjects to arrive.

View from the overnight hide

DAY 6 ZULULAND TO JOHANNESBURG

After our morning game drive we return to Richards Bay for our domestic flight to Johannesburg.

DAY 7 JOHANNESBURG TO BOTSWANA

After breakfast we travel to the airport for our private-charter flight to the Limpopo Valley in Botswana. On arrival we are transferred to the lodge and get settled in our rooms before heading out on our afternoon game drive.

DAY 8 LIMPOPO

An early start as we head out for our morning game drive. During the middle of the day we have time to process images, take a swim or simply soak in the relaxed, charming atmosphere of the lodge. In the afternoon we enjoy another exciting game drive.

DAY 9 LIMPOPO TO TULI

Another wonderful morning game drive before we return to the lodge and prepare for our transfer to our third private wildlife reserve. This reserve offers refuge to the largest elephant population on a private reserve on the African continent. In the afternoon we start exploring this new territory and return to the lodge in the early evening for a well-earned sumptuous dinner.

DAYS 10 - 11 TULI

There is so much to see on this expansive reserve and with the expert support of the skilful bush trackers we will experience many enthralling photo opportunities.

DAY 12 TULI TO JOHANNESBURG

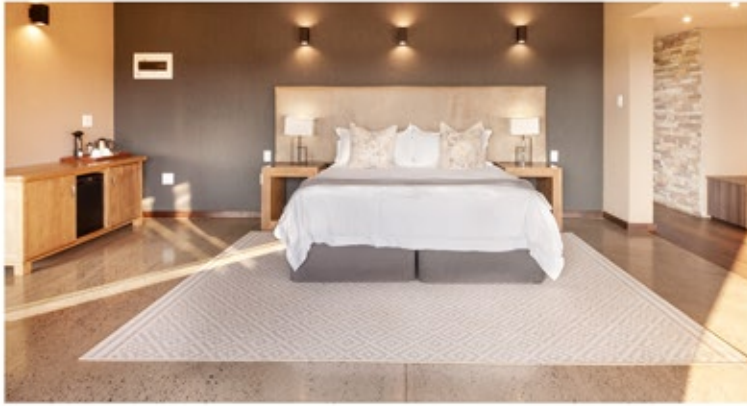
After our final morning game drive we make the return journey to Johannesburg.



SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

3 PREMIUM PRIVATE GAME RESERVES
18 GAME DRIVES/HIDE ACTIVITIES
HIGHLY EXPERIENCED BUSH GUIDES
EXCLUSIVE NIGHT HIDE PHOTOGRAPHY
BIRD and ANIMAL DAY HIDE OPTIONS
UNCROWDED PHOTOGRAPHY
DELUXE INTIMATE LODGINGS
FINE CUISINE and REFRESHMENTS

LODGINGS



DETAILS

Date: 8th - 19 May 2024

Fee: USD 13,570 double share occupancy
USD 14,790 single occupancy

What's included:

- Photography guidance by Alan Barker
- Accommodation in comfortable, private hotel rooms for 2 nights
- Accommodation in 3 separate deluxe lodges for total of 9 nights
- Fully catered from dinner on Day One to lunch on Day Twelve
- Beverages (local wines, spirits and beers).
- Laundry & Wi-Fi
- All in-tour land and air transfers from Day Two
- Overnight hide experience on one night
- Access to a variety of reserve hides
- Local taxes

What's not included:

- All pre-flight and immigration associated costs according to current travel and arrival regulations
- Any other travel services required to arrive at the safari commencement location, all associated taxes, levies and insurances
- Personal expenses including souvenirs, alcohol, travel insurance
- Gratuities

Payment Schedule:

Deposit payment of 50% of the safari fee upon receipt of invoice to secure your place.

Balance of safari fee payment by 01 February, 2024.

Please note our Terms and Conditions for this safari.



Terms and Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS

To confirm your place on this safari a deposit payment of 50% of the total fee is required. This may be made by internet banking or International Bank Transfer. We reserve the right to cancel your booking if payment is not received when due, wherein the Cancellations and Refunds clause, listed below, shall be effected. The safari fee is quoted in US dollars (USD). We are able to receive payments in other currencies and the prevailing bank exchange rate will apply for such payments.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit payment due on receipt of invoice. Balance of fee payment due no later than 01 February, 2024.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

We understand that sometimes unforeseen circumstances necessitate the cancelling of participation in one of our workshops. However, once you have registered for a workshop and remitted your deposit we hold your place and make all the necessary arrangements for your participation. This involves logistical commitments we are required to make advance payments with strict cancellation or non-refundable conditions. Also, by holding your place other potential participants may not be able to make a reservation with us. Should you cancel your booking this can represent a financial loss to us. Should you wish to cancel your booking you must advise us in writing. A structured refund scale is used based on the available time we have before the workshop commences to attempt to fill your place. Upon receipt of your cancellation the following fees will apply:

180 days or more before commencement: 50% of the total fee is forfeited

179 to 151 days before commencement: 75% of the total fee is forfeited

150 days or less before commencement: No refund will be issued

We will do our utmost to re-sell the cancelled workshop place/s and if able to do so will refund all fees paid. All refunds will be subject to the prevailing bank-issued exchange rate, less any associated bank charges and administration fees.

No part refunds will be made for unused portions or services of a workshop.

TRIP CANCELLATION and INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

Trip cancellation insurance is mandatory to protect you from an unexpected event which requires you to cancel your participation in a workshop or conclude your attendance prior to the completion of the workshop.

ITINERARY and IN-WORKSHOP THIRD-PARTY ACTIVITIES

We reserve the right to amend the itinerary at our discretion. If minimum participant numbers are not achieved we reserve the right to amend or cancel scheduled in-workshop third-party activities. Neither of these two conditions are grounds for compensations or part-refunds.

PRICING

At the time of safari announcement all fees have been calculated based on advised supplier rates and known future prices. Should unforeseen price increases occur in such items as transportations, fuel, and accommodations, among others, Oz Photo Workshops reserves the right to adjust the fee accordingly. An increase in prices shall not be deemed to be grounds for any refund of fees paid other than in accordance with the terms of our cancellation policy. All fees and amounts are quoted in US Dollars (USD).

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

You are required to disclose any medical or physical condition that you have which could create a risk for you. Medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. We assume no responsibility for medical care nor guarantee to meet any special dietary requirements.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Oz Photo Workshops (OPW) is strictly limited. As a workshop operator, OPW organizes, promotes, and sells programs consisting of certain third party travel services, including, but not limited to, land, air, and water transportation, and accommodations that OPW purchases or reserves from various suppliers. OPW does not own or operate any of these suppliers. The suppliers are not agents or employees acting for OPW. As such, OPW is not responsible for any negligent or wilful act or failure to act of any supplier or of any third party. By utilizing the travel services of the suppliers, you agree that you will look to such suppliers for any accident, injury, property damage, or personal loss to you or to those travelling with you, and that OPW shall not be liable. OPW cannot accept responsibility for losses or extra expenses caused by, but not limited to, delay or changes in any transportation services, weather, illness, injury, strike, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will be the sole responsibility of the participant. OPW reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to commencement, whereupon paid funds will be refunded in full subject to the prevailing bank-issued exchange rate, but is not liable for any other trip preparation or associated expenses such as, but not limited to, air ticket penalties, visa fees and medical treatments. OPW reserves the right to substitute accommodations of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary or transport where deemed necessary. Where weather conditions or forces of nature restrict or prohibit trip activities, OPW reserves the right to alter the trip program and substitute alternative activities. All parts of the Terms and Conditions shall be governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the law within Australia.

FORCE MAJEURE

Oz Photo Workshops (OPW) will not be liable for any alleged damages because of any circumstances including, but without limitation, explosion, flood, storm, fire, war or threat of war, civil disturbance, sickness, quarantine, weather conditions or other untoward occurrences. If OPW is affected by force majeure it will notify you of the nature and extent of the incidence. OPW may amend or cancel an itinerary in the event of force majeure. Refunds or partial refunds will be at the sole discretion of OPW.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By submitting your deposit payment you implicitly confirm that you have read, fully understand and agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions aforementioned.