



Following is a day to day description of the photography tour. This should give you a good idea of what you can expect during the tour and it also gives you some additional information on the parks and other spectacular locations we will visit during this tour. Below you can also find out more about what you can expect to learn while on the tour.

Day 1. The tour starts in Johannesburg at the Africa Centre Lodge at 8am. You will be met by your guides for the tour and after a brief introduction we leave the city behind and head out East towards our main destination for this tour- the Kruger National Park. Our first evening in South Africa is spend in Nelspruit, just a short drive away from the gates of the park. Here we will talk more in detail about the tour and what you can expect and to orientate yourself a little more after all that traveling.

Meals: L, D

Day 2- 8. We enter the gates of the Kruger National Park, where we will spend the next 7 days exploring the wild untamed Africa. Inside this more than 2 million hectares of wild Africa the “big 5” can be found- lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant, but this is just the tip of the iceberg! The park also is home to 147 species of mammals, 507 bird species, 114 species of reptiles, 49 species of fish and 34 types of amphibians!

We will be staying in the Park in some of the beautiful rest camps, from Berg-en-Dal in the South all the way up to around Satara or Olifants. We will overnight in very modern, comfortable en-suite bungalows/ rondavels/ chalets depending on the campsite and at night share stories around the campfire while the guides prepare a delicious meal.

We have a lot to see and a lot of ground to cover. We rise early every morning to be out of the gates as soon as they open for our game drives. We will do 2 game drives per day- one in the early morning and the other in the late afternoon, which means at least 14 game drives. On the days when we leave for our next camp, we will of course spend more time exploring the park.

Meals: B, L, D



Day 9/10. We leave the Kruger National Park and head out to Moholoholo for the next two days. Moholoholo is nestled in a picturesque setting at the base of the Drakensberg escarpment in the Limpopo Province Lowveld of South Africa. Moholoholo has become a haven for the rehabilitation and care of abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife.

Wildlife is brought to the center from all corners of South Africa, and once healthy enough are re-introduced into their natural environments. Those creatures who cannot be returned to the wild due to the nature and extent of their injuries, are cared for at the center and are used to educate the many people who visit Moholoholo each year, both from across South Africa and abroad.

Another important function of the center is breeding. At Moholoholo they have successfully bred and released into the wild the endangered Crowned Eagle, Serval and many others. This Centre is a non-profit organization, relying completely on the support of the public. At Moholoholo you can also enjoy a bushwalk and gamedrives in the park. During our stay here we will also visit Kapama. This is where we can get close to cheetahs and Wild dogs with there being about 70 and 45 animals respectively, held at the Cheetah Project. The centre is a small section of a private game reserve, Kapama just outside of Hoedspruit, in which they have cheetahs, Barbary lions, Wild dogs, Sable antelope, Bald Ibis, Ground Hornbills, Black footed cats, African Wild cats, Blue cranes, Crowned cranes and more.

Meals: B, L,D



Day 11. The Panorama Route. Today we take a scenic drive along the Blyde River Canyon. We visit some of the most famous landmarks along the way with stops at Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes and Gods Window and some of the spectacular waterfalls in the area. Meals: B,L,D

Day 12. We have a long day ahead of us as we drive all the way back to Johannesburg, where we will have our last evening under the African skies. We overnight in Johannesburg and we conclude our tour. Meals: B, L

Day 13. Flights back home.



#### Additional information:

You will have access to a laptop computer to save and download your pictures onto a disc after each day. This will help you create space on your memory sticks and will allow you to take more pictures. You will also be able to recharge your batteries every day in your own room, so bring your adapters with you on tour. Batteries can also be bought in most shops inside the KNP. You are of course more than welcome to use film on this tour, but as you know it will be difficult to evaluate your pictures every day. Films can also be bought at any of the shops in the Kruger national park.

We will do most of our traveling and game drives in the comfort of an overland truck. The truck has very comfortable seats and is big enough for 20- 22 passengers, but we only accept a maximum of 12 on board. This gives you the flexibility to move around freely from side to side or back and forth as we look at the animals. The truck also has massive windows that can be opened and closed to your liking. The truck has lots of space for your luggage and camera equipment. Onboard is a safe where you can safely store some valuables such as passports and cash. A professional guide will accompany you at all times and tell you more about all the different things we will come across, and of course a photographer to help you capture the best picture. Another feature that makes the overland truck great for photography is the height. It is possible to see more and further into the bush and we can still observe and photograph the animals even if another vehicle is parked right next to us.

While in the KNP you also have the option to do game drives or game walks with the park rangers. These activities are at your own expense and is subject to availability. These game drives are in open safari vehicles ranging from 8 seaters to 20 seaters. Most camps offer this service and are done very early in the mornings from around 5 am to 9 am, depending on the season and costs around € 12 – 20 for a 3 hour excursion. Game walks are done around the same time and costs around €25- 30, but only allow a maximum of 8 people.

At least twice on tour dinner will be at your own expense, while most other meals are included. This will give us the opportunity to also experience the warm and friendly atmosphere of a South African restaurant. For as little as € 20 you can enjoy a three course meal and a bottle of wine!

If you have any more questions or need more information you can refer to the FAQ header or you can contact us via e- mail.

Always check your photography gear and bring the owner's manual and spare parts and batteries. Some instructors require a tripod, filters, and flashes.

Be prepared with cleaning accessories, notebook, pens, and plastic zipper bags. You can also bring all the other accessories you want such as your tri- pod, but it is not a requirement.

## What You Will Learn

Our tours and workshops emphasize photography on location, in the field. We try to create a balance between great instruction and the appreciation of the wildlife and unspoiled nature we will get to see. We want to help you come away with the kind of images you have always envied and dreamed of. It is possible to learn a lot about photography by taking all different classes and courses and workshops, but we believe that you can learn so much more with an hands on approach, on location, in the field with a professional that can teach you as you go along. We think it is best learned when exercised in real situations, in small groups, with instructors with lots of experience. It is possible to learn as much from a one-week workshop as from a one-year community college course because of the concentrated time, the hands-on experience, and the individual attention. All of our programs are hands-on, and they are all limited to very small groups with a maximum of 6 photographers.



Photography is capable of extreme subtlety and incredible beauty. With a little luck, almost anyone can make a good picture, but with the right training and guidance you can get great results more frequently. With time, practice and good instruction you will become better and better. Practice makes perfect. We will help you learn to make the best possible photographs.

### **What you will learn on our tours**

Our tours are based on the principal that a person learns more by doing than simply by being instructed.

Although we photograph in some of the most beautiful locations in the world, the emphasis of our workshops remains on teaching photography in places where you have the opportunity to make extraordinary images and enjoy yourself. On our tours you will learn:

- How to control depth of field with any lens and any camera
- How to control exposure and contrast
- How to increase your percentage of great images
- How to control color balance

- How to get the best quality from your lenses
- Which filters to use and when
- Why exposure meters may not work properly
- How to expose for difficult subjects
- How to use the Zone System and the Tone System
- How to slow down and really see images
- How to make stronger compositions
- How to use and select tripods and heads
- How to use and control large format cameras
- How to make the most of smaller formats

In short, how to make photography and photographic equipment second nature so that they become tools with which you can enjoy expressing yourself. Every workshop session includes the opportunity to have the instructor personally review what you've been doing and suggest how you can improve. The instructor will explain his/ her personal methods and approaches during photo sessions and using examples from his/ her own portfolio. During our tours, the instructional materials and teaching-time available are frequently constrained by travel requirements; nonetheless, our leaders make every effort to ensure that you will receive the same quality instruction that you would receive during a domestic workshop. Because the groups are small, you can expect individual attention; participants at all levels are able to progress at their own speed.

### **What if you already "know" photography?**

We realize that some of our participants may have been on photography tours in the past and some have had extensive training and experience. By traveling and working with a small group, you'll be able to take advantage of each other's experience, exchanging tips and ideas, learning new methods, and gaining new insights that you'd otherwise miss by traveling alone. So anyone can join the tour, from beginners to the more experienced and that will just help us bring the idea closer- to travel with a group of like- minded people- people who love nature, wildlife and photography.