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ETHIOPIA

PREMIER SAFARI



INTRODUCTION

In Ethiopia, light moves across highland moorlands, river valleys and painted earth with a quiet intensity. This exclusive, small-group safari takes you into the country's wild and cultural heart, from the Bale Mountains to the Omo Valley, with time to photograph, observe and understand.

Your safari begins in Addis Ababa before moving into the Bale Mountains, a high-altitude landscape of open moorland, cold air and wide horizons. Here, during the denning period, we spend time with the Ethiopian wolf, the world's most endangered canid, with the possibility of photographing pups in the first light of day.

From the mountains, the safari continues south into the Omo Valley, where the focus turns to people, place and presence. The region is home to the Mursi, Bodi, Nyangatom, Kara, Hamar and Dassenech, each with distinct traditions, adornment and ways of living with the land.

Our approach is unhurried. Rather than passing through, we spend considered time in each area, allowing trust, observation and more natural photographic opportunities to develop.

C4 led the first photographic safari to Chen Camp in the Omo, working closely with the Mursi to build access based on respect. That first experience shaped a refined safari that now returns for a fourth time, with relationships that allow you to encounter this community in a rare and meaningful way.

Led by Shem Compion, this safari is built around patience, fieldcraft and careful reading of each situation. It rewards those who want to create images with depth, and return with stories that reach beyond the frame.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Work across a wide range of photographic environments, from high mountain landscapes to remote river systems and culturally significant regions.
- Spend time in the field through a combination of walks, drives, and boat excursions, allowing for varied perspectives and a more complete understanding of each location.
- Explore the lesser-visited cave churches in the highlands around Lalibela, offering quieter and more intimate photographic opportunities.
- Photograph endemic wildlife such as gelada monkeys in the Simien Mountains and Ethiopian wolves in the Bale Mountains, working in open, high-altitude environments.
- Visit during the denning period in the Bale Mountains, with the opportunity to observe and photograph Ethiopian wolf pups as they emerge and interact around the dens.
- Experience a more considered and intimate approach to the Omo Valley, spending time with different communities in a way that allows for natural interaction and respectful photography.
- Visit a number of distinct communities in the Omo Valley, each with their own traditions, dress, and way of life.
- Experience cultural moments as they unfold, including the possibility of ceremonies and gatherings such as Donga stick fighting or Dimi celebrations.
- Be guided by Shem Compion, whose long-standing experience in these regions allows for a thoughtful approach to both photography and travel.

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PRICING

	DETAILS
Date	01 - 11 February 2028
Service starts	Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, Ethiopia
Service ends	Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, Ethiopia
Tour	Ethiopia Photo Safari with Shem Compion February 2028
Cost p/p	USD $ 19 850 (*Sharing or Single*)

Costs are based on an estimated increase and are subject to change.
A 30% deposit confirms your booking. The balance is payable 8 weeks before the tour start date.
Minimum of 6 guests, maximum of 8 guests.

A detailed pre-departure document covering climate, clothing, travel logistics, travel information, camera gear, and other safari information will be sent to you 6 weeks prior to your departure date.

THE ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE

- Full board at all accommodations.
- All activities and entrance fees.
- All local and national guide fees.
- All vehicle hire, with each guest guaranteed a window seat in 4-wheel-drive vehicles or minivans where applicable.
- All meals when dining away from the accommodations.
- FAll airport transfers.
- Internal flights:
    - Addis Ababa to Bale Mountains – commercial flight
    - Bale Mountains to Omo Valley – charter flight
    - Omo Valley to Addis Ababa – charter flight
- All local taxes, including VAT.

COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- All international flights.
- Accommodation and meals not specified in the itinerary.
- All beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).
- Visas and vaccinations. *Please note that obtaining a visa for entry into the country of your destination is the sole responsibility of the traveller and C4 Photo Safaris is not liable for any issues related to obtaining a visa.
- Travel insurance.
- Additional activities and hide sessions not specified.
- Gratuities to staff and guides.
- Purchases of a personal nature.



ITINERARY LOGISTICS

DATES	TRANSFERS	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	• Arrival in Addis Ababa • Road transfer to Hyatt Regency Hotel. • City tour and welcome evening meal.	Hyatt Regency Hotel 1 Night
Day 2	• Road transfer to the airport for your flight to the Bale Mountains. • On arrival, transfer into the mountains and settle into camp.	Webb River Camp 3 Nights
Day 3-4	• Spend your days in the Bale Mountains exploring this high-altitude landscape. • Focus on locating and photographing Ethiopian wolves, particularly around known denning areas, as well as other endemic species. • Activities include a combination of drives and walks.	
Day 5	• Charter flight from the Bale Mountains to the Omo Valley. • Transfer to your camp, passing through remote landscapes and local communities.	Mursi Camp 3 Nights
Day 6-7	• Spend time in the Mursi region with access to the Bodi and Nyangatom communities. • Activities include cultural visits, drives, and time along the Omo River.	
Day 8	• Transfer through the Omo Valley to Lale's Camp. • Afternoon at leisure or cultural visit.	Lale's Camp 3 Nights
Day 9-10	• Explore the surrounding region with visits to the Kara, Hamar, and Dassenech communities. • Activities include drives, walks, and time spent in villages, allowing for a more considered and immersive experience.	
Day 11	• Charter flight back to Addis Ababa. • Connect to your onward international flight. • This marks the end of your safari	



YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1

ARRIVAL IN ADDIS ABABA — 1 NIGHT

Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, you will be met and transferred to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, situated on Meskel Square in the heart of the city. After time to settle in, you will head out for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, offering an introduction to Ethiopian cuisine and a gentle start to the journey ahead.

DAY 2 - 4

BALE MOUNTAINS — 3 NIGHTS

This morning, you will transfer to the airport for your flight into the Bale Mountains. On arrival, you will be met and transferred into this vast high-altitude landscape, where you will settle into camp.

Over the next few days, time is spent exploring the Bale Mountains through a combination of drives and walks. The focus here is on locating and photographing Ethiopian wolves, particularly around known denning areas where pups may be seen. The open terrain and changing light conditions create a more considered photographic environment, requiring patience and time in the field. Other endemic species, including mountain Nyala, may also be encountered as you move through this remote and expansive region.

DAY 5 - 7

MURSI REGION, OMO VALLEY — 3 NIGHTS

A charter flight takes you from the Bale Mountains into the Omo Valley. On arrival, you will transfer through remote landscapes to your camp, located in the Mursi region.

Over the next few days, you will spend time with the Mursi community, with access also to the Bodi and Nyangatom. Activities include a combination of drives, walks, and time along the Omo River. The approach here is unhurried, allowing for more natural interaction and a more thoughtful photographic experience.

DAY 8 - 10

LALE'S CAMP, OMO VALLEY — 3 NIGHTS

You will travel further through the Omo Valley to Lale's Camp, your base for the next three nights. This region offers access to several distinct communities, including the Kara, Hamar, and Dassenech.

Days are spent exploring the surrounding areas, visiting villages, and spending time within each community. The focus remains on creating space for more considered photography, working with light, environment, and interaction rather than rushing between locations.

DAY 11

DEPARTURE FROM THE OMO VALLEY — 1 NIGHT

After breakfast, you will transfer for your charter flight back to Addis Ababa, where you will connect with your onward international flight.

This marks the end of your safari.









GUIDE



PHOTOGRAPHER
SHEM COMPION

Shem Compion uses his intricate knowledge of travel in Africa, its wildlife, and exceptional photographic locations to give you the best photographic insight into Africa you can get. Having personally travelled, across many parts of Africa for the last 22 years, Shem brings his extensive travel, logistics and operations experience into planning your safaris and expeditions across Africa.

Beyond the more popular destinations in Africa, C4 Photo Safaris has gained a reputation for safaris into the more remote areas of Africa. Shem has been at the forefront of driving these safari destinations as the new frontiers of photography travel. These include Chad (Zakouma and Ennedi), Gabon, CAR, DRC, northern Kenya, Congo, South Sudan, and Ethiopia. Safaris into these far-flung areas require a unique set of skills and operational precision.

A self-taught wildlife photographer, Shem quickly established himself as one of the top wildlife photographers in South Africa. His work is regularly published worldwide in magazines, calendars, and books. Shem's intricate knowledge of a variety of photographic subjects is his greatest photographic asset. He has received international awards for images in mammals, birds, reptiles, and landscape categories. In recent years, Shem has worked extensively with African cultures, taking him on expeditions into some of Africa's most remote and beautiful areas.



ACCOMMODATION

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

Situated on Meskel Square, one of Addis Ababa's most iconic landmarks, our hotel offers convenient access to the city's cultural, business, and entertainment districts. As you step into our elegant lobby, you'll be greeted by our friendly staff, ready to assist you with any needs or inquiries you may have during your stay.

Each room is meticulously designed to offer a harmonious blend of comfort, style, and functionality, featuring modern amenities and plush furnishings to ensure a relaxing and rejuvenating experience. From comfortable bedding and spacious work desks to state-of-the-art technology and panoramic city views, every detail is crafted with your utmost comfort and convenience in mind.





WEBB RIVER CAMP

Set within the open landscapes of the Bale Mountains, Webb River Camp offers a simple and well-positioned base for exploring this remote high-altitude environment. Surrounded by wide valleys and alpine moorlands, the camp provides close access to key areas where Ethiopian wolves are often found, allowing for early starts and extended time in the field. The spacious tents offer a comfortable retreat after time outdoors, with quiet evenings in camp providing an opportunity to review images and prepare for the next day in this unique and rewarding landscape.





MURSI CAMP

Mursi Camp is set in a remote and seldom-visited part of the Omo Valley, offering direct access to the Mursi community and surrounding landscapes. Positioned near the Omo River, the camp provides a quiet and immersive base from which to explore this culturally significant region, with time spent moving between villages, riverbanks, and open terrain. The camp itself is simple and functional, designed to support time in the field rather than distract from it, allowing guests to remain closely connected to both the environment and the experiences that unfold around them.



LALE'S CAMP

Lale's Camp is positioned along the banks of the Omo River, offering a comfortable and well-situated base from which to explore this section of the valley. The camp sits within reach of several communities, including the Kara, Hamar, and Dassenech, allowing for a more fluid and immersive experience as you move between villages and landscapes.

With its setting close to the river and surrounding floodplains, the camp provides a balance of comfort and access, while maintaining a strong sense of place within this remote and culturally rich region.













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Curating unique photographic encounters and planning rare adventures in the natural world across Africa is our core speciality. Our reputation is built on years of crafting considered experiences, often with complex logistics across Africa for our guests. We understand these logistics, and our guests' discernment is what sets us apart. As such, we have been listed numerous times as one of the top-ten photo safari companies in the world.

Please feel free to reach out to us by email or telephone should you have any queries. We are here to help.

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