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UGANDA PRIMATES
PHOTO SAFARI WITH DARREN DONOVAN

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INTRODUCTION

Uganda is one of Africa's most diverse and rewarding wildlife destinations. From the forests of Bwindi and Kibale to the Rift Valley landscapes of Queen Elizabeth National Park, the country offers an extraordinary range of habitats within a relatively compact area. Dense rainforest, volcanic crater lakes, open savanna, wetlands, and the waterways connected to Lake Victoria all combine to create a landscape rich in both wildlife and birdlife.

This safari focuses on two of Africa's most iconic primates: mountain gorillas and chimpanzees. With two gorilla trekking experiences in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and three chimpanzee treks in Kibale Forest, the journey allows time to work patiently in the field while experiencing these remarkable animals in their natural environment. Alongside the primates, the safari also explores the wildlife-rich Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park and the wetlands of Mabamba Swamp, home to the elusive Shoebill.

Tracking gorillas through the forests of Bwindi remains one of Africa's most powerful wildlife experiences. Time spent quietly observing a gorilla family within the forest is both humbling and deeply memorable. Equally rewarding are the fast-moving and energetic encounters with chimpanzees in Kibale, where photography becomes as much about behaviour and movement as portraiture.

Led by C4 specialist photographic guide Darren Donovan, this safari has been designed for travellers wanting a deeper and more considered experience of Uganda's forests, wildlife, and landscapes, while also developing their photographic approach in often challenging rainforest conditions.

A moderate fitness level is required so don't let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by not having walked a bit before the tour.



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Intimate, close-quarter photography of mountain gorillas and chimpanzees in their natural forest habitats.
- Scenic crater lake landscapes and lush montane rainforest views in Kibale and Bwindi.
- Fantastic opportunities for capturing tree-climbing lions in the open plains of Ishasha.
- Abundant wildlife along the Kazinga Channel – perfect for photographing hippos, elephants, buffalo, and birds from the water.
- Stunning forest and canopy perspectives at dawn and dusk, ideal for mood-rich imagery.
- Birding photography highlights include Shoebill storks, turacos, and kingfishers.
- Night photography possibilities during the nocturnal forest walk.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

- 11 nights in carefully selected lodges.
- Three unforgettable gorilla trekking experiences in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.
- Two chimpanzee trekking excursions in Kibale Forest – the best place in East Africa to track habituated chimpanzees.
- Private guided safari throughout, with expert local guides and photographic guide Darren Donovan.
- Scenic game drives in the remote Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park.
- Exclusive boat safari on the Kazinga Channel.
- Nocturnal forest walk to observe rare night-time species in Kibale.



PRICING & DETAILS

\$ 13 100

SHARING COST P/P

\$ 14 250

SINGLE COST P/P



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11 NIGHTS | 12 DAYS

DETAILS

SERVICE STARTS	Entebbe International Airport
SERVICE ENDS	Entebbe International Airport
TOUR	Uganda Primates Photo Safari April 2027
YOUR GUIDE	Darren Donovan
MAXIMUM GUESTS	4 Guests
DEPOSIT	40% Deposit confirms your booking. Balance payable 8 weeks before tour start date.

A detailed pre-departure document detailing 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

- Fast track services on arrival at Entebbe International Airport.
- Accommodation as stipulated in the itinerary.
- Hot beverages and house wines at Buhoma Lodge.
- All ground transportation and transfers as indicated.
- Services of an experienced English-speaking guide.
- Experienced birding guide on Day 3 & Day 9.
- Activities as stipulated in the itinerary.
- C4 Photo specialist guide Darren Donovan.
- 2x Gorilla permits and 3x Chimpanzee permits.
- 1 porter per person per Chimpanzee & Gorilla trekking.
- 1 Complimentary 30 minutes massage at Buhoma Lodge.
- Park, ranger guide, conservation fees.
- All applicable taxes, administration and banking fees.
- Amref Flying Doctors emergency evacuation services.
- Domestic flights (Entebbe – Kasese Airstrip | Kihhi Airstrip – Entebbe)
- Chimpanzee & Gorilla trekking permits.

✗ COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- Gratuities to staff and guides.
- Extra activities not included.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Travel visas.
- All Premium non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks.
- All international flights.

Our full terms and conditions are available on request or can be viewed by following this [link](#)

YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1 - 2

**KARIBA GUEST
HOUSE**

1 NIGHT

After arriving at Entebbe International Airport, you will be met and assisted through arrival formalities before the short transfer to Karibu Guest House. Tucked into quiet gardens near the edge of Lake Victoria, the guest house offers a gentle start to your time in Uganda after the long international journey.

The remainder of the day is yours to rest, settle in and prepare for the forests ahead.

DAY 2 - 5

**KIBALE FOREST
CAMP**

3 NIGHTS

A morning flight takes you from Entebbe to Kasese Airstrip before continuing by road to Kibale Forest National Park. That afternoon, you head into the forest for your first chimpanzee trekking experience, tracking habituated chimpanzees through the canopy and understory with experienced guides.

Over the following days, you will enjoy two further chimpanzee treks, each offering different photographic opportunities depending on the troop's movements and forest conditions. Along the way, you may also encounter colobus monkeys, red-tailed monkeys and grey-cheeked mangabeys.

Additional activities include a guided walk through Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, known for its rich birdlife and primates, a hike through the scenic Kasenda Crater Lakes region, and a nocturnal forest walk in search of bush babies and other nocturnal species.

DAY 5 - 8

**ISHASHA
WILDERNESS
CAMP**

3 NIGHTS

Depart Kibale and travel south toward Queen Elizabeth National Park. En route, enjoy a private boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, where hippos, buffalo, elephants and a wide variety of birdlife gather along the water's edge.

Your stay at Ishasha Wilderness Camp places you within the remote southern sector of the park, an area known for its tree-climbing lions and open savanna landscapes.

Over the next two days, enjoy extended game drives through the Ishasha sector in search of lions, elephant, buffalo and other plains game. One evening, drinks and snacks are served during a sundowner in the bush as the light fades across the savanna.

DAY 8 - 11

BUHOMA LODGE

3 NIGHTS

Continue to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, one of Africa's oldest rainforest ecosystems and home to mountain gorillas. Buhoma Lodge sits at the forest edge, close to the trekking starting point.

During your stay, you will take part in two separate gorilla trekking experiences, tracking different habituated gorilla families through the forest alongside experienced rangers and trackers. Time spent with the gorillas offers remarkable opportunities for both observation and photography.

Between treks, enjoy a guided forest walk along the waterfall trail, known for its birdlife, dense vegetation and quieter forest details.

YOUR SAFARI

DAY 11

**KARIBA GUEST
HOUSE**

1 NIGHT

Transfer to Kihiki Airstrip for your scheduled flight back to Entebbe. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to Karibu Guest House for your final overnight stay.

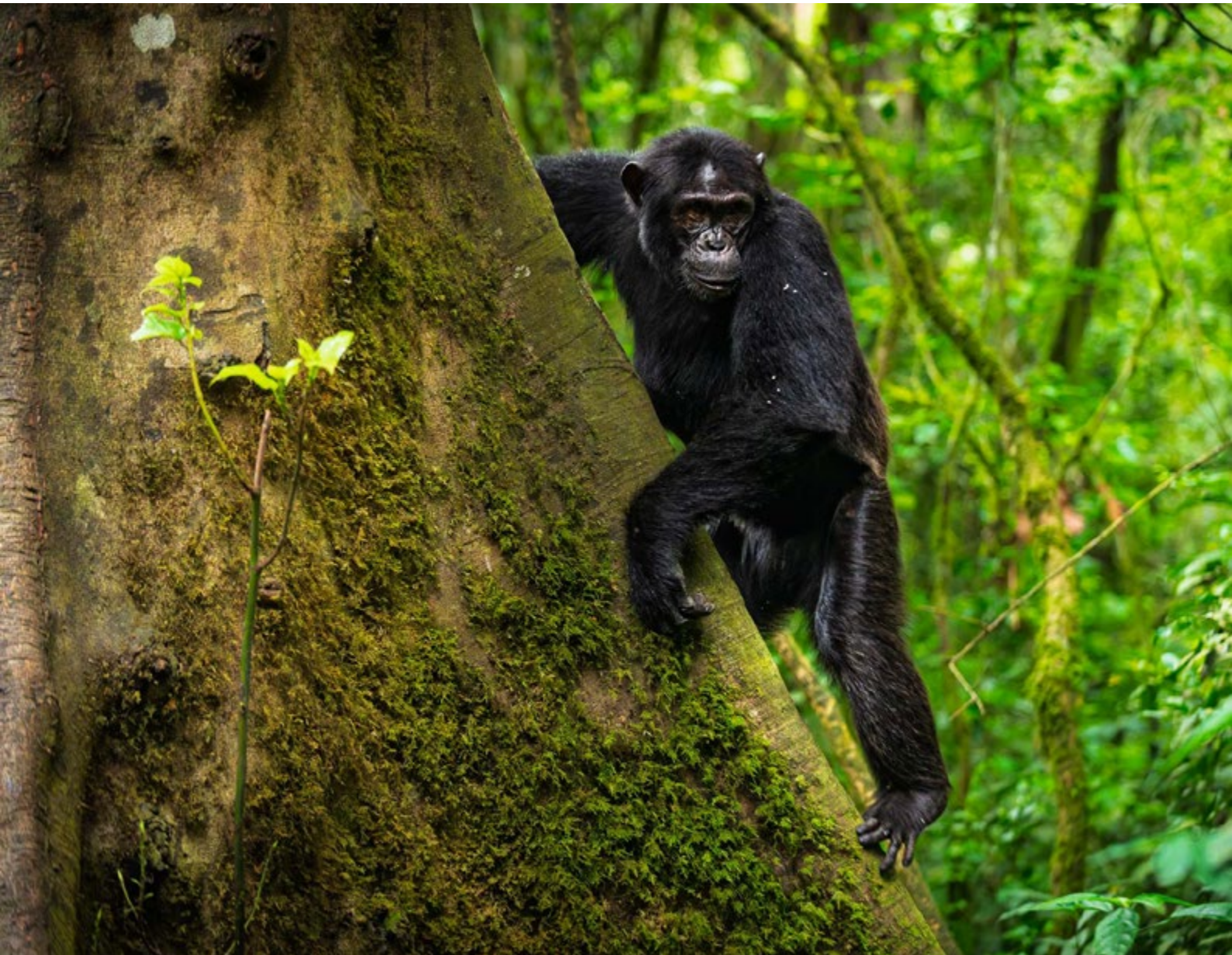
The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 12

**MBAMBA SWAMP
& DEPARTURE**

Before your international departure, enjoy a morning excursion into Mabamba Swamp by motorised canoe. The wetland is one of Uganda's best locations to search for the rare Shoebill stork, alongside a variety of other bird species found within the papyrus channels.

Later, transfer to Entebbe International Airport for your onward flight home.

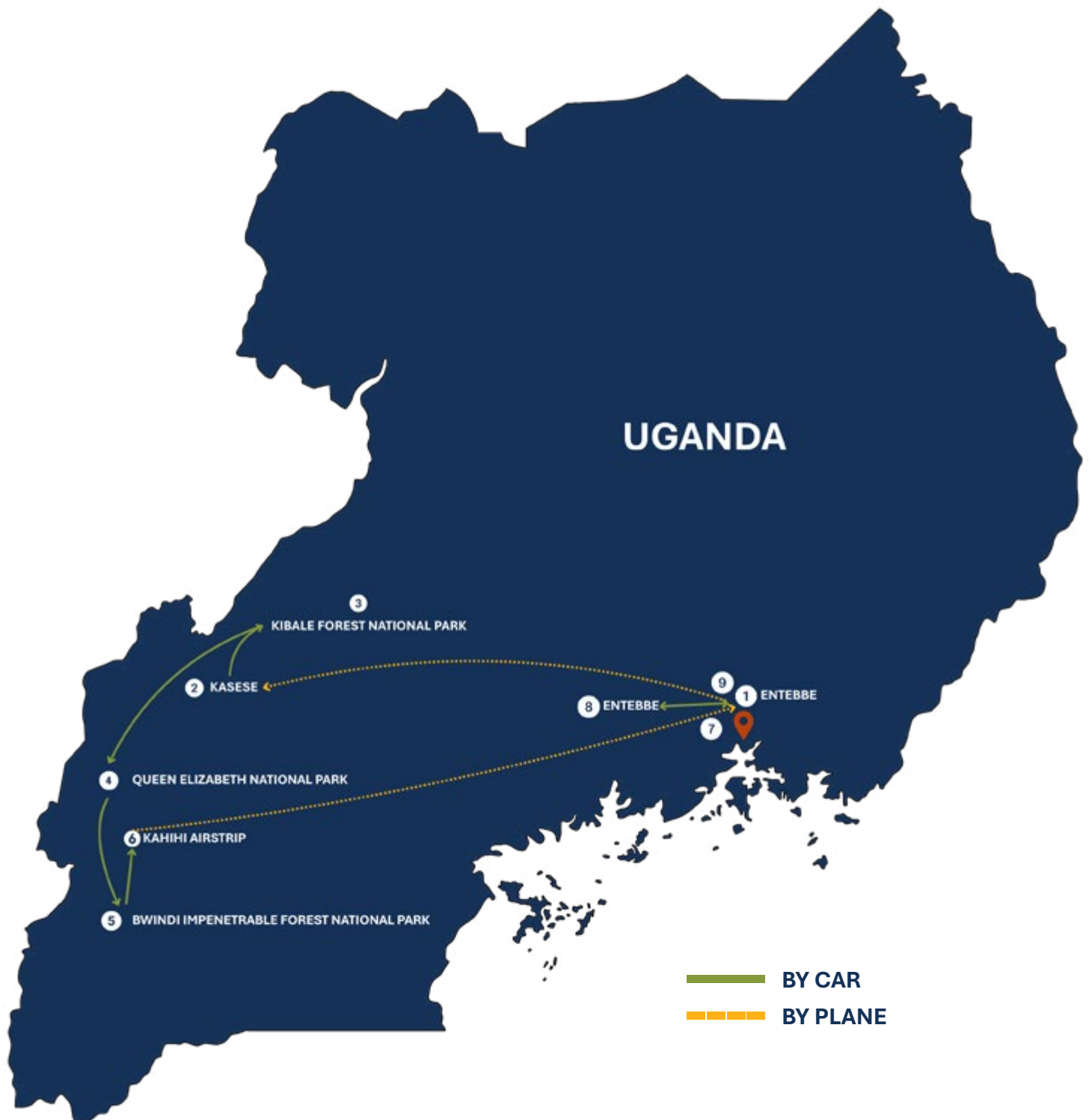


YOUR LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

DAY	TRANSFERS	ACCOMODATION
DAY 1	Arrive Entebbe International Airport. Meet and transfer to Karibu Guest House.	KARIBU GUEST HOUSE 1 NIGHT
DAY 2	- Fly to Kasese Airstrip and transfer to Kibale Forest National Park. - Chimpanzee trekking, Bigodi Wetland walk, Kasenda Crater Lakes hike and nocturnal forest walk	KIBALE FOREST CAMP 3 NIGHTS
DAY 5	- Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park with private Kazinga Channel boat cruise. - Game drives in Ishasha sector and evening sundowner.	ISHASHA WILDERNESS CAMP 3 NIGHTS
DAY 8	- Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. - Two gorilla trekking experiences and guided forest walk.	BUHOMA LODGE 3 NIGHTS
DAY 11	- Transfer to Kihhi Airstrip and fly to Entebbe. - Overnight in Entebbe.	KARIBU GUEST HOUSE 1 NIGHT
DAY 12	- Morning Mabamba Swamp excursion. - Transfer to Entebbe International Airport for departure.	



YOUR JOURNEY





YOUR GUIDE



DARREN DONOVAN

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Darren started his career as a safari guide in South Africa's Sabi Sands, where he specialised in birding and animal behaviour. After witnessing the most amazing sightings on his game drives with guests, he quickly realised that he was missing a camera. His photographic journey began with him being drawn to the unusual and artistic depiction of wildlife through photography. He believes in capturing the mood and emotion of a moment in time, and that keeps fuelling his passion. He constantly pushes the boundaries of what he knows and experiments with the unknown!

With 13 years of guiding in some of the top lodges and reserves in South Africa, Darren not only has the experience of hosting photographers, but also perfected his craft in teaching others to take their own amazing photographs through technical and artistic application. These include teaching guests the camera settings, designing the frame, and anticipating the moment that may be coming by watching the behaviour of the subject. These skills, enthusiasm and a profound professional respect for the bush has made him a sought-after bird and photography guide in the industry.

YOUR ACCOMODATION

KARIBU GUEST HOUSE

Karibu Guest House in Entebbe is a quiet garden retreat located just a short drive from Entebbe International Airport. Set within leafy grounds near Lake Victoria, the guest house offers a calm and comfortable start or finish to your time in Uganda. Individually styled en-suite rooms are spread throughout the property, combining modern comforts with a relaxed residential atmosphere. The gardens, swimming pool and open-air dining areas create an easy pace after long international flights or before onward travel.



KIBALE FOREST CAMP

Kibale Forest Camp is positioned on the edge of Kibale Forest National Park, surrounded by dense forest and birdsong throughout the day. The camp provides direct access to one of East Africa's premier primate regions, making it an ideal base for chimpanzee trekking and forest exploration. Accommodation is simple, comfortable and immersed in the natural surroundings, with safari tents and cottages tucked beneath the trees. Evenings are often spent around the campfire listening to the sounds of the forest after dark.



YOUR ACCOMODATION

ISHASHA WILDERNESS CAMP

Ishasha Wilderness Camp sits along the Ntungwe River within the remote southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park. The camp's riverside setting attracts regular wildlife visitors, while fig trees and riverine forest create a quieter, more intimate safari atmosphere. Spacious canvas tents are positioned beneath the trees with views toward the water, offering a comfortable base between game drives in search of Ishasha's tree-climbing lions. The camp's unfenced setting allows you to remain closely connected to the surrounding wilderness throughout your stay.



BUHOMA LODGE

Buhoma Lodge is situated at the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, only a short walk from the gorilla trekking briefing point. Overlooking the forest canopy, the lodge provides a warm and comfortable base after long days spent tracking gorillas through the rainforest. Chalets are built from natural materials with private verandas facing the forest, while the central lounge and dining area offer sweeping views into the trees. The atmosphere remains relaxed and intimate, with the sounds of the forest never far away.



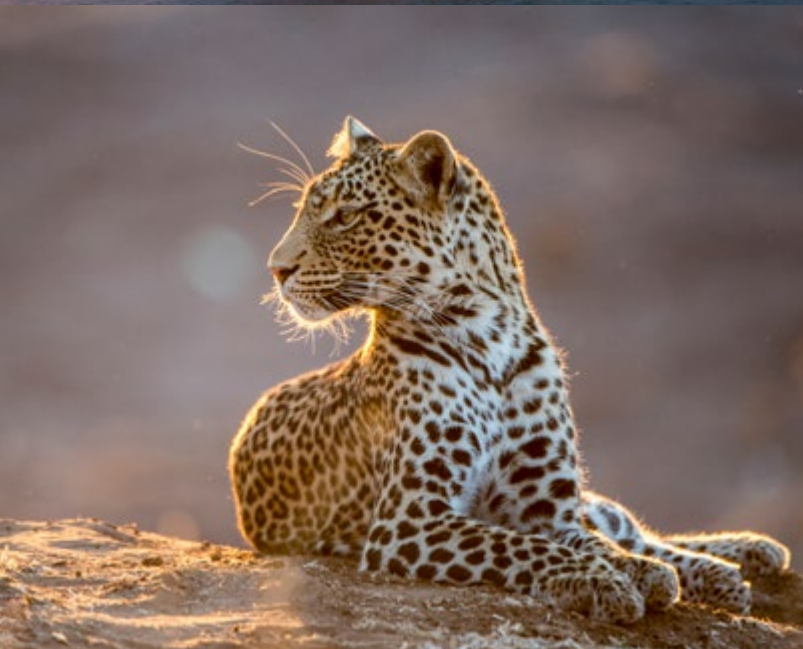


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