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GORONGOSA

CLASSIC PHOTO SAFARI



INTRODUCTION

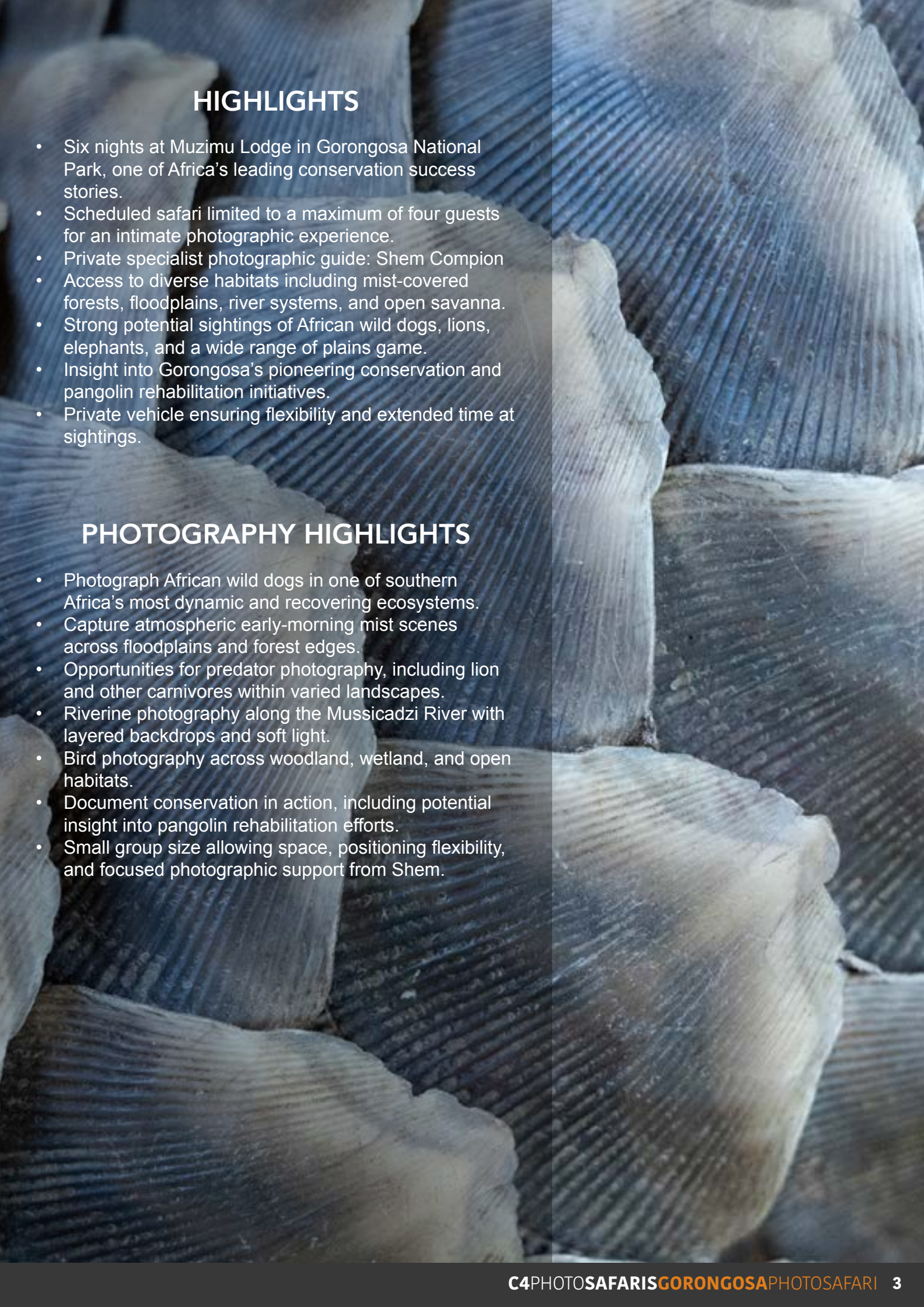
Set within central Mozambique, Gorongosa National Park stands as one of Africa's most inspiring conservation success stories. Once heavily impacted by conflict, the park has undergone a remarkable restoration, emerging as a thriving wilderness where biodiversity, research, and community upliftment work hand in hand. Today, Gorongosa offers photographers a rare opportunity to document wildlife within a landscape that represents both ecological resilience and hope.

Framed by mist-covered forests, open floodplains, river systems, and the dramatic backdrop of Mount Gorongosa, the park provides a rich and varied photographic canvas. Wildlife populations are steadily increasing, and encounters with lions, elephants, antelope, and particularly African wild dogs are among the highlights. Gorongosa's wild dog packs are dynamic and frequently active, offering compelling behavioural photography in diverse habitats. Birdlife is equally rewarding, with woodland, wetland, and savanna species creating endless variety for photographers.

Beyond the wildlife, Gorongosa's conservation initiatives add a deeper layer to the experience. The park is home to important research and rehabilitation programs, including pangolin rescue and rehabilitation efforts, providing insight into the broader work being done to protect Africa's most threatened species. This is a safari that goes beyond sightings, offering context, understanding, and a connection to the long-term future of African wilderness areas.

Guests will spend six nights at Muzimu Lodge, ideally positioned along the Mussicadzi River, providing access to multiple ecosystems within the park. The safari is led by Shem Compion, a long-standing ambassador for Gorongosa National Park. With extensive experience in the region, Shem brings both photographic expertise and a deep understanding of the park's conservation journey. Throughout the safari, he will provide guidance in the field, assist with positioning and light, and facilitate discussions around wildlife behaviour and conservation.

Limited to a maximum of four guests, this safari offers an intimate photographic experience with a strong focus on time at sightings, thoughtful composition, and meaningful engagement with one of Africa's most important conservation landscapes.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Six nights at Muzimu Lodge in Gorongosa National Park, one of Africa's leading conservation success stories.
- Scheduled safari limited to a maximum of four guests for an intimate photographic experience.
- Private specialist photographic guide: Shem Compion
- Access to diverse habitats including mist-covered forests, floodplains, river systems, and open savanna.
- Strong potential sightings of African wild dogs, lions, elephants, and a wide range of plains game.
- Insight into Gorongosa's pioneering conservation and pangolin rehabilitation initiatives.
- Private vehicle ensuring flexibility and extended time at sightings.

PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Photograph African wild dogs in one of southern Africa's most dynamic and recovering ecosystems.
- Capture atmospheric early-morning mist scenes across floodplains and forest edges.
- Opportunities for predator photography, including lion and other carnivores within varied landscapes.
- Riverine photography along the Mussicadzi River with layered backdrops and soft light.
- Bird photography across woodland, wetland, and open habitats.
- Document conservation in action, including potential insight into pangolin rehabilitation efforts.
- Small group size allowing space, positioning flexibility, and focused photographic support from Shem.

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PRICING

DETAILS	
Date	26 July - 01 August 2027
Service starts	OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
Service ends	OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
Tour	Gorongosa Photo Safari With Shem Compion July 2027
Sharing cost p/p	USD \$ 14,500
Single cost p/p	USD \$ 16,000

**30% deposit confirms your booking. Balance payable 8 weeks prior to tour start date.
Minimum of 3 guests, maximum 5 guests and Shem Compion as your guide.**

A detailed pre-departure document detailing climate, clothing, travel logistics, travel information, camera gear and other safari information will be sent to you 8 weeks prior to your departure date.

THE ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE

- Meet and greet at airport and all road transfers as per the itinerary.
- **International flights:**
 1. Johannesburg - Beira return (Economy Class)
4Z 214 | JNB – BEW
Depart: 10h45 | Arrive: 12h25
4Z 215 | BEW – JNB
Depart: 12h55 | Arrive: 14h55
- **Small Plane flights:**
 1. Beira - Gorongosa charter flight
 2. Gorongosa - Beira charter flight

*** 30kg luggage allowance per person**

- All accommodation and meals, snacks, teas, coffees.
- Selected local beverages.
- Excludes Premium drinks.
- Specialist private guide: Shem Compion.
- Private vehicle.
- Conservation fees.

COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- All international flights not specified.
- Travel insurance. *Please refer to our terms and conditions.
- Visas & Vaccinations. *Please refer to our terms and conditions.
- All activities, transfers, accommodation and meals not specified.
- All premium branded beverages.
- All purchases of a personal nature.
- Additional activities.
- Gratuities.
- Laundry.



ITINERARY LOGISTICS

DATES	TRANSFERS	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	• Arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport. • Scheduled flight to Beira, Mozambique. • Charter flight transfer into Gorongosa National Park. • Road transfer to lodge.	Muzimu Lodge 6 Nights
Day 2 - 6	• Enjoy private photographic safari activities with specialist guidance from Shem Compion. • Morning and afternoon game drives across Gorongosa's floodplains, forests, and river systems.	
Day 7	• After your final morning activity and breakfast, transfer to the airstrip for your charter flight to Beira. • Connect to your scheduled return flight to Johannesburg. • This marks the end of your safari.	



YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1- 7

MUZUMI LODGE, GORONGOSA NATIONAL PARK

6 NIGHTS

Arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport for your scheduled flight to Beira, Mozambique. Upon arrival in Beira, you will be met by a representative and assisted with your light aircraft charter flight into Gorongosa National Park.

On arrival in the park, enjoy a short transfer to Muzimu Lodge, situated along the Mussicadzi River. After settling into your chalet and enjoying some time to refresh, you will head out on your first afternoon photographic activity with Shem Compion, followed by dinner overlooking the river.

DAY 7

DEPARTURE

After your final morning activity and breakfast, you will transfer to the airstrip for your charter flight back to Beira. From there, arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport in time for your onward arrangements.





GUIDES



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER SHEM COMPION

Shem Compion uses his intricate knowledge of travel in Africa, its wildlife, and fantastic 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 farflung 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

MUZIMI LODGE

Muzimu Lodge offers a comfortable and well-positioned base within Gorongosa National Park, set along the Mussicadzi River in a quiet riverine forest setting. Elevated wooden walkways connect the main lodge to a collection of spacious thatched chalets, each overlooking the surrounding floodplain. The chalets are furnished with king or twin beds, en-suite bathrooms, and private decks, with air-conditioning and charging facilities ensuring comfort between safari activities.

The lodge complements the rhythm of Gorongosa, providing a calm space to rest and reflect after time in the field. Days are spent exploring the park's diverse habitats in search of wildlife, while evenings are enjoyed overlooking the river as the light fades and the sounds of the bush settle in. Muzimu balances comfort with immersion, making it well suited to a focused photographic safari.



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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 incredible experiences, often with complex logistics across Africa for our guests. 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 on email or by telephone should you have any queries, we are here to help you.

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