



15 JULY - 21 JULY 2027

MASHATU FLY-IN

PHOTO SAFARI WITH DANIELLE CARSTENS

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INTRODUCTION

Mashatu is shaped by ancient sandstone ridges, open grasslands, seasonal marshes and the winding courses of the Majale and Limpopo Rivers. Set where Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe meet, this vast private reserve supports a remarkable diversity of habitats, creating one of southern Africa's most rewarding destinations for wildlife photography. Home to Botswana's largest privately protected elephant population, Mashatu is also renowned for its relaxed leopards, healthy predator populations and exceptional birdlife.

This photographic safari has been designed around time in the field, combining twice-daily game drives with dedicated sessions in Mashatu's renowned underground photographic hides. From eye-level encounters with elephants at the waterhole to searching for leopard, lion, cheetah and hyena across the reserve, the variety of habitats creates constantly changing photographic opportunities throughout the day.

The transition between Mashatu Tent Camp and Mashatu Lodge offers access to different areas of the reserve while maintaining a flexible approach to wildlife photography. Whether working from a vehicle or waiting quietly in the hides, the emphasis remains on patience, observation and allowing the wildlife to dictate the experience.

Led by C4 photographic guide Danielle Carstens, this safari has been designed for photographers wanting to develop their skills while experiencing one of Botswana's most iconic wilderness areas. With a maximum of four guests and exclusive use of a private photographic vehicle, there is ample time to work changing light, animal behaviour and memorable wildlife encounters in one of Africa's most productive photographic destinations.



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Photograph Botswana's largest privately protected elephant population from vehicles and purpose-built underground photographic hides.
- Spend time in Mashatu's renowned underground hides, capturing intimate, eye-level perspectives of elephants, birds and other wildlife as they visit the waterhole.
- Experience an overnight hide session, offering opportunities to photograph nocturnal wildlife and changing light conditions after sunset and before sunrise.
- Search for Mashatu's celebrated leopards, along with lion, cheetah, spotted hyena and a variety of plains game across diverse habitats.
- Develop your photographic skills alongside Danielle Carstens with personalised guidance in composition, camera settings and anticipating wildlife behaviour.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore over 90,000 acres of diverse wilderness where riverine forests, open plains and sandstone ridges support an exceptional variety of wildlife.
- Stay at both Mashatu Tent Camp and Mashatu Lodge, experiencing different areas of this remarkable private reserve.
- Enjoy exclusive use of a private photographic vehicle with a maximum of four guests, allowing flexibility and ample space for photography.
- Take part in twice-daily game drives, two underground hide sessions and one unforgettable overnight hide experience.
- Experience one of Botswana's most productive wildlife destinations, renowned for its elephants, predators and more than 350 recorded bird species.



PRICING & DETAILS

\$ 11 400

SHARING COST P/P

\$ 13 700

SINGLE COST P/P



15 - 21 July 2027
6 NIGHTS | 7 DAYS

DETAILS

SERVICE STARTS	OR Tambo International Airport, JHB
SERVICE ENDS	OR Tambo International Airport, JHB
TOUR	Mashatu Fly-In Photo Safari
YOUR GUIDE	Danielle Carstens
MAXIMUM GUESTS	4 Guests
MINIMUM GUESTS	4 Guests
DEPOSIT	30% 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

- All accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- All meals throughout the safari
- All beverages (excluding premium imported champagne, cognacs, wines and spirits)
- Return flights to and from Mashatu
- All transfers within Mashatu Game Reserve
- Mashatu conservation levy, government bed levy and VAT
- Complimentary Wi-Fi and laundry
- Danielle Carstens as your dedicated photographic guide
- Exclusive use of a private photographic vehicle
- Twice-daily game drives and photographic hide sessions
- One overnight photographic hide experience
- Two underground photographic hide sessions

✗ COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- International and regional flights to and from South Africa
- Accommodation before or after the safari
- Travel and medical insurance
- Visas, where applicable
- Premium imported champagne, cognacs, wines and spirits
- Gratuities for guides, lodge staff and camp personnel
- Personal purchases and items of a personal nature
- Any activities or services not specifically mentioned.

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YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1 - 5

MASHATU TENT CAMP

4 NIGHTS

Your safari begins at OR Tambo International Airport, where you will be met by a C4 representative and assisted with your scheduled flight to Mashatu Game Reserve. On arrival, you'll be welcomed by your photographic guide, Danielle Carstens, and transferred to Mashatu Tent Camp. Set beneath towering trees overlooking the Majale River, the camp offers an authentic bush experience while placing you in the heart of one of Botswana's most productive wildlife areas.

Over the coming days, you'll explore the reserve on twice-daily game drives in your private photographic vehicle, complemented by time in Mashatu's renowned underground photographic hides. These eye-level hides provide outstanding opportunities to photograph elephants, birds and other wildlife as they gather at the waterhole, while game drives focus on finding the reserve's celebrated leopards, lions, cheetahs, hyenas and abundant plains game. One evening will be spent in the overnight hide, offering a unique opportunity to photograph nocturnal wildlife as the bush transforms after dark.

DAY 5 - 7

MASHATU LODGE

2 NIGHTS

Following a final morning activity and breakfast, you'll make your way through the reserve to Mashatu Lodge, your home for the final two nights of the safari. This move provides access to different areas of the concession while continuing to maximise photographic opportunities across Mashatu's diverse landscapes.

Your days continue with early morning and afternoon game drives, allowing you to make the most of the changing light and wildlife activity. Time in the field remains flexible, adapting to animal behaviour and photographic conditions, while Danielle is on hand throughout the safari to provide individual guidance on camera settings, composition and capturing compelling wildlife images.

DAY 7

DEPARTURE

Enjoy one final morning game drive before returning to the lodge for breakfast and time to pack. You will then be transferred to the airstrip for your scheduled flight from Mashatu, bringing an unforgettable week of wildlife encounters and photographic experiences to a close.

YOUR LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

DAY	TRANSFERS	ACCOMODATION
DAY 1 15 JULY	• Arrive in Johannesburg • Scheduled flight to Mashatu Game Reserve • Road transfer to camp	MASHATU TENT CAMP 4 NIGHTS
DAY 5 19 JULY	• Morning game drive • Road transfer through the reserve	MASHATU LODGE 2 NIGHTS
DAY 7 21 JULY	• Morning game drive • Road transfer to the airstrip • Scheduled flight to Johannesburg	



YOUR JOURNEY





YOUR GUIDE



DANIELLE CARSTENS

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Danielle has been taking photographs ever since she can remember. As a young girl, she always had a disposable Kodak film camera in hand.

Many years later, she still has a camera in hand, albeit an upgraded one. Her love for photography, coupled with her inherent love for wildlife and wild places, led her to be a professional photographic guide in Africa, her home continent. She spent years living in Botswana and guiding photo tours throughout the country's wildest regions with guests from all over the world. In addition to Botswana, she has also lead photo tours in Namibia, South Africa and Kenya and has travelled to some of Africa's lesser known countries including Sudan, Lesotho and Madagascar.

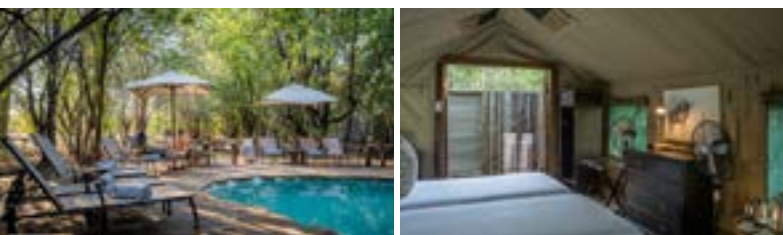
Having spent countless hours in the bush over 30 years has led to her in-depth knowledge of animal behaviour, which she believes is one of the most important aspects of wildlife photography. To see her guests discover the art of photography while spending time in the beauty of nature, is what makes her happy. Taking time to observe wildlife and appreciate the moment is what it is all about for her.

Her dream is for photographic safaris to become the most sustainable form of tourism in order to conserve the wildlife and wild places that are becoming more precious every day. When not in the bush, she enjoys being in or on water - swimming, kayaking or just enjoying the sunshine.

YOUR ACCOMODATION

MASHATU TENT CAMP

Nestled beneath towering trees along the Majale River, Mashatu Tent Camp offers an authentic safari experience in the heart of Botswana's largest private game reserve. Spacious en-suite canvas tents blend comfort with the sights and sounds of the surrounding wilderness, creating an intimate connection with the landscape. The camp's location provides easy access to Mashatu's renowned photographic hides and diverse wildlife habitats, allowing guests to make the most of the exceptional photographic opportunities throughout the reserve.



MASHATU LODGE

Set amongst expansive lawns overlooking a busy waterhole, Mashatu Lodge offers a comfortable and welcoming base from which to explore the reserve. Spacious chalets provide a relaxing retreat between game drives, while the lodge's central location allows quick access to Mashatu's varied landscapes and photographic hotspots. Whether returning from time in the underground hides or an afternoon spent tracking predators, the lodge offers a peaceful setting to reflect on the day's wildlife encounters before heading out again in search of the next photographic opportunity.

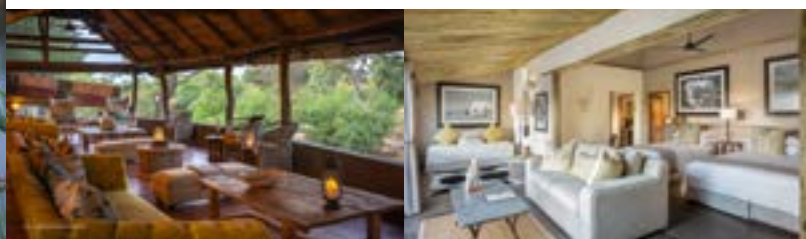




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