

13 JUNE - 22 JUNE 2027

WOLVES AND GELADAS, ETHIOPIA

PHOTO SAFARI **WITH MIKE DEXTER**

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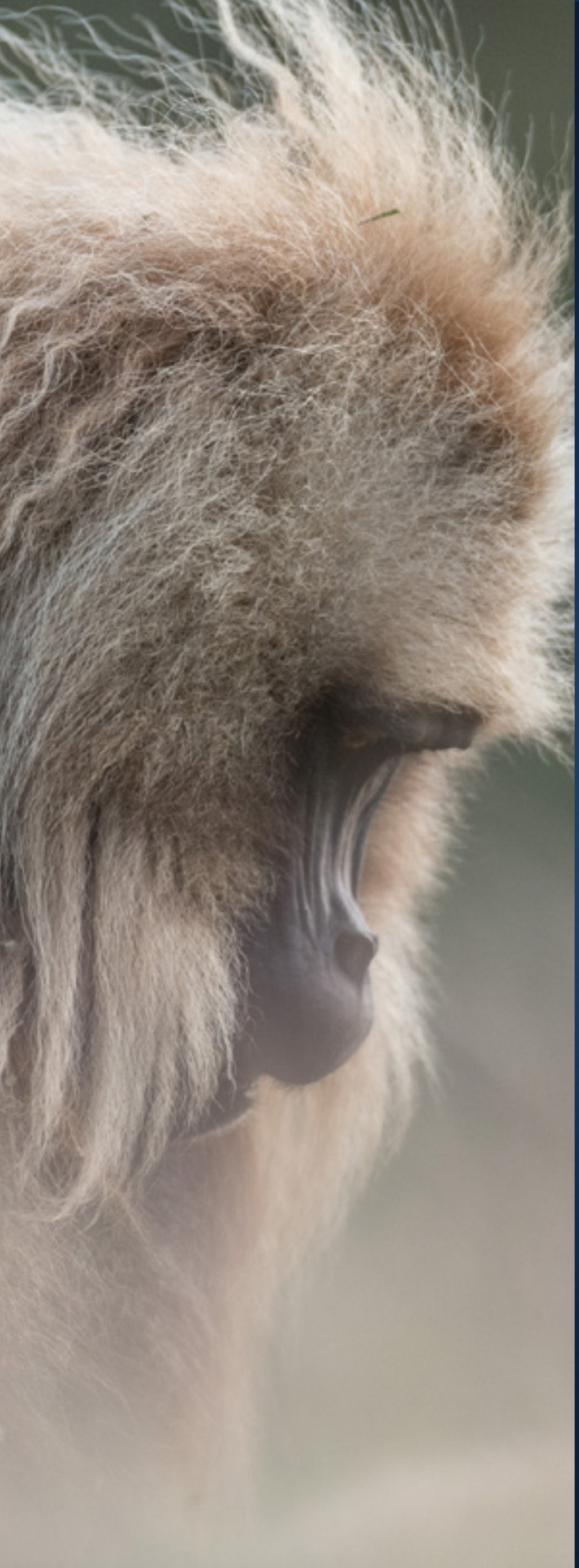


INTRODUCTION

Ethiopia is unlike anywhere else in Africa. Its dramatic highlands, ancient cultural heritage and remarkable concentration of endemic wildlife create a photographic journey that is as rewarding as it is diverse. From the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela to the sweeping escarpments of the Simien Mountains and the vast Afroalpine landscapes of the Bale Mountains, this safari combines extraordinary scenery with some of the continent's rarest wildlife encounters.

Designed for photographers who enjoy documenting both wildlife and places, this safari offers opportunities to photograph the world's rarest canid, the Ethiopian wolf, alongside Gelada monkeys, Walia ibex, Mountain nyala and an exceptional variety of endemic birdlife. Every destination reveals a different side of Ethiopia, balancing cultural experiences with immersive time in some of Africa's most spectacular mountain wilderness.

Led by C4 photographic guide Mike Dexter, the safari combines comfortable accommodation, private vehicles and carefully planned internal flights to maximise your time in the field. With a maximum of six guests, there is ample opportunity to slow down, refine your photographic approach and experience one of Africa's most unique and rewarding destinations.



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Photograph the critically endangered Ethiopian wolf in the Bale Mountains, the best place on Earth to observe this remarkable species.
- Spend time with large troops of Gelada monkeys as they forage along the dramatic escarpments of the Simien Mountains.
- Search for Ethiopia's endemic mammals, including Walia ibex, Mountain nyala, Menelik's bushbuck and Bale monkey.
- Capture sweeping mountain landscapes, Afroalpine moorlands and ancient rock-hewn churches across two UNESCO World Heritage regions.
- Photograph more than 300 bird species.
- Receive personalised photographic guidance from Mike Dexter throughout the safari.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore three of Ethiopia's most iconic destinations, from the historic churches of Lalibela to the Simien and Bale Mountains.
- Discover three UNESCO World Heritage Sites renowned for their spectacular landscapes and cultural significance.
- Enjoy private 4WD transport with a guaranteed window seat for every guest throughout the safari.
- Experience one of Africa's finest highland wilderness areas while searching for some of the continent's rarest endemic wildlife.
- Travel in a small group of just four to six guests, allowing flexibility and a more personal safari experience.
- Experience Ethiopia's unique blend of wildlife, culture and landscapes on a carefully curated photographic journey.* Accommodation located inside the park for extended time in the field.



PRICING & DETAILS

$ 11 500
SHARING COST P/P

$ 13 250
SINGLE COST P/P

13 - 22 June 2027
9 NIGHTS | 10 DAYS

DETAILS

SERVICE STARTS	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
SERVICE ENDS	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
TOUR	Wolves and Geladas, Ethiopia
YOUR GUIDE	Mike Dexter
MINIMUM GUESTS	4 Guests
MAXIMUM GUESTS	6 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

- 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.
- All airport transfers.
- All Internal flights:
  - Addis Ababa → Lalibela
  - Lalibela → Gondar
  - Gondar → Addis Ababa → Bale
  - Bale → Addis Ababa
- All local taxes, including VAT.
- Mike Dexter as your photographic guide.

X 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 not specified.
- Gratuities to staff and guides.
- Purchases of a personal nature and laundry

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YOUR SAFARI ITINERARY

DAY 1 -2

HYATT REGENCY, ADDIS ADABA

1 NIGHT

Your safari begins in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's vibrant capital, where you'll be welcomed on arrival and transferred to the Hyatt Regency. Depending on your arrival time, you'll enjoy a cultural introduction to the city, visiting highlights such as the National Museum, home to the famous fossil "Lucy", the Ethnological Museum and the Zebra Gallery before gathering for a welcome dinner. It is the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and prepare for the adventure ahead.

DAY 2 - 4

MAZENA LODGE

2 NIGHTS

After a morning flight north, you'll arrive in Lalibela, one of Africa's most extraordinary cultural destinations. Over the next two days you'll explore the remarkable network of monolithic churches carved directly into the volcanic rock during the twelfth century, including the iconic Church of St George and the vast Biete Medhane Alem. Between photographic opportunities, you'll experience the living traditions of Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity while wandering ancient passages, ceremonial trenches and hidden courtyards that continue to welcome pilgrims from across the country.

DAY 4 - 7

SIMIEN MOUNTAIN LODGE

3 NIGHTS

From Lalibela you'll travel to the Simien Mountains National Park, one of Africa's most spectacular mountain landscapes. Here you'll spend your days photographing Gelada monkeys grazing along dramatic cliff edges while searching for the endemic Walia ibex and the elusive Ethiopian wolf. The towering escarpments, sweeping valleys and soaring Lammergeyers provide endless photographic opportunities throughout your stay.

DAY 7 - 10

CAMP KYBERA

3 NIGHTS

A series of scenic flights brings you to the Bale Mountains, home to the largest remaining population of Ethiopian wolves. Early mornings are dedicated to tracking these remarkable predators across the Afroalpine plateau, while afternoons explore forests and open grasslands in search of Mountain nyala, Bale monkeys, giant forest hogs and an impressive diversity of endemic birdlife. The combination of wildlife, dramatic scenery and changing mountain light makes Bale one of Africa's most distinctive photographic destinations.

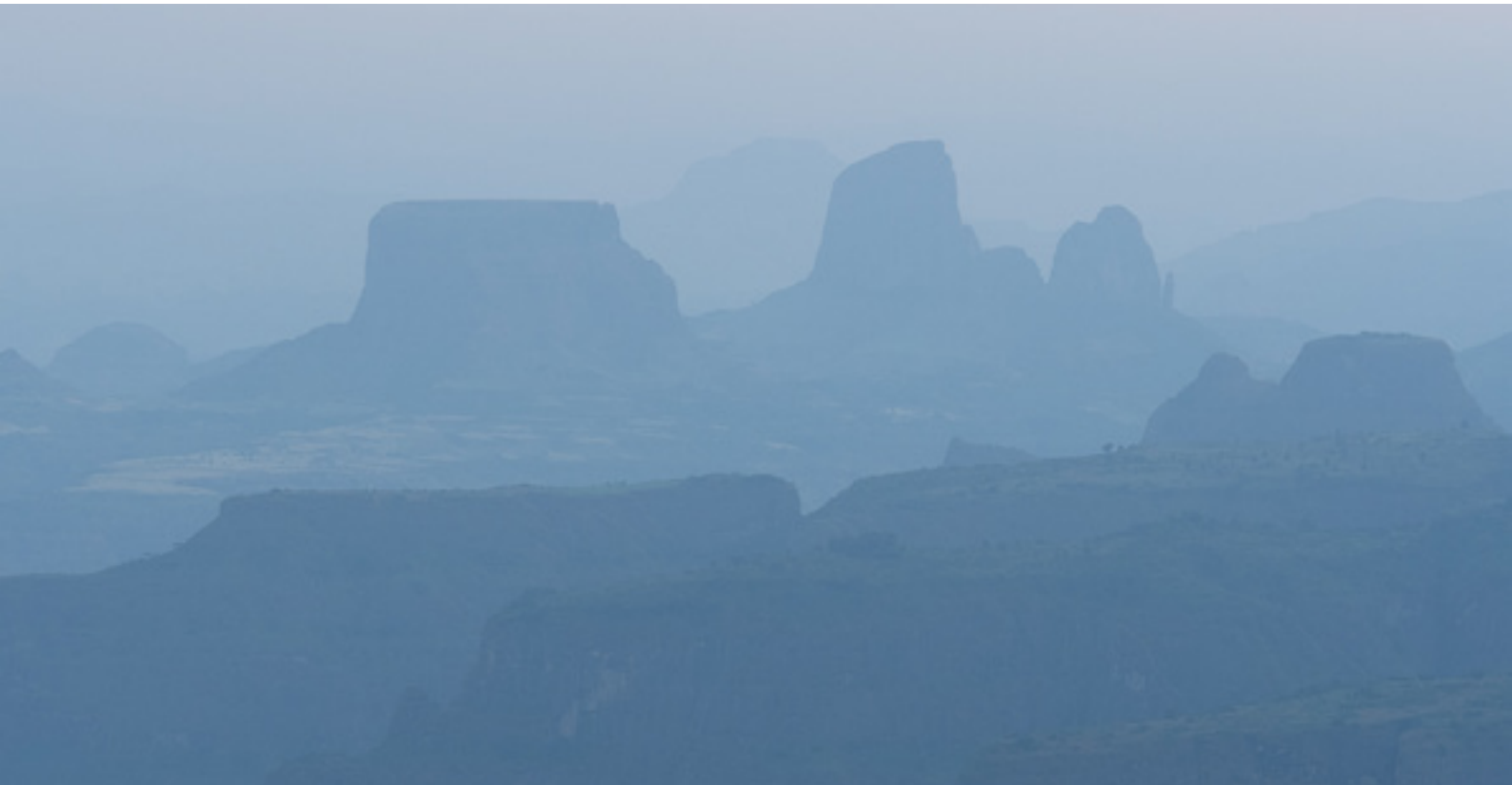
DAY 10

DEPARTURE

After breakfast you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to Addis Ababa, where your safari concludes with onward international departures, bringing to a close an unforgettable journey through Ethiopia's extraordinary landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage.

YOUR LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

DAY	TRANSFERS	ACCOMODATION
DAY 1 13 JUNE	• Arrive at Addis Ababa • Airport transfer	HYATT REGENCY 1 NIGHT
DAY 2 14 JUNE	• Scheduled flight to Lalibela	MAZENA LODGE 2 NIGHTS
DAY 4 16 JUNE	• Scheduled flight to Gondar • Road transfer to Simien Mountains	SIMIEN MOUNTAIN LODGE 3 NIGHTS
DAY 7 19 JUNE	• Scheduled flights via Addis Ababa • Road transfer to Camp Kybera	CAMP KYBERA 3 NIGHTS
DAY 10 22 JUNE	• Road transfer to Bale Robe Airport • Scheduled flight to Addis Ababa • International departure	-



YOUR JOURNEY











YOUR GUIDE



MIKE DEXTER

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Dexter combines his extensive experience as a wildlife photographer, photographic safari guide and photojournalist to help guests create meaningful images while exploring some of Africa's most remarkable wilderness areas. Having spent more than 16 years photographing and guiding across the continent, Mike brings a deep understanding of wildlife behaviour, light and visual storytelling to every safari. His background as both a qualified FGASA Level II guide and trained photojournalist allows him to anticipate wildlife encounters while helping photographers capture authentic moments in the field.

Beyond Africa's well-known safari destinations, Mike has built a reputation for leading photographic expeditions into remote and lesser-visited regions where patience, adaptability and careful planning are essential. His passion for conservation and storytelling has taken him to some of the continent's wildest landscapes, documenting wildlife, conservation initiatives and communities while helping photographers experience these extraordinary places through their own lenses.

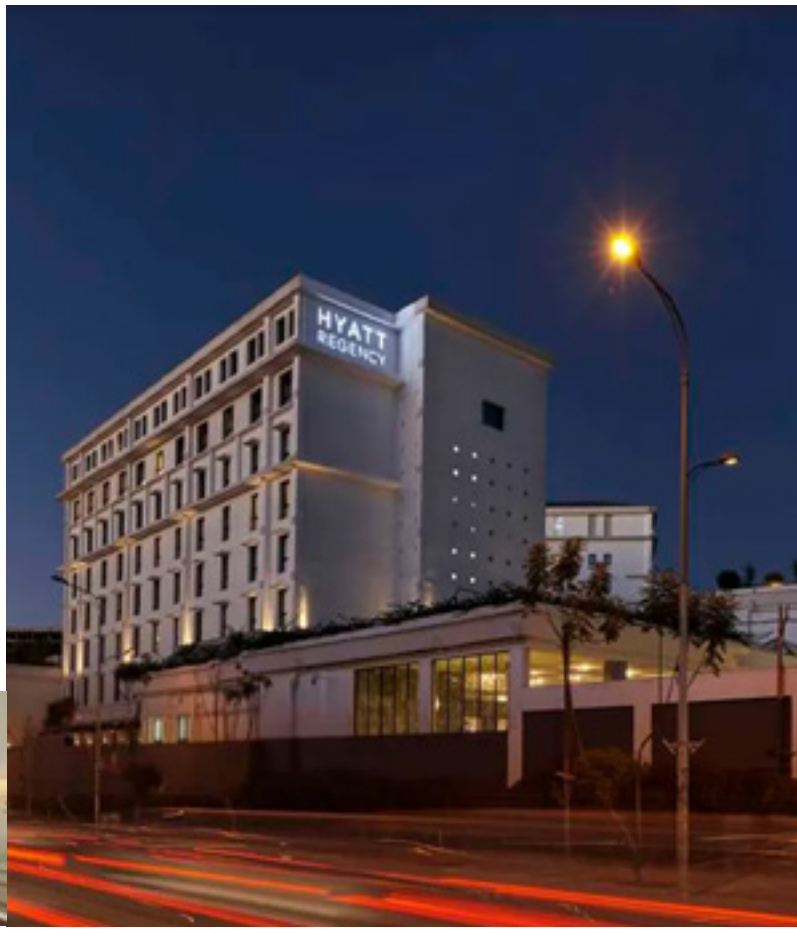
A passionate educator, Mike believes that great wildlife photography begins with observation, understanding animal behaviour and allowing a story to unfold naturally. His work has been published internationally in BBC Wildlife, Africa Geographic, Travel Africa, Practical Photography and Nature's Best Photography, while his conservation imagery supports organisations and protected areas across Africa. Whether you're new to wildlife photography or looking to refine your skills, Mike's patient teaching style, technical knowledge and enthusiasm for Africa's wild places ensure every safari is both rewarding and inspiring.

YOUR ACCOMODATION

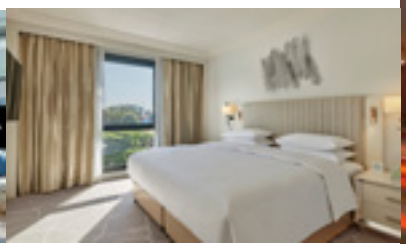
HYATT REGENCY

Located in the heart of Ethiopia's vibrant capital, Hyatt Regency Addis Ababa provides a comfortable base before and after your journey into the country's highlands. Spacious contemporary rooms, excellent dining options and modern amenities offer a welcome opportunity to relax following international travel. Its central location provides easy access to many of Addis Ababa's cultural attractions while remaining conveniently close to the airport. It is the ideal place to begin and conclude your Ethiopian photographic adventure.

The hotel features a choice of restaurants, a rooftop pool, fitness centre and beautifully landscaped gardens, making it a relaxing place to unwind before heading into the remote Ethiopian highlands. Attentive service and spacious public areas provide the perfect setting to meet your fellow travellers before the adventure begins.





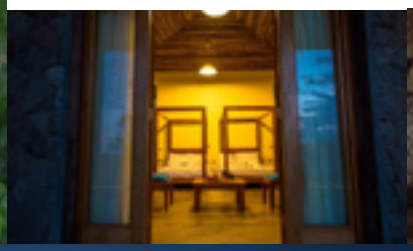


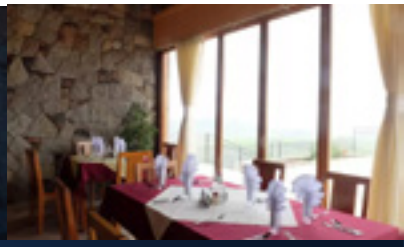


MAZENA LODGE

Perched on the edge of the Ethiopian highlands overlooking the surrounding plateau, Mazena Lodge offers a peaceful retreat just minutes from the remarkable rock-hewn churches of Lalibela. Spacious rooms, warm hospitality and panoramic views create a relaxed atmosphere between days spent exploring one of Africa's most significant cultural sites. The lodge's elevated setting provides beautiful morning and evening light across the surrounding landscape, adding another photographic dimension to your stay. It is a fitting base from which to experience the history, culture and spirituality of Lalibela.

After a day exploring the UNESCO World Heritage Site, guests can enjoy excellent local cuisine and relax while taking in expansive views across the surrounding mountains. The quiet setting provides an opportunity to slow down and reflect before continuing your journey into Ethiopia's spectacular wilderness.





YOUR ACCOMODATION

SIMIEN MOUNTAIN LODGE

Situated high on the escarpment within the Simien Mountains National Park, Simien Mountain Lodge enjoys sweeping views across one of Africa's most dramatic mountain landscapes. Comfortable stone chalets provide a warm refuge from the cool highland evenings, while Gelada monkeys are often seen grazing just beyond the lodge. Its location allows easy access to the park's spectacular walking trails and wildlife, maximising time in the field with Ethiopia's endemic species. Surrounded by towering cliffs and expansive vistas, it is an unforgettable setting for photographers exploring the Roof of Africa.

Evenings are spent beside roaring fireplaces while watching the changing colours of the mountains as the sun sets beyond the escarpment. Few lodges in Africa offer such immediate access to both spectacular scenery and endemic wildlife, making it a highlight of the safari.









CAMP KYBERA

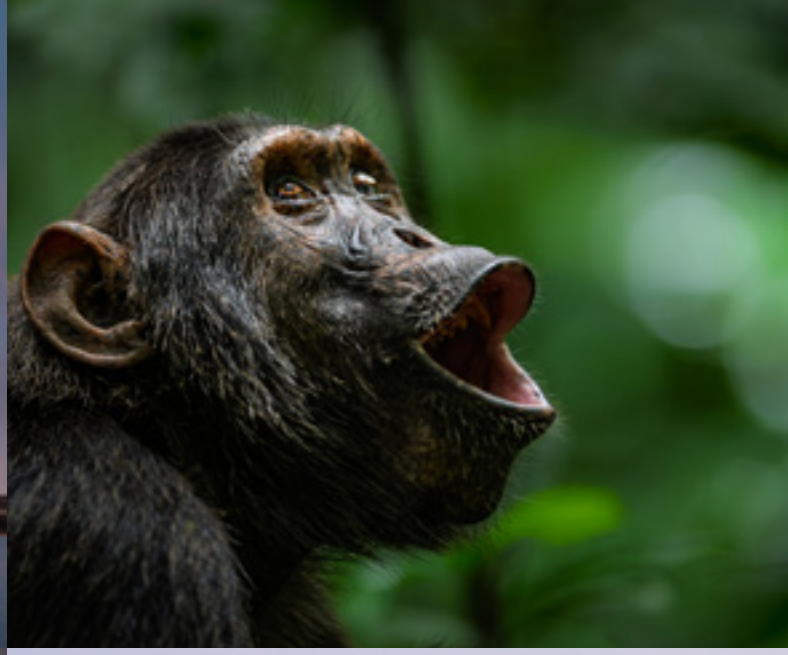
Set on the Webb Plateau in the heart of the Bale Mountains, Camp Kybera places guests within easy reach of the world's largest remaining population of Ethiopian wolves. Comfortable ensuite safari tents provide an authentic wilderness experience, complemented by campfire dinners beneath the clear highland skies and the peaceful silence of this remote landscape. Early mornings begin just moments from active wolf territories, allowing photographers to make the most of the soft dawn light and exceptional wildlife encounters. It is a simple yet memorable camp that perfectly complements the unique wilderness of the Bale Mountains.

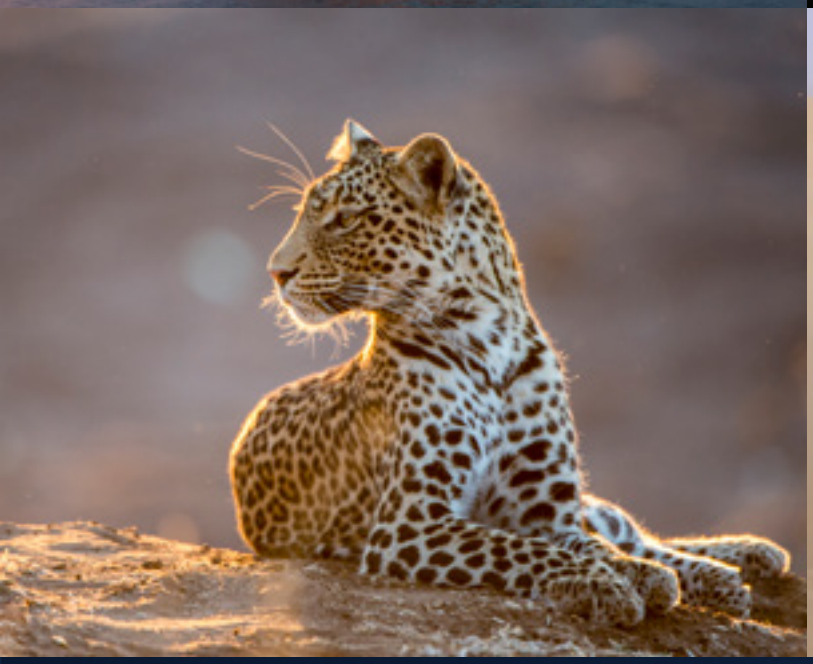
Solar lighting, hot bucket showers on request and hearty meals create a comfortable balance between adventure and relaxation without taking away from the wilderness experience. Falling asleep beneath Ethiopia's highland skies and waking to the sounds of the plateau is an unforgettable part of this remarkable safari.













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