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12 - 20 May 2027

MASHATU EXCLUSIVE

PHOTO SAFARI



INTRODUCTION

Affectionately known as the “Land of the Giants”, Mashatu is the epitome of what defines a wilderness area in Africa. Steeped in mysterious history and embellished by the bounty of the wildlife that this 90,000 acre wilderness has to offer, Mashatu will take you back in time and awaken your senses in the present.

On the eastern tip of Botswana, bordering South Africa and Zimbabwe, Mashatu is characterised by Woodland Savanna, wide open plains areas, sacred Sandstone outcrops and swampy vleis. This diversity of habitats supports the largest elephant population on private property in Botswana. Some 1000 elephants call Mashatu home. Leopards stalk the Majali dry river, and Mashatu provides some of the best leopard viewing in Africa, often reclining in a huge Mashatu (Nyala berry) tree. Lion, cheetah and hyena are also found on the reserve, with an array of other species like eland, wildebeest, zebra, impala and bushbuck. Birders and bird photographers will also not be disappointed, with over 360 species recorded. The overall photographic hit rate is one of the highest we know of, with birdlife, predators and large mammals all combining to keep your cameras very busy.

There are two fantastic sunken photographic hides on the reserve, giving wildlife the opportunity to seek you out. The Matebole hide has produced several award-winning images and is perfectly positioned to make the most of the available light. The Lala-Limpopo sleep-out hide offers a chance to photograph nocturnal species and is equipped with fully adjustable lighting for unique photography. Because of its low perspective, the backgrounds are incredible. When the elephants aren’t around, many species of mammals and birds visit the waterholes, so there is usually something exciting to capture on camera.

Whether searching for wildlife in an open vehicle or waiting for action inside the hide, the wildlife experience in this ancient landscape will leave you astounded and inspired to return to Africa as soon as you can.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights accommodation at Mashatu Lodge.
- 4 nights accomodation at Tuli Safari Lodge.
- 1 x C4 Photo Safaris specialist photo guide to accompany and guide you.
- The opportunity to spend long amounts of time with predators and elephants in beautiful backdrops.
- Exclusive use of the Lala Limpopo Sleep- out hide.

PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Close quarter photography of predators such as lion, cheetah and leopard.
- Excellent, open sightings and photography of very relaxed elephants.
- General game is relaxed and easy to photograph.
- Beautiful plains areas interspersed with rocky kopjes.
- Beautiful sandstone rock formations on the Limpopo River - excellent for landscapes.
- Viewing is generally open and clear - allowing for easier photography.
- An overnight hide experience in the Lala Limpopo sleep-out hide.
- A hide session at the Matebole Hide.

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PRICING

	DETAILS
Date	12 - 20 May 2027
Service starts	O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
Service ends	O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
Tour	Mashatu Exclusive with Isak
Single cost p/p	USD $ 13 250
Sharing cost p/p	USD $ 11 350

30% deposit confirms your booking. Balance payable 8 weeks prior to tour start date.
Minimum of 3 guests maximum 4 guests and Isak Pretorius 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

- Return road transfers to and from Johannesburg.
- All accommodation as per the itinerary.
- All meals.
- All beverages. Excludes Premium imported champagne, cognacs, wines, and spirits.
- Wi-Fi, and laundry.
- Transfers within Mashatu Game Reserve.
- Mashatu conservation levy, government bed levy and VAT.
- One night of your stay will be spent at the Lala Limpopo sleep-out hide. (Exclusive use)
- Private specialist photo guide: Isak Pretorius.
- 4 nights Tuli Safari Lodge
- 4 nights Mashatu Lodge
- 1 x Matebole Hide

COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- Visas & Vaccination. *Please refer to our terms and conditions.
- Travel & medical insurance. *Please refer to our terms and conditions.
- All international flights.
- Additional accommodation and transfers.
- All adventure activities offered at Mashatu i.e., cycling safaris, ad hoc walking safaris, horse safaris, photographic hides & tuition, community visits & night drives.
- Serokolo Spa treatments.
- WalkMashatu full day walking safaris.



ITINERARY LOGISTICS

DATES	TRANSFERS	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1 12 May	• Self-arrival in Johannesburg. • A C4 representative will meet you and assist with your road transfer from Johannesburg to Tuli Safari Lodge (±6 hours).	Tuli Safari Lodge 4 Nights
Day 2 - 4 13 May - 15 May	• Enjoy daily game drives and return to camp for photo sessions with Isak. • Enjoy an unforgettable night at the Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide. • Take part in a morning hide session at the renowned Matebole Hide.	
Day 5 16 May	• After your final morning activity and brunch, transfer from Tuli Safari Lodge to Mashatu Lodge (±45 minutes). • Settle in and enjoy an afternoon game drive.	Mashatu Lodge 4 Nights
Day 6 - 8 17 - 19 May	• Explore all that Mashatu has to offer with two game drives daily, with Isak as your dedicated photo guide.	
Day 9 20 May	• After your final morning activity and brunch, depart Mashatu for your return road transfer to Johannesburg. • This marks the end of your safari.	



YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1

ARRIVAL AT TULI SAFARI LODGE, BOTSWANA. 4 NIGHTS

Your safari begins with a self-arrival in Johannesburg, where a C4 representative will warmly welcome you and assist with your road transfer to Tuli Safari Lodge. The drive takes approximately six hours. Upon arrival, clear customs at the border where you will meet your guide. Enjoy a short game drive to Tuli Safari Lodge, settle in and enjoy high tea before heading out on your first game drive.

DAY 2 - 4

TULI SAFARI LODGE

Enjoy daily game drives and photography sessions guided by Isak. You'll have the unique opportunity to spend a night at the Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide, after this your photographic journey continues with a morning session at the renowned Matebole Hide, offering remarkable chances to capture wildlife at eye level.

Over the next few days the daily activity will be as followes:

05h30	Early morning Game drive/Photo hide.
10h00	Brunch.
11h00	Presentation on light and composition with regards to wildlife photography.
	Technical discussion on how to maximise your use of light with regards to exposures.
13h00	Rest and own time.
15h30	High Tea.
16h00	Game drive/Photo hide.
20h00	Dinner, and then retire to bed for another day of more great photography!



DAY 5 - 8

MASHATU LODGE

4 NIGHTS

After your final morning activity and a delicious brunch at Tuli Safari Lodge, enjoy a short game drive to Mashatu Lodge, 45-minute drive away. Once at Mashatu, you'll be welcomed and have some time to settle before high tea and an afternoon game drive.

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05h30	Early morning Game drive
10h00	Brunch.
11h00	Photography Presentation.
13h00	Rest and own time.
15h30	High Tea.
16h00	Game drive
20h00	Dinner, and then retire to bed for another day of more great photography!

DAY 9

DEPARTURE

After your final morning game drive and brunch, you'll depart Mashatu and begin your return road transfer to Johannesburg. This marks the end of your unforgettable photo safari.











GUIDE



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER ISAK PRETORIUS

Isak was born to be a photographer, but before he discovered this, he became an engineer. Once he picked up a camera, his engineering career came to an end and Isak has now established himself as one of the top bird photographers in Africa. The benefit of his engineering training is his flawless technical knowledge of camera systems and the post processing software that accompanies them.

“We protect what we care about, so my objective is to get enough people to care about African wildlife by showing them how beautiful nature is.”

Today, Isak is a sought-after specialist wildlife photographic guide and full-time professional wildlife photographer. His passion for nature is fuelled by the reminiscence of a classic Africa and his aim is to create conservation awareness for his continent’s natural wonders. His discovery of nature’s special moments at a young age shaped his aspirations of today: to showcase the beauty of his continent’s pristine wonders in a creative way. He believes that this is the best way to protect Africa’s natural heritage.



ACCOMMODATION

TULI SAFARI LODGE

This beautiful lodge is nestled among stunning sandstone outcrops. The camp offers eight luxurious tented suites that are spacious, airy, and elevated. Adorned with draped canvas walls and roofs over timber frames, the suites feature large wrap-around decks providing breath taking views of the Tuli Safari Lodge and the surrounding bush.

Inside, you'll find a modern interpretation of the classic 'out of Africa' décor, with a flowing open plan design. Each suite includes an island bed, comfortable lounge area, freestanding bath, a large seprate shower, double basin vanity area, separate W.C., and ample storage space.







ACCOMMODATION

LALA LIMPOPO SLEEP-OUT HIDE

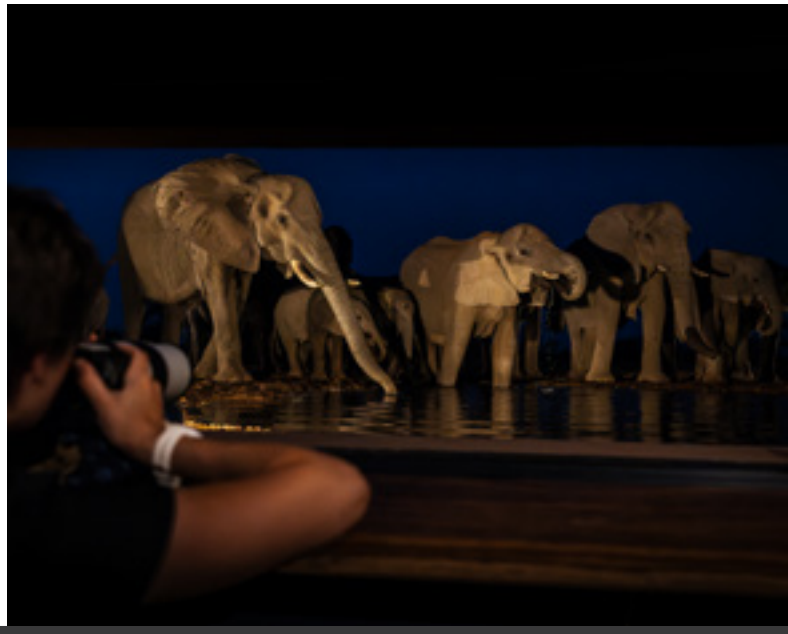
The Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide offers a completely new experience for photography enthusiasts and wildlife lovers, building on the success of the award-winning Matebole Hide. This unique underground hide provides a chance to observe and photograph the nocturnal species of Mashatu Game Reserve in comfort.

With innovative lighting solutions and our trusted underground hide expertise, photographers can capture incredible images from dusk till dawn. Imagine relaxing in a cozy suite, looking through ground-level windows as elephants drink just meters away. Nighttime sensors around the waterhole alert you to animal presence, ensuring that you never miss a photo opportunity.









MASHATU LODGE

Mashatu Main Camp offers luxurious accommodations that cater to the discerning client who seeks the utmost in comfort and privacy. The camp features 14 exquisite luxury suites, strategically positioned along the camp's perimeter to provide absolute privacy and a seamless connection with the surrounding bush and its captivating wildlife. Each air-conditioned suite is thoughtfully adorned with stunning black and white prints showcasing Africa's most magnificent animals, creating an atmosphere of elegance and sophistication.

The suites are designed to accommodate families with younger children, with a double bed, an extra-large single bed, and a spacious seating area that includes a single day bed. The generously sized ensuite bathroom boasts both bath and shower facilities, along with a separate W.C., ensuring guests' convenience and indulgence. The camp's focal point is a large swimming pool, where visitors can unwind and refresh themselves between thrilling game activities. For a captivating journey into the past, the Discovery Room serves as a gateway to a world that predates human existence, displaying fascinating animal specimens and relics that captivate and educate visitors of all ages.









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Curating unique photographic encounters and planning rare adentures 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. Understanding 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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