

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

16th - 18th SEPTEMBER 2017



Immerse yourself in the great outdoors and experience African wildlife while staying in luxury at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge. Get up 'close' with the big 5 during game drives as well as walking safaris and get the opportunity to photograph a range of fauna and flora, capturing the essence of nature's beauty.

Hosted by South African Wildlife Photographer: Chantelle Melzer

Duration: 3 Day | 2 Night

Levels of Experience: Beginner - Intermediate

Capacity: Max 6 Guests

Activities include: short theory sessions; hands-on morning and evening game drives as well as a guided walking safari in 'Big 5' territory with a highly experienced armed ranger.

ABOUT RHINO RIDGE AND HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK

Rhino Ridge is situated on the western boundary in the first private concession within Africa's oldest proclaimed game reserve.

Hluhluwe-iMfolozi was established primarily to protect the southern white rhino from extinction, and is heralded as the seed-bed of Southern Africa's white rhino population. Rhino Ridge is the only private lodge within the park. With spectacularly placed accommodation, you will be offered excellent safari opportunities, with world renowned landscapes along with a great diversity of fauna and flora allowing for great macro photography where opportunities arise, all in the heart of 'Big 5' territory.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

We will spend most of our time on safari activities, photographing wildlife and producing images. We will have short meetings to review images and discuss techniques but the main focus will be to spend time out in the field.

You will be accompanied by highly skilled trackers and/or knowledgeable game rangers as well as the photographic host during all safari activities. The guides will share their wealth of bush experience and knowledge. Your photographic host will provide tips and pointers throughout your safari experience, as well as answer any questions you may have.

The number of guests is limited to 6, to provide you with the best possible opportunity for optimum sightings. This ensures a 'window' seat as well as extra space for your camera equipment.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1

INTRODUCTION, SHORT LESSON AND AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE

Arrive around midday. On arrival at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge you will be greeted by our friendly team who will give you a short orientation of the lodge and its facilities before showing you to your accommodation. After a quick refresh we will have high tea on the verandah.

The verandah offers spectacular views over the entire reserve and will be the beautiful backdrop while your guide prepares you for your safari experience and your photographic host will lead a short introductory talk and discussion. You will board your safari vehicle to explore the magnificent hills and valleys of Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park in search of subjects to photograph in beautiful late afternoon light. The drive will continue into the dark looking for nocturnal creatures. When you get back to the lodge you will be given time to freshen up for dinner where after you can sit around the fire under African skies.

DAY 2

EXTRA EARLY MORNING WALKING SAFARI | LATE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE

After an early morning wake-up, fresh coffee, tea and rusks, everybody departs with the guides for an early morning walking safari. The walks will be conducted from the game drive vehicle in 'Big 5' territory with an experienced armed ranger, who will share his wealth of bush experiences and knowledge. When you return to the lodge you will be greeted by an abundant brunch. You may then wish to spend some time being pampered in the spa or doing a few laps at the pool, or simply relax in the privacy of your room. Be sure to be back in time to meet with your guides and photographic host early in the afternoon for image reviews and post-processing tuition. This will be followed by a high tea and an afternoon game drive, to tick off more animals on your bucket list and return for dinner with a great sense of satisfaction at having experienced Africa at its finest.

DAY 3

EARLY MORNING GAME DRIVE | IMAGE REVIEWS & DISCUSSIONS

After an early morning wake-up and game drive departing before sunrise, you will return for a hearty brunch followed by a final image review and discussion session before bidding Rhino Ridge goodbye.

SUBJECTS OF INTEREST (when opportunities arise) :

WILDLIFE | ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR | FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY | MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY | LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

*Some activities are naturally weather dependent.

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: DSLR Camera | Zoom Lens (200mm +) | Wide-angle lens | Laptop

SOFTWARE RECOMMENDATIONS: Lightroom



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ROOM OPTIONS | RATES

SAFARI ROOM

R 15,390	per person sharing
R 17,150	single
R 5,740	per person sharing (non-photographic Partner)*

LUXURY BUSH VILLA

R 17,350	per person sharing
R 19,650	single
R 7,680	per person sharing (non-photographic Partner)*

HONEYMOON VILLA

R 18,180	per person sharing
R 20,750	single
R 8,520	per person sharing (non-photographic Partner)*

*Non-photographic guests or partners will follow the standard lodge schedule and take part in normal activities along with the other lodge guests, separate from the photographic safari itinerary.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Accommodation | all meals, teas and coffees | game drives - private vehicle and guide | guided safari walk | photographic tuition

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Park Fees* | drinks | spa treatments | items of a personal nature and gratuities | photographic equipment - hardware and/or software

*park fees payable at the lodge: R125.00 per person per day (SA Residents), R250 per person per day (NON-SA Residents)

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