



VIVA SAFARIS 14 DAY WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

This course is aimed at present and would-be wildlife photographers as well as wildlife enthusiasts who wish to improve their photographic skills. After an intensive 14 days, the participants will emerge with better skills to become highly competent and extremely creative wildlife photographers. They will leave with photographic memories of close-up encounters with Africa's wildlife. They will be empowered with new expertise, advanced knowledge and remarkably brilliant photographs.

We limit the number of participants to 7 (seven). This allows for individual mentoring by our staff as well as unencumbered game viewing from the vehicles. Each participant will have private en suite airconditioned facilities at Dumela Lodge near Kruger Park and private en suite facilities at Pumusa Bush Camp. Both venues have their own wildlife and are fenced.

The course will initially focus on technical aspects of basic photography such as aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Over the 14 days, input will be geared towards finer points of photography including composition and creativity.

INCLUDED:

- Transfers
- Accommodation
- All listed activities, entry fees, game drives and game walks etc.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner

EXCLUDED:

- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Lunches on transfer days and days in Kruger and Hluhluwe

WHAT TO BRING:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera.
- Zoom lens (28-300 is ideal).
- Laptop with editing software already installed (Adobe Lightroom is preferable as any editing presentations will be conducted through this).
- Spare batteries, chargers, memory cards and usb stick.
- Tripod.

ITINERARY (14 DAYS 13 NIGHTS):

DAY 1: Transfer from Johannesburg to Dumela Lodge. Orientation.

DAY 2: Induction to Wildlife Photography. Elephant presentation. Game Drive in Balule Nature Reserve.

DAY 3: Composition, Editing and Digital Manipulation. Game Walk along Klaserie River at Marcs Camp.

DAY 4: Full day Kruger Park safari.

DAY 5: Depart for Pumusa Camp, Hluhluwe. Various stops to photograph spectacular scenery.

DAY 6: Story telling in Photography. Visit False Bay Park and Lake St Lucia.

DAY 7: Full day Hluhluwe/ Imfolozi Game Reserves. Critique of Editing.

DAY 8: Ethical Photography. Drive via Ismangalis Wetland Park to St Lucia for Boat Trip.

DAY 9: Depart for Dumela Lodge.

DAY 10: Full day Kruger Park safari.



DAY 11: Black and White Photography. Astral Photography. Game Drive and Bush BBQ in Balule Nature Reserve. Overnight on Platform at Marula Boma.

DAY 12: Morning Bush Walk along Olifants River on Balule Game Reserve. Summation at Dumela Lodge.

DAY 13: Critique of 5 of your best photos. Farewell Bush Party.

DAY 14: Return to Johannesburg via Three Rondawels and Blyde Canyon.



N.B. All presentations and trips here will be covered, however as with our wildlife, we cannot predict the weather, so presentations and trips may be rearranged as necessary. Rest assured, all these events and more await you upon arrival!

TARIFFS PER PERSON:

2025: USD \$3995 per person

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A 50% deposit secures your booking, payable by credit card through our website payment processor.
- The remaining 50% is due on arrival at Tremisana Lodge - Visa/ MasterCard accepted.
- The bar is strictly a cash bar.
- Indemnity Forms must be signed at the start of your safari. We recommend that you take out insurance against personal accident, medical expenses and baggage loss.

CANCELLATION POLICY

POSTPONEMENTS:

- There is no fee for a postponement of a booked safari if there is a bona fide reason therefor.

CANCELLATIONS:

- More than 14 days prior to departure - the client forfeits 50%
- 14 days or fewer prior to departure - the client forfeits 100%

Note: A fee of R500 is levied on all refunds processed to cover associated bank charges/admin fees.

MEET THE STAFF:

The course will be conducted by experienced and very talented wildlife photographers. **Tim Feherty, a professional photographer in Northern Ireland, will initiate the first courses. He will be assisted by local well-known photographer, Tolti van den Berg.**

TIM FEHERTY



Tim graduated with a degree in Visual Communication, and after spending time as a photographer on 5 different cruise lines, Tim now has 25 years as a professional photographer under his belt, working mainly in commercial, wedding and wildlife photography.

Most recently, Tim designed, implemented and taught a photo-intensive workshop for African Impact at our very own Dumela Lodge. During his 3 years, many of his students have progressed to their own professional practice and have won numerous competitions and awards for their photographic work.

Tim's favourite animal is the Honey Badger. He advises: "Like my country, it is small and fierce".

TOLLI VAN DEN BERG



After obtaining his photography degree, Tolti initially worked as a fashion photographer.

He first worked for Viva Safaris in 1998 and is a highly qualified tourist guide: he has the esteemed NQF4/VPDA certificate and also has a rare SKS (Dangerous Animals) qualification.

His experience in wildlife guiding and photography spans over 30 years.

VENUES:

Viva Safaris is blessed in that we have multiple venues for excellent BIG FIVE wildlife encounters. You are guaranteed to enjoy unequalled opportunities to view and photograph Africa's eclectic wildlife and learn about their habits. A qualified FGASA guide will accompany you on all excursions.

You will be visiting various Game Reserves in the Greater Kruger Park including Balule Nature Reserve, with full day safaris to the famous Kruger National Park. Viva Safaris is blessed in having access to Pumusa Bush Camp in Hluhluwe, KwaZulu Natal, where you will have safaris in Hluhluwe/Imfolozi Game Reserve, Mkuze Game Reserve, Ismangaliso Wetland Park as well as tourist hotspot St Lucia, where you will enjoy a boat trip on the estuary.

There is no doubt that this course will offer our participants a fantastic and unrivalled diversity of wildlife environments.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

• Will I get to photograph my favourite animal?

While our guides are professionally qualified to an exceptional standard, wildlife (like the weather) is beyond our control. We can, however, guarantee a fantastic, immersive photographic experience with a wide range of flora and fauna on every drive.

• How long are the presentations?

Presentations will be roughly 1 hour, with additional time allotted for questions and answers afterwards. Your professional photographers and guides are always on hand to offer advice on settings, animal behaviour and anything else you need to know during your stay.

• Will there be room on the vehicle for all my camera equipment?

Guests are advised that while there will be more room for photographers than on a standard drive, space is still limited. Our professional photographer takes a maximum of 2 camera backs, 2 lenses and spare batteries and cards with him, which should easily fit in a small rucksack as he's always carrying one camera in his hands. Tripods will not be necessary due to vehicle movement, however some guests may wish to use monopods or beanbags to help stabilise their camera. Be aware though, that even while stationary, the vehicle may still move due to people repositioning between shots.



• How long are the game drives?

All locations require journey time to and from the reserves, and your comfort will always be a priority. Drives on the smaller reserves normally last between 3-4 hours but Kruger Park and Hluhluwe take the whole day – ample time to get that perfect shot!

• Do I need to be a professional photographer?

Definitely not! Our team has experience teaching photographers ranging from semi-professional to complete amateur (one guest had never taken their camera out of the box!). Our only request is enthusiasm. We've found that our course has something for everyone, so whether you want to pick up a camera for the first time, or to hone your already developed skills, you're sure of a learning and rewarding experience.



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