**A Trip of a Lifetime**

**March 11-22, 2025**

**South Africa Photography Safari**

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March 11 Depart from U.S.

March 12 Overnight at Afton House Lodge in Johannesburg

March 13/14 Kolobe Game Farm

March 15 Moholoholo and Rehabilitation Sanctuary

March 16/17/18 Kruger National Park

March 19 Pezulu Tree House Lodge

March 20 Elandela Private Game Preserve

March 21 Fly to Johannesburg and then to the U.S.

March 22 Arrive at Home

The following information is provided to give participants a better understanding of a typical photographic safari. Please understand that it is a general description as each day presents opportunities that may be undertaken as the safari unfolds. For instance, Kruger accommodations will depend upon which compound has room availability.

**Flight** – **March 11/12** Participants fly to Johannesburg and arrive in Johannesburg the next day (typically around 7 PM) and will be met at the airport by the staff of the Afton House Lodge. <https://www.aftonsafarilodge.com/>. The Guest House is only 15 minutes from the O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg International Airport). Afton offers the ideal Bed & Breakfast Accommodation for visitors to Johannesburg or passengers in transit. **Afton Guest House** opened its doors to the public in 1996 and has provided top-quality service to its Guests. Accommodation at the Afton House is an extra expense of approximately $165 per night, plus $30 for dinner. Breakfast, the following day is included in the fee. This fee is paid before leaving on the safari the following day. Master cards or visas are accepted.

**Day one and two– March 13/14**

After breakfast at the Afton House, your outfitters, Daniel DuToit of Kolobe Safaris will pick the group up at approximately 9:30 AM.

The group then proceeds to the Kolobe Lodge <http://www.kolobesafaris.co.za/>, which is owned and operated by Daniel and Dorea DuToit. Upon arrival, participants will move into comfortable accommodations and have a wonderful dinner and an evening campfire. Daniel has many talents, and his wife, Dorea, supports almost all his endeavors. He is a certified big game hunting guide, raises high-quality breeding stock for native game animals, captures game animals on large game ranches, arranges their sales, and leads photography safaris. He and his wife Dorea are native South Africans and are exceptionally well-versed in native plants, animals, and cultural understandings. Participants will be able to view the game farm and the animals raised on the property. The first day culminates with snacks and beverages of the region.

 After a good night’s sleep, the second day begins early with breakfast and a tour of the game farm. If an animal sale is to occur, participants will watch the local big game veterinarian in action as game animals are caught and safely placed in vehicles. After lunch, participants will pack and head to the next stop on the safari.

**Day three – March 15** [**https://www.africansky.com/safaris/south-africa/safari-lodges/moholoholo-forest-camp**](https://www.africansky.com/safaris/south-africa/safari-lodges/moholoholo-forest-camp)**.** Close to the Kruger National Park, on the slopes of the majestic [Drakensberg Mountains](https://www.africansky.com/african-travel/south-africa/destinations/national-parks/drakensberg-national-park), you will find the four-star Moholoholo Forest Camp. The area surrounding the camp is characterized by rainforests and acacia woodland set against majestic mountains. Various antelope species, giraffes, zebra, and bird species are prominent in the area. One of the day's exciting events will be a visit to the Moholohlo Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, <https://www.nature-reserve.co.za/lindani-private-nature-preserve_activities.html>. An evening South African “Brie” (barbecue) will provide a wonderful evening.

**Day Four–March 16** Participants will get their first experience in Kruger National Park as the Mopani Camp introduces them. The Mopani Camp is situated on a hill overlooking the Pioneer Dam. This area has an abundance of elephants and cape buffalo. Additionally, it is an excellent place to see giraffes and, if lucky, a rare Roan Antelope. The Mopani rest camp gets its name from the Mopani trees found in the surrounding plains and “koppies.” A huge gnarled old baobab tree in the heart of the camp is its signature feature.

Every building in the camp is made from natural materials such as rough stone, wood, and thatching grass, enabling it to blend into the bushveld environment. The accommodation consists of thatched buildings with rock-faced walls and surrounding paving.

Game drives in the surrounding areas allow participants to see various animals and birds. The low-lying Mopane trees provide cover for Zebra, Impala, and Kudu.

**Day 5 – March 17** [Letaba Rest Camp - Accommodation in Kruger National Park (krugerpark.co.za)](https://www.krugerpark.co.za/Kruger_National_Park_Lodging_%26_Camping_Guide-travel/letaba-camp.html)Leaves Mopani and works south to the Lataba Camp. The Lataba Camp offers not only the opportunity to see many large mammals but it is a haven for birds. For the birder, the Princeton Field Guide “Birds of Southern Africa – the fourth edition is worth having. While it is a heavy book, the illustrations are superb and make the identification of birds easy. It is available on Amazon. Your outfitters will guide the group on short excursions around the camp. On the morning of day five, the group will proceed to the KNP Oliphants Camp. The idyllic Letaba Rest Camp is situated on a sweeping bend of the Letaba River, midway between the southern and northern boundaries of the Kruger National Park, South Africa. Letaba means 'river of sand', and the sandy riverbed makes for excellent game viewing, particularly for the elephants that abound in the area. Letaba Camp is a green oasis in the surrounding mopane veld. Game drives in the immediate area offer an opportunity to see a wide variety of animals and birds. Some of South Africa’s largest elephants call the area around Letaba home. The elephant museum is a must as it has the tusks of the seven largest elephants who've lived in Kruger.

Depending upon camp availability, it is possible that the group will bypass Lataba and overnight at the Oliphants Camp. <https://www.bing.com/search?q=kruger+national+park+olifants+camp&cvid=a8ed5f2fde3a4273b4e538bfe8a87885&aqs=edge>. The Olifants Camp is situated on top of a hill towering several hundred feet over the river of the same name. Because Olifants Camp is located in a transitional zone, two distinct types of vegetation can be found, **offering a wide range of game habitats.**

To the south, rolling plains are dotted with Buffalo, Giraffes, and Kudu. Along the Olifants River, wildlife such as lions, Crocodiles, and hippopotamuses can be viewed on game viewing and sightseeing excursions in Kruger Park, as can an **abundance of birdlife** such as Owls, Storks, and Eagles.

**Day six– March 18** Satara Camp. [**http://www.accommodation-in-kruger-park.com/accommodation/kruger\_national\_park\_satara.aspx**](http://www.accommodation-in-kruger-park.com/accommodation/kruger_national_park_satara.aspx)**.** This region is renowned for its “Cat” sightings. The “Cats” have been regularly sighted along the road, including the elusive cheetah. The vegetation is sparse and allows for exceptional viewing. Satara is a busy camp in an excellent game viewing area, with the bush relatively open and the animals plentiful and diverse. The camp has a rustic charm, with the bulk of the accommodation set out in a series of circles. The camp is well-wooded, and the daytime bird life is prolific. At night, the clink of fruit bats is fused with the chirping of cicadas and crickets. The call of owls and nightjars add to the symphony, punctuated intermittently by the whoop of hyenas, the screech of jackals, and the roar of lions.

Satara is regarded as one of the best game viewing areas in the park and is particularly noted for cats, with lions and leopards being recorded regularly. Some cheetahs are in the area but are rarer. General games include Blue Wildebeest, Burchell’s Zebra, Waterbuck, giraffe, and the ubiquitous Impala. Rhinos, buffalo, and elephants are also readily seen. Of the smaller animals, the honey badger is something to look for.The group will leave Kruger Park late in the day and move to Pezulu Tree House Lodge for an overnight.

**Day eight – March 19 – Pezulu Tree House Lodge**

Prezulu is a small exclusive game lodge situated in the greater Kruger game-rich area of Hoedspruit, Limpopo Province. Each tree house is built around a canopy of growing trees. The unique accommodations feature nature and comfort. Built to celebrate the surroundings, the lodge is intentionally tiny to keep the experience personal for each guest. Visit <http://pezulu.co.za/welcome/> for more information.

**Day nine – March 20 - Elandela Private Game Preserve**

Elandela is not a place—it is an emotion. It causes laughter at the welcome and tears at the farewell. It is the emotion of inner amazement viewing the incredulous White Rhino and trembling awe when looking straight into the creamy eyes of our White Lion!

Elandela Lodges are the fruits of the optimistic passion of its Managers – the passion to share our enriching wildlife experiences exclusively with our guests.

Elandela Private Game Reserve is a privately owned wilderness adjacent to one of the world’s most famous game reserves: South Africa’s Kruger National Park! Our huge private reserve allows its Owners to pursue their White Rhinoceros and White Lion protection programs. It is fundamental to Elandela Lodges’ objective of raising global awareness of the threats to the future existence of these magnificent members of Africa’s big five!

By offering two different lodges on the same private reserve, Elandela Lodges endeavors to provide viable options for the increasingly specific needs of the eco-educated photo safari traveler.

Managing our two lodges – Elandela Lake View Lodge hosting up to 26 guests in Luxurious Suites specially designed for romantic celebrations, and Elandela River View Lodge hosting up to 26 guests in Large Suites specifically designed for families and groups – personally, we are proud to showcase the elegance and tranquility of Elandela Lake View Lodge and Elandela River View Lodge to our guests! Visit [Elandela Private Game Reserve & Luxury Lodges - Official Website (elandelalodge.co.za)](https://elandelalodge.co.za/) for more information.

After a wonderful breakfast and a leisurely morning, the group will fly from Hoedspruit to JNB in Johannesburg for the flight home. Additional morning time will allow the group to fully experience the 5-star ambiance of Elandela Lodge. The flight back to the U.S. will follow the arrival in Johannesburg. The cost of the flight is $200 per person, and each participant will pay for it.

**Arrive back in the U.S. March 22, 2024**