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## BIG CATS & ELEPHANTS

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PREMIUM PHOTO SAFARI – AUGUST 2014



This exclusive photo safari provides a rare opportunity for readers of The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald to experience an African safari of a lifetime in two of Southern Africa's best private game reserves - Tanda Tula Safari Camp in South Africa and Mashatu Main Camp, in Botswana.

The reserves are renowned as two the best places to experience, view and photograph Africa's big predator cats and elephant herds as well as a large variety of other wildlife, including the "Big Five". Both camps have excellent accommodation.

The photographic opportunities for predators, elephants and the large variety of mammals and birds offered on this photo safari are special. Photographers of all levels of experience will be encouraged to ask questions and to learn from the three professional photographers leading the tour. Spouses and partners of photographers are especially welcomed.

We wish to emphasize, this is not a "game viewing" safari; it is all about helping you capture iconic images of Africa's wildlife and culture. We just ask beginners and 'first-timers' for their patience and enthusiasm.

**The photo safari is confined to a maximum of twelve (12) participants, excluding the professional photographers and places will be allocated in order of receipt of a completed Registration Form and payment of the first deposit amount.**



### SUMMARY OF THE ON-GROUND ITINERARY

DATE	TRANSFER	ACCOMMODATION
12 Aug 2014	Arrive Johannesburg - Start of photo safari	Intercontinental Hotel J'burg Airport
13 Aug 2014	Transfer to Tanda Tula - private coach	Tanda Tula Safari Camp – 5 nights
18 Aug 2014	Transfer to Mashatu Main Camp - charter flight	Mashatu Main Camp - 5 nights
23 Aug 2014	Transfer to J'burg Airport – private coach	N/A

### LODGES & CAMPS RESERVED FOR EXCLUSIVE USE

The name of each lodge/camp reserved appearing in blue below has a direct link to the website of that camp. To view the type and standard of accommodation and to read additional information on each camp, click on the links.

In a nutshell, we have selected some of the best available and you will be delightfully surprised at the level of luxury offered “in the African bush”.

To maximize the time for photography we have confined the number of camps to two, staying long enough to appreciate what each has to offer. You will not be disappointed with this decision. Additionally, to maximize our time for photography we have chartered a private plane for the transfer between the two camps.

[Intercontinental Hotel Johannesburg Airport](#) is within easy walking distance of the arrivals hall. The hotel has luxury amenities, including an indoor pool, spa and Quills restaurant serving a selection of African game. Here you can recuperate from your transnational flight before dinner, followed by an early night. We transfer by private coach, very early the next morning for the Tanda Tula Safari Camp, in Timbavati Reserve.

The Timbavati Private Nature Reserve is one of South Africa’s undiscovered wilderness jewels; home to Africa’s “big five” (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), in an area renowned for its biodiversity, ranging from savannah woodlands to grasslands and riverine glades.



The reserve was established in 1956 and today it forms part of one of the largest game reserves in the world, the Kruger National Park. A unique attraction of Timbavati for photographers is its low rate of commercialisation, with game lodges that are dedicated to preserving the sense of true wilderness. Tented camps such as Tanda Tula Safari Camp still allow visitors to enjoy the African bush as it was and should be.

During the winter months (April – September) the weather is dry with little chance of rain. As game tends to congregate around dwindling water sources, game viewing will therefore be more predictable, offering better opportunities for close-up photography.

The reserve is known for its numerous lion prides as well as the celebrated White Lions of the Timbavati. The Timbavati (along with its surrounding Klaserie and Umbabat reserves), is one of the only places on earth where you may see naturally occurring white lions.

### WHAT IS A WHITE LION?

A white lion is a normal healthy lion which displays the effects of a recessive gene known as the chinchilla or color inhibitor. The condition displayed is known as 'leucism' and is distinct from albinism. They are not albinos and have normal eyes. In fact, white lions are born from tawny parents – 'normal' lions – who carry the recessive white lion gene. As is evident from the current existence of three white lions in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, white lions do indeed occur naturally, without the intervention of humans through breeding programs.

**Please note: Although visitors to Timbavati are occasionally fortunate enough to witness white lion sightings, these are rare and we cannot guarantee that you will see white lions during this photo safari. Each sighting is a breathtaking experience, and we are truly fortunate if we do witness and photograph these extraordinary creatures in their natural habitat.**

**Tanda Tula Safari Camp** is an owner-run tented game lodge situated in the heart of the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, forming part of the Greater Kruger National Park.

It is one of South Africa's most luxurious tented bushveld lodges, offering an unforgettable experience in wildlife viewing, great photography, warm hospitality and award-winning cuisine. Consisting of twelve luxurious tents, Tanda Tula Safari Camp radiates elegance and combines comfort and style with its African roots. The open-plan lodge, which is completely unfenced, merges luxury with the natural environment. It is sanctuary to Africa's "big five", traversing over 20,000+ ha of wilderness and undisturbed biodiversity. As there are no fences between the Timbavati and Kruger National Park, wildlife roams freely between the two, promising an incredible African wildlife viewing and photographic experience.

Tanda Tula Safari Camp was not only the first lodge/ camp in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve to offer a night walking safari experience; it is the oldest safari camp in the Timbavati. Steeped in history, its roots go back many generations linking conservation and the Shangaan culture, and the owners' joy is sharing it with visitors.

Set on the banks of the Nhlalalumi riverbed the camp is shaded by majestic trees and overlooks a watering hole. Each of the twelve luxury tents is completely private and surrounded by lush riverine bush overlooking the riverbed, epitomizing the ultimate African wildlife experience. Each tent has its own private deck with comfortable loungers - an opportunity to relax on your own, and absorb the beauty and tranquility of the African bush.

Each tent features an en suite bathroom with an outdoor shower, overlooking the bush and riverbed. The interiors are elegant and comfortable, ensuring you will enjoy a true African experience in complete luxury.

We will stay six nights in this marvelous setting and don't be surprised if you are woken by strange sounds during the night!

On Day 7 we depart early for our charter flight into Botswana and onto Mashatu Game Reserve, where we will stay for five nights.

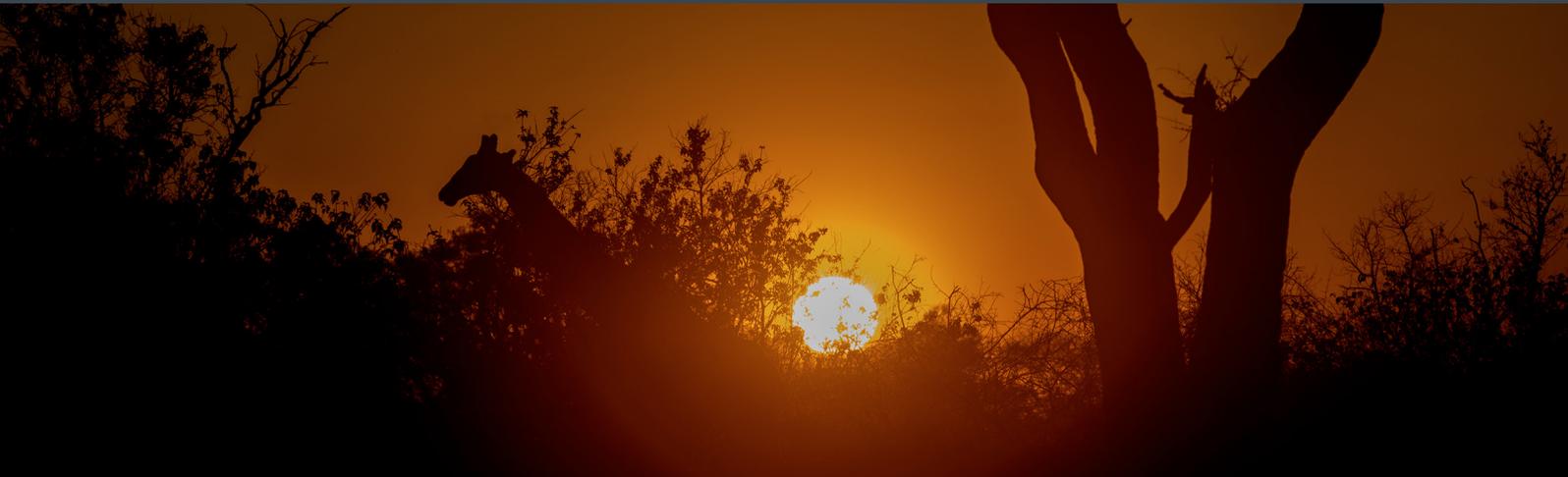


**Mashatu Main Camp** is an oasis amongst the undulating and seemingly ceaseless plains of the wild. Burning torches at the camp's entrance welcome you after your morning and afternoon photo shoots. Here you experience the quintessence of magnificent hospitality.

If you are accustomed to luxury, this camp will meet every expectation. Fourteen luxury suites lie along the camp's perimeter, and are designed to allow absolute privacy and an uncommon communion with the African bush and its inhabitants. Watch elephants splashing at the waterhole, listen to the lyrical melody of the woodlands kingfisher on a branch overhead, smell the grassy scent of the bushveld, touch the bark of an ancient tree and inhale a breath of air so pure, it's intoxicating.

Each of the air-conditioned suites at Mashatu Main Camp is tastefully decorated, and includes impressive black and white prints of Africa's magnificent animals. A double bed and an extra-large single bed, together with a seating area that includes a single day bed, will comfortably accommodate you and your spouse/partner/ companion. The ample en-suite bathroom with both bath and shower facilities and a separate W.C. will be a complete surprise – an unexpected level of amenity in the bush. This is the ideal camp for all who enjoy first-class photography and a "softer landing" in the evenings. A large swimming pool is a focal point where you cool down and relax between photography and game activities. The Discovery Room is a special portal through which you get a glimpse of another world – one that existed long before the appearance of man. The animal specimens and relics will fascinate and educate you.

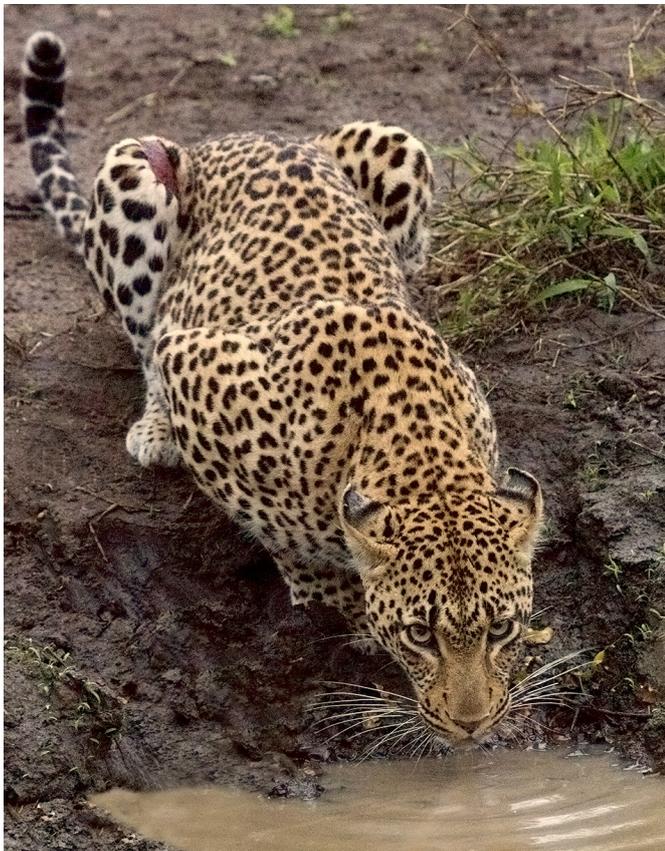




## EXCLUSIVE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY HIDES

In a first for photography in Southern Africa, you will have exclusive access to our private photographic hides at Mashatu. You can sit quietly and watch the animals and birds come straight towards you whilst photographing from unique angles to create exceptional images.

Depending on the season we have up to four different hides available: an underground elephant hide, a bird hide, an infinity hide and a semi-permanent movable hide.



### Elephant Hide – An Amazing Photographic Experience

A purpose-built hide has been sunk into the ground right next to a waterhole in prime elephant habitat. Inside the hide, you can stand or sit so that your lens is essentially at ground level.

Everything in your frame will be from the perspective of lying on your stomach looking horizontally. The waterhole attracts a wide variety of animals such as kudu, impala and baboons. However the mammals that will hold you mesmerized are the elephants which tower above you as they splash, spray, swallow and show off, not two metres away from your lens!

Do not be surprised if you find yourself lowering your camera as you experience the spine-tingling sensation of this close encounter.

The hide is a strong reinforced metal structure and "elephant proof" allowing you to watch or photograph in total ease. The elephants behave as if you were not there! This is a truly amazing experience and an inimitable photographic occasion! Don't forget to pack your wide-angle lens.



### Infinity Bird Hide

Located on the side of a rocky cliff, this hide is built to blend naturally into the side of the hill. Its focus is two pools of very shallow water. These are at eye level, with the edge of the pools 'disappearing' into the distance creating an illusion of the water flowing into infinity. The water attracts all the seed eating birds such as violet-eared waxbills, grey headed sparrows, yellow canaries, green winged pytilias, cape turtle doves, Kalahari scrub robins, southern-pied and arrow-marked babblers, and grey go-away birds.

The attraction of the birds draws in the raptors and you can expect to photograph banded goshawk and sparrow hawks, capture intimate bird portraits, bird-in-flight images as well as beautiful reflection photographs in the still water - all with wonderful clean backgrounds.

This hide is located within a five minute drive from Main Camp.



### Bee-Eater Hide

Perched on the side of the Mojale River, this hide overlooks an active white-fronted bee-eater colony. The birds are resident, so photography is possible all year round. This is the hide if you are, or would like to be, a bird-in-flight photographer, with the aerial antics of the birds providing the ultimate challenge.

When you capture some really sharp images of these bee-eaters, their sheer brilliance in colour makes all the effort very worthwhile. A nearby perch provides the opportunity for beautiful portrait images as well as opportunities for capturing them in flight.

Morning light provides for first-rate sunlit shots - made for high action, in-flight photography. Due to the position of the hide, in afternoon light you photograph against a soft darker background with shafts of side light on the actual birds. This setting provides some stunning scenes - especially when the light shines through the birds' wings as they take flight.

Just observing the feeding and preening displays, less than four metres away is a wonderful experience of nature in harmony. Being in the best possible position to capture brilliant, award-winning photographs of these beautiful creatures is indeed exceptional. The memories will last a lifetime.

The breeding season commences in August/September, and this heralds spectacular shows of courtship and carrying of food to the colony - a very exciting time for the birds, but an even more exciting time for photographers!

The colony is only a twenty minute drive from Main Camp.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The following pages contain important information on Costs and Terms of Payment, What is/is not included, Cancellation Policy & Fees, Compulsory Insurance, Health Considerations, Liability, Pricing & Currencies Fluctuations, Travelling with Camera Gear, etc.

**Please take the time to read it carefully**



### 1. Iconic Images International

Iconic Images International ("Iconic Images") is an ASIC business name, registered in Australia, under the *Business Names Registration Act 2011*. Iconic Images in conjunction with C4 Images & Safaris, registered in South Africa ("C4 Images") will assist guide participants during the land package segment of the photo safari.

***Iconic Images is not a travel agent or travel service provider in Australia.***

### 2. Our World Travel

The sole booking agent for this photo safari is Our World Travel, Licence Number 9TA00049, and to whom all payments for the photo safari will be made upon registration. They may be contacted at:



Our World Travel

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Emergency Mobile: 0418 912884  
travel@owtravel.com.au

Our World Travel can also assist you with flights to/from Africa and with any private extensions to the photo tour you may wish to arrange either before the photo safari commences or after it finishes.

### 3. Costs & Terms of Payment

The photo safari commences in Johannesburg on **12th August 2014** and finishes in Johannesburg on **23th August 2014**.

As noted in Section 9. Responsibility below, Iconic Images International is obligated to pay the costs of the photo safari in US dollars.

The cost is US\$14,950.00 per person, twin share, (or the equivalent in AU\$ at the time of making the final payment)

*A single supplement of US\$2,100.00 (or the equivalent in AU\$) applies, if specifically requested. The single supplement is to be paid at time of registration.*

Terms of Payment are as follows:

1. A non-refundable 25% deposit together with the signed Registration Form, on or before 28th January 2014.
2. A second non-refundable payment of 25% on or before 31st March 2014.
3. A final payment of the remaining 50% on or before 31st May 2014.

*[ Places will be allocated strictly on the basis of receipt of the completed Registration Form together with payment of the first deposit and a copy of the travel insurance policy referred to below. ]*

### 4. Included in the Photo Safari

- Pick up/drop off at Johannesburg International Airport
- Transport for the entire photo safari as outlined in this PDF.
- Two persons per room/tent (i.e. double occupancy), unless the single supplement option is exercised and secured at the time of payment of the first deposit. Please note there are only two unshared rooms/tents available for this photo safari and these will be allocated in order of receipt of payment of the single supplement.
- All park entrance fees where applicable.
- All meals commencing with dinner on 12th August 2014 and finishing with breakfast on 23rd August 2014.



- Continuous assistance with your wildlife photography and image processing by the three professional photographers.
- The services of experienced local drivers/guides/trackers.
- Gratuities to drivers/local guides; these may be 'topped-up' voluntarily.
- Tour leaders who understand the needs of photographers

Note: There will be a maximum of four (4) photographers per vehicle when photographing

#### 5. Not Included in the Photo Safari

- Optional activities (e.g. balloon flight)
- Alcoholic beverages including wines at dinner.
- Personal Travel/Medical insurance costs.
- Travel visas and associated costs
- Airport taxes (if applicable)
- Personal expenses not specifically included above.
- International airfares from Australia/other international destination to Johannesburg return.
- Credit card surcharges (as per Our World Travel policy)
- Any aspect of optional extension(s), if offered on this photo safari.

#### 6. Cancellation Policy & Fees

Our World Travel must receive written notice of any cancellation by you at which time, the following cancellation fees will apply:

- If cancelled 90 days or more before departure a fee equal to 50% of the photo safari cost will be payable.
- If cancelled less than 90 days before departure, or in the case of a 'no show' on the date of departure, a fee equal to 100% of the photo safari cost will be payable.
- Failure to pay by the due dates will be deemed to be a cancellation of the booking and all fees paid prior to the due date will be non-refundable.
- Bookings made within 60 days of the departure date must be paid in full on booking.

No refunds will be made for unused portions or services of the photo safari for any reason. Cancellation fees are not transferable. **The photo safari is sold as a land package only.**

For flight cancellations and any private pre and/or post photo safari arrangements, please refer to the booking agent, Our World Travel, or to your own booking agent, if used, for any additional specific conditions.

Credit card surcharges will apply if the fees are paid by credit card. Our World Travel accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners credit cards, which all attract a surcharge of 2%.

Direct deposit facilities are available and details are available from Our World Travel. See Section 2 above for contact details.

Iconic Images reserves the right to cancel this photo safari. In the event of this happening, all payments received for the land package will be refunded, but the participant shall have no further claim, of any nature whatsoever, against Iconic Images, or its agents, arising out of such cancellation. Any such refund will not include payments or cancellation charges for any bookings for private or additional services made in addition to the itinerary outlined above. Responsibility for such bookings lies solely with the participant.



## 7. Insurance Is Compulsory

Due to the remote destinations visited for this photo safari, participants are **required** to purchase emergency evacuation insurance coverage at their expense. **To emphasize, emergency evacuation insurance is MANDATORY for this photo safari.**

Our World Travel can assist you with information on and the purchasing of the required insurance.

**Due to the non-refundability of monies paid, as detailed in Section 3 above, participants are strongly urged to purchase travel protection insurance at time of or prior to paying the first deposit.**

Iconic Images and its agents do not represent that insurance will cover such risk of loss of deposit and other payments.

If you pay for this photo safari using your credit card and you opt to use the general travel insurance associated with major credit cards, we urge you to check that this cover provides fully for emergency evacuation. Also, please ensure that all pre-existing medical conditions, if any, are made known to the insurance underwriter at the time of application for your insurance for this photo safari. These precautions will assist avoid any delays in the event that an emergency evacuation or other medical services are called upon, under your policy. We recommend you disclose your participation in this photo safari to your insurer.

## 8. Health Considerations

This photo safari is designed to be within the capabilities of average people in good health. Some of the time participants may be required to walk over uneven terrain or trails, stepping into an out of Land Cruiser type vehicles, occasionally hiking - while carrying an assortment of sometimes heavy camera equipment. If you have concerns about your own capabilities and/or fitness as it relates to this photo safari, please enquire with the booking agent, or with Iconic Images before reserving a place.

By forwarding a signed Registration Form and paying the initial non-refundable 25% deposit, you warrant that, to the best of your knowledge, you do not have any physical or other disability that would create a risk for you or other participants. Our World Travel and/or Iconic Images reserve the right to request a medical certificate from a participant at any time before departure or during the photo safari. The booking agent's judgment will ultimately determine an individual's ability to embark upon the photo safari. Once a booking has been accepted by Our World Travel, medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to the cancellation policy. Iconic Images assumes no responsibility for medical care. We will advise the lodges/camps of any dietary requirements or restrictions for individual participants, if sufficient notice is provided, but we do not assume responsibility for the delivery of such special dietary requirements.

If you sustain an injury or become ill on the photo safari, Iconic Images/C4 Images reserves the right to continue the photo safari for the benefit of other participants. Iconic Images/C4 Images will make every effort to assist you while at the same time trying to minimize interruption to the photo safari.

Iconic Images/C4 Images reserve the absolute discretion, in the event of behaviour detrimental to other persons, to decline any person's participation at any time during the photo safari and cancel that person's participation in the photo safari, in which case any refund will be on a recoverable cost basis only.

## 9. Responsibility

Iconic Images and/or its agents act only as agents for the participants in this photo safari, in regard to travel arrangements including, but not limited to, game viewing, photography, sightseeing, meals, lodging and transportation, whether by railroad, vehicle, motor coach, boat, ship or aircraft. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Iconic Images and/or its agents, disclaim liability for injury, damage, loss, or delay which may be occasioned by reason of a defect in any vehicle or for any other reason whatsoever, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the participant or in carrying out the arrangements of the photo safari.



Iconic Images and/or its agents accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine or other causes.

All such losses or expenses are borne by the participant, as the photo safari costs provide for arrangements only for the times and locations stated.

Baggage, including photographic equipment is at the participant's risk entirely, and as an insurable risk.

Reasonable care has been taken to compile the information in this and the other documents pertaining to this photo safari but circumstances change. For example, airline schedule changes, airline fuel charges, taxes and operational costs are subject to change. Iconic Images and/or its agents are not responsible for changes that occur and reserve the right to change the price of the photo safari up to the date of commencement. Iconic Images is obligated to pay all on-ground costs in US\$. **The photo safari price is based on having a minimum of ten (10) participants.**

The right is reserved by Iconic Images to (i) substitute hotels/lodges/tents/camps of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary or transport where deemed necessary or caused by changes in schedules or equipment substitution; (ii) cancel the photo safari prior to departure, in which case a refund of all payments received for the land package will be given. (However, in such event Iconic Images and/or its agents will not be, responsible for any other trip preparation expenses such as penalized or non-refundable air tickets, visa fees and medical related expenses); (iii) substitute photo safari leader(s) for the leader(s) originally specified, in which case the substitution is not a basis for participant cancellation or refund, and (iv) accept or refuse any person as a participant in the photo safari.

In the event that, at the sole discretion of Iconic Images/C4 Images, it is necessary or advisable for the photo safari to be cancelled due to such events as outbreak of conflict, government intervention, or withdrawal of access/traffic rights, or in the event of insufficient numbers being available, the refund of all monies paid, pro rata if applicable after commencement, shall constitute a full and final settlement by Iconic Images and their agents of any obligations to participants. The on-ground operation of the photo safari is at the sole discretion of Iconic Images/C4 Images, having in mind the welfare of all participants and the safe and prudent operation of the itinerary and program.

The Registration Form must be completed and signed by each participant at the time of paying the first deposit. Participation will be declined in the absence of a completed and signed form. No modification to the Terms and

Provisions of Registration, detailed on page 3 of the Registration Form, will be accepted.

## 10. Liability

Iconic Images does not accept any liability of whatever nature, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of third party providers. Under circumstances where liability cannot for any reason be excluded, such liability is limited to the cost of the land package arrangements. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Iconic Images disclaims liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss (including consequential loss), delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or any other event which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on the part of Iconic Images.

## 11. Travelling with Camera Gear

When in vehicles we will not be confined to the usual airline low weight per person, but we will be using small planes to travel between camps, which generally does have weight restrictions for individual pieces of luggage. We will not be confined to the usual overall weight restriction, of 20Kgs per person, on this tour, but **we ask that you do play your part by not travelling with large/heavy individual pieces of luggage.**

Hence, pack your camera gear (i.e. your cameras, lenses, etc.) as your hand luggage so that it can be carried with you onto the plane. This will ensure if one of your in-hold bags is delayed or lost when you arrive in Johannesburg, at least



you can commence photographing as soon as you arrive.

As we will be passing through Johannesburg airport it is highly advisable to have your in-hold baggage shrink-wrapped at your Australian or other international departure airport. Unfortunately, despite recent improvements, Johannesburg airport has an alleged reputation of baggage theft.

Please DO NOT travel with HARD suitcases; roll-on hold-all/duffle bags are better for packing in the vehicles.

Pack you camera gear in bags such as those manufactured by Lowepro, Think Tank etc.  
Ensure you have your long lenses (> 300mm) well packed in protective packs designed for such lenses.

## 12. Further Information

Registered participants will be provided with a more comprehensive information kit on preparing and packing for this photo safari prior to departure from Australia and elsewhere.