



Amboseli

2024

Photo Safari

Letter From the Team

At Tusk Photo, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional safari experiences, where every detail is carefully curated to ensure your journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Our team of expert guides, who possess an intimate knowledge of the local wildlife and ecosystems, will be by your side, ready to share their insights and help you capture unbelievable photos.

Imagine exploring the vast savannahs, witnessing the majestic herds of elephants in Amboseli, or immersing yourself in the remarkable biodiversity of the Serengeti. Picture yourself standing in awe as you witness the raw power of lions on the hunt, or capturing the elegance of a leopard as it prowls through the golden grasslands. With Tusk Photo, these extraordinary moments will become a reality.

We understand that photography is more than just a hobby for you; it's a way to express your creativity and preserve memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best opportunities to capture those unique shots. From providing expert guidance on camera settings and composition to positioning our vehicles strategically for the perfect angle, we are dedicated to helping you achieve your photography goals.

But a Tusk Safari is not just about wildlife and photography; it's about creating cherished memories and forging lifelong connections. Our team is committed to providing you with personalized attention, exceptional service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey. We want you to feel like part of our Tusk family, sharing laughter, stories, and the sheer joy of exploring the best that nature has to offer.

Allow us to take you on a journey of discovery, where you will witness nature's wonders, capture breathtaking photographs, and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Please feel free to reach out to our friendly team for any further information or to discuss your specific requirements. We are here to assist you every step of the way. We can't wait to welcome you to the Tusk Photo family and share this incredible experience with you.



The Tusk Team



Overview

Located in southern Kenya, Amboseli National Park is a must-visit destination for photography enthusiasts. Boasting an impressive array of African wildlife, including herds of majestic elephants, lions, cheetahs, and zebras, this park offers endless opportunities to capture stunning images of the natural world.

What sets Amboseli apart is its picturesque backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. This iconic snow-capped mountain creates a breathtaking view that perfectly complements the wildlife that roams the park.

Your expertly guided photographic safari will ensure that you make the most of your time in Amboseli, capturing unforgettable moments and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

With our extensive knowledge of the park and its wildlife, we'll take you to the best spots for photography and help you hone your skills. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience - book your Amboseli photo safari with us today.



What You Can Expect

Embark on an extraordinary journey to Amboseli National Park, Kenya's crown jewel, where raw wilderness and stunning landscapes come together in perfect harmony. This photo safari promises to be a dream come true for any photography lover, offering you the opportunity to capture breathtaking images of Africa's iconic wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery.

Amboseli National Park is renowned for its spectacular views of Africa's highest peak, creating a magical backdrop for your wildlife photography. The vast savannahs, shimmering salt pans, acacia trees, and swaying grasslands provide a haven for diverse and magnificent creatures, including elephants, lions, cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, and a myriad of bird species. Prepare to witness captivating animal interactions and moments of untamed beauty that will leave you in awe.

Whether it's majestic herds of elephants crossing the arid lake beds or some of Africa's largest tuskers in close proximity, Amboseli's marshes, swamps, and open plains promise to offer an unforgettable photographic experience.

One of the highlights of the park and our main focus on this safari, is its large population of elephants, some of which are the last remaining big tuskers left on the continent. Often referred to as the "Gentle Giants." You'll have ample opportunities to capture these majestic creatures from all angles and in a multitude of settings, creating truly stunning photographs.

Our private vehicles, accommodating only 4 guests per vehicle, will provide you with an exclusive and intimate experience of the park.

An Amboseli photo safari is an unmissable experience, combining breathtaking landscapes and abundant wildlife, that offers an array of photo opportunities.



Where You Will Stay

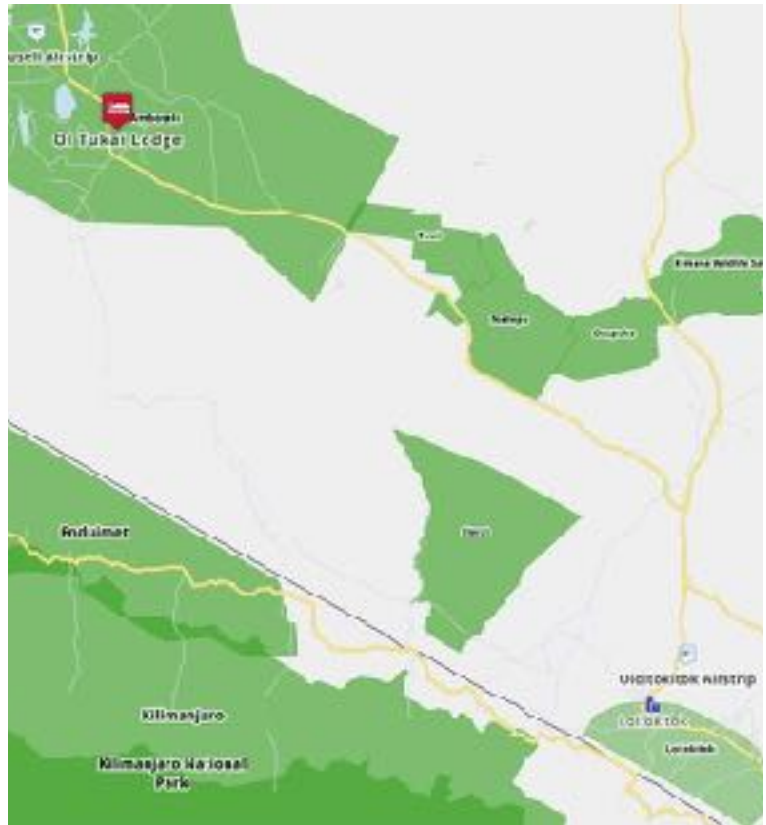
Ol Tukai Lodge offers an unrivalled experience of luxurious and comfortable living in the heart of Amboseli National Park. Guests can relish the delectable cuisine served at the main restaurant while enjoying stunning views of the surrounding wilderness.

After a day of game drives and photography, you can unwind and relax at the Elephant Bar with refreshing sundowners.

At Ol Tukai Lodge, the rooms are designed to provide a harmonious blend of comfort and natural beauty. Each spacious and tastefully decorated room immerses you in the serene ambiance of the surrounding wilderness. From your private veranda, you can indulge in breathtaking views of the park, including sightings of majestic elephants and other wildlife. The rooms are equipped with modern amenities, ensuring a comfortable stay, while maintaining a sense of connection to the natural environment. The accommodations at Ol Tukai Lodge provide a tranquil sanctuary where you can unwind and rejuvenate after a day of thrilling game drives and photography adventures.

The lodge also boasts a range of amenities, including a sparkling swimming pool, a fully equipped fitness centre, a boutique with a curated selection of souvenirs and essentials, and a massage and beauty parlour where you can indulge in rejuvenating treatments.

Whether you're capturing the majestic elephants roaming freely in the park or soaking up the breathtaking views from your room's private veranda, Ol Tukai Lodge guarantees a lifetime experience of the ultimate safari destination.



Rates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	Rooms	Nights
2-8 March 2024	US\$ 5495	6	6
8-14 March 202	US\$ 5495	6	6

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at US\$ 5495 per person sharing. US\$ 500 Single Supplement. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Itinerary

DAY 1

Meet at Wilson Airport in Nairobi, Kenya from where we will depart together.

DAY 2-6

Discover the wonders of Amboseli through daily safari expeditions by private safari vehicle.

DAY 7

After breakfast, return flight to Nairobi. End of tour.



Wanderlust & Co.

What You Get

INCLUDED:

- 6 nights' accommodation at Ol Tukai Lodge in Amboseli
- All meals, including tea and coffee
- Park fees
- Private photographic vehicle
- Services of Tusk Photo hosts
- Return flights to and from Wilson airport in Amboseli
- Additional 15kg luggage allowance per person (total 30kg pp)
- All game drive activities

EXCLUDED:

- Taxis, transfers, and accommodation for the preceding night(s) before the tour starts
- Drinks (Alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Gratuities and personal expenses
- Visa fees
- Laundry services
- Telephone calls

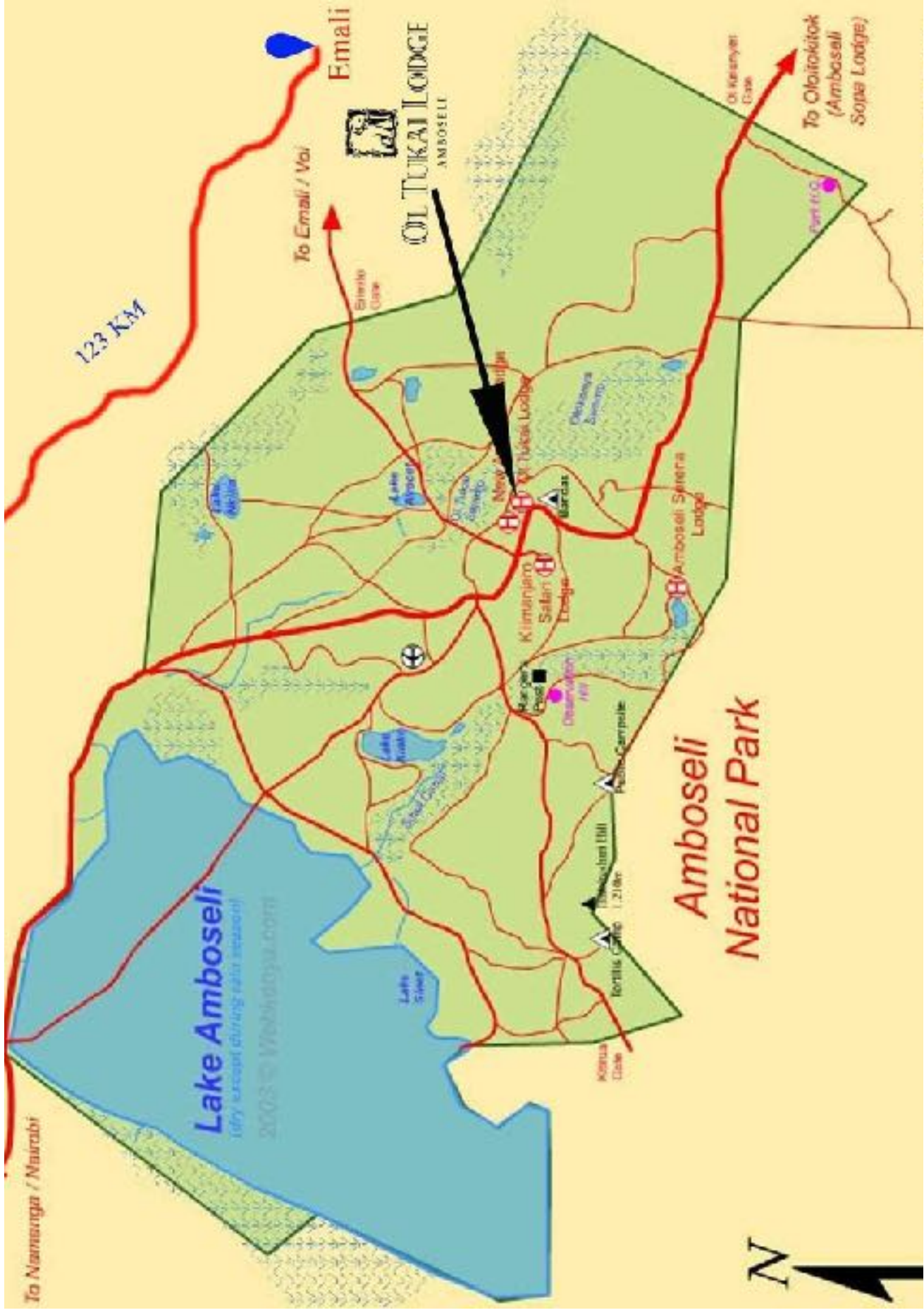
OPTIONAL EXTRA

- Flight Kenya Airways Johannesburg South Africa to Nairobi
- Kenya return approx. US\$ 800
- Hotel booking in Nairobi for the night before the tour starts with transfers to the hotel and airport the next day.

Flights and Transport

- Check-in is one hour prior for domestic departures and two hours prior for international departures.
- Many scheduled regional flights may involve multiple stops before reaching final destination.
- On arrival after clearing customs and immigration in Nairobi, we recommend you take a taxi to Wilson airport. There are many taxis available as you exit the airport.

As you will be travelling in vehicles and small aircraft with limited luggage capacity, luggage is required to be packed in a soft bag weighing a maximum of 15kg. This weight allowance includes hand luggage. No hard suitcases will be allowed. Special arrangements have been made for Tusk Photo individual camera equipment.



Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest.

Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any local East African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600 with teleconverters if needed.
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) 14-24 or 24-70 or similar for landscapes
- Monopod with Benro DJ-90 Head or similar for support especially if you want to do pole cam work
- Remote camera trigger (wireless is recommended especially for pole cam work)
- Flash (recommended)
- Notebook/laptop or additional storage device.

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 7 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything, please contact us for more details.



Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- It is imperative to check visa requirements with the Kenyan embassies/consulates as it may vary according to your nationality.
- Visas obtained at port of entry are payable in USD cash only and we recommend small denominations of dollars as officials are not in the position to give change.
- It is recommended that travellers obtain their visas prior to arrival, as there is a likelihood of long queues at all airports.
- Remember to bring the originals and leave a photocopy of your passport, air tickets, vaccination certificate (if applicable) and travel insurance with someone at home.
- You should be aware that most visas are only valid for a limited period of time from the date of issue. If you are applying for your visa a long way in advance of your planned entry into the country, make sure that the visa will still be valid on the date of your arrival and for the duration of your visit.
- Check your visa as soon as it has been issued: www.ecitizen.go.ke
- Please note: As from 2015.09.01 South African passport holders do not require visas to enter into Kenya for less than 30 days

MONEY AND CURRENCY

- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travellers should bring US dollars cash. Small denominations are recommended.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted.

HEALTH

- COVID requirements are ever changing and regulations both local and internationally will need to be monitored.
- Kenya falls into the Yellow Fever region in Africa. It is imperative for all travellers to obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination no less than 10 days prior to travel. Your country of origin and other African countries like South Africa will also deny re-entry without the vaccination, after having visited a country with Yellow Fever.
- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria.
- It is also recommended that immunization against Polio and Typhoid be obtained; please consult your local doctor for advice.
- Anyone who has any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact your local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunizations required for travel to Kenya.

LANGUAGES

- The national language in Kenya is Swahili although English is widely spoken.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. Plugs are UK-type round 2-pin or flat 3-pin. Major hotels and some game lodges will supply adaptors on request. Bayonet light sockets exist in Kenya



CLIMATE

Amboseli National Park, situated in southern Kenya, experiences a distinctive climate characterized by relatively low rainfall and semi-arid conditions. The park's climate sets the stage for captivating landscapes and abundant wildlife encounters.

- From December to March, visitors can expect hot and dry weather. Temperatures range between 25 to 35 degrees Celsius (77 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit), with clear skies prevailing.
- From April to November, Amboseli experiences temperatures ranging from 20 to 30 degrees Celsius (68 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit).
- The wet season typically occurs between November and April, bringing occasional showers that rejuvenate the landscape.



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colors. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colors.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturizer, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)
- Bring a rain jacket as it's the rainy season and expect afternoon showers.

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- It is customary to tip 10% of the bill at all restaurants and 10% of the fare to taxi drivers.

It is also the custom to tip local guides and drivers.

- Ranger / Guide USD 25 per person per day
- Camp staff USD 10 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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- Ol Tokai Lodge does have good complimentary Wi-Fi while staying at the lodge.
- There is also good Cellular and data coverage throughout the most of the Amboseli region.
- Please insure that you have international roaming enabled should you wish to use your cell phone while on safari.
- Please take careful note of Cellular rates as this can be quite costly.
- Alternatively data sim cards are readily available at the airport and are inexpensive to purchase.

Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritize your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.



**We Are Excited To Host You on Your
Dream Photographic Safari!**

