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We invite you to join us in Botswana's Tuli Block region for a wildlife photography extravaganza. With stunning rocky landscapes, prime opportunities for big cat sightings, large herds of elephants, crystal clear starry nights and a vast array of bird species, Tuli - a bit of a hidden gem - promises to deliver.

You can join us for a 7-day or 9-day adventure in this river-side wilderness. You will stay at a safari-style camp in the heart of the game reserve and your days will be filled with game drives, walking safaris, photography workshops and unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Along the way, you'll receive photographic tutoring by Alan Hewitt, who will help you sharpen your skills, at whichever level you are as a photographer. We travel in a small group of maximum six people, which means the photography opportunities are exclusive, and the tutoring is highly personalized. Photographers of all levels are welcome!

THE DESTINATION

This Botswana photo safari is based in the beautiful Tuli Block region.

Described by Lonely Planet as 'Botswana's best kept secret', Tuli Block is a nature reserve marked by far-stretching and striking landscapes: vast moon-like rocky plains, large river beds lined with giant trees, and stark blue skies. The dry winter season offers prime game-viewing and exceptionally clear starry nights, whilst the rainy summer season sees carpets of wildflowers spring from the ground: refreshed by spectacular thunderstorms.

It is a land populated by lions, leopards, large herds of elephants, hippos, hyenas, wild dogs, and cheetahs. The Tuli Block is also home to an impressive variety of bird species, including (but certainly not limited to) Meyer's Parrot, African Scops-Owl, Meve's Starling, Southern Black Tit, Little Sparrowhawk, and a mating pair of Verreaux Eagles – a paradise for birding enthusiasts!





PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES

The Tuli Block is a fantastic location for photographing some of Botswana's larger species such as lions, leopards, cheetahs, and elephants.

But we'll also focus on smaller wildlife during your photo safari, both during game drives and on foot, like jackals, honey badgers, different antelope, and birds of prey. This area is brimming with life, offering a huge variety and abundance of photographic subjects to enrich your portfolio.

The breath-taking vistas of the Tuli Block provide a unique backdrop for your wildlife photography and, for those keen, also offer exciting landscape photography opportunities. The bright, clear, and expansive night skies offer a chance to explore astrophotography too. We'll time your game drives and walking safaris to both harness the best possible lighting conditions for your photographs, and to suit the behaviors of the animals you're tracking; this trip is fully designed to make sure that you're in the right place at the right time for those prime photographic opportunities.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE:



At Penda, we collaborate with only the best professional photographic guides, chosen for their expertise, teaching ability, and commitment to your experience. They prioritise creating exceptional photographic opportunities and adapt their guidance to suit your individual skills and goals, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned photographer.

For full details about the specific guide leading this tour, please visit the [tour page](#) on our website.



ITINERARY

Day 1

Touch down in Botswana! We'll collect you OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg and take you on the 6-hour drive to Tuli Game Reserve. Once there, you can settle into your tent, enjoy your first meal under the riverine trees and let the hum of the African bush lull you to sleep, ready for an unforgettable week.

Day 2-6

(or 2-8 if you're joining us for a longer trip)

You'll spend the next five days enjoying game drives, walking safaris, photography workshops and once-in-a-lifetime wildlife encounters. Alan will be with you every step of the way, offering tailored tuition, feedback, and guidance on all things photography. If you're joining us for the 9-day trip in May 2025, you'll swap to the other camp halfway through, to enjoy some variation in setting and photographic opportunities.

Day 7 (or 9)

It's time to head home, or to wherever you're off to next. We'll drive you back to Johannesburg airport, where you can catch a flight home that night, or stay overnight and fly out the next day.

ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

For the 7-day itinerary, you'll stay at Serolo Safari Camp.

Sheltered by Mashatu and Apple-leaf trees and only a few hundred meters from the banks of the Limpopo River, Serolo sits right in the heart of the wilderness you journeyed here to photograph. You will spend your nights in a comfortable two-bed safari-style tent, fully serviced with hot running water, en-suite showers, and flush toilets. There are electric fans and lamps in each tent and bedding, towels, and soap are supplied.

If you're joining us for the longer itinerary, you'll divide your time between Serolo Safari Camp and the neighboring Mohave Bush Camp; a camp with permanent safari tents and a similar authentic African feel. Mohave is off the grid, but solar power will charge all of our equipment. This camp is exceptionally well-positioned for game viewing, and you'll enjoy some great photographic opportunities from the comfort of your tent. Both camps have splash pools, communal areas, and lovely outside dining areas, where you'll enjoy three cooked meals a day.



MEALS

Three wholesome meals will be cooked for us every day.

If you have any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, please let us know in advance. We will do everything we can to accommodate your needs. Teas, coffees, and bottled water will be provided for you. Alcoholic and soft drinks are not included, but you can buy them at the lodge. You can pay for them in cash (either ZAR, Pula, or USD) or by credit card.



RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

We recommend the following equipment. If you'd like to discuss your specific gear, just reach out, and we'll be happy to advise.

- DSLR or mirrorless camera
- Range of lenses; ideally ranging from wide angle for landscape to telephoto for wildlife
- Tripod or bean bag, plus a monopod (useful in game drive vehicles)
- Sturdy camera bag
- Enough spare batteries and memory cards (you'll be able to charge your batteries at our accommodation)
- Hard drive and a laptop / external drive to download and store your photographs on should you fill your memory cards.
- Laptop with editing software

GETTING THERE

We're here to guide you through the process of booking the right flights!

You'll have to fly to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa. We'll pick you up there around 10 in the morning of day 1 of the trip, so you'll have to arrive early in the morning, or the day before and stay overnight in / near the airport. We'll drive you to Tuli, which will take 6 to 7 hours, depending on traffic and border crossing.

On the last day of the itinerary, we'll leave Botswana around 11 am for the transfer back to Johannesburg. You can either book a late evening flight on that same day (bearing in mind that you might not get to the airport until 6 pm), or, to be on the safe side, a flight the next day. We're happy to advise on hotels at or near the airport. (There are many to choose from.)



DATES & RATES

**FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION
ON DATES, RATES, AND
AVAILABILITY, PLEASE VISIT
OUR WEBSITE**

This includes:

- Accommodation
- All meals
- Airport transfers to and from Johannesburg
- All game drives and walking safaris
- Photographic tutoring by Alan Hewitt
- All entrance fees

This does not include:

- International flights to Johannesburg
- Travel Insurance



WHY PENDA

Everything is built around photography.

- Our photography tours are created by photographers, for photographers. Our itineraries are designed around creating the best possible photographic opportunities. We'll make sure to bring you to the right place, at the right moment.
- We're travel experts. We love travel, and have many years of experience in creating and running tours, workshops, volunteer programs, and safaris. We know what makes a great holiday, and will match every person with their perfect experience.
- Our photography tours are led by top photographers. Each photo tour or safari is guided by an experienced professional photographer, who is dedicated to creating the best possible experience for you by taking you to the right spots, and tutoring you at the same time.
- We respect what we photograph. We're committed to exploring and adhering to the most ethical ways of photographing new places.





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