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BOTSWANA PHOTO SAFARI



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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 adventure in this river-side wilderness. On arrival in Johannesburg, you'll travel by road to the Botswana border before transferring into an open safari vehicle for the final journey into Tuli Game Reserve. The overall journey takes most of the day, but the final drive through the reserve often provides your first wildlife sightings and marks the beginning of your safari.

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.

Throughout the tour, you'll benefit from expert photographic guidance and tuition designed to help you improve your photography, whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced 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!



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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lonely Planet's Hidden Gem: Hailed as "Botswana's best kept secret", this nature reserve stuns with surreal landscapes and rich biodiversity.
- Striking Terrain: Expect moon-like rocky plains, towering riverbed trees, and endless cobalt skies.
- Seasonal Spectacle: Winter is ideal for game-viewing and stargazing under crystal-clear skies and in Summer thunderstorms awaken wildflower carpets in a dramatic burst of color.
- Wildlife: Home to lions, leopards, elephants, hippos, hyenas, wild dogs, and cheetahs.
- Birding Paradise: Spot Meyer's Parrot, African Scops-Owl, Meve's Starling, Southern Black Tit, Little Sparrowhawk, and Verreaux Eagles in their natural habitat.



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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE:

In addition, 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.

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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.

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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.



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.



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HEALTH & FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED:

This safari suits guests with moderate fitness.

Most wildlife viewing is from vehicles, but you'll need to walk short distances over uneven terrain and stand for photography sessions.

Expect warm days, cool nights, and a 6-hour road transfer from Johannesburg.

No prior safari or photography experience needed - just a spirit of adventure and comfort with outdoor activity.



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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
- All entrance fees

This does not include:

- International flights to Johannesburg
- Travel Insurance



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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 if interested in astrophotography. Bean bag or a monopod for extra stability in vehicles if required
- 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

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WHY PENDA?

Everything is built around photography.

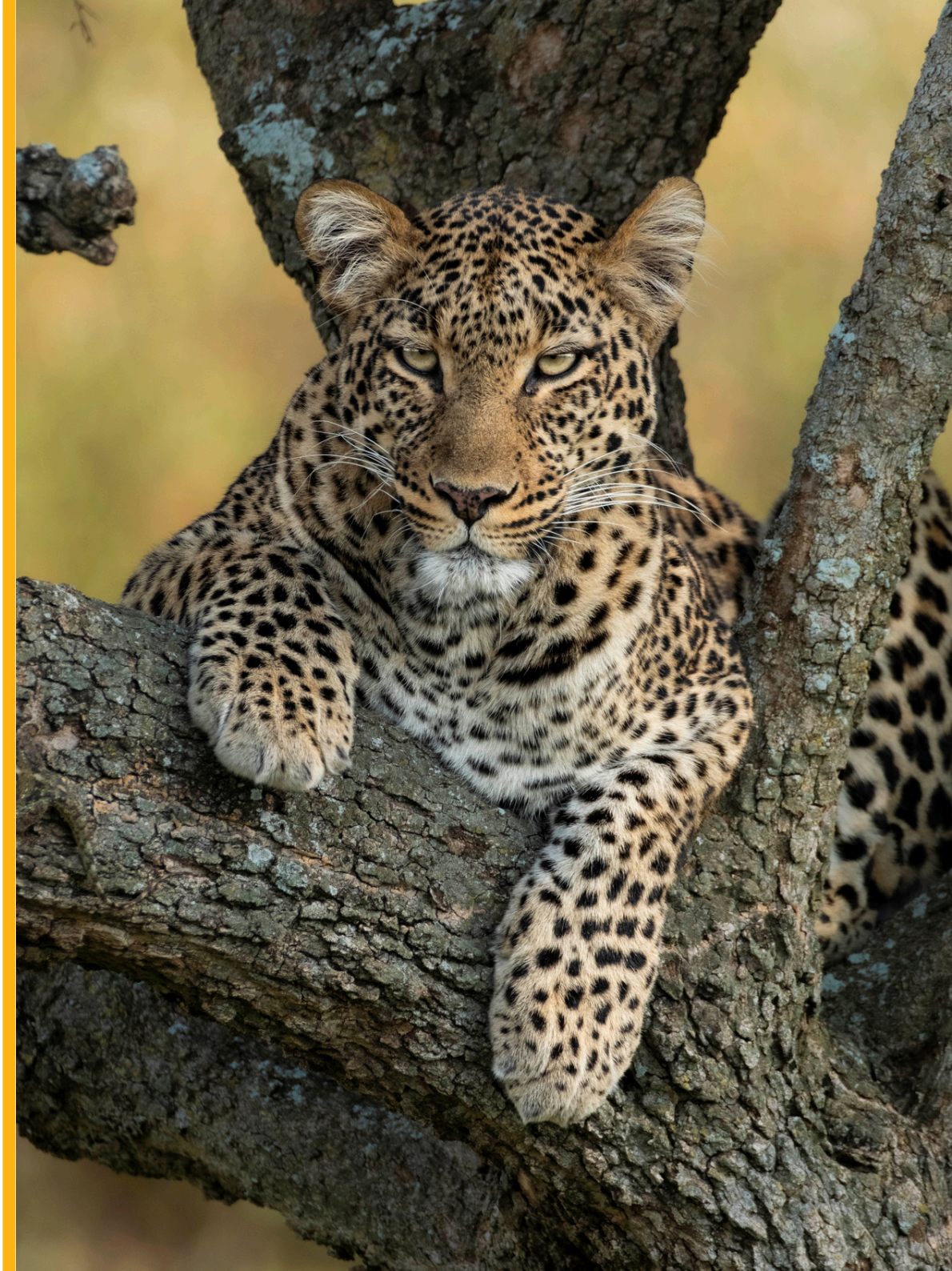
- Our photography tours are created by photographers, for photographers. Our itineraries are designed around creating the best possible photographic opportunities. We'll make sure to bring you to the right place, at the right moment.

- 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.

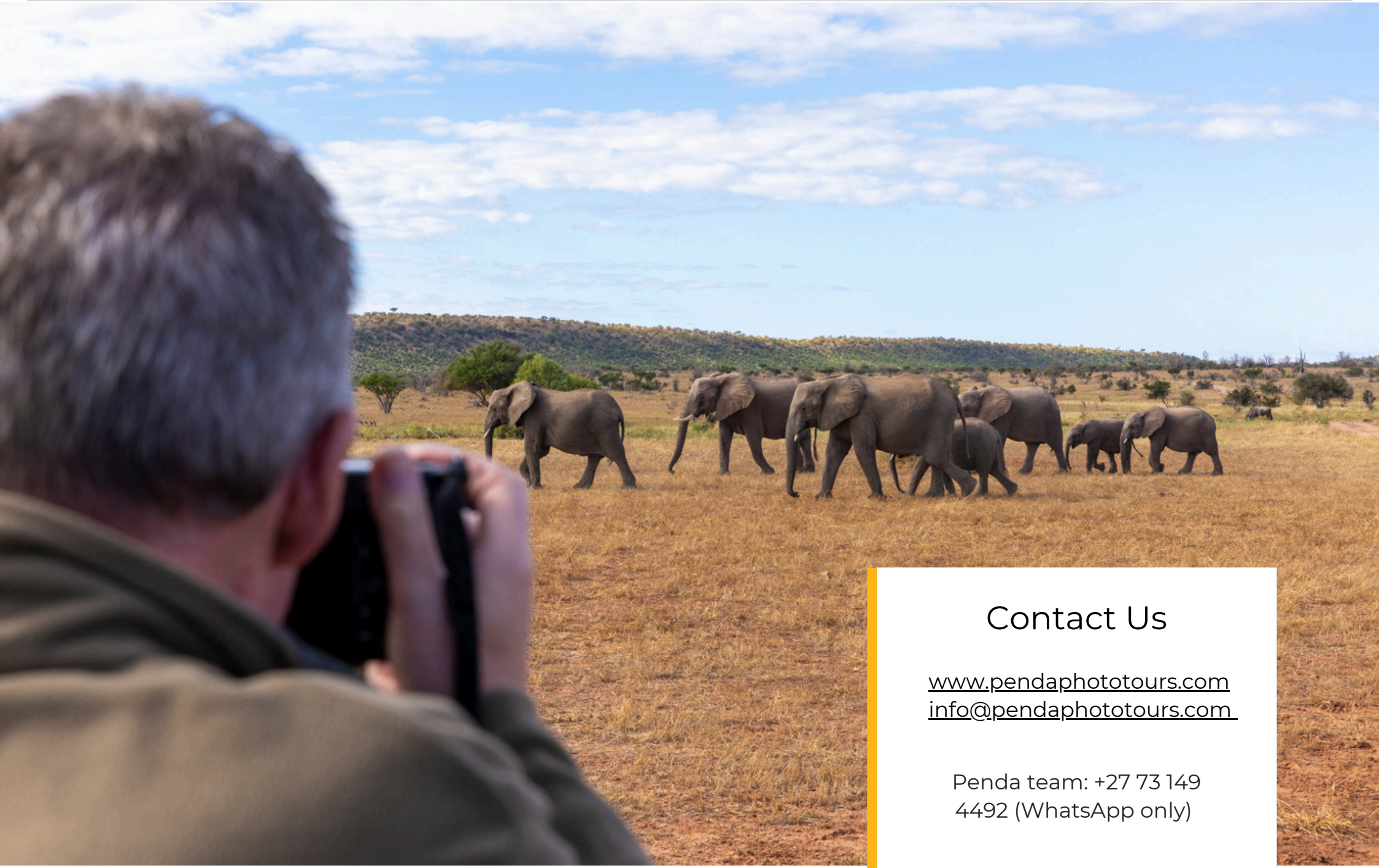
- Our photography tours are led by top photographers. Each photo tour or safari is guided by an experienced professional photographer, who is dedicated to creating the best possible experience for you by taking you to the right spots, and tutoring you at the same time.

- We respect what we photograph. We're committed to exploring and adhering to the most ethical ways of photographing new places.

- We work with Wild Shots Outreach, a South African nonprofit empowering young people from disadvantaged communities through wildlife photography. Their workshops, mentoring and wilderness experiences help youth build skills, confidence and a connection to nature, opening doors to careers in conservation and tourism. At Penda, we believe in the power of photography to inspire real change, which is why a percentage of every tour fee goes directly to Wild Shots Outreach. By traveling with us, your adventure becomes part of something bigger.



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