

Solo Sister Safari

SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICAN PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

Zimanga Private Game Reserve, Tiger Canyon

Date Oct 15-28, 2023



Tour operated by Rock n Roars Photography www.rocknroars.ca



Dear guest,

I would like to invite you to a very special journey where you will have a spectacular opportunity to experience South Africa through the photographers' lens. This trip was designed for you to be able to experience some of the best wildlife views and opportunities South Africa has in its treasure chest. Being a solo traveler myself, often times it is near impossible to find locations that will support my travel needs without punishing costs attached. In addition to this, finding locations that cater to my photographic niche is another element of challenge. I am happy to offer the best of these worlds. A photographic delight with solo travelers' needs being met.

You will enjoy the best time for photography game drives and photographic hides accompanied by highly qualified expert guides. This adventure tour will be hosted by myself, a wildlife photographer, who is also a certified Field Guide for South Africa. During the tour I will document your experiences and memories, in addition to providing guidance and tuition for your own photography journey. I am excited and humbled to have the opportunity to make your dreams come true and check off a few things on the bucket list!

This journey begins with a visit to Zimanga Private Game Reserve for 6 nights. Here we will mix up activities between vehicle game drives and photographic hides. During these activities our group splits so everyone has room and space for the best photographic possibilities. You will spend two nights in overnight hides, getting a sneak a peek into the nocturnal behavior of the African wild. Optional photo boat safaris may also be arranged if there is something to see on the water.

After Zimanaga we travel back to Durban for 2 overnights in a beachfront hotel where you can enjoy some RnR, walking the Golden Mile Beach, enjoy the casino, or try new interesting cuisine. We will go on a day excursion to visit the Zulu Tribe of Kwazulu Natal for a very enjoyable cultural element, iconic to this area.

After making our way by plane to Bloemfontein, and an overnight there, we will head to Tiger Canyon for 3 nights. Here you will experience the only wild Bengal Tigers outside of Asia, including the only wild white tiger. You may experience cheetah on foot for a feast for any photographers eyes.

All in all, this itinerary is for anyone who wants up close and intimate experiences with some of the biggest apex predators, iconic African wildlife, and birds. I hope to share it with you and make magic behind your lens.



Jen Kucherawy



Residing in Alberta, Canada, I am may not seem like the typical African Safari Guide - because I am not typical by any stretch. But I am one none the less.

As a wildlife photographer, I am aware that, most often, good photographs enhance the guests' experience. This would be true of guests that are either keen photographers themselves, or non-photographers who simply want to have their special memories captured professionally so they can relive their safari for the rest of their lives.

I do not consider myself like other 'photographic hosts'. The main aim of my work has always been to share my love of the outdoors and to use my photographic experience to convey the wonder of the wilderness. I do much more than show people how to 'point-and-shoot', I use the camera to interpret the safari for the guest, so that they get much more out of the experience. Along with technical expertise, there is an important creative element that needs to be explored and nurtured in the moment – so that each photograph becomes a story. During the safari, the guests enjoy my undivided personal attention and support. Because I am a certified guide as well, I have experience with understanding and predicting an animals behavior which can assist guests in preparing for a bird about to fly, or a lion about to arise from his slumber. It might just be useful to mention that I can also add services such as photographic editing expertise as well as video tuition.

This is what you get:

- * A dedicated professional photographic guide with a comprehensive knowledge of birds, animals, habitat and the environment

- * Certified Field Guide Association of South Africa & Level III Tracks & Signs

- * I am a former Canon DSLR user and a current Sony mirrorless system user. I also have experience using the Ninja V recording equipment.

- * Editing images is just as important as taking them in the first place. I can give tuition in Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop CC, Topaz and Luminar software. For video I am fluid with Camtasia and imovie programs.

- * I have also developed numerous training manuals for my guests to download if needed, for practice, pre-departure.

- * Video is becoming just as popular as photography, and I am well-versed in the technical and creative aspects of video.

- * I am also experienced in handling any level of photographic competence – I can even work with you on your smartphone!

After the safari, you will also be provided files that can be turned into a personal coffee-table book with your own images or with images that I have captured on your behalf. This would be a unique and personal Memory Book of your stay, and a unique and permanent visual journey of Africa. In addition, a video montage of our experience will be provided to you to enhance your recollection of the captured moments we shared. Alternatively, if you prefer to order a book predesigned by myself, I am happy to oblige you.

Let me join you on your Safari adventure and help you fall in love with AFRICA. I strive to be the Ultimate Safari Photographic Guide and Host.



Day	Location
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| 1 | Meet & Greet on arrival at Durban Airport. Check into overnight accommodation. |
| 2 | Travel to Zimanga Private Game Reserve. |
| 8 | Travel to Durban from Zimanga Private Game Reserve, overnight accommodation. |
| 9 | Day excursion to visit Zulu Tribe or Free Day to explore! |
| 10 | Travel to Bloemfontein on a flight from Durban. Overnight accommodation. |
| 11 | Ground transport to Tiger Canyon. |
| 14 | Ground transport from Tiger Canyon to Bloemfontein airport for return flight home. |



Date Oct 16

Transfer:

Ground transportation from Durban to Zimanga Private Game Reserve

Excursion:

Safari and Photographic Hides



Accommodation:

Zimanga Main Lodge

Number of nights:

6 nights

Rooms:



Included:

All activities including game drives & photographic hides. Meals, and select non alcoholic beverages.



6 nights at Zimanga

INCLUDES

- 6 Nights accommodation at Zimanga Main Lodge, including all activities and meals
- Private luxury suite (sharing) or elegant single room, each with en-suite facilities, air-conditioning, private deck, work desk and multiple input plug points
- 5 Game Drives to track down some of Zimanga's charismatic animal species
- 1 Birdbath hide session with a choice between Mkhombe and Bhejane Hides
- 1 Lagoon Hide Session
- 1 Vulture Hide Session
- 1 Umgodhi and 1 Tamboti Overnight Hide session (activity dramatically influenced by rainfall)
- Wi-Fi access





Zimanga is about so much more than just its world-class wildlife photography hides, and a significant portion of one's visit will be spent exploring the area on traditional vehicle safaris in specially adapted 4x4's. You will enjoy 5 game drives during our stay.

An astounding diversity of mammal, reptile and bird species call Zimanga home and spending time on vehicles perfectly compliments the hours sitting in wait at photo hides by actively seeking out the wild residents of the bush.



Each occupant on safari has a guaranteed side seat on the vehicle, and our passionate and expert rangers/photo guides are in radio communication with one another to share current information on animal movements whilst tracking down a magnificent repertoire of African wildlife. Under certain conditions your ranger has permission to follow animals off-road and to get guests in the ideal position for unsurpassed wildlife encounters.

Zimanga only allows a limit of 3 safari vehicles out on the entire reserve at any one time, with this ultra-low tourist density making it one of the most exclusive safari destinations in Africa.





There are currently nine photographic hides on Zimanga, including two Bird Bath Hides or Reflection Hides, called the Mkhombe and Bhejane hides named after the isiZulu words for white and black rhinos respectively. These are ideal for small bird photography. The larger Lagoon hide focuses on waterbirds and crocodiles in the summer season.



Each of the hides is designed for its potential subject. Whether it is a large mammal like a giraffe or an elephant, or the smallest of birds like a waxbill or twinspace. The photographers are invisible to their subjects behind specially imported one way glass as to not startle the subject with any movements or sounds.

The hides allow photographers a non-intrusive method of wildlife photography and although the subjects are free-roaming, and hence no sighting is guaranteed, the hides tip the balance heavily in favour of the photographer to get that amazing shot. Where possible Zimanga's hides harness the power of the sun, with all the electricity demands for the hides met by solar installations.



The modus operandi of an overnight hide session is to enter the hide in the afternoon and photograph through the backlit afternoon session, and after sunset make use of the paired floodlights installed either side, beautifully illuminating subjects that approach the water's edge. The industry-leading colour spectrum emitted by the light fixtures ensures true-to-life colour and illumination of your subjects. The following morning the sun rises behind the hide bathing the drinking edge in golden light, adding a third dimension of lighting to an Umgodi hide session. All images incorporating Zimanga's trademark low angles, carefully selected backgrounds and quality natural lighting.



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Date Oct 22-23 , 2023

Transfer:

Ground transportation from Zimanga Private Game Reserve to Durban

Excursion:

Zulu Tribe (Optional)



Discover the incredible heritage of South Africa's Zulu people with a visit to Phezulu Cultural Village and Reptile Park. Depart Durban for KwaZulu-Natal's stunning Valley of 1000 Hills, where many Zulu people still reside. The park itself is known for its traditional beehive-shaped huts and hands-on experiences like Zulu spear making. Witness a colorful Zulu dance performance, then embark on an informative tour of the park's reptile portion where you'll learn first-hand about resident crocodiles and snakes, including the notorious green mamba. Alternatively you may enjoy a free day of exploring Durban.

Accommodation:

Suncoast Tower

Number of nights:

2 nights

Rooms:

Suncoast Towers offers the finest choice of boutique luxury accommodation on Durban's beachfront. An iconic hotel with legendary service and spectacular views of the Golden Mile. Located right off the beach - this hotel provides you the RnR every vacation package needs. Access to restaurants, a casino, and the Golden Mile Beach are just a few of the main highlights for this location.



Included:

Accommodation



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Date Oct 24-28

Transfer: Domestic flight from Durban to Bloemfontein; Overnight accommodation in Bloemfontein;
Ground transport to Tiger Canyon

Excursion: Tiger Safari



Once you have visited Tiger Canyon, you'll know why it is different. Besides the obvious tiger which sets us apart, there are antelope that are typically not seen in the game reserves of Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Kwa-Zulu Natal provinces. The solar powered lodge on the canyon, the vehicles, the vistas, the surreal spirituality, the stars, our guides, our fences, our night drives, the golden hour for photography, the personal touch – all go together to make Tiger Canyon distinctly different... definitely not average!

Tigress Julie Lodge

3 nights

Tiger Canyon boasts three opulent suites, plus a guide's room, overlooking a breathtaking canyon. With limited space, room sharing will be required with 2 twin beds provided in each suite if all guests carry on to this location.

With superb Karoo cuisine, spectacular views and distinctly different game drives the Tigress Julie Lodge is a relaxing retreat after your day of exploration.

All activities, accommodations, meals and beverages.

Accommodation:

Number of nights:



Included:



Excursion:



Game Drives

Tiger Canyon is foremost a photographic destination. We cater to a photographer's every need and will delight in showing guests how to capture the best shot. You'll be able to photograph our tigers, our cheetahs and the other wildlife that call Tiger Canyon home like never before.

Our photographic prototype Land Cruiser allows photographers and videographers the best opportunities to capture our magnificent tigers and cheetahs on film. We guarantee that photographers will get extraordinary big cat shots and our guides are proficient in positioning the vehicle for all the best angles. Each photographer has their own big window allowing them to have unobstructed views of their subject.

The photographic opportunities at Tiger Canyon are varied and unlike anywhere else in the world. We can almost guarantee tiger sightings on every game drive we take – it is up to the big cats how good the sighting will be!





Our tigers are living wild and free at Tiger Canyon Private Game Reserve. They establish their own territories, are free to hunt their prey and create their own family groups.

These tigers are proudly in Africa as part of an ex-situ project; to save a species outside its normal home range.

At Tiger Canyon, tigers thrive.

The spectacular Karoo landscape offers our tigers a variety of wildlife on which to prey, as well as a vast space to establish their own territories, without human interference.

They live normal lives. They hunt, mate, fight. They have family groups and can often showcase mother and cub interactions or four to six tigers in one frame. We can go off-road to track tigers on the move and observe their behaviour.

Because our tigers are wild, their numbers vary with time. We've been up to 26 and down to 10 in recent years.

The world is desperately searching for radical ways to protect endangered species. Tiger Canyon's tiger population is a revolutionary safeguard to ensure the survival of the species. Tiger Canyon is the only expanding population of wild tigers outside of Asia, with the

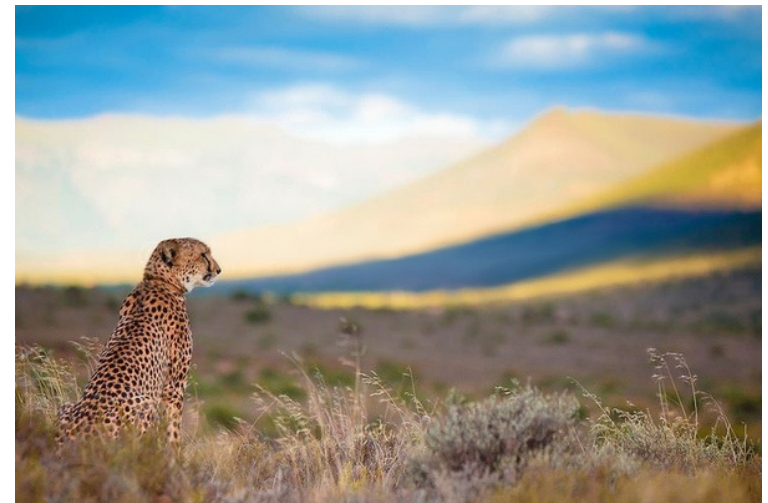
only white wild tigers on Planet Earth.



Due to the encroachment of sheep farming, there have been no free-roaming cheetahs in the Free State since the early 1900s. Our cheetahs are the first to return to their indigenous habitat in over 100 years.

Tiger Canyon Private Game Reserve is a member of the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Metapopulation Project, whereby our cheetah offspring are relocated to other reserves within the Metapopulation in a bid to help increase the cheetah numbers and keep the genetics clean.

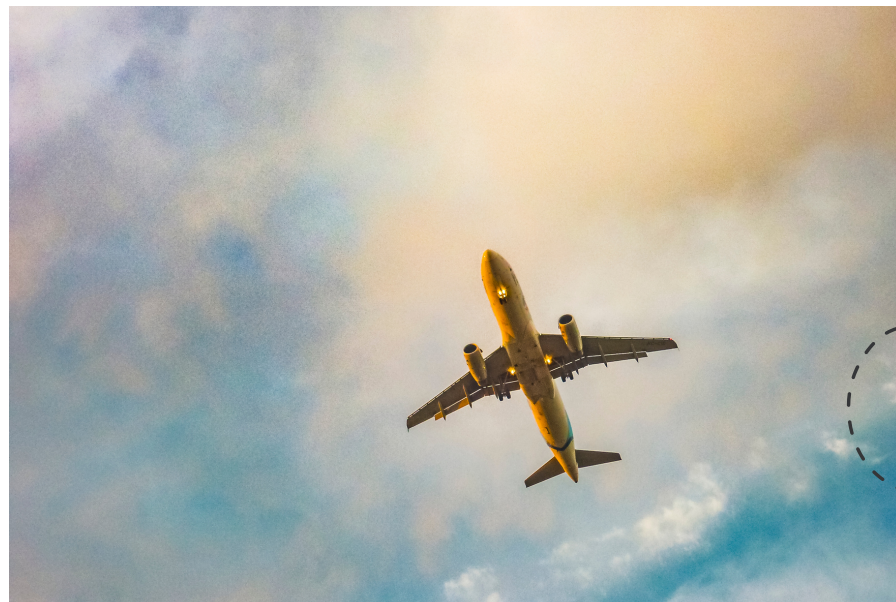
Our cheetahs are very habituated, allowing our guests to experience this beautiful cat up close. The opportunity to photograph these cats off vehicle is a special feature to visits to Tiger Canyon.



Date Oct 28

Transfer: Ground transportation to Bloemfontein Airport; Domestic flight to originating International Airport

After a final morning game drive and breakfast, you will be on your way back home, or to wherever your travelling heart takes you.



Included: Ground transportation included



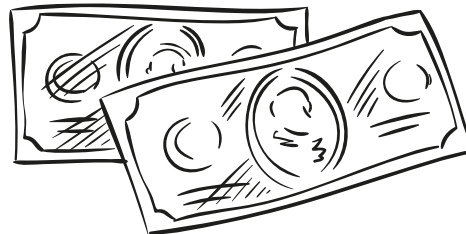
Cost Breakdown:

Number of Guests: Maximum 6 guests
Currency: \$9,500USD \$12,000 CAD

Payment details

USD: Bank Wire Transfer, Cheque. 40% deposit required at time of booking. Remaining balance due 120 days prior to departure. Any discounts or subsidies will be calculated in the final payment. Credit card may be used for final payment with an addition of 3% surcharge.

CAD: Email Transfer, Cheque. 40% deposit required at time of booking. Remaining balance due 120 days prior to departure. Any discounts or subsidies will be calculated in the final payment. Credit card may be used for final payment with an addition of 3% surcharge.



GENERAL INCLUSIONS:

- Collection from the airport at Durban.
- Domestic air for flight from Durban to Bloemfontein
- All ground transportation through the entire journey
- All accommodations
- Meals and beverages as specified at Game Lodges.
- Private game drives at Zimanga and Tiger Canyon
- Hide sessions at Zimanga
- Accommodation taxes, tourism levies and fees, all relevant Value Added Tax (VAT), or government sales tax (GST)

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights and inter-Africa flights (Arriving & departing at Durban)
- Gratuities to Guides and general staff at the various locations
- Items of a personal nature
- Food and beverages in Durban
- Zulu Tibe Excursion
- Travel, medical, cancellation, and baggage insurance
- Any Covid - 19 related costs including required PCR testing, vaccinations, or masks as required.



PLEASE NOTE:

- Services are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.
- All relevant Terms and Conditions of the South Africa Photographic Safari and/or any other booked services will apply to your travel arrangements.
- The General Service Agreement must be signed to consider the booking secure.
- A 40% deposit will be required to consider the booking secure.
- It is required for you to have comprehensive travel, medical and cancellation insurance for the duration of your trip. Due to the remote areas through which you may travel, it is vital that all guests are covered for emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances. We will not be held responsible for guests traveling without insurance.
- The cancellation policy applies (as per the above terms and conditions) should you fail to join or start your safari/journey for any reason, including airline delays or missed connections. Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance for this purpose. You become liable for cancellation penalties immediately on confirmation of booking services.
- Special Terms and Conditions have been designed by our travel partners, but these do not include fear of travel as a reason to cancel or postpone. In booking please be sure you are prepared to complete this trip withstanding all regulatory bodies have free and open borders without restrictions and quarantines.
- With the ever changing environment and effect on the tourism industry, minor changes to the itinerary may occur before time of departure. Be assured, should any changes happen, you will be informed and equally suitable arrangements will be made in alternate. Our primary venues will remain unchanged.
- Due to the timelines of booking, not all excursions and accomodations have yet been arranged.

