



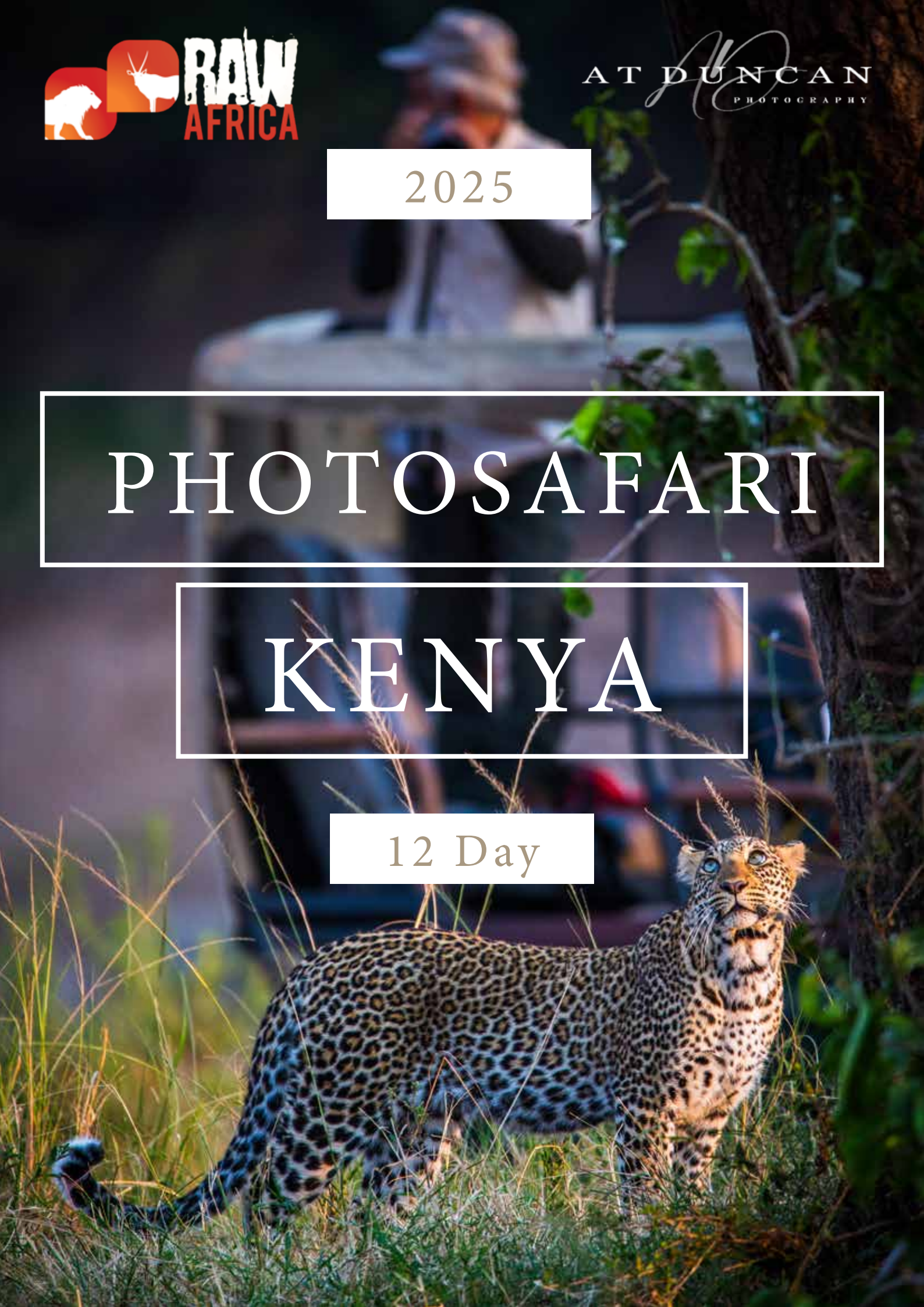
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KENYA

12 Day



KENYA

Kenya is quite simply a 'wildlife Mecca'. It is home to the Big 5 and so much more. Kenya offers some of the finest wildlife photography opportunities in the world. It has a variety of landscapes from the mountainous North to the sweeping expansive grasslands of the South, all teeming with an abundance of mammals and birdlife.

More than just a wildlife photographic tour, we will have the chance to photograph the majestic Masai and/or Samburu people. We will be refining our skills at capturing character portraits using natural light and off camera flash techniques.

While the primary focus is on capturing stunning images, we will also explore the digital workflow from downloading images to post processing our images in lightroom. We will also run through printing and outputting our images for album or print. This is a small group tour and is limited to only 6 guests. This allows each guest space in the van for equipment and window access.

In National Parks and Reserves we will use authentic accommodation in the stunning African surrounds of Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Samburu Reserve and the mighty Masai Mara. To maximize our time for photography and enjoying our stunning accommodation we will fly from Samburu to the Masai Mara then from the Masai Mara back to Nairobi.

One of the key differences between our 'regular' tours of Kenya and a photo safari is the importance light will play in our itinerary. We will be chasing the best light in every location. This means our morning safaris will see us out photographing just after sunrise and our afternoon drives will see us out until right before sunset. Where possible, we will make our way back to our stunning accommodation, during the harsh midday light to download, edit in lightroom or just swim, relax and chill (perhaps a nap?). The photographic tour itinerary has been crafted to maximize photographic opportunities, while enjoying the stunning scenery and experiences Africa has to offer.

INSTRUCTION

CAMERA SETUP

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

LIGHTING/COMPOSITION

POST PROCESSING





Itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Kenya

Meet and transfer from Jomo Kenyatta Int Airport. Depending on your flight time there will be some time to relax before we get together to chat about our amazing adventure over Dinner.

Meals: D

Day 2

Nairobi National Park

Today we dive right in with a full day safari in Nairobi National Park. This NP, right on the outskirts of Nairobi is home to 4 of the big 5 (only Elephant is missing). This will be a great introduction to photographing animals in the wild.

Meals: B,L,D

Days 3 and 4

Mt Kenya - Ol Pejeta Conservancy

After an early breakfast we set off on our drive to Nanyuki and our home for the next two nights in Ol Pejeta conservancy. Ol Pejeta was once a huge ranch and colonial homestead and as such it still oozes old world charm. It is a key rhino breeding sanctuary, with both black and white rhino in residence. It also has elephant, lion, cheetah, buffalo and giraffe just to name a few. At night the flood-lit watering hole may be visited by rhino, buffalo and an abundance of thirsty creatures.

We will spend two days photographing a wide variety of wildlife within Ol Pejeta as well as finding some time to relax and take in the old world Colonial charm.

Meals: B,L,D

Days 5 to 7

Samburu NP - Northern Kenya

From here we take a relatively short drive (roughly 3 hours) to Samburu, a National Reserve in Kenya's North. We will spend three days photographing and exploring this wildlife wonderland. The Ewaso Ng'iro river flows through the reserve and as conditions are generally dry, this river is often the sole source of water for many months for local communities. The landscape makes for fantastic wildlife viewing. There is an array of photographic opportunities in Samburu.

The NP is home to some unique species of wildlife including the Grevys Zebra, Somali Ostrich, Reticulated Giraffe, Gerenuk and Beisa Oryx. It is also home to 4 of the big 5 - Lion, Leopard, Buffalo and Elephant. As well as the fastest land mammal - the cheetah.

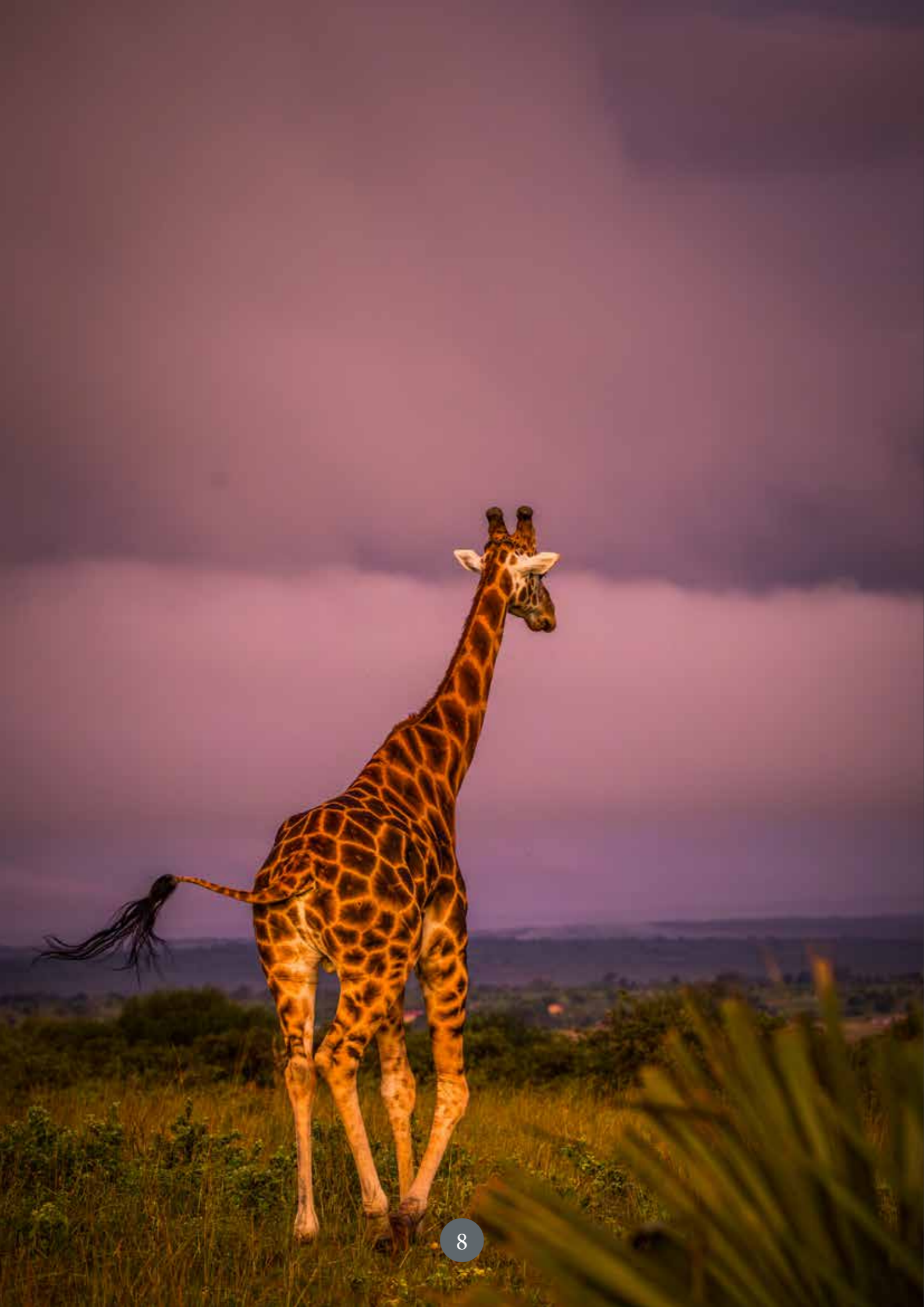
Our home here for three nights will be the splendid Elephant Bedroom/ Samburu Intrepids camp right on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, and as the name suggests you may get to meet these majestic creatures right outside your bedroom.

Meals: B,L,D



A taste of our luxury accomodation on tour







Elephant grazing in Sweetwaters
Mt Kenya





Days 8 to 10

The Masai Mara - The Jewel in the Crown

On day eight we bid farewell to Samburu Reserve and Northern Kenya as we make our way to the airstrip for our flight to the Masai Mara. The Masai Mara is always the highlight of any trip to East Africa and flying to the Mara gives us the chance to maximise our time photographing in what is undoubtedly one of the world's premier wildlife locations. We will take in a short game drive as we make our way to our luxury lodge, and home for the next four nights. We will also have the chance to relax and observe the abundance of wildlife coming to the Mara River right from the balcony of our home in the Mara, Tanguia Mara Camp. Look out for elephants, crocodiles, hippos and zebras among other wildlife that calls the Mara home. Our cameras will be working overtime for the next few days as the open grasslands of the Masai Mara provide the perfect setting for some of the best wildlife photography anywhere in the world. We will explore the Mara River where we will witness the amazing spectacle of the famous Wildebeest crossing and search the grasslands for prides of Lion, Leopard and Cheetah. As well as the chance to photograph the Big 5, the Mara is home to some of the most spectacular sunsets in Africa.

We will also visit a Masai Village where we will get a glimpse into the daily lives of the Masai, the inhabitants of the great lakes region in Kenya. The Masai people are pastoralists and fierce warriors. Dressed in Red and brandishing a short spear while herding their cattle between water supplies there is no more iconic image in East Africa. Here we will have the chance to practice our portrait photography and shop for local hand-made items in the local Masai village. For a truly unique view of the Mara and her wild inhabitants, you also have the option of taking a sunrise hot air balloon ride. Float silently over herds of wildebeest and elephant, or perhaps spy lions on an early morning hunt then follow that up with a Champagne breakfast on a grassy hill looking out over the expanse of the Reserve. (Note: there is an extra cost for a hot air balloon ride.) The Mara truly is one of life's bucket list items.

Meals: B,L,D

Day 11

Back to Nairobi - Home or Next Adventure

Sadly, today we must farewell this wildlife haven. We will take one more photographic game drive through the Mara as we make our way to the airstrip for our flight back to Nairobi, where we will have our last night** together and a chance to go back through some of our favourite images from the tour.

Meals: B,L,D

Day 12

Transfer to Airport and Next Adventure or Home

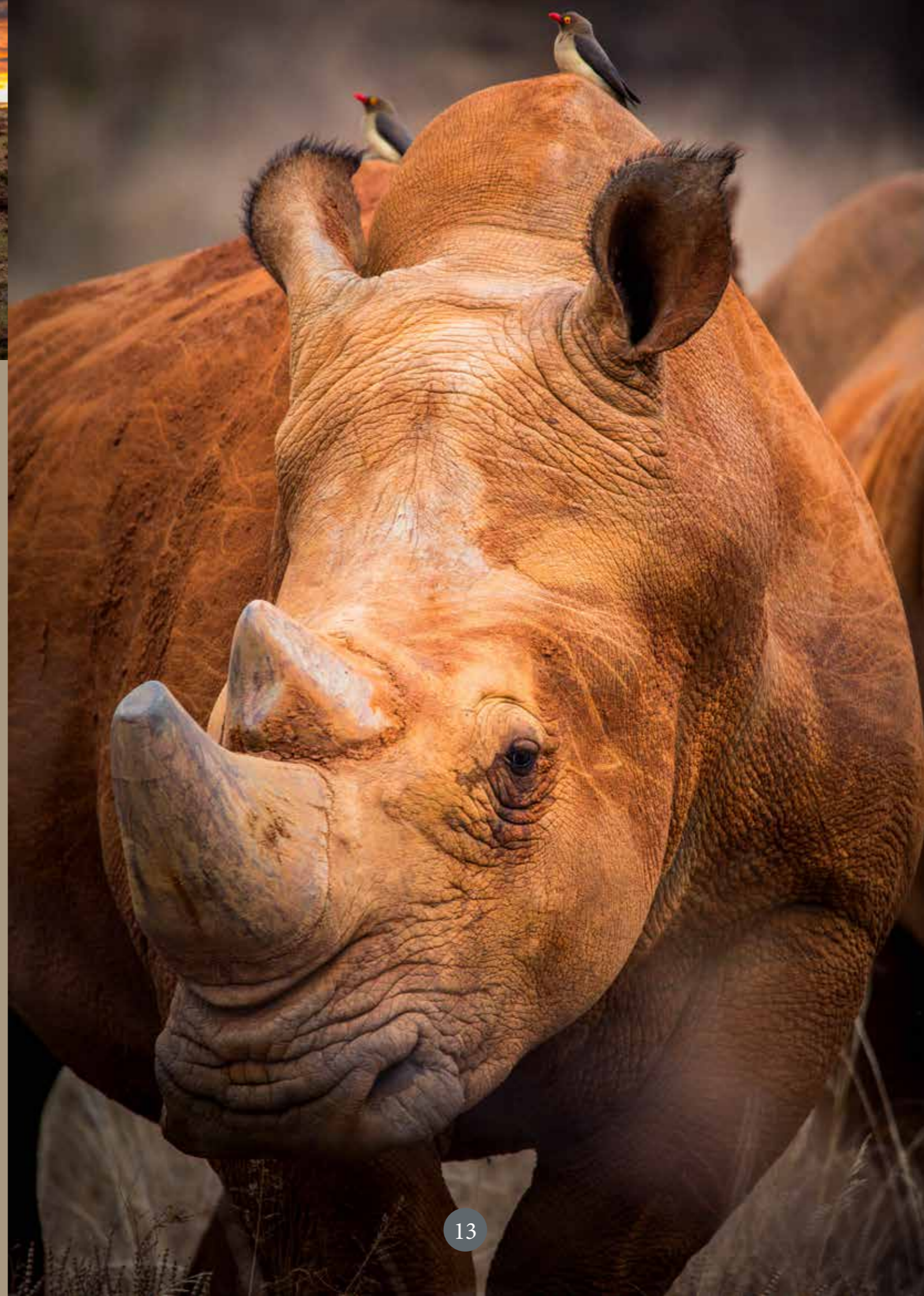
Meals: B

Post Kenya

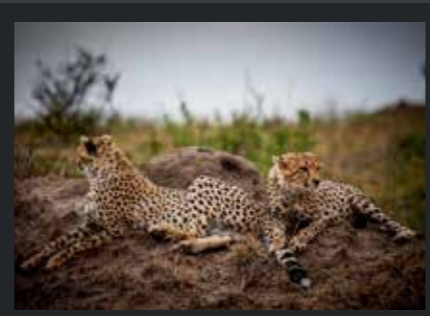
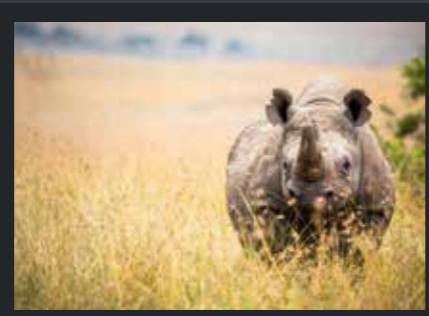
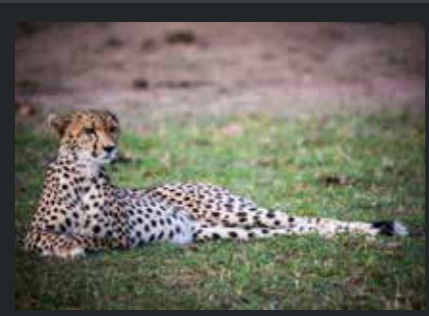
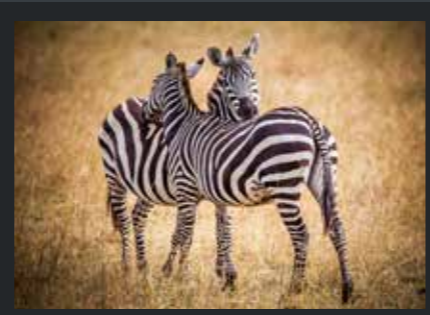
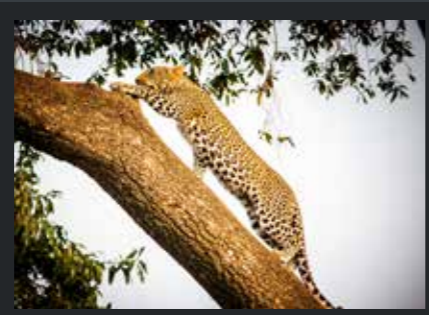
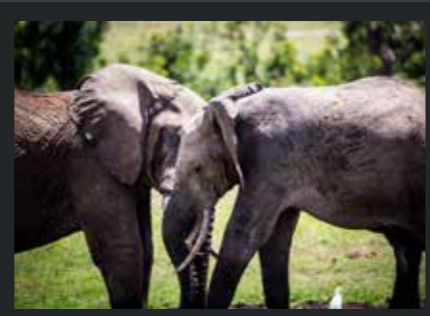
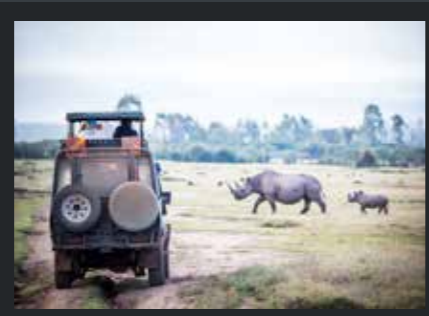
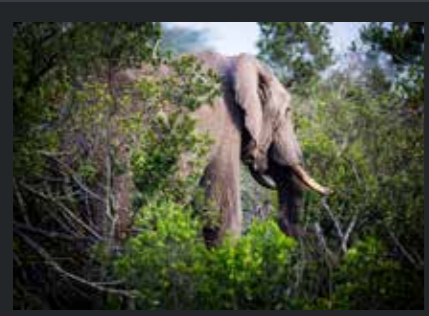
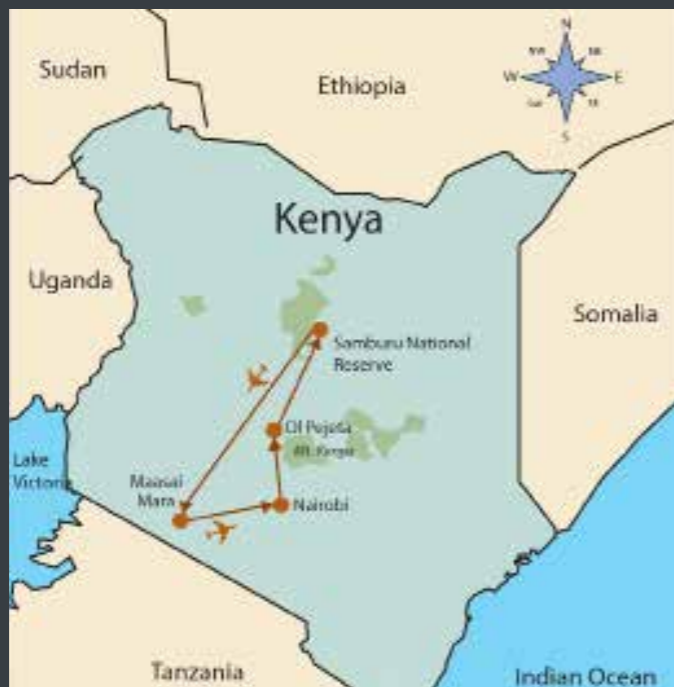
Home or maybe a 3 night extension to trek to see Gorillas.

Although heading home to sort out ALL those amazing images is one option. Another is to join us on a cheeky little 4 day extension to Uganda to trek to see Mountain Gorillas. It is one impressive sight - a huge Silverback - with his family troupe. So what to do????

Small print - ATDuncanPhotography and RAW Africa Eco tours take no responsibility for an insane amount of amazing images or an excess amount of fun and incredible experiences had on this or any other tour involving us.



Map



Included

- 2 X Internal Flights
- Park Permits and Entry
- 11 nights superb accommodation
- transport and transfers
- expert tour guide
- photographic Tutor
- Tips and Gratuities (Except RAW Guide)
- Meals as per itinerary

Excluded

- International Flights
- Visas
- Items of personal nature
- Soft drinks and Alcohol
- Travel Insurance

What to Bring

Obviously being a photographic Safari our goal is to come away with amazing images from this truly spectacular destination. A guide to what camera equipment to bring would be as follows:

- Camera (SLR/Mirrorless or Compact)
- Telephoto lens (around at least 400mm)
- Standard zoom lens (around 24-70)
- portable hard drive (bare minimum)
- Good Camera bag/as carry-on luggage
- Tripod (optional)
- Dust brush/lens cloth etc
- Memory Cards (at least 2)
- Camera batteries (and spares)
- All chargers/cables/leads
- Laptop (optional - if you wish to follow along with post processing etc)
- Flash (also optional - I will bring for group use)

If you have any questions about equipment please feel free to email me atduncanphotography@gmail.com

Tour Dates 17/02/2025 - 28/02/2025

Strictly limited to 6 Guests

Kenya Photographic Safari Price

\$8895 (AUD)

- Single Supplement \$1560
- A 25% deposit will secure your spot on this amazing tour
- To book or for more information email team@rawafricaecotours.com.au







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