



ICONIC AFRICA – “ULTIMATE PHOTO SAFARI”: AN OVERVIEW

Africa: One of the Top Five Dream Destinations for Photographers

For most photographers an African photo safari would be in their top five dream destinations. African photo safaris let you experience wildlife up close and in their own special environment. First timers to Africa will be absolutely surprised when they see just how much wildlife there is to photograph. The sheer number and variety of subjects encountered on a well planned photography safari make for some of the richest photography on the planet. Iconic Images have teamed up with an experienced South African-based company for this photo safari. The local knowledge, extensive safari experience in East Africa, and in particular the company’s focus on running **specialized tours for photographers** was central to Iconic Image International’s decision to collaborate with them. The award winning photography of the principals of the company is an added bonus.

Highlights of the “Ultimate Photo Safari”

- **View the best and most stunning wildlife Kenya has to offer**
- **Capture the awesome spectacle of the wildebeest migration**
- **Stay in close proximity to a migration river crossing**
- **See gigantic flocks of pink flamingos on beautiful Lake Nakuru**
- **Savour the birds and mammals of Samburu and Buffalo Springs Reserves**
- **Travel with three professional photographers**
- **Not a rushed ‘game-viewing’ tour; 20 days, from 1st to 20th Sept 2010**

Why select this Iconic Images Photo Safari instead of an ordinary game viewing safari?

This photo safari features some of the best and most stunning wildlife viewing opportunities that Kenya has to offer, with one important advantage: you will be traveling *in the company of three professional photographers* to help you capture the best possible images. *There are only 14 places on this photo safari.*

It is suitable for participants of all levels of photographic experience and *is a trip that a non-photographing spouse or travel partner would thoroughly enjoy.* Those with limited wildlife photography skills will be encouraged to ask questions, try out different techniques,

participate in the free workshops and learn not only from the tour leaders, but from other more experienced photographers in the group.

All we ask of "first timers" and those with limited know-how in photographing wildlife *is your patience*. This is a photography safari that is unashamedly dedicated to capturing iconic images of the best of Kenya's wildlife and landscapes. Wildlife photography requires *patience, patience and more patience* in the field; not exactly a priority when on a "game-viewing" tour.

Experienced guide/drivers will take you, and three professional photographers to photograph in:

- ***Samburu and Buffalo Springs Reserves,***
- ***Lake Nakuru National Park, and***
- ***Masai Mara Game Reserve***

We will spend each night in comfortable safari lodges/tents. This will allow us to relax and take delight in the pristine wildness of our surroundings, as well as having sufficient time to clean equipment and recharge batteries for the next day's shooting. There will be informal photography presentations by the three professional photographers throughout the safari. The "instructions/briefings for next day" will be relaxed and flexible taking into account everyone's level of skill and the unpredictability of Africa's wildlife.

Safari Dates & Costs

The photography safari starts from Nairobi, Kenya, on 2nd September and ends in Nairobi, on 19th September 2010. Most participants will depart Perth, on 1 Sept 2010.

The cost is:

- A\$10950.00 per person, twin share, or
- **A\$9950.00** per person, twin share, **for "earlybird payment"** (if first deposit is paid before 26 February 2010; the A\$1000.00 reduction will be deducted from the final payment)

A Single Supplement of A\$2750.00 applies, if required.

Terms of Payment are as follows:

1. A non-refundable 25% deposit is required with your signed Personal Information and Registration Form, by 26 February 2010.
2. A second payment of 25% by 16 April 2010
3. A final payment of the remaining 50%, by 30 June 2010

Please ensure you read the sections regarding compulsory insurances, cancellation policy and the terms and provisions of registration for this photo safari.

The above costs are based on there being fourteen participants on the photo safari. Cost increases may occur unexpectedly due to rising costs of ground transport, fuel, accommodations and currency fluctuations, among others. Iconic Images International may be compelled to amend the cost, and whilst we will make every effort not to amend the above cost, we reserve the right to do so without prior notice. An increase in the photo safari cost shall not be sufficient grounds for any refund of funds paid for the trip other than as determined by the terms of the cancellation policy.

Insurance is Compulsory

Travel insurance is compulsory for this photo safari. Insurance must cover accident, medical, repatriation, third party and cancellation charges, and damage to or loss of luggage, cash or documents. It is your responsibility to arrange such insurance. Harvey World Travel East Perth can assist in this regard, if you wish to use this service.

What's Included

The above cost of A\$10950.00 (and A\$9950.00 "earlybird") includes:

- airport pick-up/drop off at Nairobi
- transport for the entire photography safari
- two persons per chalet/tent/room (twin share)
- all park entrance fees
- three meals per day for Days 3 to 18
- all game driving activities/walks
- qualified drivers/guides who have previously worked with photographers
- tips to drivers/guides/rangers/trackers etc.
- a maximum of four photographers per 8-seater customized Safari Cruiser vehicle with opening rooftop.
- one photographer per seat row, allowing every photographer to photograph from either side of the vehicle, even when using long telephoto lenses.
- sufficient electrical facilities for downloading of images to laptops and camera battery charging

What's Not Included

Costs associated with the following are not included:

- alcoholic beverages
- optional activities (e.g. hot air balloon or fixed wing aircraft flights over the migration)
- travel and other insurances
- travel visas
- airport taxes
- other expenses of a personal nature.
- airfares from Australia to Africa return
- credit card charges associated with the purchase of airline tickets (if applicable)

Tour Leaders

You will be accompanied by the following professional photographers.

Nick Melidonis AIPP M Photg: Entering the realms of professional photography in 1997 from a background in management consultancy and training, Nick has travelled extensively in

pursuit of emotive images from some of the world's most scenic and wild locations. He has won numerous awards for his work including the "Australian Professional Landscape Photographer of the Year" in 2000, 2001 and in 2008. In 2001, Nick was awarded a Master of Photography from the AIPP. In May 2009 he was awarded a third gold bar (a recipient of three gold bars has satisfied the AIPP Master Photographer requirements, four times). He is a passionate photographic educator and conducts workshops around Australia on Creative Photography and Digital Imaging Software. He will share his extensive knowledge on these subjects with four participants

Shem Compion: Raised on a farm in the Bushveld North of Pretoria, Shem grew up roaming the bush around his farm and consequently gained a solid grounding in the ways of the wild. This interest in Nature led to him studying a National Diploma in Nature conservation and Wildlife Management. A self taught photographer, he has worked across the globe on freelance and commercial projects till 2003. In 2004 he returned to Africa to set up his own safari company. He also photographs professionally working and travelling mainly in Southern and east Africa. His special interests are capturing action and interaction, mammals, birds in flight and infrared photography. Shem loves seeing the natural world unfold in its own time, without any bias or interference and then capturing those fleeting moments in a fresh manner. By capturing the small and short-lived moments between species, his images really come alive. He exhibits his fine art photography locally and his work has been published worldwide.

Denis Glennon AO AIPP: For many years Denis' passions were the wide open spaces of ocean sailing, and the conservation of nature; they remain so. In 2000 he was awarded an Order of Australia (AO), in recognition of his contribution to pollution prevention, and environmental management. Following, seven years in Africa, thirty plus years in the corporate world, he is a self-taught wildlife and nature photographer and combines his affections for travel, wildlife and nature preservation, with conservation photography. His images have been published in Australia & overseas and he has been a finalist in the ANZANG and the BBC/British Museum Wildlife competitions. He and Nick Melidonis formed *Iconic Images International* to undertake a number of conservation photography related projects, and provide Australian photographers with opportunities to experience nature in unspoilt places, such as you will experience on this photo safari.

Summary of Itinerary

Day 1/1 Sept	Fly Perth/Johannesburg
Day 2/2 Sept	Fly Johannesburg/Nairobi; overnight in Serena Hotel, Nairobi
Day 3/3 Sept	Samburu/Buffalo Springs Reserve; 3 nights in Olla Odda Camp
Day 6/6 Sept	Lake Nakuru & Surrounds; 3 nights in Nakuru Lion Hill Lodge
Day 9/9 Sept	Masai Mara; 8 nights in Entim Camp
Day 18/18 Sept	Transfer to Nairobi; overnight in Nairobi & Final Dinner
Day 19/19 Sept	Flight Nairobi/Johannesburg and connect flight to Perth
Day 20/20 Sept	Arrive in Perth.

This photo safari is a "land package" event, commencing and ending in Nairobi, Kenya.

How to Book

Harvey World Travel, East Perth [Lic. No. 9TA00049] is the official travel agent for the safari and will assist with all international flights between Australia and Africa. Please contact Nick Missikos at:

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