

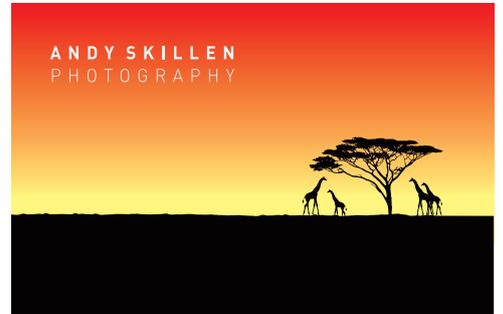
Botswana: Of Legends and Giants

Trip dates: 3 – 12 September 2020

Location: Savute region & Khwai Private Reserve

Group size: 6; Cost GBP 7,295 per person

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A **9 NIGHT, 10 DAY** PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY INTO TWO OF **BOTSWANA'S** MOST **ICONIC WILDERNESSES**: THE **SAVUTE** REGION OF **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK** AND **THE KHWAI PRIVATE RESERVE** ON THE FRINGES OF THE **OKAVANGO DELTA**.

THIS TRIP IS **SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED** TO EXPOSE **PHOTOGRAPHERS** TO SOME OF THE MOST **INTENSIVE WILDLIFE** ACTION IN THE COUNTRY, AND IN **UNCLUTTERED SHOOTING** CONDITIONS. WITH PREDATORS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE REGIONS WE OPERATE IN, AND SOME OF THE MOST **DRAMATIC ELEPHANT ENCOUNTERS** THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE ANYWHERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THIS 9 NIGHT PHOTO SAFARI WILL PRESENT A **HUGE NUMBER OF DIFFERING SITUATIONS** TO STRETCH THAT **PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILL** AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME OF THE MOST **MEMORABLE WILDLIFE IMAGERY** THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CAPTURE ANYWHERE IN THIS INCREDIBLE COUNTRY.

THIS IS **BOTSWANA IMMERSION** AT ITS VERY BEST...AND ONE THAT IS **RARELY AVAILABLE** WITHOUT THE CROWDS.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE** OF JUST 6 GUESTS
- **5 NIGHTS IN AN EXCLUSIVE TENTED CAMP DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE SAVUTE REGION**
- **4 NIGHTS** IN OUR REMOTE LODGE WITHIN A CONCESSION IN THE KHWAI PRIVATE RESERVE
- **OPTIONS FOR DAYTIME PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE KPR USING A GROUND-LEVEL HIDE**
- **PRIVATE VEHICLE THROUGHOUT**
- **ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY ANDY SKILLEN**
- **AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION AS NEEDED!**

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 6 guests only
- **GBP 7,295** per person, based on twin-share accommodation
- **Start point:** Maun International Airport
- **End point:** Maun International airport

Note: The price quoted includes bush-flights from Maun International to Savute; Savute to the KPR; and the KPR back to Maun. All accommodation is twin-share as we are limited in the number of tents we have at the campsite. It is possible to travel singly if that is vitally important, but the costs are prohibitive as we are still bound to pay the full rate for the "empty" space.

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- 5 nights accommodation in the Savute region
- 4 nights accommodation in our lodge in the Khwai Private Reserve
- All meals and drinks* throughout the itinerary (*except premium alcoholic drinks)
- Private vehicle throughout the trip
- All guiding fees and photographic tuition
- Meet & Greet at Maun International Airport
- Bush flight transfers to/from Maun to Savute; Savute to KPR; and KPR to Maun



WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Premium alcoholic drinks
- Visa fees as appropriate
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Days 1-5: Savute region, Chobe National Park (5 nights)

The Savute (Savuti...depends where you come from...) part of Chobe National Park is undoubtedly some of Africa's most spectacular wilderness. You will be met in Maun and transferred to your bush flight to the Savute airstrip, where you will be collected by Andy and taken off on your adventures. Whilst in Savute we will be based in a super comfortable tented camp in a game-rich area of the Savute marsh, and from where we will launch our photographic explorations each day. This area is one of my personal favourites anywhere in Southern Africa, with the opportunity for excellent predator photography – including the full suite of African cats as well as wild dog if fortunate – and some outstanding close up opportunities with the region's resident bull elephants. The latter here are some of the biggest on the continent, and have long been immortalized in all areas of art. Indeed, the late late, lamented wildlife artist, David Shepherd, spent many happy hours here capturing the magnificence of these gentle giants. As his foundation – the DSWF – is a charity that is right up at the top of our list in terms of who we support, your trip here will be making a major contribution to the continued protection of this legendary area. Our days will be spent combing the area for every photo opportunity we can muster, and we will spend time focusing (no pun intended!) on capturing not just stunning portraits and action, but looking at backlighting, contextual shots and the type of images that can be used to build your portfolio of African wildlife.

Days 6-9: Khwai Private Reserve, Okavango Delta (4 nights)

This is how you would imagine wildlife viewing in Botswana should be. In the northern tip of the Delta, we will be operating from an unique property, in pristine wilderness, and from where we can lead photographic safaris of the very highest quality. After wrapping up our Savute experience, we will transfer to the airstrip for our flight direct to the Khwai Private Reserve (KPR), where we will be collected and taken onto our lodge accommodation. The area we choose is stunning in landscape terms, and right in the middle of some of the most intense wildlife viewing that the KPR has to offer. We also have access to a ground-level hide to capture images during the day when resting back at camp – usually of elephants – and our private concession within the KPR enables us uncluttered viewing and photography in this most special of Africa's wild places.

The KPR itself is a 200,000 hectare concession located in the Okavango Delta ecosystem. Our camp consists of just five Meru-style tents with full facilities, making this a truly exclusive, private part of Botswana.

The camp is in one of the most pristine environments of all of Botswana, with the Savute region to the North, the community reserve to the East and the Khwai river to the south. By siting ourselves in this region, we ensure we are able to off-road at special sightings. We also have a Mokoro station, and this is included for those who wish to take part. The areas we will cover are fantastic predator country, and we will do our utmost to get you into the right place to secure some truly memorable opportunities for sighting and photographing the lions, leopards and wild dogs that can be found in this region. Added to that, plenty of plains game and herds of elephant and buffalo will complete the experience, in addition to all the smaller denizens we will be seeking out.

Having just six guests in our vehicle means there is plenty of space to work, and your shots will be far more special simply because they will be less photographed by others! The Private Reserve also has the massive advantage of being removed from the rising chaos in the neighbouring Community Reserve which has become increasingly over-run with lodges and vehicles, and can result in upwards of 30 people all crowding a sighting. For me, it's all about a special experience and a dedicated photo-trip, and that is why we have opted for this location instead. Having a total of 6 nights in this very, very special location enables us the opportunity to explore in depth, and never have a feeling of being "rushed". This is proper immersion into the environment, and one where you will be able to take your time to secure the type of photographs you have always wanted to get.

Day 10: Transfer to Maun, and onward...

As ever, adventures must draw to a close, and after squeezing out one last morning activity (you can never get enough of those early mornings I can assure you! After all, you can sleep when you get home!), we will transfer to the airstrip for our flight back to Maun. We will aim to have you back in time to connect with the onward flights to Johannesburg that day, which depart around 14.00.



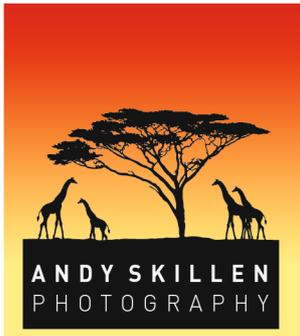
WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on this very special adventure, either:

- a. send an email to Andy@faunavista.com or Carrie@faunavista.com to register your interest and receive a booking form
- b. download the generic booking form using the link on the page from where you obtained your itinerary, fill it out, and send it to either email address as above.

Charity...a permanent winner

Andy's photography is all about giving some thing back; back to a world that has given him such a wealth of memorable experiences and opportunities. As a result, a proportion of all the profits we make from every perspective of Andy's work is donated to some of the world's leading wildlife charities. These include the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF), Animals Asia and the Bushlife Foundation – for which Andy and Carrie are the UK ambassadors. Your holiday is not just therefore an adventure for yourself, your friends and your family, but a true contributor to the frontline of wildlife conservation.



CHANGING THE IMAGE OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...

