

ICONS: a new look at specialised travel

For now, here's a **short list of some options**...this is purely a starting point! **I haven't listed everything here** but have given you some thoughts hopefully on the breadth and diversity of trips we can sort.

So, if you want to see orang-utans or wolves, lion-tailed macaques or golden tamarins, standing elephants or millions of bats; rutting musk ox to a thousand belugas;...and don't see those options listed here...**FEAR NOT!** Simply get in touch and I'll let you know if your wildlife adventure is something we can deal with. In the meantime...

Snow Leopards: Our focus on Ladakh using the same guides and trackers as Nat Geo and the BBC amongst others means your chances of securing images of this Himalayan ghost are better than most. Ignore all those close-ups you see in marketing – those are actors. The real snow leopard photography mostly happens at distances of 100 metres plus, so bear that in mind. You can get lucky, but you should know the realities. Whatever happens, our camp and guiding is second to none, so your chances of an encounter are greatly improved as a result. Extensions to tiger territory and/or Kazaringa for rhinos can be offered too.

Sri Lanka: I have worked in this island paradise many times over the years, and with a new project on the horizon am heading back there several times in the next few years. I have developed some great places away from the crowds for you to experience the wild beauty of this beautiful place. Sloth bears, elephants and leopards all top the agenda here.

Polar bears: I've worked with these behemoths of the Arctic for many, many years and have a few very special places where I like to send people (and occasionally take them) to see them on foot. Forget boats and tundra buggies, this is setting your boots down on the same piece of terra firma as the world's biggest carnivore....but in complete safety. There's no other way to view polar bears than this...and once you've done it, you'll always be back for me. In addition to the Churchill Wild options, I have a number of other special places and experience that could feature on your radar too.

The Migration 1 - crossing: Forget the car parks of the Mara at river crossing time, and stay in a private tented camp in the northwestern Serengeti – in touching distance of 10 major river crossing points, and with your own guaranteed private vehicle (2 people per car). This is the Serengeti you imagine, and the unfolding of this annual spectacle, without the need to jostle for position, is what you've always imagined it to be like.

The Migration 2 – calving: Ndotu is synonymous with the wildebeest and zebra calving season and the resultant predator action. This is where the story begins every year, and is a stunning tableau of microdramas being played out across this conservation area. However, whereas most keep you in the Ndotu section, we also cross into the Southern Serengeti National Park itself – a far quieter (visitor-wise) experience, with fantastic cheetah and lion and packs of hyena up to 50 strong. Centred around the woodlands and the Kusini region, by being inside the park you open up a whole range of possibilities not available by just being

in Ndotu. Also included is one night at the famous Ngorongoro crater at the end of your trip. Private vehicle throughout. The best of both worlds.

Central Africa: Congo, CAR and Gabon are becoming my second home in terms of projects, and to explore its beating, dark heart is one of the most epic wildlife experiences you will have. With three (so you get an extra) gorilla treks to see the western lowland gorilla families that call this region home, in groups of a maximum of 3 people each time (so no i-phone toting, mountain gorilla mayhem!) and then days after spent exploring the Bais (clearings), forests and river systems (and savannah surprisingly!) in search of forest elephants, bongo, congo buffalo and others, this three-site trip is an experience that most dream of, but few will ever manage. Optional extensions for the hardy to Central African Republic will exist too.

Pumas/Mountain Lions: Chile has become the “centre” of mountain lion photography in recent years. Partly this is down to some of the project work for books and documentaries that has propelled Patagonia into the spotlight, and the benefit of this is that, now, these seemingly elusive cats have ventured onto the world stage to be photographed. It’s a magical experience...but you need to do it right. Our puma trip is geared for 2 people (but can be 3 or 4...sadly, solo makes it expensive, but don’t let that put you off!) and involves collection from Punta Arenas, private transfers with English speaking guides and trackers and five full days (no halves...all full) of puma tracking in the “hot” zone. This is not Torres Del Paine as some group tours may have you believe, but instead the border regions of the park where private ranch-land permits us to offroad, hike where we need to, and spend time with the cats for as long as we like. We will also include a visit for a few hours to the park too – for scenic photography (this can be extended if you like of course – not a problem!) and also access to an Andean condor roost too. We have also recently gained access to a King Penguin colony too, where they are resident year-round. This is a short boat trip from Punta, but whereas visitors to the island are usually restricted to viewpoints and blinds, we have exclusive access to private land where the penguins hang out.

Jaguars (Bolivia and Brazil): Private tours to the **Pantanal** are very much an option for us, and we have a number of ready-made itineraries focused on both the northern and southern parts of this spectacular wetland. With your own English-speaking naturalist throughout, we can offer trips of 7-21 days depending on your interests. We have also developed another option for seasoned cat-watchers that incorporates land-based jaguar viewing in **Bolivia** in some of the continent’s most spectacular, yet relatively unknown, conservation areas. Pumas, ocelot and jaguarundi are also all possible at these locations and we can tie in exclusive guided trips to the country’s famous salt flats too (a new “Cats and Flats” tour).

Horse-riding safaris: Fancy something different? We are working with one of the best horse-riding guides in Zimbabwe to give you a tailor-made equire adventure in some of the most beautiful wildlife reserves of this special destination. These trips are a brand new idea, but we expect them to be incredibly popular with those looking for something a little different!.

Namibia: One of my favourite countries anywhere, I have worked from the far south to the Angolan border and pretty much everywhere in between. It’s a fantastic location, full of incredible context when it comes to wildlife and unlike anywhere else on the continent. Ask for guided, fly-in or self-drive options.

Zambia: With group tours all but booked up for 2026, I have a number of other options to get you into some special locations across this diverse country. From the hyenas of Dynasties in the far west of the country, to the shoebill-hiding wetlands of Bangwelu; the epic leopard-heavy Luangwa valley to the incredible and mighty Zambezi, there is a Zambian adventure for you.

Ecuador: Beautiful cloud-forest locations with private guides, stunning options for spectacled bears and trips to the magical Galapagos islands are all able to be combined for this relatively unknown country. Ecuador has started to feature heavily for me for a number of projects at the moment, and its natural wonders are continuing to unfold as a result. Whatever your ambitions are in this most diverse of shooting environments, whether that’s “just bears”, “just forest, a “Darwin overdose” or any combination thereof, let me know, and we’ll make it happen.

Grizzlies: Well, bears have always part of my career – in all shapes and sizes – and as such I’ve been fortunate enough to work in any number of incredible ursine-focused locations to capture these beauties. Whilst there will always be a guided trip for bears, on average every 2 years, of course that might be too long for some of you to wait. As such, I have some very special locations that we can put you in as either a single, couple of group up to four people in total and get you super, super close ☺

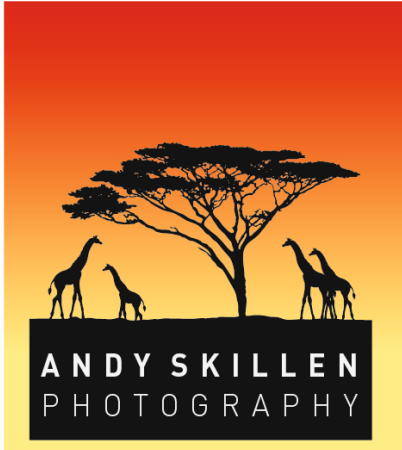
Serengeti Big Cats: Using two fantastic locations in the central and Eastern parts of the “Endless Plain”, we put you in the heart of much of the region’s super-feline action. In particular, cheetah (and hopefully on the hunt) are a specialty of where we send you, and the chance to be out all day is a big bonus. Other plains game is of course in attendance, but this is not one for the elephant-seekers...it’s driven towards the lions, cheetah and leopard that range across this part of the Serengeti, and giving you the chance to record as much of their daily lives as you can.

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