



## **Kalizo & Chobe River • Namibia & Botswana 9-15 Oct 2018**

Join Wildlife Photographer **Hannes Lochner** for an unforgettable **7 days** Photographic Safari Experience to the **Carmine Bee-eater** nesting grounds in **Kalizo &** on the **Pangolin Voyager Houseboat** on the **Chobe River**.

On this fantastic photo safari we are combining making a pilgrimage to the Carmine Bee-eater nesting grounds in Kalizo, Namibia with being on-board the luxurious Pangolin Voyager houseboat. As this time of year is also an excellent time to be in the Chobe we have designed a package that will give you the best of both over the 7 days.

At Kalizo our main focus is the very successful breeding colony of the enigmatic Southern Carmine Bee-Eater that nest annually along the banks of the Zambezi River. With several thousands of birds using the sandy soil to make their burrows, there is plenty of opportunity to photograph these flashy coloured birds, which is also the largest of the Bee-Eaters that occur here. At this time of the year the birds are very busy with their nesting activity. Courtship, competition, feeding and avoiding predation were all captured.

The Chobe river region is world-renowned as a photographic hot spot for both Wildlife and Bird lovers alike. This is an amazing time to be on the Chobe river. Being on the river aboard a boat allows for a different vantage point. You will experience up close the abundant wildlife with different antelope species, predators, reptiles, and an extraordinarily rich bird-life that frequent the banks and flood plains. You can expect to photograph swimming Elephants daily with possible Lion, Leopard and Wild Dog sightings as well.



## General Information



### About the Photographic Safari:

- A maximum of 8 photographers per safari
- Practical workshops for all skill levels
- 3 nights at the Zambezi Mubala Lodge
- 3 nights on the Pangolin Voyager Houseboat - Alongside the houseboat we have an 8-seater photo boat with custom built chairs equipped with gimbal mounts.
- We also concentrate on some **night photography** (on the Chobe River)

### Basic course content:

- Night Photography, Star-Timelapse
- Knowing your subject, Knowing your equipment
- Focussing on the eyes
- Knowing what you want the image to say. Telling a story. Does the photo have 'Feeling'?
- Composition: Rule of thirds
- Using flash: during the day and night!
- Watching the light. What time is good for photography?
- *The little things!* - There's more to wildlife photography than lions
- Patience and perseverance
- Getting the perfect shot in the field (without Photoshop)!
- Mastering birds in flight
- Shooting in manual mode
- Post production tutorials
- And many more tips and tricks!

### What is included:

- 3 nights on the Pangolin Voyager Houseboat with full board, includes all local beers, wine and spirits
- 6 activities on the private photographic boats on Chobe river
- Park fees
- Transfer by road to Zambezi Mubala Lodge
- 3 nights Accommodation at Zambezi Mubala Lodge with full board
- Two visits per day to the birds nesting ground
- Personal expert guidance from Hannes Lochner
- Transfer by road back to Kasane

### What is not included:

- Flights to and from Kasane
- Single supplement for solo travellers
- All drinks at the Zambezi Mubala Lodge
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Gratuities
- Laundry
- Items of a personal nature



## Itinerary

### Day 1

Hannes welcomes you in Kasane, Botswana, and together we travel by road to Kalizo, Namibia, passing through the Ngoma border post between Botswana and Namibia. We stay at the Zambezi Mubala Lodge for the next 3 nights. Depending on the border the trip from Kasane to the Lodge takes approximately two hours. Depending on the time we arrive we might still be able to fit in an afternoon shoot at the Carmine Bee-Eater colony.

### Day 2 - 3

We do an early morning wake-up and depart for the Carmine Bee-Eater colony. Arrive back at the lodge for a brunch at the lodge. We head out again in the afternoon for another photographic session by boat returning after the sun has set. We have dinner at the lodge.

### Day 4

After an early morning wake-up we do our last visit to the Carmine Colony before we have brunch. We then pack-up and travel by road to Kasane Botswana and transfer to the Pangolin Voyager Houseboat where we will stay for the next 3 nights. This spectacular houseboat travels along the meandering rivers of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers in northern Botswana and the Namibian Caprivi strip. Alongside the houseboat we have an 8-seater photo boat with custom built chairs with gimbal mounts. Hannes and Noa will be on hand to assist you as we navigate up and down the river looking for photo opportunities.

### Day 5 - 6

After an early breakfast we depart by photographic boat along the Chobe River. We return for a brunch. We head out again for an afternoon session on the river and return just after sunset. We have dinner on the Houseboat.

### Day 7

Early morning wake-up for our last morning on the Chobe River. After we return we have a late breakfast / brunch and end the tour. We drop folks off at the airport in time for their respective flights.



## Accommodation



### Zambezi Mubala Lodge

This new Gondwana Collection lodge located in the Zambezi Region is a paradise for all bird lovers. The Zambezi Mubala Lodge is currently being rebuilt on the site of what used to be Kalizo Lodge.

Your accommodation will be in very comfortable tented chalets with en-suite bathrooms. The Lodge is located 40km east of Katima Mulilo on the Namibian riverbank of the Zambezi, overlooking Zambia – in the heart of untouched nature.

*Please note that the Zambezi Mubala Lodge is undergoing an extensive refurbishment at the moment. The images shown here is an artist impression of the lodge as it will be upon opening.*

### The Pangolin Voyager Houseboat

This unique Houseboat journeys along the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers hosting guests in absolute luxury and comfort as you drift gently through one of the most game rich environments in Africa. Accommodation is located on the bottom deck comprising five spacious en-suite air-conditioned cabins, (shower, basin, and toilet).

Middle deck consists of a private lounge with a small reference library, communal dining area, open galley (kitchen), Captains Bridge and viewing deck.

Top deck or the viewing deck has seating area to leisurely sip sundowners, catch up on some supreme birding, or stretch out in the sun on one of the sun loungers. In the evenings this top viewing deck becomes prime position to familiarize ones self with the African stars.

The new Photographic boats we will be using are by far the most rewarding in terms of easy of use and maneuverability. The swivel chairs rotate a full 360 degrees and paired with a custom gimbal head makes light work of your heavy cameras and lenses.

