



## **The Chobe River • Botswana** **7-13 June 2018**

Join Wildlife Photographer **Hannes Lochner** for an unforgettable **7 days** Photographic Safari Experience at **The Chobe River**, spending 3 nights at the **private Tented Camp** and 3 nights on the **Pangolin Voyager Houseboat**.

### **Chobe's Paradise**

This unique photographic safari is unlike any other safari combining being on-board the luxurious Pangolin Voyager houseboat with a land based stay inside the Chobe River National Park. The Chobe is a photographer's paradise as it supports a high concentration of varied wildlife unlike anywhere else in the region. During the dry season it is very common to see hundreds of elephants making their way down to the river to drink, bathe and play. The river offers a fantastic avenue for game viewing. Being on the river aboard a boat allows for a different vantage point. You will get the chance to see crocodile, hippo and other aquatic animals up close. There is also a large array of aquatic birds to be found. On a game drive exploring the water's edge you may encounter a number of animals including puka, lechwe and waterbuck, which are unique to this part of Botswana.



## General Information



### About the Photographic Safari:

- A maximum of 8 photographers per safari.
- Practical workshops for all skill levels.
- 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.
- 3 nights at the Privat Tented Camp - Two daily game drives in open game drive vehicles. Each seat is equipped with a movable, height adjusting, swivelling and padded mount.
- Next to morning and afternoon photographic activities we also concentrate on **night photography**.

### 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
- And many more tips and tricks!

### What is included:

- Meet and greet at Kasane Airport
- 3 nights at the private Pangolin Tented Camp in the Chobe
- 3 nights on the Pangolin Voyager Houseboat
- 6 game drives in custom game viewers
- Expert photographic advice and tuition from Hannes Lochner
- Transfer to the Houseboat
- 6 photographic boat cruises on The Chobe River
- All meals and drinks (soft drinks)
- Refreshments during game drives and cruises
- Park fees and tourism levies

### What is not included:

- Flights to and from Kasane
- Single supplement for solo travellers
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Gratuities, laundry and items of a personal nature



## Itinerary

### Day 1 - 4

To start the safari we will head to the North Western side of The Chobe National Park to the Private Tented Camp. You will be accommodated in very comfortable en-suite tents with attached bathrooms. The tents have proper beds with cotton linen and the camp has solar power facilities for charging batteries and laptops. Hannes and Noa will be your hosts in camp as well as on the two daily game drives. The advantage of the tented camp is that you are right in the thick of the action at very first and last light each day. In-between drives you will have plenty of time to work on your images with Hannes in the covered dining area of the camp which doubles as a media centre by day.

On land in The Chobe we will be concentrating on finding photo opportunities with the predators and plains game that inhabit this region of the park. There are plenty of lion, leopard, hyena and on occasion packs of Wild Dog who all prey on the zebra, buffalo and various antelope species.

As far as food and drink is concerned you will be well taken care of by our camp staff with meals and drinks served throughout the day. At night we will also concentrate on some **night photography** around camp. But there will also be time to relax around the camp area and immerse yourself in the night sounds of the African Bush while you swapping tales of safaris gone by with Hannes, Noa and your fellow guests.

### Day 4 - 7

On the fourth day we will leave east to cross the Chobe River to the Namibian side where we will board The Pangolin Voyager Houseboat. 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. The Chobe is famous for its water based photography and you will have plenty of opportunity to photograph large herds of elephants (sometimes crossing the river) as well as hippos and crocodiles. There also are numerous bird species. Of particular interest are the African Skimmers which arrive in the Chobe around the time you will be with us.

All the meals are served around the dining room table on the second-floor lounge area which also doubles as the media centre for post-production sessions.

On the last day we will transfer you back across to the Botswana side where you can continue your safari onwards perhaps to The Okavango Delta, Victoria Falls or back home.



## Accommodation



### The Private Pangolin Tented Camp

Your accommodation will be in very comfortable en suite tents with en-suite bathrooms. There are proper beds with cotton linen, places to store your luggage and solar lighting. The camp has a solar generated electricity supply which is ample for charging camera batteries, tablets, laptops and other small electronic devices.

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### 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.

