

**NAMIBIA PHOTO SAFARI BY PRIVATE AIR  
September 12-22, 2013**

**With Optional Post-Safari Extension to Mala Mala Game Reserve, South Africa**

Namibia is a hidden corner of Africa, an artist's canvas of uncommon beauty, offering remarkable experiences for travelers, especially for photographers.

On this extraordinary **Namibia Photo Safari by Private Air** you will discover some of Africa's most magical scenery, one of its last remaining nomadic tribes, the world's highest dunes, and the incredible big game that is the lure of any great safari. In true Lindblad fashion, you will stay in comfortable and welcoming safari camps and lodges, dine on delicious food, and rise each morning for new adventures.



This safari has been designed especially for photographers of any skill level, or anyone who loves to linger in the natural world. Most important of all, this itinerary has been created to maximize your time in each location for your photography and enjoyment. Back in camp there is time for downloading, viewing your images, one-to-one mentoring, and impromptu photo discussions, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful locations and amenities at each camp.

Special features include:

- **Private charter flights** to connect you directly between camps, maximizing your time on safari.
- **Increased luggage weight allowance** lets you bring important photography equipment (60 lbs. total weight instead of the usual 41 lbs.)
- **Limited number of guests per safari vehicle** so you are guaranteed an outside seat, with extra space to accommodate photo bags.
- **Travel with Lindblad Expeditions | National Geographic Photo Instructors**, Jack and Rikki Swenson, who will be on hand with timely suggestions and useful insights in the field, and one-on-one time back at camp.

For those who would like to see more classic African wildlife on safari, this program can be combined with our extension to the fabulous Mala Mala Private Reserve, in the famous Sabi Sands in South Africa. For a more extensive wildlife experience, **link this Namibia Photo Safari** with our **Botswana & South Africa Photo Safari by Private Air**. These itineraries have been created to flow seamlessly back-to-back, offering fantastic opportunities to experience the very best safari destinations in Southern Africa.

Whether you are a beginner or a professional, join us and return home with amazing photos and experiences from some of the most beautiful locations, wildlife parks and reserves in Africa.

## A Typical Day On a Lindblad Photographic Safari

**On your Namibia Photo Safari**, a typical day begins just before sunrise with coffee or tea, or light breakfast. You'll set out for your morning outing in an open 4x4 safari vehicle. Your early start will put you in the best place to capture the warm morning light on the dramatic landscape, and maximize your time viewing wildlife.

In the north, the morning might take you to a remote river valley to visit the semi-nomadic Himba people. In Etosha, you might find lions at a waterhole, waiting in ambush for zebra and giraffe to come and drink. At Sossusvlei you will be mesmerised by the sweeping vistas of sand dunes. Depending on what you encounter in your explorations, mid-morning you return to camp and are welcomed with a glass of freshly squeezed juice and brunch. The mid-day hours give you time to download your images.

Before the afternoon exploration, you might choose to take a leisurely nap, read a book in the shade of your veranda or take time for one-on-one advice and critiques with your photo leaders. At 3 p.m. you'll meet for tea and then set out for your afternoon adventures. With the sun low over the horizon, your driver will pull over for photographs in the sunset light, along with a "sundowner." In the private game reserves, drivers may use spotlights to locate nocturnal species and show you a different side to the wildlife at each location.

Back at camp, a hot shower and a short stroll takes you to the main dining area for cocktails, dinner and coffee by the campfire. Finally, close the day watching the stars and dreaming of the adventures that await you tomorrow.



*"Namibia is exquisitely unique from other destinations in Africa. It is stark and vast, yet richly alive, a place where majestic Oryx wander the immense dunes. I can't wait to return and share the mesmerizing beauty with you."*



*"Namibia is my idea of a photographer's dream. The thrill of Etosha's big game, and the indescribable magic of Namibian dunes will linger as smiles upon your face with each evening's star-filled sky."*

### **Rikki Swenson**

#### **Lindblad | National Geographic Photo Instructor**

Since 1995, Rikki has travelled widely with Lindblad Expeditions. She leads Photo Expedition voyages and safaris with her husband Jack, and 2013 will be their eighth year leading Photo Safari's in Africa. A former graphic designer, avid traveller, and photographer, she uses her expertise in digital photography to provide camera instruction techniques for all skill levels. Year after year, Rikki continues to inspire Lindblad guests with her unique and creative ideas for sharing images from their travels.

### **Jack Swenson**

#### **Lindblad | National Geographic Photo Instructor**

A professional photographer, expedition guide, and wildlife biologist for over 30 years, Jack has worked with Lindblad Expeditions since 1988. His background in natural history, photography and years of expedition travel experience have made him a mentor in the Photo Expedition program, helping others to capture great images in the world's wild places. He has co-authored two books and his images have appeared in publications worldwide.

# Namibia Photo Safari by Private Air

**ITINERARY: 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS, September 12-22, 2013**

## **SEPTEMBER 12: WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

On arrival into Windhoek, Namibia, settle in and relax at the Olive Grove Guesthouse. This evening there will be a welcome dinner and orientation by your Safari Leaders and Photo Guides, Jack & Rikki Swenson. *Olive Grove Guesthouse (D)*

## **SEPTEMBER 13 & 14: KAOKOVELD, NORTHWESTERN NAMIBIA**

This morning, board your private aircraft for a scenic flight to one of the more remote destinations in Africa: Okahirongo Elephant Lodge, in the northwestern area of Namibia. This region is home to the semi-nomadic Himba people, breathtaking desert landscapes, and uniquely adapted desert wildlife and flora. From the lodge you will look out into a landscape that invites you to explore.

Here you will visit the unique, ochre-covered Himba people. Game drives take you into rugged mountains and to lushly vegetated riverbeds, habitat for the rare desert elephants, as well as oryx, springbok, giraffes and even black rhino. Explore this dramatic wilderness region in an open safari vehicle. Activities include nature drives in the mornings and afternoons, night drives, and morning walks. At the end of the day, return to your luxurious lodge overlooking the Hoarusib River.



*Himba with ochre hair designs. ©Rikki Swenson | ExpeditionGallery.com*

*Okahirongo Elephant Lodge (B,L,D)*



*Elephants near Namutoni. ©Rikki Swenson | ExpeditionGallery.com*

## **SEPT 15 & 16: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

This morning you will fly by private air to Etosha National Park. This is Namibia's best game viewing destination, with large numbers of animals congregating around waterholes fed by subterranean springs. On arrival, settle in to your lodge situated on the eastern side of Etosha before heading out for an afternoon game drive in the Namutoni area. Etosha is a short drive from the lodge and the abundant wildlife is never far away.



*Giraffe crossing Fisher's Pan, Etosha National Park. ©Jack Swenson*

The Namutoni area of the Etosha National Park is rich with game including rhino, kudu, giraffe, eland, oryx, zebra, impala, as well as families of elephant, and predators such as lion and leopard. You will also be delighted by the variety of birdlife found throughout the park. Over the coming days you will explore expansive open plains and acacia woodlands with your naturalist guides in open safari vehicles. *Mushara Lodge (B,L,D)*

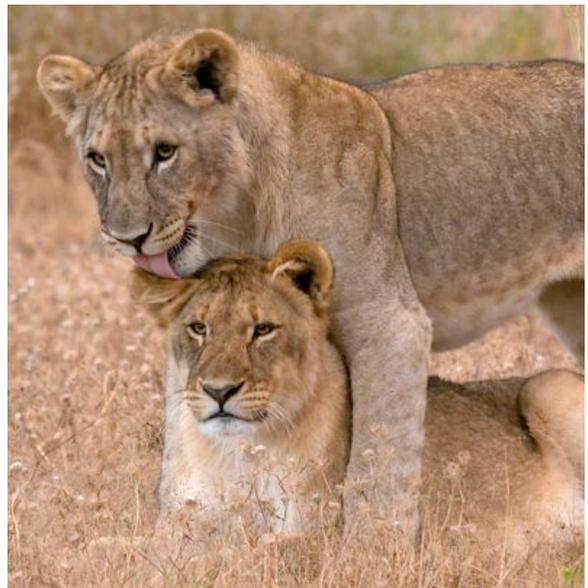
**SEPTEMBER 17 & 18: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK AND ONGAVA RESERVE**

You will continue your exploration of Etosha with a full day game drive across the park, stopping at various waterholes to photograph the variety of game found in other regions of the park including cheetah and red hartebeest. In the late afternoon you will arrive at Ongava, a private reserve and lodge on the southern edge of Etosha.



*Lilac-breasted roller touches down in an acacia. ©Jack Swenson*

Situated on a hillside, the lodge has panoramic views of the surrounding area, and dinner is served overlooking their floodlit waterhole. At Ongava you may have the opportunity to photograph both black and white rhino. For those who relish close wildlife encounters, tracking white rhino on foot with an armed guide could be a highlight of the trip. *Ongava Lodge (B,L,D)*



*Lion siblings at play. ©Jack Swenson*



*Endangered white rhino at Ongava. ©Rikki Swenson*

### SEPTEMBER 19-21: SOUSSUSVLEI AND THE NAMIB DESERT

Departing Ongava you will have a scenic flight by private air to the Skeleton Coast and Walvis Bay. There you will enjoy a private boat tour to see the marine wildlife that inhabit this area. You'll get close-up views of Cape fur seals and white pelicans as you explore the bay looking for dolphins, flamingos, and shore birds.



*Dead Vlei at sunset, ©Jack Swenson*



*Sossusvlei sand dune, ©Jack Swenson*

In the afternoon you continue your scenic flight south along the coast and eastward across the heart of the Namib-Nakluft National Park to the Sossusvlei region. This is a stunning low-level flight over the majestic dunes of the Namib Desert. The late afternoon light is the perfect complement to the array of abstract shapes and textures seen from above. Once at Sossusvlei, you will find huge, orange, sand dunes that offer unforgettable photography, with morning and evening light creating drastically different moods and contrasts.



*Ballooning over the ancient Tsauchab riverbed. ©Rikki Swenson*

During your time here you will see some of the highest and most beautiful dunes in the world. You may explore these stunning dune fields from safari vehicles and on foot. A short hike into Dead Vlei, with its ancient acacia trees, will bring you to one of the most dramatic desert photography locations in the world. You may choose an optional sunrise balloon flight above the Tsauchab River's ancient bed, flanked by giant dunes. The high desert air presents a magnificently clear Southern night sky. You may choose the option to have a bed made on your private rooftop deck, this year bathed in the light of the full moon.

*Kulala Desert Lodge (B,L,D)*

### SEPTEMBER 22: WINDHOEK AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS HOME

Transfer by private air to Windhoek and connect with international flights home. (B)

## Optional Photographic Post-Safari Extension to South Africa

**ITINERARY: 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS, September 22-25, 2013**



*Young male leopard with kill. ©Jack Swenson*

### **SEPTEMBER 22-24: MALA MALA GAME RESERVE, SABI SANDS RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA**

Upon your international flight arrival in Johannesburg, you will be met and transferred to your private charter aircraft for the flight to Mala Mala Private Game Reserve adjacent to Greater Kruger National Park.

Mala Mala is home to all the "Big Five" — leopard, rhino, lion, Cape buffalo, and elephant — and they are seen almost every day. The reserve is renowned for its leopards, and is considered one of the best places in Africa to see and photograph these elusive animals. You will have three days with game drives, tracking these beautiful cats along with a great variety of other wildlife — hippo, kudu, giraffe, zebra, wild dog, hyena and more. Here, you are sure to have incredible sightings throughout your stay.

Mala Mala is the largest private reserve in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve and encompasses a diverse range of habitats in its 33,000 acres. Game drives venture daily across the river into the vast tract of wilderness land that stretches for miles undisturbed into Kruger. Mala Mala was one of the first reserves to ban hunting, switching to a model of photographic safaris 50 years ago. As a result, generations of animals have become accustomed to living their lives

undisturbed in the presence of vehicles, which enable the rangers to provide you with fantastic close-up game viewing and photographic opportunities.

Mala Mala Main Camp sits on the edge of the perennial Sand River, whose waters attract elephants and other game. Pathways wind through the camp to reveal cottages tucked into the greenery. Massive trees and rolling green lawns are filled with birdsong. The camp is unfenced, an oasis in the midst of the bushveld, and you may enjoy wildlife sightings from your private veranda.

*Mala Mala Main Camp (B,L,D)*

### **SEPTEMBER 25: JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS HOME**

After a morning game drive, take a private charter flight to Johannesburg and connect with your international flights home. (B)



*Kudu beautifully backlit in the sunset. ©Jack Swenson*



## **NAMIBIA PHOTO SAFARI 2013** *with Rikki and Jack Swenson*

### **EXPEDITION INFORMATION**

**Capacity:** This expedition is limited to 16 guests.

**Dates:** September 12-22, 2013

**Main Program Cost:** \$16,585 per person double occupancy only

**Post-Trip Extension Capacity:** This expedition is limited to 8 guests.

**Dates:** September 22-25, 2013

**Post-Trip Extension Cost:** \$6,350 per person double occupancy; single supplement \$1,050

**Single Accommodations:** Single accommodations are not available for the Main Program and are limited and cannot be guaranteed for the Post-Trip Extension.

**International Airfare:** If you would like assistance in booking your air arrangements, please feel free to call Laura Wadsworth at Airtreks at 888-287-0994 or email [Bushttracks@airtreks-inc.com](mailto:Bushttracks@airtreks-inc.com).

**Physical Requirements:** You must be in good health and prepared to travel in places without medical facilities, be mobile, and able to climb into and out of private aircraft and safari vehicles unaided. You should be capable of walking moderate distances at an easy pace and over rough terrain, and be able to withstand hard riding four-wheel-drive vehicles on dirt roads or rough, bumpy ground. You will be flying in small charter aircraft that are not pressurized and will be flying at an altitude of 8,000 to 11,000 feet. While Southern Africa has a somewhat mild climate, weather can get hot and cold with average temperatures ranging between 60 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. In general, you will most enjoy the opportunities these expeditions have to offer if you are willing to dispense with a few Western amenities and travel with flexibility and a spirit of adventure.

**Special Luggage Allowance on all Photographic Safaris:** Your private aircraft specifications and safety measures require that each passenger carry one piece of soft-sided luggage and one carry-on, total weight of both together not to exceed 60 lbs. To facilitate traveling light and efficiently, laundry services are included at key stops.

**Private Air Schedule and Aircraft:** Each private flight schedule may include unscheduled stops due to the lack of infrastructure in parts of Africa, as well as other factors such as weather or fuel availability beyond the crew's control. The flight schedule can change at any time should security or other issues arise, and we urge travelers to remain flexible in the face of such possibilities. The type, model and registration of the aircraft used on each trip can also change.

**Main Program Cost Includes:** All private air in Africa; all accommodations, safari activities, tours, and transfers as indicated in the itinerary; all meals; all entrance fees; services of a Lindblad expedition leader; professional naturalist guides in each safari camp and lodge, and local tour guides; drinks (except premium alcohol); laundry; all gratuities to local camp guides, camp/lodge staff; airport departure taxes in Africa; portage of one soft-sided checked bag; International Travel Insurance Medical Plan including medical evacuation insurance; Bushtracks Duffel bag and amenity kit.

The optional **Post Trip Extension includes** accommodation; Commercial flight Windhoek to Johannesburg; private charter flight Johannesburg to Mala Mala and return; all meals; all drinks (except premium brands); laundry; all gratuities to local camp guides, camp/lodge staff; all entrance fees, local tour guides, portage of one soft-sided checked bag; departure taxes out of Windhoek, Namibia (16<sup>th</sup> Aug 12).

**Main Program Cost Does Not Include:** International airfare; gratuities to Lindblad Expedition Leaders; personal expenses such as mini bar and room service charges; souvenirs and telephone/fax charges; excess baggage fees; travel and personal insurance; passport, visa, and inoculation fees; extra tours, meals and activities not indicated in the itinerary; portage of carry-on luggage.

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**Deposit and Final Payment:** A 20% deposit per person is due upon confirming your reservation. Final payment is due 14 weeks before departure, upon receipt of invoice, and is payable by check or credit card.

**Insurance:** Purchase of travel cancellation insurance is highly recommended and information will be sent to registrants. Exclusions for pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with the prompt purchase of travel cancellation insurance.

**Cancellations and Refunds:** Cancellations must be received in writing at Bushtracks Expeditions. At the time we receive your written cancellation, by mail or by fax to 707-433-0258, the following per person penalties will apply:

- Within 14 days of booking (prior to final payment date): Full refund
- Between 14 days after booking and 14 weeks before departure: Forfeit deposit
- 14 weeks – 12 weeks: Forfeit 30% of tour cost
- 12 weeks – 8 weeks: Forfeit 50% of tour cost
- 8 weeks – 4 weeks: Forfeit 75% of tour cost
- 4 weeks – departure: Forfeit 100% of tour cost

Cancellations could cost you as much as 100% of the tour price. Bushtracks will not cancel a tour or other travel arrangements after the client has paid in full unless it becomes necessary to do so as a result of hostilities, war or threat of war, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist unrest, active or threatened, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions or for reasons of group comfort or safety, if a group tour does not have enough participants to make it economically viable, or because of any other adverse happening beyond the control of Bushtracks, (at the absolute discretion of Bushtracks). Bushtracks reserves the right to alter a tour itinerary if it or the local ground handler or safari operator believes such is necessary or advisable for reasons of convenience, comfort, or safety.

Bushtracks also reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time if such action is determined by the appropriate staff member to be in the best interest of the health, safety and overall welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the tour. Dates, schedules, program details and costs, given in good faith, and based on information available and in force in April 2011, are subject to change and revision.

**BUSHTRACKS AFRICAN EXPEDITIONS, INC.**

**TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Booking Procedure

A deposit of 20% per person of the per person cost quoted (deposit amount may vary depending on trip price), a signed Reservation Form and a signed Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Arbitration Agreement form are required at the time participant(s) sign(s) up for a safari.

Payment for the Tour

The deposit must be paid to confirm the booking. Full payment for the trip is required at least 14 weeks before the date of departure. In all cases, time shall be of the essence. If final payment is not made timely, the booking will cancel automatically with applicable cancellation charges imposed.

Basis of rates

The rates are based on current tariffs and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. We do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, however additional charges may be added should Bushtracks incur increases in charges for fuel, accommodation, park entrance fees, supplies, cost increases or other unexpected additional charges. Such additional charges will be paid at the time the cost of the trip is due, or if such date has passed, no later than 7 (seven) days after written notification of the additional charges has been received.

Refunds

No refunds will be made for any unused trip features.

Cancellation of Tours

a) Bushtracks will not cancel a trip after the client has paid in full unless it becomes necessary to do so as a result of actual or threatened war, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist unrest, active or threatened disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions or for reasons of group comfort or safety, if a group tour does not have enough participants to make it economically viable or because of any other adverse happening beyond the control of Bushtracks. Any such cancellation shall be in the absolute discretion of Bushtracks.

b) In the event of any cancellation, Bushtracks will inform the client without delay and use its best endeavors to offer suitable and comparable alternatives.

c) In the event of a cancellation by Bushtracks, client will be fully refunded for all monies paid it, but not for any other charges to or payments made by participant.

Cancellation of Tours by Passenger

If a client wishes to cancel a tour once booked, the following cancellation charges will apply.

<u>LENGTH OF TIME</u>	<u>CANCELLATION</u>
<u>BEFORE DEPARTURE</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>
Within 14 days of booking (prior to final payment date)	Full Refund
Between 14 days after booking and 14 weeks before departure	Forfeit Deposit
14 weeks - 12 weeks	Forfeit 30% of Tour Cost
12 weeks - 8 weeks	Forfeit 50% of Tour Cost
8 weeks - 4 weeks	Forfeit 75% of Tour Cost
4 weeks - departure	Forfeit 100% of Tour Cost

All cancellations must be in writing and signed by the client, and received and acknowledged by Bushtracks.

Alteration of Tours

- a) Bushtracks reserves the right to alter a tour itinerary if it or the local groundhandler or safari operator believes such is necessary or advisable for reasons of convenience, comfort or safety.
- b) If a client wishes to alter any tour prior to its confirmation by Bushtracks, Bushtracks will, upon written request, use all reasonable endeavors to bring about such alterations. If the itinerary has already been confirmed and the client then wishes to change, Bushtracks may, at its discretion, levy a reasonable charge per alteration as well as for communications or other costs, expenses or charges that may be incurred.

Documentation

Participants will need a valid passport (in some cases it must be valid for up to a year after the return date - please enquire with us as to the specific areas where this may be the case). Bushtracks is not responsible for any loss of damage of travel documents or failure by the client to conform to entry requirements stipulated by the countries they are visiting. It is the tour participant's responsibility to ensure passports, visas, travel permits, health certificates, inoculations, or other required documentation are obtained, current and in order.

Carriage by Land, Sea, and Air

Carriage by land, sea and air is subject to the terms and conditions of the carrier with whom you travel and to international conventions some of which may limit liability. Land, sea and air travel are also subject to operational decisions of carriers and air and sea ports which may result in cancellation, delays or diversions, over which Bushtracks has no control and for which Bushtracks accepts no liability whatsoever.

## Baggage

Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

## Photography

We reserve the right to take photographs or videos during the operation of any expedition or part thereof and to use the resulting photography for promotional purposes. By booking a reservation with Bushtracks Expeditions, tour members agree to allow their images to be used in such photography. Travelers who prefer that their image not be used are asked to identify themselves to their expedition manager at the commencement of their trip.

## Tropical Diseases

Bushtracks Expeditions is not qualified to convey medical advice. We encourage you to consult your doctor for specific medical advice about any activities or destinations. He or she is most familiar with your personal medical history and is best qualified to determine your particular needs.

Below are additional resources for travel medical information:

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC); for traveler's information, call toll-free 877/394-8747 and follow the recorded instructions, or visit [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)
- travelers' clinics usually associated with university medical centers
- state or county public health departments
- Local libraries; look for a current edition of *Health Information for International Travel*, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

## Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions govern the relationship between Bushtracks and you, the client, to the total exclusion of any other terms and conditions except as provided in other Bushtracks documents. When you book travel related services with Bushtracks, you are acknowledging that you understand all these terms and conditions.

## Insurance

We strongly recommend that travelers purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance as protection against an emergency that may force you to cancel from or leave an expedition while it is in progress. A suggested program will be made available to you upon request of a Reservation Form or you may visit our website at [www.bushtracks.com](http://www.bushtracks.com) for more information.

Suitability

Bushtracks African Expeditions, Inc.'s trips are designed for those who are lively, inquisitive, and eager to broaden their cultural and intellectual horizons. All trip members are expected to enjoy traveling as part of a group and also to be tolerant of the changes, delays, or mishaps that are part of this kind of travel. Bushtracks reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a participant of the trip should it judge that person not suitable for participation. Bushtracks reserves the right to require any person to withdraw from a trip in progress, at any time, when such action is determined by Bushtracks or any local groundhandler or local safari operator to be in the best interests of the health, safety or general welfare of the trip group or the individual concerned.

**NOTE:** ALL CLIENTS TRAVELING WITH BUSHTRACKS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN A RESERVATION FORM AND THE "RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & ARBITRATION AGREEMENT" FORM.

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