



**AFRICAN PORTFOLIO**

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## African Portfolio presents the Sperka Safari

*Renowned wildlife photographer Christian Sperka will instruct and inspire photographers of all skill levels to capture extraordinary animal portraits in South Africa's Timbavati Private Game*



Friday, 1 July 2011 - Tuesday, 5 July 2011

- Meet our local representative on arrival at Hoedspruit Airport
- Road transfer to Waterbuck at King's Camp (approximately 60 minutes)
- You stay at Waterbuck for 4 nights - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

**Waterbuck** is situated in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger National Park, covering 2.2 million hectares featuring a wealth of bio-diversity. Game viewing is excellent in this region, particularly for elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino, as well as general game and bird life. This completely private camp is situated on a dry river bank, with great views and excellent game viewing and photo opportunities. The camp can accommodate up to eight guests in the air-conditioned comfort of the four-bedroom villa, which offers the ultimate in safari privacy with its own private game-ranger and land rover, dedicated butler and chef to take care of your every need! The beautiful two-story villa comprised of four luxury rooms, each with private en-suite bathroom, has been carefully decorated in true colonial style. The house has its own kitchen, living room with satellite TV and outdoor patio. There is also an upstairs patio where guests can relax with a good book or do some armchair game viewing. The private swimming pool at Waterbuck is the perfect spot from which to soak up the African Sun and sip some cocktails. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served on morning game drives and drinks and canapés on afternoon game drives, which typically end after dark. Game drives after sundown offer guests the opportunity of viewing the nocturnal animals with a spotlight. Other activities on offer are guided walks, game viewing hides, bush breakfasts or dinners and sleep-outs.





**Photographic Workshop:** During and between the game drives Christian will teach camera setup, basic principles of photography, predicting animal behavior, field techniques and picture post-processing.

At the conclusion of the course, you will have experienced and learned:

- how to properly setup the camera for wildlife photography
- all the basic rules about motion and how it impacts wildlife photography
- how to react to varied and difficult photographic situations in the bush (motion, flight, light, patience)
- how to interpret animal behavior to be ready for your shot.

You also get an insight into picture post-processing - from review and selection to turning your good shot into an outstanding picture. Once you have booked your photographic safari, Christian will contact you personally to discuss and advise on any equipment or other course related questions you may have. Participation is limited to ensure personal attention throughout the course.

**Tuesday, 5 July 2011**

- **Road transfer from Waterbuck to Hoedspruit Airport (approximately 60 minutes)**

Note: The five-day photography program is part of a 10-night trip. The remaining five nights of the trip can be arranged either before or after the Sperka Safari (at an additional cost). African Portfolio will work with travelers individually to custom design this portion of the trip, which could include more game-viewing, or traveling outside the game reserves to visit Johannesburg or Cape Town for shopping, sightseeing, golf, and visiting South Africa's wine country.



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**Estimated price: US \$3,775** per person, double occupancy, minimum two travelers

- Single supplement: On request
- Estimated price based on an exchange rate valid as of February 1, 2011; Please note the price may be re-quoted based on current rates when final payment is due.

**Estimated airfare: To be determined** (USA – Johannesburg – Hoedspruit – Johannesburg – USA) subject to change until ticketed due to class of service, availability and exchange rates.

**\* Prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuations, increase in fuel prices, or other fees imposed by the government or tourism industry not within our control. \***

### YOUR SAFARI INCLUDES:

- **Transfers** between the airport and designated accommodation.
- **Sightseeing and safari activities** as detailed in the itinerary
- **Transportation** while on tour may be in specially equipped four-wheel drive vehicles, mini van, or car
- **Charter flights** are shared and may make up to two stops before your final destination. Flight times will be confirmed 24 hours prior to departure, at which time you will be informed of the specific departure time of your flight.
- **Hotel, lodge and camp accommodation** on a shared basis in standard rooms unless otherwise noted.
- **Meals** as specified
- **Emergency Travel Insurance** - Clients of African Portfolio are covered for emergency medical services and/or evacuation transportation while on safari. Clients residing outside of North America are not covered by this policy and must purchase independent travel insurance and provide proof of coverage. Please note there is a supplemental cost for this insurance coverage for any travelers over the age of 70.

### YOUR SAFARI DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- **Airfare:** International, regional and domestic flights (except as specified in the itinerary).
- **Visas (applicable for US citizens):** South Africa – not required.
- **Trip Cancellation Protection:** African Portfolio Inc. strongly recommends the purchase of additional trip cancellation coverage to protect your investment in the event of an unforeseen cancellation for insurable reasons. Please request more information on the cost of insuring the full cost of your trip.
- **Trip expenses:** Medical expenses, meals or activities not specified or indicated as optional, entrance fees, gratuities to drivers/guides/tour leaders, portage and excess baggage fees.
- **Personal expenses:** Included but not limited to costs incurred in conjunction with this trip prior to departure, beverages, laundry, communication costs.



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### BOOKING YOUR SAFARI:

- African Portfolio Inc. requires a signed and completed Reservation Form, acceptance of the Terms and Conditions and a \$500 per person non-refundable booking fee to make a provisional reservation for a proposed itinerary.
- African Portfolio Inc. will confirm a provisional reservation upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of 20% the tour price.
- Provisional reservations will be released if the deposit is not received by the stated due date to avoid incurring cancellation fees.
- No portion of the booking fee or deposit received is refundable, but both are applicable to the tour price.
- Final payment is due 75 days prior to your scheduled departure date, after which reservations will be released and cancellation penalties will apply.
- 20% Deposit and final payments by credit card are subject to required authorization and will incur a 4% processing fee.
- Approximately three weeks prior to departure we will forward your air tickets (if applicable) and a confirmed itinerary.

### BOOKING YOUR FLIGHTS:

- While there is no requirement to book international flights with African Portfolio, there are distinct advantages to working with an experienced travel consultant to handle both your land and air arrangements.
- We offer competitive fares on most of the major carriers to Africa, and can often provide discounted fares on regional and domestic flights within Africa, particularly in conjunction with the purchase of an international ticket.
- When using frequent flyer miles to book long haul travel to Africa, you will likely pay full fare, published prices for your regional and domestic travel within Africa.
- Internet fare quotes can be complicated and misleading and it is extremely difficult to get personal assistance before or during your travels if you encounter problems. Notification of flight schedule changes is rare and can result in missed flights and travel disruptions.
- African Portfolio's international flight booking service includes: the ability to select the most efficient and cost effective flights based on detailed knowledge of your land arrangements, monitoring of all schedule changes, re-booking of cancelled flights with minimal disruption to your itinerary and communication and coordination of all flight information with the safari operators managing your trip on the ground.

**We look forward to working with you to make your dreams of Africa come true!**