



SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME PHOTOGRAPHY ADVENTURE

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Ignacio Palacios

SOUTH AFRICA

Black-maned lions framed against savannah grassland; rich tribal cultures; star-studded desert skies; jagged, lush mountains – South Africa truly is a country of astounding diversity, unrivalled beauty and the ultimate playground for the passionate photographer.



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Follow in the footsteps of pioneering explorers who also gazed across the savannah at the same extraordinary wildlife. Kruger National Park is without question one of the worlds greatest wild-life destinations and a place every photography must visit.



SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI

There are bucket list experiences and there's *the* bucket list experience. This is the later.

Join Ignacio on this once-in-a-lifetime South African adventure to experience and photograph some of the most breathtaking scenery and wildlife on earth. While travelling in Ignacio's signature five-star style, of course.

From the Cape to Kruger, this unique photography tour has been carefully designed to showcase the best of South Africa. Presenting you with magnificent landscapes, wonderous wildlife, ancient cultures and countless moments that will leave you speechless.

Over eighteen days, you'll visit four of South Africa's most remarkable regions and discover South Africa holds treasures beyond its iconic "Big Five" game animals. Waiting for you are cosmopolitan cities, French-inspired villages, a vibrant art scene, and countless culinary delights.

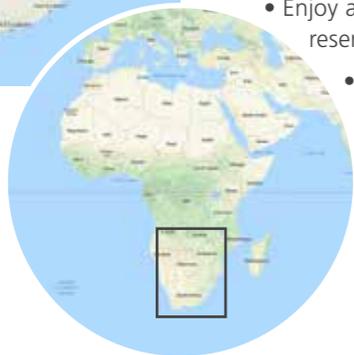
Ignacio guides you every step of the way, inviting to enjoy everything this remarkable country has to offer while igniting your passion for photography, this proud land and its people.

If you dream of sharing your passion with your partner, this tour is the perfect. They'll be immersed in unforgettable adventures, experiences and entertainment while you indulge your one true love – photography. Though we do wish to highlight, due to the exclusive nature of this safari there are limited places available. So we'd like to recommend securing your place as quickly as you can.

Tour Highlights:

- Explore the exciting topography of Eastern Cape and learn about the Xhosa culture first hand.
- Stand atop Table Mountain to photograph Cape Town from the clouds.
- Sip on award-winning wine born from 300-year-old French vineyards while sampling the delights of South Africa's gastronomic capital.
- Enjoy an exclusive safari experience in one of Kruger's premier reserves, where you'll see more than just the "Big Five".
- Learn photography tips, tricks and techniques from a multi-award-winning photography master.

"The only man I envy is the man who has not yet been to South Africa... for he has so much to look forward to."



The Xhosa people of the Eastern Cape

ITINERARY

DAY 1-4 | 19-22 July: The Eastern Cape

Our journey begins in Johannesburg, taking a short flight to Port Elizabeth Airport in the Eastern Cape. Prepare to venture into a vast landscape of lush tropical forests, dramatic cliff faces, uninhabited desert, and dazzling birdlife; not to mention some of Africa's finest private reserves. This is the Eastern Cape, a cultural melting pot and birthplace of iconic world leader, Nelson Mandela.

Our safari will take you deep into the heart of this diverse region. Once overlooked, the Eastern Cape now boasts some of the largest game reserves and will present us with outstanding opportunities to focus our lenses on the "Big Five" as well as breathtaking landscapes, countless wildlife and tribal portraits of the Xhosa people. We'll also journey to the well-known Garden Route, abundant with rich biodiversity and forests that connect to the scenic Drakensberg Mountain range.

The Eastern Cape has a unique charm of its own, in many ways it feels like its own country, and you'll quickly find yourself enchanted by its culture and its people.

While in the Eastern Cape you'll enjoy the luxury accommodation of the Shamwari Lodibengula Lodge. Styled after a traditional African kraal, the lodge rests in the heart of the 25,000ha Shawari Private Game Reserve.

DAY 5-8 | 23-26 July: Cape Town

A coming-together of cultures, cuisine and landscapes, there's nowhere quite like Cape Town, a singularly beautiful city crowned by the magnificent Table Mountain. Famed for its flat-topped mountain, white sandy beaches, bountiful vineyards and bustling waterfront, it's not hard to see why the Mother City is repeatedly ranked among the best cities in the world.

Our tour will take you to the iconic Table Mountain, Cape Town's crowning glory, a photographer's paradise and home to over 9,000 species of fynbos within its floral kingdom. While also giving you the opportunity to explore the many other equally stunning natural wonders of the region including the historic Company's Garden, Kirstenbosch Gardens, Green Point Park, scenic Chapman's Peak drive, breathtaking Atlantic Coast and Simon Town's Boulders Beach – which protects 3,000 native penguins.

Within the city you'll discover endless inspiration and entertainment, from the brightly painted facades of the Bo-Kaap and the bathing chalets of Muizenberg, to the Afro-chic decor of its restaurants, bars and the striking street art.

The Camissa House will be our home while in Cape Town, this beautiful hotel is set on the highest street below Table Mountain in the Oranjezicht area.

“Nothing but breathing the air of South Africa, and actually walking through it, can communicate the indescribable sensations.”



Cape Town



DAY 9-10 | 27-28 July: Franschhoek and the Cape Wineland

300 years ago French Huguenots settled in this spectacular valley, bringing their vines with them. Today, inspired by its French roots, Franschhoek is hailed as the “gastronomic capital” of South Africa and packs an oh-so-pleasant punch on the palate.

With award-winning restaurants and over 50 wineries peppered throughout the village and its surrounds, prepare to indulge in three days of fine food and wine. The serendipitous combination of the valley’s Mediterranean-like climate and 300-year-old wine-making tradition has given rise to several internationally acclaimed wine estates and you’ll have the opportunity to sample the region’s best, including the Methode Cap Classique wines (South African sparkling wines made in the traditional champagne-style).

With our appetite sated, we’ll explore the unique beauty of this French-influenced historic town, photographing the rolling mountains, vibrant locals and picturesque moments that wait for us at every turn.

To complete our decadent tour of Franschhoek, you’ll stay in the opulent Le Quartier Francias. Hailed by Conde Nast Traveller as one of the best hotels in Africa, this luxury boutique promises the best in both cultivar and cuisine.

DAY 11-17 | 29 July - 4 August: Kruger: Sabi Sand Region

We saved the best for last.

Sharing unfenced borders and wildlife with South Africa’s flagship safari destination, the Kruger National Park, Sabi Sand Region is hardly in need of an introduction. Lauded to be the home of the private safari, the reserve has two water sources running through it and is regarded as a pioneering force for sustainable tourism in South Africa.

Unsurprisingly, you’ll discover all of Africa’s iconic safari species – elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, rhino, buffalo, giraffe, hippo and zebra – flourish here with a supporting cast of over 100 other mammals and over 300 varieties of bird. The region will also present us with a variety of landscapes, from savannah grasslands to the riverine thickets surrounding the perennial Manyeleti River, you enjoy endless inspiration.

Throughout the four days Ignacio will help you capture the untamed beauty of this incredible land and create photographs you’ll showcase with pride.

ITINERARY CONTINUED

At the end of each day you'll experience the extraordinary Chitwa Chitwa Game Lodge. More than just a luxury private game lodge in the bush, Chitwa Chitwa is a holistic, sensory journey in itself: from bold Afro-European design to the tantalising fusion of local and Mediterranean cuisine. The bar and lounge area overlook a waterhole, making it the perfect place to sit back and enjoy the genuine warmth of the Chitwa Chitwa family after your safari.

DAY 18 | 5 August: Journey home

Our last day in Africa. Embark on one last early morning game drive to tick off any final missing animals (fingers crossed you see them all!) and enjoy your last breakfast at the safari lodge before embarking on a short flight to Johannesburg Airport.

“There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne – bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive.”



Cheetah of the Sabi Sand Reserve

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

Central to this unforgettable tour is YOU. Through Ignacio's guidance, you'll not only learn the secrets of the masters, but you'll take your photography skills to the next level and leave your South African adventure with a collection of powerful, moving photographs that you'll share with pride.

Some of the photography skills you'll learn throughout the tour include:

- The art of composition
- Post-processing techniques tips and tricks
- How to work with light
- Optimising your equipment and filters
- Pre-visualisation and the creative process
- The unique techniques of landscape photography, wildlife photography, portrait photography, while also touching on aerial, black and white, and night photography
- Ignacio will also be there to offer one-on-one guidance on other specific skills you'd personally like to master.

Camera Skills

The best way to learn the art of photography is by taking photos. So Ignacio will be by your side in the field sharing insight and guidance as you shoot. Helping you create great photos as you shoot. No matter your skill level or equipment, you'll learn the craft with an award-winning master.

The Creative Process

Throughout the tour, you'll also have the opportunity to process and enhance your images using Lightroom, Photoshop, Capture One and other editing software. Learning first-hand how to create photographs that tell a story, evoke emotion and ultimately help you find your unique style and personality as an artist.

Critique Session

Should you dream of entering competitions, or simply wish to push yourself as a photographer, critique sessions are an invaluable part of the learning process. Ignacio will offer one-on-one critique sessions during the tour. Providing constructive evaluation and feedback supported by recommendations and tips through the eyes of a professional. While having your work critiqued can feel overwhelming at first, this is one of the most powerful ways to improve your skills as a photographer.

Level of photography

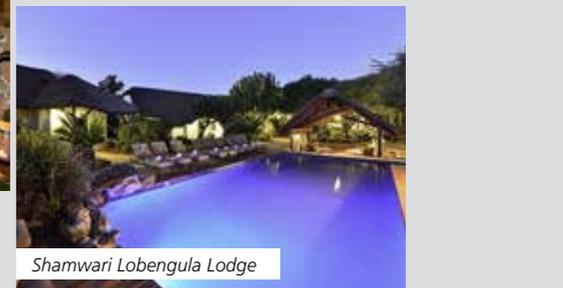
All skills levels are welcome. Whether you're a beginner or expert, the tour is designed to cover all aspects of image capture and post processing as it applies to where you are on your photography journey. As for equipment, we can help you optimise the equipment you chose to use from mobile phone to tablets, compact camera to digital SLR cameras.

Physical considerations

While you'll be experiencing South Africa in style there will be times when the group needs to embark on a walk/hike to visit and photograph the best locations. As part of the pre-tour planning, we ask you share any existing health conditions with us so we may plan for your comfort and safety.

Accommodation

On this tour you'll discover adventure and five-star comfort does go hand-in-hand. At each destination you'll enjoy luxury accommodation at its finest. Please note that due to availability, the lodge or hotel featured in itinerary may change. In this instance, rest assured we'll arrange a fabulous alternative. Ensuring every step of the way you'll experience the five-star level of service you'll become accustomed to.



“Taking pictures is savouring life intensely, every hundredth of a second.”





IGNACIO PALACIOS

When it comes to photography and travel, few can rival Ignacio Palacios' experience, skill, and passion. A third-generation photographer, Ignacio has been honoured with over 100 prestigious photography prizes and awards from around the world and has travelled to over 90 countries in his 20 years career. It's little wonder he's developed a reputation as a leading photographer in the fields of travel, landscape, and nature photography.

Born in Spain, Ignacio now calls Sydney, Australia home – though his unmistakable Spanish spirit continues to influence his work and define his signature style.

Combining his love of travel and photography has proved a powerful combination, and today Ignacio leads some of the world's best photography tours to incredible destinations around the world. As an AIPP double Master of Photography, Ignacio shares his insight, experience, and technique with his clients to help them find their own success and joy on their photographic journey.

"I hope that through my images and my tours, I can open people's eyes to the incredible world we live in. I want to give my guests both travel and photographic experience. We are privileged to have such a beautiful planet and it's our responsibility to respect, cherish and protect it."

Ignacio's distinct, award-winning style can be defined by his mastery of composition, colour, and light. With his minimalistic style and unique ability to connect with his audience through storytelling through his images, Ignacio invites his audience to experience the subject not as how he captured it, but how he experienced it, evoking an emotional connection between the viewer, subject and artist.

Photography and travel will always be Ignacio's passion, and he is dedicated to helping others ignite their passion too.

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"Africa changes you forever, like nowhere on earth. Once you have been there, you will never be the same. But how do you begin to describe its magic to someone who has never felt it? How can you explain the fascination of this vast, dusty continent, whose oldest roads are elephant paths? Could it be because Africa is the place of all our beginnings, the cradle of mankind, where our species first stood upright on the savannahs of long ago?"



Rhinoceros of Kruger National Park

CHECKLIST

Camera equipment

- DSLR. To bring a couple of bodies is always recommended. (check your baggage allowance with your airline/travel agent)
- Tripod with quick release plate
- Standard zoom, wide angle and telephoto lens
- Plenty of batteries and a couple of chargers
- Shutter cable release
- Polarising filter and ND filters
- Laptop computer with Photoshop and Lightroom and/or Capture One
- External backup drives (SSD recommended) and memory cards for storage.

We recommend to shrink-wrap your baggage at your departure airport. Ensure your telephoto lenses are packed in protective packs designed for such lenses. We also recommend that you pack your camera equipment as your hand luggage as much as possible so that if the checked-in baggage is lost or delayed at least you can start photographing as soon as you arrive.

Note: Please contact me if you want to discuss equipment for this trip.

What to bring, clothing and other

- Water bottle (1lt) to avoid the use of plastic bottles for mineral water. Our guide will make sure to refill your bottle whenever necessary.
- Sun block and sun glasses (protection against UV)
- Hat.

IP Travel Photography reserves the right to cancel this workshop. In the event of this happening, all payments received will be refunded but participants shall have no further claim against IP Travel Photography arising from such cancellation. Any such refund will not include payments for any bookings for other services made in addition to the itinerary outlined above. The responsibility for such bookings lies with the participant. As such, IP Travel Photography recommends participants to purchase a travel protection and cancellation insurance prior to paying the first deposit.

To reserve your place for 2022 or to make an enquiry, please email ignacio@iptravelphotography.com.au

“When I have a camera in my hand, I know no fear.”



Hippopotamus

TERMS AND CONDITIONS



WORKSHOP DATES AND PRICES

Tour dates: **19 July - 5 August 2022**

The tour commences and ends in Johannesburg, South Africa

Standard trip: cost is **US\$20,199** per person, twin share;
Optional single supplement **US\$5,000**

Maximum 8-10 participants

A deposit of **US\$2,000** is required when you book the workshop

Terms of payment

- A deposit of US\$2,000 must be paid to secure your place. The deposit is non-refundable unless you can sell your place to someone else
- Note: the workshop is quoted in US\$. To calculate the rate in AU\$, the currency exchange rate will be obtained from the Westpac website at the time of transferring the deposit and balance (<https://www.westpac.com.au/personal-banking/services/currency-converter/>). If you are located outside Australia, I accept payments in US\$ through PayPal only
- The Registration Form must be filled in and signed by each participant at the time of paying the first deposit. Participation will be declined otherwise
- The remaining balance must be paid on or before **30 January 2022**
- Bookings will be accepted strictly in the order they are received
- Important: the workshop requires a minimum of 6 participants to run so please don't book your flights until the trip has been confirmed.

What's included

- Full 18 days (17 nights) in South Africa
- All meals
- All excursions
- English speaking guide throughout the tour
- All local taxes
- Entrance fees in the parks/reserves.

What's not included

- Flight to/from Johannesburg
- Overnight accommodation prior to and following the expedition
- Travel and cancellation insurance. Please note that travel insurance with emergency evacuation is mandatory as a condition of booking
- Visas (if required)
- Camera/Equipment Insurance
- Optional personal activities
- Alcohol consumption, extra beverages and souvenirs purchased during the tour
- Any other personal expenses
- Tips/gratuities.

Note on tips: gratuities for local guides, hotel staff, butlers etc. are not included on this tour. However, if you feel that any staff has given you exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip them. We emphasize that such tips should be at your own discretion and based solely on the level of your service satisfaction.

Cancellation Policy

A written notice of any cancellation must be received by you at which time the following cancellation fees will apply:

- If cancelled between 1 February 2022 and 30 April 2022, 50% of the workshop cost will be payable
- If cancelled between 1 May 2022 and August 2022, a fee equal to 100% of the workshop cost will be payable
- Failure to pay by the due dates will be considered a

cancellation of the booking and fees paid will be non-refundable

- Bookings made after 30 January 2022 must be paid in full
- No refunds will be made for unused portions of the workshop. The photography workshop is sold as a land package (no airfares included)
- Cancellation fees are not transferable.

Special Note regarding COVID-19

In case that this tour had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, quarantine and/or any other travel restrictions imposed by Governments, the trip will be postponed to a similar date in April/May 2023 at no extra cost. However, a small increase might occur due to hotel increased rates from 2022 to 2023.

Camera gear

There is really no limit to what camera gear you take. Check with your airline about weight restrictions. Whatever level of camera equipment you have, we will help to ensure you get the most out of it. Check the camera equipment checklist at the end of the brochure but if you want to discuss specific equipment for this trip, contact me.

Fitness and health considerations

Sometimes participants will be required to walk on uneven terrain or tracks and hiking. A basic level of walking fitness will help, but this tour is not a hiking tour or a trekking tour so nothing extreme will be

required. If you have concerns about your own capabilities or health, please check with your doctor before booking a place. By signing the Registration Form, you guarantee that to the best of your knowledge, you do not have any physical or other disability that could create a risk for you or other tour participants. Once a booking has been accepted by IP Travel Photography, medical circumstances will not be accepted as an exemption to the Cancellation Policy above.

Within the Registration Form, please indicate any health issues, allergies or dietary requirements. IP Travel Photography does not assume any responsibility or liability for medical care or special dietary requirements. If a participant becomes ill during the workshop, IP Travel Photography reserves the right to continue the tour for the benefit of the rest of the participants. IP Travel Photography will make every effort to assist you whilst trying to minimize disruption of the workshop for other participants.

Visas

U.S. citizens (U.S. passport holders) visiting the Republic of South Africa for ninety (90) days or less for tourism/business purposes do not need visas.

Australian citizens visiting South Africa for tourism purposes for a period of up to 90 days, you don't need a visa.

For all other nationalities refer to www.dha.gov.za for more information.

Rights

IP Travel Photography reserves the right to:

- Substitute hotels/accommodation
- Make changes in the itinerary or transport if required due to changes in airline schedules, or when necessary. We may be forced to change or alter the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances; please be aware, however, that we will attempt to stick as close to the original program as possible
- Cancel the workshop prior to departure, in which case a full refund of all payments received will be given. If such an event occurred, IP Travel Photography will not be responsible for any other expenses such as non-refundable air fares, visa fees and other related expenses. The responsibility for such bookings lies with the participant. As such, IP Travel Photography recommends participants to purchase a travel protection and cancellation insurance prior to paying the first deposit
- Substitute the tour leader and guest photographer as originally specified, in which case this substitution will not entitle the participant to a refund
- Run the photography workshop without the guest photographer if the group size is less than 6 participants. This will not entitle the participant to a refund
- Accept or refuse any person as a participant in the workshop
- Change the price of the

workshop at any time due to adverse currency exchange fluctuations, airline schedule changes, fuel and tax price charges

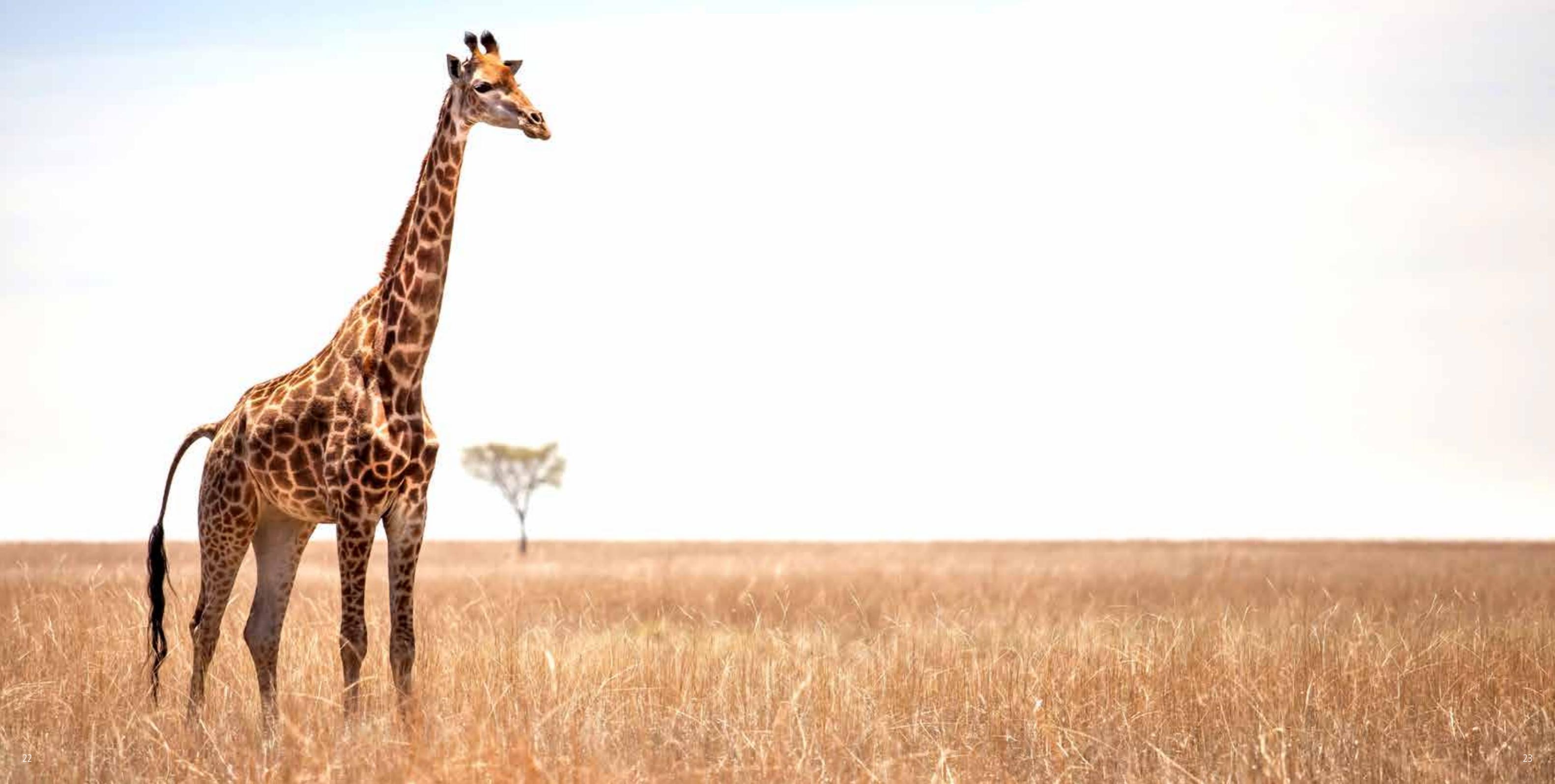
- Change the price of the workshop at any time due to major unforeseen increases in expedition related costs and may have to be adjusted as a result.

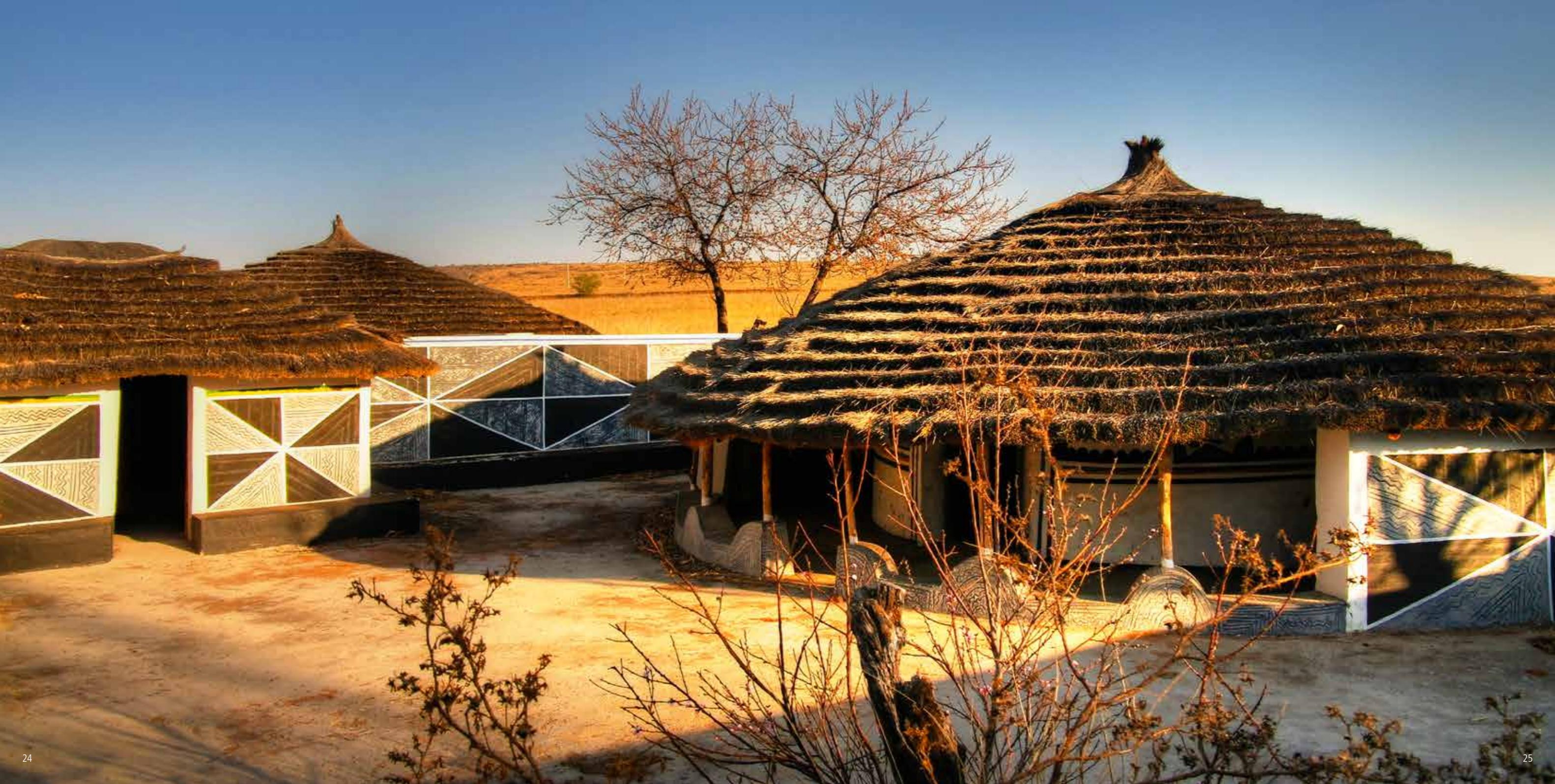
Liability

The operation of the workshop is at the sole discretion of Ignacio Palacios (IP Travel Photography Pty Ltd), having in mind the wellbeing and interests of all participants and the safe and sensible operation of the program as specified within this itinerary IP Travel Photography does not accept any liability for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise of third party providers IP Travel Photography disclaims liability for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or trouble caused by force majeure or any other event which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on IP Travel Photography's part.

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