



Tiger Canyon

2026 DC

Photo Safari



Letter From the Team

At Tusk Photo, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional safari experiences, where every detail is carefully curated to ensure your journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Our team of expert guides, who possess an intimate knowledge of the local wildlife and ecosystems, will be by your side, ready to share their insights and help you capture unbelievable photos.

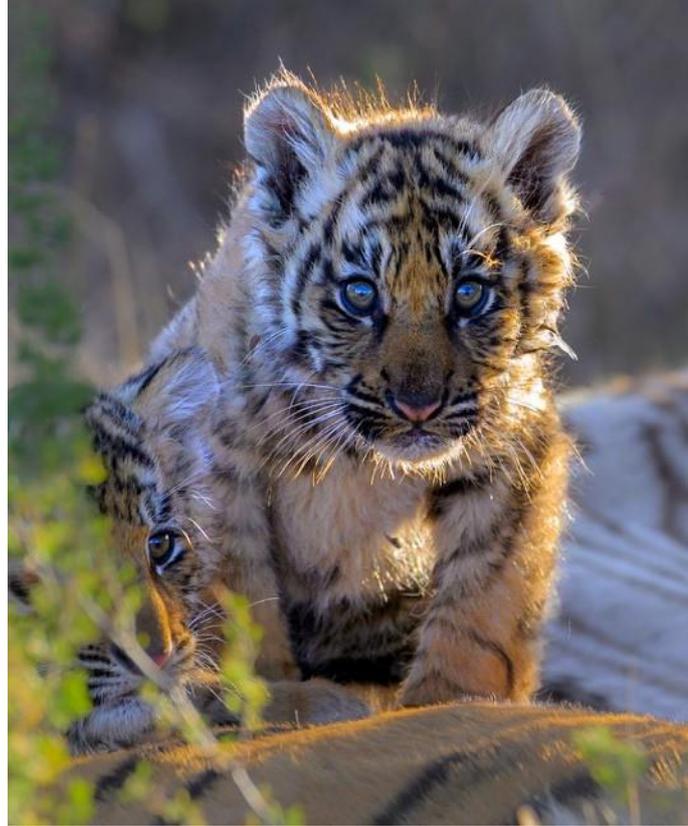
Imagine exploring the vast savannahs, witnessing the majestic herds of elephants in Amboseli, or immersing yourself in the remarkable biodiversity of the Serengeti. Picture yourself standing in awe as you witness the raw power of lions on the hunt, or capturing the elegance of a leopard as it prowls through the golden grasslands. With Tusk Photo, these extraordinary moments will become a reality.

We understand that photography is more than just a hobby for you; it's a way to express your creativity and preserve memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best opportunities to capture those unique shots. From providing expert guidance on camera settings and composition to positioning our vehicles strategically for the perfect angle, we are dedicated to helping you achieve your photography goals.

But a Tusk Safari is not just about wildlife and photography; it's about creating cherished memories and forging lifelong connections. Our team is committed to providing you with personalised attention, exceptional service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey. We want you to feel like part of our Tusk family, sharing laughter, stories, and the sheer joy of exploring the best that nature has to offer.

Allow us to take you on a journey of discovery, where you will witness nature's wonders, capture breathtaking photographs, and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Please feel free to reach out to our friendly team for any further information or to discuss your specific requirements. We are here to assist you every step of the way. We can't wait to welcome you to the Tusk Photo family and share this incredible experience with you.



The Tusk Team



Overview

CAPTURE THE WILD TIGERS OF TIGER CANYON / SOUTH AFRICA

Embark on an unforgettable photographic journey with Tusk Photo as we photograph some of the last remaining wild tigers in the world at the spectacular Tiger Canyon private game reserve in South Africa.

Located on 6,100Ha of rewilded farmland in South Africa's Free State province, Tiger Canyon Private Game Reserve is a natural haven for not just the majestic Asian tiger but Africa's other highly endangered big cat the African cheetah.

This exclusive tour promises a rare and exhilarating opportunity to world with these two iconic big cat species in some of the most pristine environments imaginable.



What You Can Expect

DESTINATION: TIGER CANYON, SOUTH AFRICA

Nestled within the rugged landscapes of the Free State province, Tiger Canyon is a conservation haven dedicated to the preservation and protection of the awe-inspiring Bengal tiger. This pristine wilderness offers a unique blend of stunning scenery, diverse flora, and a thriving ecosystem that provides an ideal setting for wildlife photography.

ENCOUNTER THE WILD

Get up close and personal with the magnificent Bengal tigers and Africa Cheetah that call Tiger Canyon home. Our expert guides, well-versed in the behavior and habitats of these elusive creatures, will lead you on game drives, ensuring prime opportunities to capture these majestic big cats in their natural environment.

SUNSET & NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Witness the magic of Tiger Canyon as the sun sets over the African savannah. Capture the warm hues of twilight and, for the adventurous, delve into the world of nocturnal photography as you seek out the elusive nighttime behaviors of the tigers.

Our team of professional photographic hosts will make sure you will be able to capture these incredible scenes using flash / spotlights and more.



DIVERSE WILDLIFE

While tigers take center stage, Tiger Canyon is also home to a plethora of other fascinating wildlife. From zebras and giraffes to rare bird species, broaden your portfolio by capturing the diversity of South Africa's untamed wilderness.

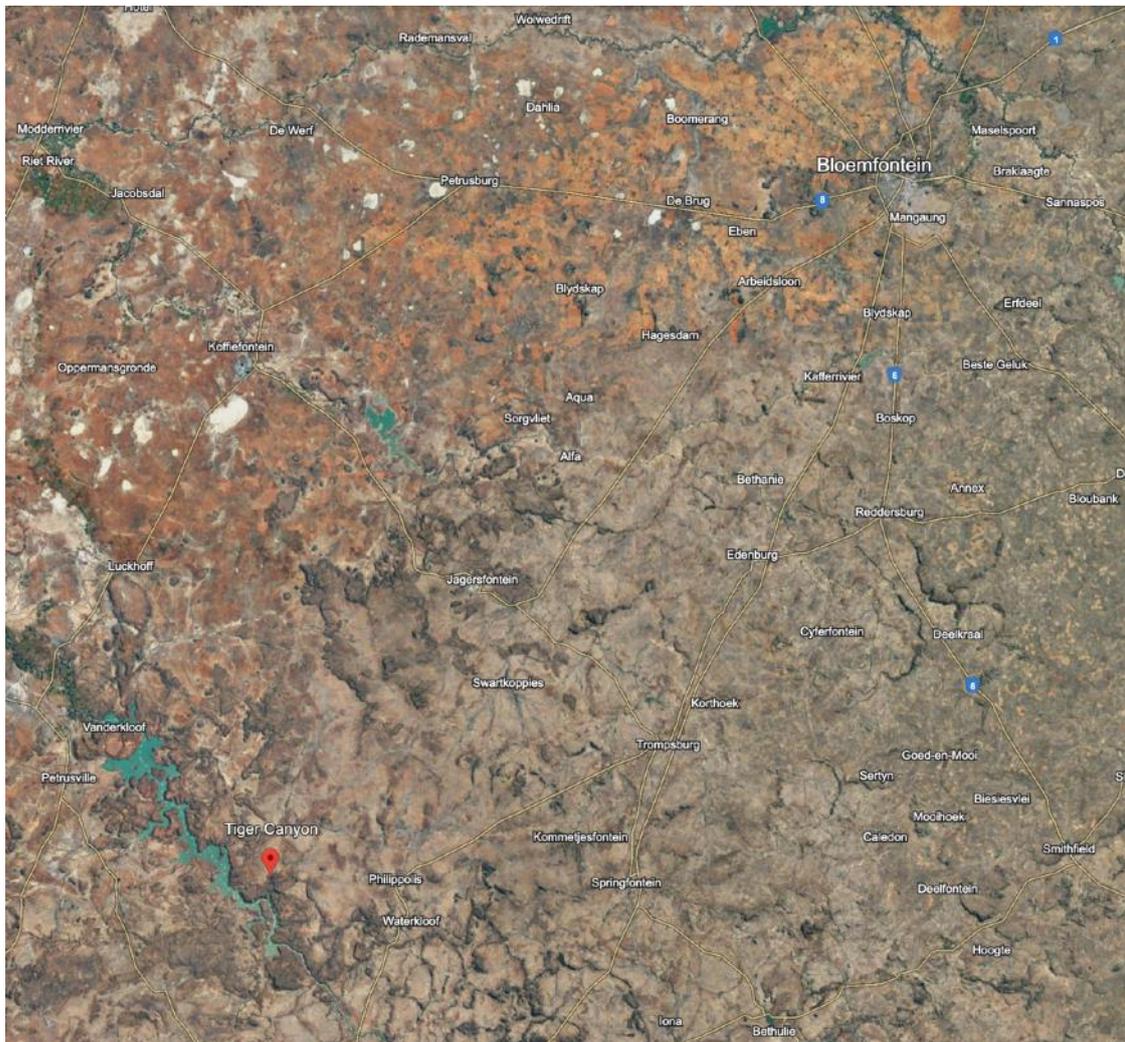
LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

Unwind in luxury at our carefully selected lodges, seamlessly blending comfort with the rustic charm of the African bush. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of your surroundings, ensuring that your nights are as memorable as your days spent capturing wildlife wonders.

Where You Will Stay

The specular luxurious Tigers Julie Lodge boasts three opulent suites, plus a guide's room. These magnificent rooms all overlooking a breathtaking canyon.

With superb Karoo cuisine, spectacular views and distinctly different game drives the Tigress Julie Lodge is a relaxing retreat after your day of exploration.



Dates | Costs | Prices

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Spaces</u>	<u>Nights</u>
1 - 5 May 2026	ZAR 43000	6	4

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at ZAR 43000 per person sharing. Single supplement R21500 .Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Itinerary

DAY 1

- Meet at Tiger Canyon Private Reserve
- Enjoy a briefing and afternoon tea, followed by a game drive.

DAYS 2-4

- Experience early morning and late afternoon/evening game drives on open vehicles exploring the 6500ha property.

DAY 5

- After a morning game drive, enjoy brunch.
- End of tour



What You Get

INCLUDED:

- Full board accommodation at Tiger Canyon Private Reserve
- All meals
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Services of Tusk Photo hosts to assist and guide you
- Game Drives

EXCLUDED:

- Visas
- Telephone calls
- Gratuities
- Purchases of a personal nature
- International Flights to and from South Africa.



Flights and Transport

- Guest wanting to drive to Tiger Canyon are welcome to do so. The tour does start and stop at the Tiger Canyon Reserve.
- Guests wanting to fly to Bloemfontein and either rent a vehicle or arranging a transfer can be arranged - please let us know in your booking document.
- The flight to/from JHB to Bloemfontein is +/- 1hr
- The drive time to/from Tiger Canyon - Bloemfontein is around 200km and takes about 2hrs.

Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest. Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) 24-70 and or 16-35
- Mono Pod with DJ 90 head or similar for pole cam low angle work
- Remote trigger release
- Flash and battery pack is advisable although optional
- Notebook or additional storage device

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 5 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything please contact us for more details

Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- It is advisable to declare any cameras, lenses, laptops and other valuable items when leaving your country. We normally recommend keeping a detailed list of all items including serial numbers and descriptions. This makes the customs process that much quicker as all that is generally required is for the customs official to stamp the document.



MONEY AND CURRENCY

- The currency accepted in South Africa is Rands (ZAR). USD will need to be exchanged in some instances at local rates.
- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Credit card payments can be processed at Tiger Canyon.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted. Also, high denomination notes may not be accepted.

HEALTH

- Tiger Canyon is not in a Malaria area.
- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria should you be passing through areas that do have a Malaria risk.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact your local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunisations required for travel to Southern Africa.

LANGUAGES

- South Africa does have 11 official languages - however English is the main spoken language and is widely spoken throughout Southern Africa.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

Electricity are provided and plugs and sockets will be type N and type C.



CLIMATE

- Summer (Dec-Feb): Warm and vibrant with abundant sunshine (25-35 °C/77-95 °F). Nourishing rains create a lush green paradise, accompanied by brief but dramatic showers and thunderstorms. Pleasant evenings offer outdoor activities and serene African night sounds.
- Autumn (Mar-May): Mild temperatures and dwindling rainfall. Ample sunshine (20-30 °C/ 68-86 °F) paints the foliage in mesmerising red and gold hues. Enjoy cozy campfire gatherings beneath the starlit African sky during cool evenings.
- Winter (Jun-Aug): Mild and dry climate ideal for wildlife viewing. Warm days (20-25 °C/ 68-77 °F) with occasional chilly mornings and evenings (around 5 °C/41 °F). The savanna unveils its essence as the grass recedes, facilitating wildlife spotting. Clear skies allow for stargazing and captivating celestial vistas.
- Spring (Sep-Nov): The land awakens with rising temperatures (25-30 °C/77-86 °F). Colorful blossoms burst forth, adorning the savanna with vibrant splashes of pink, yellow, and purple. Wildlife activity peaks, offering opportunities to witness newborn animals exploring their surroundings.



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colours. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colours.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturiser, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- Ranger: R1750 per room
- Lodge Staff: R950per room
- Total: R2700 per room

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

There is no Cellular Service at Tiger Canyon
Tiger Canyon does offer free WiFi

Tusk Photo Safaris PTA Office
Tel: +27 12 761 3737 (Office Hours)

Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritise your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.

We Are Excited To Host You on Your Dream Photographic Safari!

