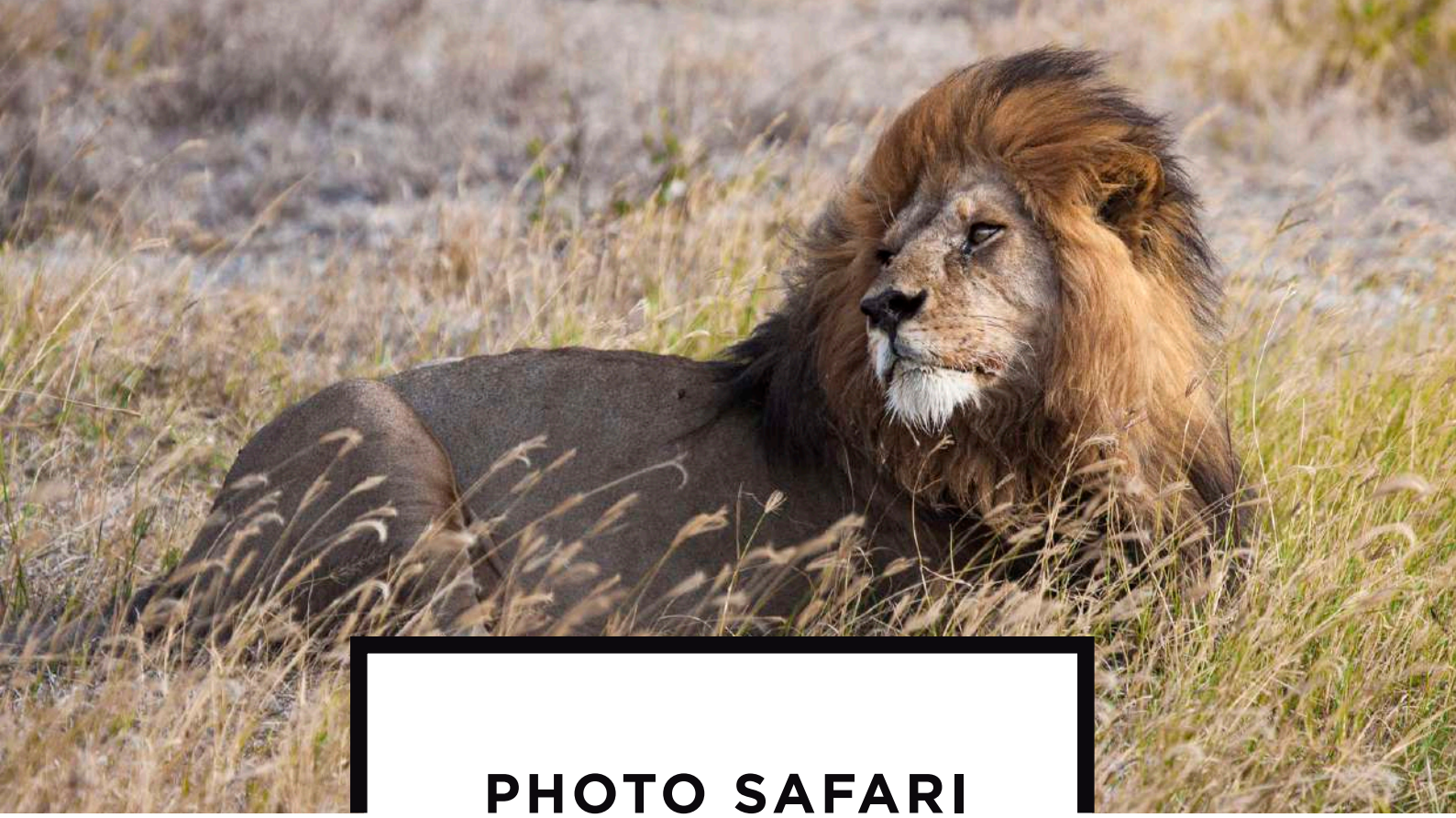

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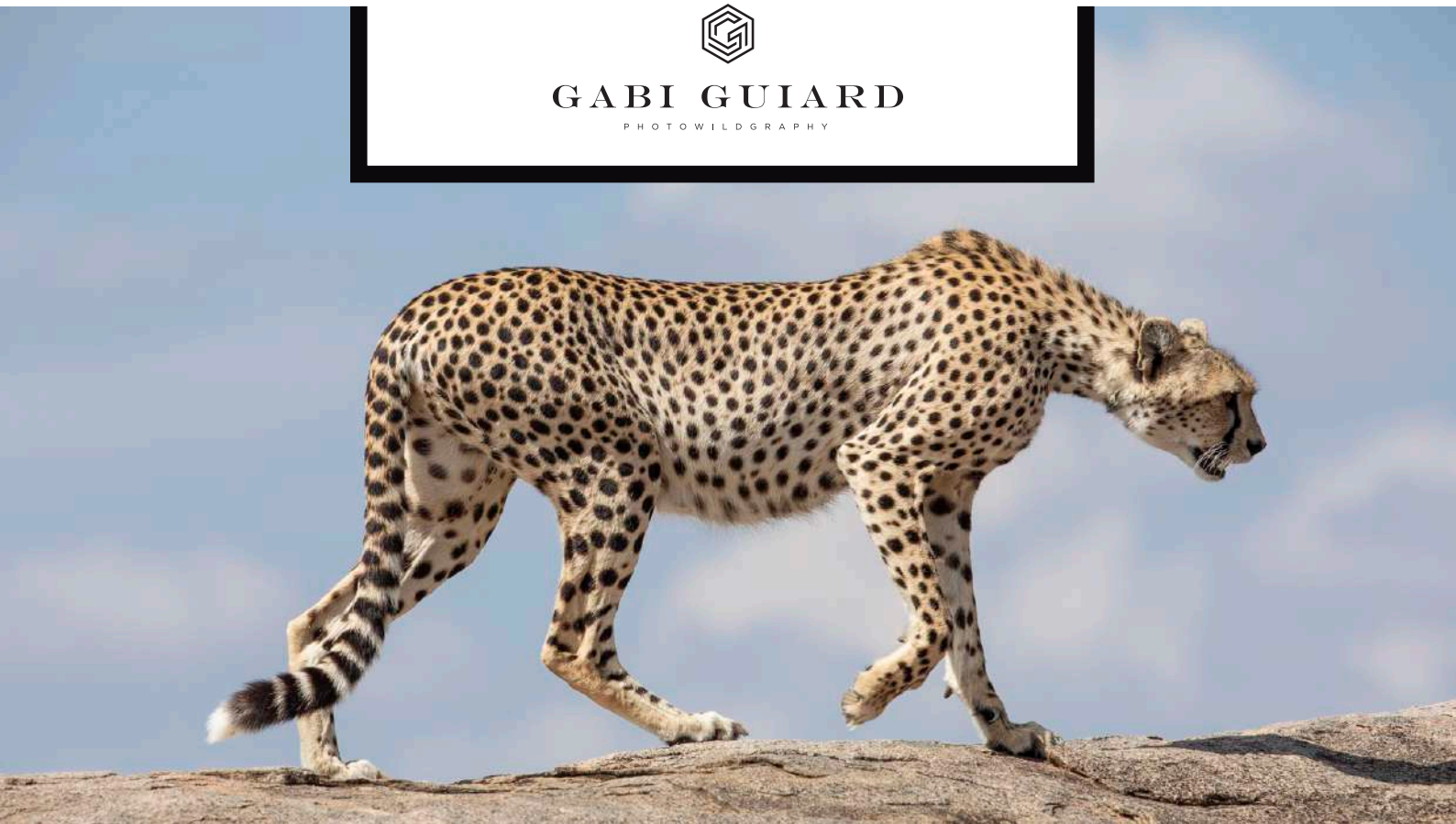

PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS

My photographic safaris are not only meant for you to fly back home with ordinary pictures, they are designed to capture unforgettable moments.

Whether a professional or an amateur photographer, I will help you improve your technique. I will advise you on how to take advantage of the best light, foresee animal behaviour; so that you do not miss any opportunity to capture an extraordinary moment.

Between safaris, I will carry out workshops to explore the capabilities of the camera and process the material photographed.

Make sure you bring extra, fully charged batteries and a backpack full of memory cards, on our end we will ensure your safari is an unforgettable experience.

Groups and places are limited, so make sure to book early!

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SERENGETI *NATIONAL PARK*

The Serengeti ecosystem is a geographical region in Africa, spanning northern Tanzania.

The protected area within the region includes approximately 30,000 km2 of land, including the Serengeti National Park and several game reserves. The Serengeti hosts the second largest terrestrial mammal migration in the world, which helps secure it as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa, and as one of the ten natural travel wonders of the world.

The Serengeti is also renowned for its large lion population and is one of the best places to observe and photograph prides in their natural environment. Approximately 70 large mammal and 500 bird species are found there. This high diversity is a function of diverse habitats, including riverine forests, swamps, **kopjes**, grasslands, and woodlands.
Blue wildebeest, gazelles, zebras, and buffalos are some of the commonly found large mammals in the region.

The name "Serengeti" is often said to be derived from the word from "seringit" in the Maasai language, Maa, meaning "endless plains"

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GREAT MIGRATION

Each year around the same time, the circular great wildebeest migration begins in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area of the southern Serengeti in Tanzania and loops in a clockwise direction through the Serengeti National Park and north towards the Masai Mara reserve in Kenya.

This migration is a natural phenomenon determined by the availability of grazing. The initial phase lasts from approximately January to March, when the calving season begins a time when there is plenty of rain-ripened grass available for the 260,000 zebra that precede 1.7 million and the following hundreds of thousands of other plains game, including around 470,000 gazelles.

During February, the wildebeest spend their time on the short grass plains of the southeastern part of the ecosystem, grazing and giving birth to approximately 500,000 calves within a 2 to 3-week period. Few calves are born ahead of time and of these, hardly any survive. The main reason is that very young calves are more noticeable to predators when mixed with older calves from the previous year. As the rains end in May, the animals start moving northwest into the areas around the Grumeti River, where they typically remain until late June.

The crossings of the Grumeti and Mara rivers beginning in July are a popular safari attraction because crocodiles are lying in wait. The herds arrive in Kenya in late July / August, where they stay for the remainder of the dry season, except that the Thomson's and Grant's gazelles move only east/west. In early November, with the start of the short rains the migration starts moving south again, to the short grass plains of the southeast, usually arriving in December in plenty of time for calving in February.

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NDUTU *AREA*

The Ndutu Region forms part of the northern section of Ngorongoro Conservation Area and stretches to the unfenced southern reaches of the Serengeti National Park, a meeting point between these two incredible wilderness areas. This section of the park is made up of rolling grasslands peppered with alkaline lakes that attract flocks of flamingos, as well as acacia woodlands. lake ndutu serengeti

There's year-round resident wildlife (such as giraffe, elephant, hyena and various antelope species) in the Ndutu Region, and you can spot animals around the waterholes during the dry season from June to November. Look out for the six cat species – lion, cheetah, leopard, serval, African wild cat and caracal – that are present throughout the year.

The best months to visit the Ndutu Region are from December, when the Great Migration herds start to arrive from the north, until April when the millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle have trekked northwards again. In the early months of the year – with a peak in February – the wildebeest herds are calving on the verdant grassy plains: thousands upon thousands of baby animals are born every day, attracting the attention of cheetah, lion and hyena.

The Ndutu area, unlike the Serengeti and the other national parks in Tanzania, is allowed to drive off-road, that is, to get off the established roads. This will allow us to always search for the best position and track the desired animal without breaking any rules.

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ITINERARY

The trip starts in Arusha. Kilimanjara International Airport.

Day 1 - ***Arusha***

Flight from your hometown to Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania. Arrival and transfer to the Lodge to spend the night and rest from the long journey.

Kigongoni lodge or similar.

Day 2 - ***Arusha - Ndutu Area (NGORONGORO C. A.)***

Early in the morning we will pick you up at the lodge and transfer to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area will begin.

We will arrive after noon, just to have lunch, regain strength, rest a little and start enjoying our first afternoon of photographic safari.

Ang'ata migration - Ndutu camp

Día 3, 4 - ***Ndutu Area (NGORONGORO C. A.)***

The next two days we will spend visiting and enjoying the different habitats that the Ndutu area offers us. The packs of lions, the elusive leopards and the always fast cheetahs will be our main targets these days, but we will not miss any opportunity that the fauna offers us to take good photographs, always trying to take advantage of the best light. If we are lucky, we will be testimonies to the occasional hunt or to spot an always elusive Caracal.

Ang'ata migration - Ndutu camp

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Day 5 - ***Ndutu Area - Central Serengeti***
Last photo safari early morning in the Ndutu Area and transfer to the central Serengeti.

We will arrive after noon, just to have lunch, regain strength, rest a little and start enjoying our first afternoon of photographic safari.

Angata Seronera Camp.

Day 6, 7 - ***Central Serengeti***
We will spend our next two full days touring the plains of the Serengeti going through the plains in search of the famous kopjes dominated by their lions.

Angata Seronera Camp.

Day 8 - ***Central Serengeti***
Last photo safari early morning in the Serengeti before heading by road our last lodge to rest and leave Tanzania.

Rhotia Valley Tented Camp

Day 9 - ***Karatu***
Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport.
Flight back home with the cards full of great pictures and memories!

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Photographic Safari Tanzania

Great Migration & Kopjes

February 17th - 25th

DETAILS

DATES: FEBRUARY 17th-25th
DURATION: 9 days
MAX. PHOTOGRAPHERS: 3
- (maximum of 4 guests if 2 couples decide to share the same row of seats)
PLACE: TANZANIA
PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDE: Gabi Guiard
INFO: gaguiard@gmail.com

PRICE: 5,750$ p.p / Private Room

INCLUDED
- 4x4 Vehicle, local guide and photographer.
- Transfers to the airports
- All meals and lodges/tented camps
- Drinks during the safaris
- Flying Doctor Insurance
- Park fees

NOT INCLUDED
- Visas
- PCR or RAPID tests
- Travel Insurance
- International Flights
- Drinks during lunch and dinner in lodges/tented camp
- Tips for camp staff and guides

• *Possibility of adapting the itinerary and dates according to needs*.*
* That will vary the budget.

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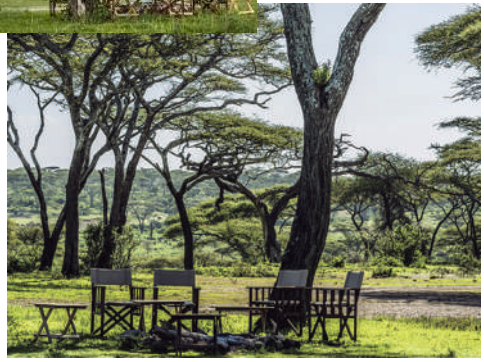
THE CAMPS OF ANG'ATA

A large campS with 12 large Guest tents including a 2 tent Family unit, a lounge and a dining tent. Each guest tent has an en-suite bathroom with shower, vanity desk and flush toilets. Depending on request a Kingsize bed or 2 Twin beds or triples are available. The lounge is the place to meet other travellers and share your day's Safari stories while enjoying a complementary cup of Tanzanian Coffee or Tea. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners are served in the dining tent, freshly prepared by our Chefs on a daily basis. Bush TV (local name for camp fire) is lit when the weather permits.

LOCATION IN NDUTU

Just south-west of Lake Ndutu the camp is discretely set on the rift above the marsh allowing safe observation of wildlife just below camp. 800 meter to Lake Ndutu, 5 Km to Lake Masek and 10 min away from Ndutu Airstrip and the Ranger Post this magic location is in easy reach of Shamba Maharagi, otherwise called the short grass plains to the south of the Serengeti in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where the Wildebeest gather in their millions in February March.



LOCATION IN SERENGUETI

Set up in Seronera, the central region or the Serengeti National Park, the camp allows easy game drives to most of the Serengeti's regions. In a day's drive you can reach Moru Kopjes and the Maasai Kopjes with the rock paintings and N'gong Rocks to the south, Grummeti river and the Western corridor, Retima Hippo Pool and even Lobo area to the north or explore Turner Springs to the west if you have already scouted the Seronera region. Nearby situated are Serengeti Visitors center, Research Center and Frankfurter Zoological Society Serengeti Headquarters. Seronera Airstrip is 15 min drive away.

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