

PHOTO MASHATU





AT PHOTOMASHATU we offer unrivaled photographic experiences that cater to both novice and professional wildlife photographers. Set in the heart of Mashatu Game Reserve, our hides and photo vehicles are designed by award-winning wildlife photographers, ensuring that every detail caters to your photography needs. With the guidance of our experienced photographers and rangers, you'll be in the best hands to capture Africa's magnificent wildlife in all its glory. Whether you're photographing from our iconic Matebole Underground Hide, the innovative Lala Limpopo Sleep-Out Hide, or the PhotoMashatu Vehicle, your experience will be nothing short of extraordinary.

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MATEBOLE UNDERGROUND HIDE



Built in 2011, the Matebole Underground Hide was an immediate success, quickly gaining recognition as one of the premier wildlife photography locations in Africa. This hide's unique design provides a low-angle, intimate view of the animals, making it a favorite for photographers worldwide. The hide is sturdy, completely elephant-proof and is situated along these main migratory routes, ensuring frequent elephant visits..

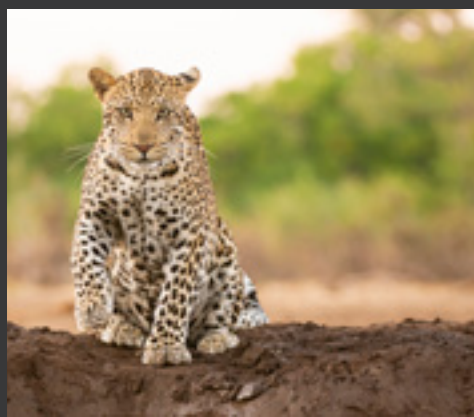
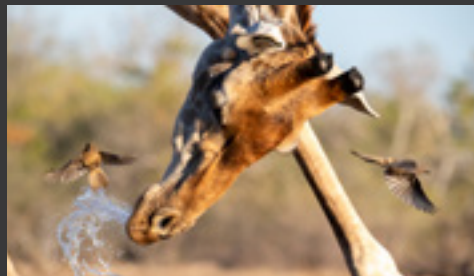
The hide comfortably accommodates up to eight photographers, allowing them to lay out their lenses and capture the classic scenes of Mashatu as they unfold before them.

Details:

- Accommodates 8 people and is booked per person on a shared basis.
- A choice of morning or an afternoon session, lasting about three hours
- There are options to book the hide on an exclusive use basis and for full days.

Recommended lenses: From wide angle to ultra-zoom lenses: 16-35mm, 24-70mm, 70-200mm and up to a 500/600mm lenses.

Family Happy Hour at the Hide, a new offering for families with younger children (under 12). Families can book an hour-long session either after the morning game drive or before the afternoon drive, with a special rate of \$35 per person in 2025 or \$40 per person in 2026.



THE PHOTO VEHICLE

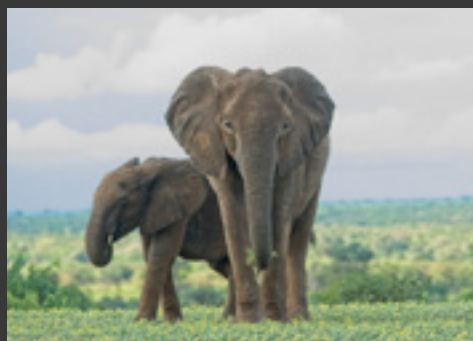


CAPTURE WILDLIFE LIKE NEVER BEFORE

The custom-built PhotoMashatu Vehicle offers an extraordinary photography experience on the go. Designed by professional wildlife photographers, It features cushioned, dustproof, and waterproof storage compartments for quick access to your lenses and other photographic gear. With two rows that can accommodate up to 4 people, the vehicle is ideally suited for 2 individuals, each having a row to themselves.

This unique vehicle combines the comfort of a private vehicle with an exclusive photographic journey. Alongside the Mashatu ranger/driver, a dedicated Photo Mashatu wildlife photographer joins you, providing technical and compositional guidance, predicting animal behaviour, and positioning the vehicle to capture the best lighting, angles, and surroundings for your photography.

Ultimately, the Photo Vehicle delivers a very rewarding photographic adventure, enabling you to seize all the visual opportunities during your game drive.



LALA LIMPOPO SLEEP-OUT HIDE

AN IMMERSIVE OVER-NIGHT EXPERIENCE

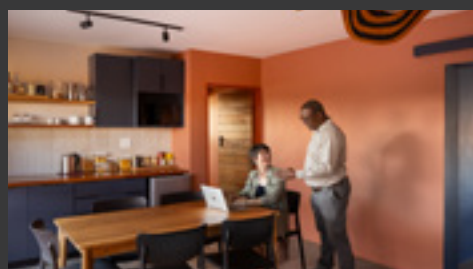
Building on the success of our renowned Matebole Hide and the many award-winning photographs captured from it, we are thrilled to introduce a completely new experience for photography enthusiasts and wildlife lovers alike.

A unique underground sleep-out hide that allows you to observe and photograph the nocturnal species of Mashatu Nature Reserve. With innovative lighting, our tried and trusted underground hide expertise, and a comfortable suite to relax in - you can now create incredible never-before-seen images from dusk till dawn. Imagine relaxing in a cozy suite, looking through windows at ground level and watching elephants drinking some 3 meters away. Night time sensors around the waterhole alert you to animal presence, ensuring you never miss a photo opportunity. Custom lights enable you to capture stunning nighttime scenes, with a control panel to adjust light strength as well as side, front or back light options.

Details:

- Accommodates 4 individuals comfortably in two bedrooms, plus 1 tour leader.
- Features a kitchen, lounge, bathroom facilities, courtyard, and the highlight: eye-level photographic "area."
- Meals are conveniently delivered directly to the hide.
- Hide session begin at 4pm and ends at 9am the following day.

Recommended lenses: From wide angle to ultra-zoom lenses: 16-35, 24-70mm, 70-200mm and up to 500/600mm lens.



RATES

MATEBOLE HIDE RATES (per person):

	2025	2026
Hide Session – Morning (AM) or afternoon (PM) session	\$90	\$100
Hide Session - Both morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) session	\$170	\$190
Exclusive use Half day – 8 pax max	\$700	\$750
Exclusive use Full day – 8 pax max	\$1200	\$1300
Tutoring at camp. Not included in hide fee	\$60	\$70

PHOTO VEHICLE RATES (per person):

	2025	2026
PhotoMashatu Vehicle	\$800	\$880

(per day - maximum 4 pax, but ideally suited to 2 pax. This includes 1 optional tutor session per day & 1 x hide session subject to availability upon booking. For dates 1 December - 1 June each year “book 3 days, pay 2” and “book 4 days, pay 3” special on photo vehicle.)

LALA LIMPOPO HIDE RATES:

Please be aware that the cost for the Lala Limpopo hide is an additional expense and is payable in addition to the accommodation fee for your stay at the respective Mashatu Lodge.

Option 1 : Shared basis

In this scenario each sleeping area is booked out separately. Guests choosing this option will have their own sleeping area, they will be sharing the hide and common areas with another couple/single who will occupy the second sleeping area.

Rate 2025 : \$450 per person sharing per night.

Rate 2026 : \$500 per person sharing per night.

Single rate 2025: \$650 per sleeping area- which guarantees the guests their own sleeping area.

Single rate 2026: \$715 per sleeping area.

Option 2 – Exclusive use

The hide can be booked on an exclusive use basis. This can be booked for a single person up to a maximum of 4 guests plus 1 guide. Consideration will be given on a “per request” basis where no guide is accompanying the guests, and they would like to bring 5 people.

- **2025 Rate: \$1600 for the hide per night.**
- **2026 Rate: \$1750 for the hide per night.**

Note:

- If 2 couples book, the total rate charged will total \$1800 per night. Exclusive use is \$1600 per night and a saving of \$200 per night for using the exclusive use rate.
- Guests who have booked the Photo Vehicle and wish to use the Lala Limpopo hide will receive a 50% discount on the exclusive use of hide.

MASHATU COMBO PACKAGES



PACKAGES INCLUDING LALA LIMPOPO SLEEP-OUT HIDE

4 Night Package Options:

Starting at \$2,355.00 pps

- 3 Nights Mashatu Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide
- 3 Nights Tuli Safari Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide
- 3 Nights Tent Camp, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide

5 Night Package Options:

Starting at \$3,105.00 pps

- 2 Nights Tuli Safari Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide, 2 Nights Euphorbia
- 2 Nights Tuli Safari Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide, 2 Nights Mashatu Lodge
- 2 Nights Tent Camp, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide, 2 Tuli Safari Lodge

8 Night Package Options:

Starting at \$5,315.00 pps

- 2 Nights Mashatu Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide, 2 Nights Tuli Safari Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide and 2 Nights Euphorbia.
- 2 Nights Tent Camp, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide, 2 Nights Tuli Safari Lodge, 1 Night Lala Limpopo Sleep-out Hide and 2 Nights Mashatu Lodge.

Important Note:

The prices listed are starting rates for the most affordable option in each package. For full pricing details on all package variations and inclusions, please contact Mashatu Reservations.

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