

JUMEIRAH

THANDA SAFARI



Christian Sperka Photography Programmes

All bookings must be made at the time of your accommodation reservation.

COMPLIMENTARY WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY LESSON - CAMERA USERS

120-180 minutes | Max 6 guests

Your African safari will be filled with unforgettable wildlife sightings—moments you'll want to remember and share. To help you capture these memories, Thanda offers a complimentary 120-180-minute photography lesson with our resident wildlife photographer, Christian Sperka. Learn how to set up your digital camera for wildlife photography, explore the art of motion photography, and understand the key principles that make an image truly extraordinary.

COMPLIMENTARY WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY LESSON - SMARTPHONE USERS

60-90 minutes | Max 10 guests

Want to make the most of your smartphone on safari? Join our complimentary 60-90-minute lesson with Christian Sperka and discover how to take remarkable wildlife photos using just your phone. Learn basic photography techniques and how to capture nature in its best light—ensuring unforgettable shots to treasure.

ABOUT THE GREEN MAMBA II

The Green Mamba II is a state-of-the-art photographic game viewing vehicle, designed by Christian Sperka.

For passionate photographers:

Enjoy a game drive tailored for photography, with custom seating for eye-level shots, space for equipment, USB-C power at every seat, and expert guidance from a wildlife photographer with over 20 years of experience.

For discerning guests seeking ultimate luxury:

Expect extra-comfortable seating, generous legroom, USB-C power, onboard WiFi, boosted cell signal, red-light-only stargazing night drives, a Nespresso machine, cappuccinos from a bush barista, and an evening gin and martini bar. All while Christian captures your experience on camera so you can relax and enjoy the drive.

The best part? Booking the Green Mamba II gives you both experiences in one.

More info and images: www.sperka.info/gm

PRIVATE PHOTOGRAPHY GAME DRIVE

(For photographers or guests wanting professional photos taken in ultimate comfort)

Book the Green Mamba II and head into the bush with Christian. Choose to go solo or as a private group and set your own pace.

Option 1 - R3,000 per vehicle | 1 game drive | Max 5 guests

(R2,300 for The Royal Thanda Club residences if booked as sole vehicle)

Includes a 120-180-minute wildlife photography lesson or discussion, followed by a three-hour evening game drive.

Option 2 - R5,300 per vehicle/night | 2 game drives | Max 5 guests

(R4,500 for The Royal Thanda Club residences if booked as sole vehicle)

Includes both an evening and morning game drive. Christian will either assist you in capturing your own wildlife images or take professional photographs for you. All images will be available to download from a secure, password-protected gallery.

PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER ON GAME DRIVE

Christian will accompany you or your group (also rotating between multiple vehicles for larger groups), capturing high-quality images of your safari.

Option 1 - R2,100 for 1 game drive | Max 5 guests

Option 2 - R4,000 per night | 2 game drives | Max 5 guests

Photos will be provided via a password-protected online gallery.

PHOTO SHOOT ON GAME DRIVE

R6,300 per vehicle | 1 photo shoot game drive | Max 5 guests

Celebrate special moments in the South African wilderness. Whether it's a honeymoon, wedding, engagement, or family safari, enjoy a private three-hour game drive on the Green Mamba II with Christian and a Zulu tracker. Christian will capture professional portraits for you to treasure. Photos will be made available in a secure, downloadable gallery.

GROUP PHOTO SHOOT

R3,250 | 1 shoot at a single location | For individuals or groups

Have your portrait or group photo professionally taken at a scenic location. All images will be available via a password-protected online gallery.

ABOUT CHRISTIAN SPERKA

Thanda Safari's photography experiences are led by Christian Sperka, a Specialist Wildlife Photographer and Field Guide with over 13 years of experience at Thanda. Since 2001, he has photographed wildlife in reserves across South Africa, Namibia, Costa Rica, the USA, and Europe. His work has been featured in various publications and wildlife magazines, and he has published two books—available for purchase at Jumeirah Thanda's curio shops.

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Please book your photography experience at the same time as your accommodation to ensure availability.