



Leopards in Focus with Gareth Poole

A bespoke private guided journey

Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve - South Luangwa National Park

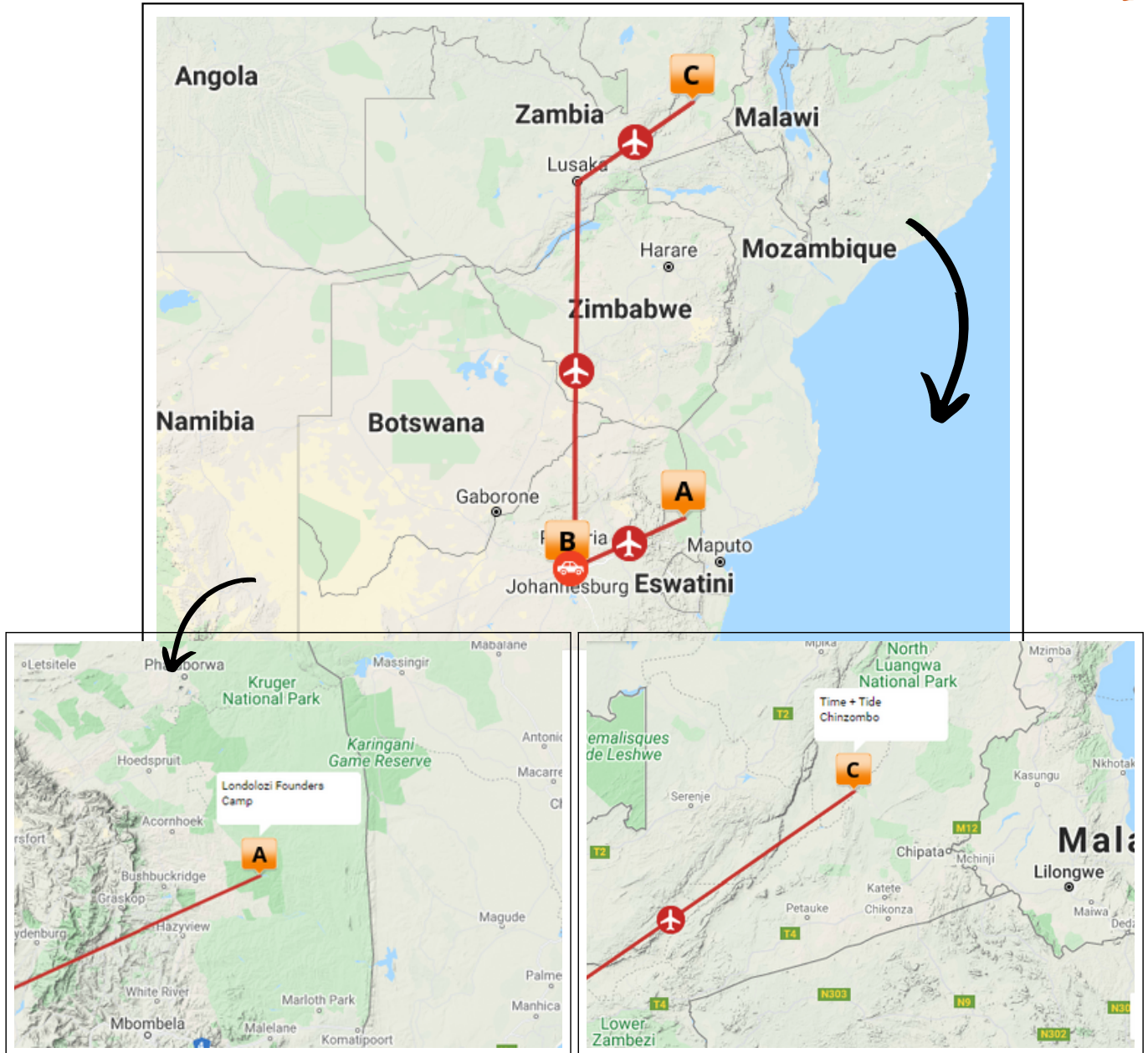
10 Nights, 11 days

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Your journey at a glance



Destination Overview

	DATES	ACCOMODATION	DESTINATION	ACTIVITY	DURATION
A	Night 1 - 4	<u>Londolozi Founder's Camp</u>	Sabi Sands	2 x Daily Safari Activities	4 Nights
B	Night 5	<u>The Peech Hotel</u>	Johannesburg	Overnight	1 Night
C	Night 6 - 10	<u>Time&Tide Chinzombo</u>	South Luangwa	2 x Daily Safari activities	5 Nights



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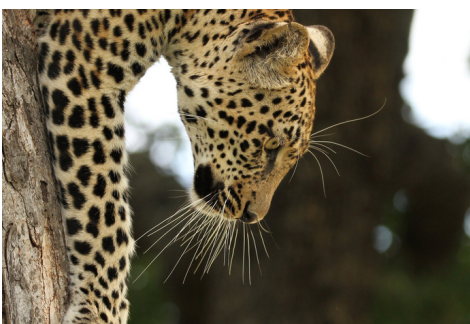


Highlights of this Itinerary

A specialist safari focused on one of Africa's most elusive predators - the leopard. Gareth Poole is a private guide whose biggest love and passion is leopard and particularly leopard conservation. After having followed these amazing cats closely through his years as a lodge guide, he not only became very familiar with their behaviour and habits but also became connected with people who were passionate about making a difference in conserving these vulnerable cats. Gareth has created this itinerary in the hopes of taking guests on the trip of a lifetime to track down his most favourite animal and to share his expert knowledge on their elusive behaviour and the ongoing conservation efforts he is involved with. Journey to two of the world's best game reserves renowned for their leopard density and quality leopard game viewing. Learn more about these spotted cats and the work that Panthera and Wild Wonderful World are doing to help protect the species.

Highlights of this safari include:

- Spend **4 epic nights** adventuring in a private reserve that boasts **the best leopard viewing in South Africa** - The Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve.
- Traverse along the Sand River - **superb leopard habitat** and get up close and personal to habituated leopards in the area, aka **The leopards of Londolozi**.
- Treat yourself to the luxury of the stunning **Londolozi Founders Camp**, located right on the banks of the Sand River. You couldn't be better placed to **spot a leopard from your room!**
- Journey to Zambia and stay **5 nights** at **Chinzombo Lodge** set right on the Luangwa River.
- Sightings of large herds of elephants coming down for a drink are common place.
- This area in the South Luangwa is **known for its predator viewing** and encounters of the elusive leopard are definitely on the cards. The camp is luxurious yet elegantly natural and you will feel **truly immersed in nature** during your stay.





What are you contributing?



Leopard conservation

A percentage of your trip will be donated to Panthera, a global organization (working in more than 35 countries) who strives to protect wild cats and their habitats while building tolerance and fostering coexistence between cats and the people who live alongside them. Panthera is backed by a number of partners but still relies on donations to help them continue doing the great work that they do.

The impact of their efforts can be measured by the growth of other local wildlife species, the economic opportunities and benefits our projects provide to local communities, the reduction of incidents of crime and wildlife part trafficking in and around protected areas and the number of people who join our movement. Protecting cats provides a host of ecosystem and community benefits, from the maintenance of key watersheds to the creation of ecosystem industry jobs.

Thanks to the dedication of Panthera's staff and supporters (along with our science-led approach), we leave a deep and lasting paw print wherever we are.

In Southern Africa, as many as 800 leopards are harvested each year to supply the demand for their furs. With fewer than 5,000 leopards remaining in South Africa, this illicit trade poses a significant threat to their survival. Many leopards are harvested so their coveted furs can be used in ceremonial regalia by cultural and religious groups that revere the species. One such group is the Nazareth Baptist Church eBuhleni, commonly known as Shembe Church. After discovering that Shembe followers were using as many as 15,000 leopard furs during religious gatherings, Panthera, in partnership with the leadership of the Shembe Church, initiated Furs for Life in 2013. Working with the Shembe community and graphic designers, Panthera created high-quality and affordable synthetic leopard fur cape Amambatha, now known as Heritage Furs. More than 18,500 capes have already been distributed to the Shembe Church with support from Peace Parks Foundation and Cartier. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of the Shembe leaders, affordable synthetic furs are gaining increased acceptance as viable alternatives to authentic leopard furs. Panthera's research indicates that the project has significantly reduced demand for and acquisition of authentic furs, potentially preventing hundreds of leopard deaths each year. Join us in protecting Africa's leopards.

The Sabi Sands Game Reserve (Londolozi) as well as South Luangwa National Park (Chinzombo) are just two of the areas where Panthera has spent many years monitoring the leopard population to not only gain better understanding of this incredible species but also to provide evidence that their strategies are helping slow the decline of the population.

Go check out Londolozi's website dedicated to its leopards and the lineages which have been chronicled by guides and trackers for over 4 decades! - [The Leopards of Londolozi](#)





Day - by Day Itinerary



Day	1
Destination	Sabi Sand Game Reserve
Accommodation	<u>Londolozi Founder's Camp</u>

- Today marks the start of your epic leopard safari!
- You will be met upon your arrival in Johannesburg and assisted with your connecting midday flight to Londolozi Airstrip.
- You will be welcomed at Londolozi airstrip and take a short drive in an open game viewer to Londolozi Founder's Camp, your home for the next 4 nights.
- Settle in to your elegant room and then head out for your first afternoon game drive in search of arguably the most beautiful of the all wild cats: the leopard.
- Enjoy a sun downer in the bush and then end off your drive spotlighting for some of the more nocturnal species.
- Although leopards were traditionally considered a nocturnal species, the Sabi Sands is one of the best places in South Africa to view leopard during the day where they have been observed to have a more diurnal behaviour.



Rooming: Superior Chalet



Board: Fully Inclusive





Day - by Day Itinerary



Day	2 - 4
Destination	Sabi Sand Game Reserve
Accommodation	<u>Londolozi Founder's Camp</u>

- You will have 4 nights and 3 full days to explore this incredibly pristine wildlife area. The Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve is known for its predator sightings but more specifically for the leopard viewing which is by far the best in the country.
- Explore on twice daily game drives with a guide and a tracker to go in search of this spotted prince and when you do find one, your time spent with them is unlimited at Londolozi which is a beauty of visiting this reserve.
- You also have the option of a nature walk either on drive or in between drives and you can definitely enjoy some birding while you are out in the bush.
- Back at camp, take part in a yoga session or enjoy a nice spa treatment (additional cost)
- Campfires and storytelling are also a special part of the Londolozi tradition for you to enjoy.
- If you would like some assistance with your photography & editing needs in between your game drives please feel free to ask your private guide, Gareth Poole to show you the ropes.





Day - by Day Itinerary



Day	5
Destination	Johannesburg
Accommodation	<u>The Peech Hotel</u>

- Your stay at Londolozi comes to an end today and hopefully you already have some epic leopard sightings in the bag.
- Enjoy a last morning game drive and delicious Londolozi breakfast before your flight back to Johannesburg.
- You will be met at Johannesburg Airport and transferred to The Peech Hotel where you will overnight in order to connect with a flight the next day to Zambia.
- Spend the afternoon at your leisure relaxing in the beautiful gardens of the Peech Hotel.
- Indulge in a delicious meal at either the in-house Garden Bistro or the fine-dining Basalt Restaurant, or explore further and walk to nearby Melrose Arch to explore some local Johannesburg restaurants.



Rooming: Peech Suite



Board: B&B





Day - by Day Itinerary



Day	6
Destination	South Luangwa
Accommodation	<u>Time&Tide Chinzombo</u>



- Continue your journey today to Zambia for the next part of your leopard safari! Transfer to Johannesburg Airport to catch your flight to Zambia
- You will be met and assisted with clearing customs at Lusaka Airport and then escorted to your flight to Mfuwe airstrip in South Luangwa.
- Your flight will land late afternoon in Mfuwe so enjoy a 1 hour afternoon drive in a closed game viewer as you make your way to the ever luxurious Chinzombo Lodge - keep an eye out for wild life along the way!
- Unpack, settle in, enjoy a delicious dinner and get ready for your 5 night adventure in this predator haven.



Rooming: Luxury Safari Tent



Board: Fully Inclusive





Day - by Day Itinerary



Day	7 - 10
Destination	South Luangwa
Accommodation	<u>Time&Tide Chinzombo</u>

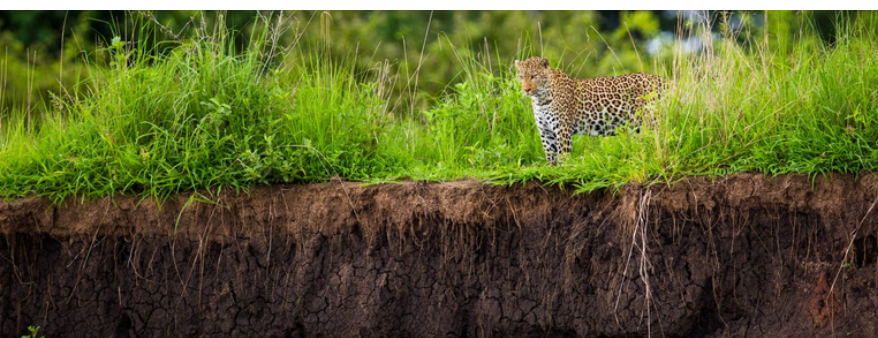
- Spend 4 full days on safari at Chinzombo lodge in the South Luangwa National Park.
- South Luangwa National Park is a place that still feels relatively untouched and provides a raw and exhilarating safari experience.
- The concentration of animals in South Luangwa is some of the most dense in all of Africa - the region is renowned for its world class predator action, with especially strong sightings of leopard.
- Explore with twice daily game drives and bush walks or seasonal boat rides
- Optional extras during your stay:
 - Sleep out under the Stars
 - In villa spa treatments
- If you would like some assistance with your photography & editing needs in between your game drives please feel free to ask your private guide, Gareth Poole to show you the ropes.



Rooming: Luxury Safari Tent



Board: Fully Inclusive



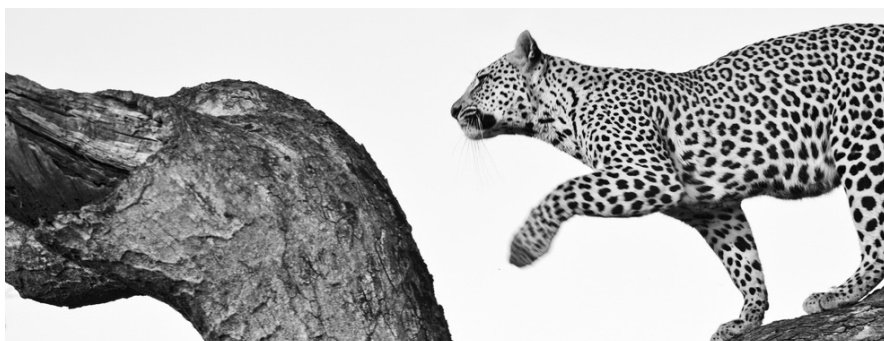
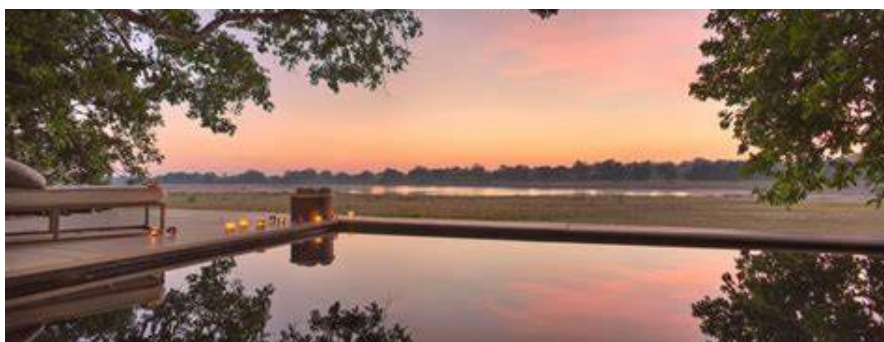
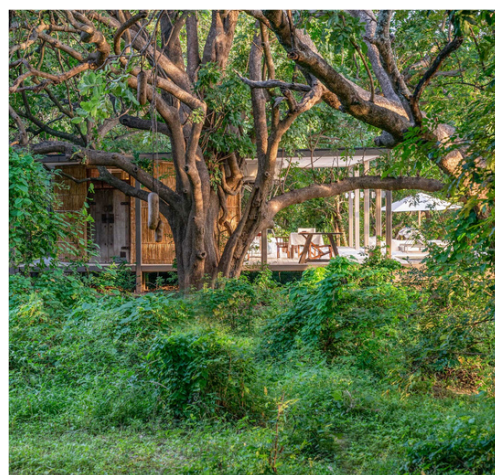


Day - by Day Itinerary



Day	11
Destination	Johannesburg
Accommodation	

- A final morning game drive marks the end of your specialist leopard safari.
- You will have a 1 hour game drive back to Mfuwe Airstrip and catch your flight via Lusaka back to Johannesburg where you can connect with your onward international flights home.
- Head home with a memory bank full of leopard encounters, starry skies, luxurious meals and fiery sunsets after the trip of a lifetime.





Travel Overview



FLIGHTS

DATE	FROM	TO	DEP TIME	ARR TIME	AIRLINE
Day 1	Johannesburg Airport	Londolozi Airstrip	TBC	TBC	FedAir
Day 5	Londolozi Airstrip	Johannesburg Airport	TBC	TBC	FedAir
Day 6	Johannesburg Airport	Mfuwe Airstrip (via Lusaka)	TBC	TBC	Proflight Zambia
Day 11	Mfuwe Airstrip (via Lusaka)	Johannesburg Airport	TBC	TBC	Proflight Zambia

TRANSFERS

DATE	FROM	TO	DEP TIME	ARR TIME	COMPANY
Day 5	Johannesburg Airport	The Peech Hotel	TBC	TBC	The Peech
Day 6	The Peech Hotel	Johannesburg Airport	TBC	TBC	The Peech
Day 6	Mfuwe Airstrip	Chinzombo Camp	TBC	TBC	Time&Tide
Day 11	Chinzombo Camp	Mfuwe Airstrip	TBC	TBC	Time&Tide



Itinerary Price, Inclusions & Exclusions



Price

10 Nights, From **USD20,589** for per person sharing | South Africa and Zambia

Itinerary Inclusions

- All internal Africa flights and transfers, starting and ending in Johannesburg
- Accommodation as outlined in the itinerary
- Specific inclusions at **Londolozi**
 - All meals, teas and coffees daily and Soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers
 - Two game drives daily in open Land Rovers (shared vehicle)
 - Nature walks accompanied by experienced armed rangers
 - One group yoga class per day
 - Laundry
 - Wifi
- Specific inclusions at **The Peech**
 - Bed and Breakfast
 - Wifi
- Specific inclusions at **Chinzombo Camp**
 - All meals and local brand beverages
 - Twice daily activities
 - Laundry
 - Wifi
- Wild Wonderful World Private Guide for Gareth Poole for 11 days, inclusive of their daily guiding fee (USD400) & travel costs
- Services of the camps, lodge guides and staff
- All park conservation fees, entrance fees & bed levies.
- All taxes, fees, and government levies



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Itinerary Exclusions

- International flights into Africa
- All items of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance
- Visas
- Covid Tests/ Any Covid19 related costs
- Additional meals and beverages in City Hotels
- Premium brand beverages and French Champagne
- Additional Activities such as:
 - Sleepout under the Stars (Chinzombo)
 - in room spa treatments (Chinzombo)
- Private Vehicles/ Private guided experiences
- Curio shop purchases
- Telephone calls
- Gratuities
- Any new Government Taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control.

