

OL PEJETA PRESENTS IAN AITKEN PHOTO WORKSHOPS

“Photographing wildlife is a game of tactics and patience and the rewards can be spectacular.” *Ian Aitken*



2018 - 2019 TOUR DATES

26th November - 3rd December 2018

14th – 21st January 2019

4th – 11th March 2019

6th – 13th May 2019

8th – 15th July 2019

9th – 16th September 2019

25th November – 2nd December 2019

Book with reservations@olpejetaconservancy.org

More info on www.olpejetaconservancy.org/get-involved/photo-workshops/

In 2018, *Ian Aitken Photography* will be hosting a series of tours on OI Pejeta Conservancy. All our photography tours are exclusive to OI Pejeta, and a world away from the usual tourist game park scramble. With us, you're free to go at your own pace. Professional photographer Ian Aitken will be on hand on all our daily game drives and excursions, helping you to get the perfect shot. It's your chance to:

- Meet the last northern white rhinos left in the world
- Experience OI Pejeta's amazing wildlife, including the 'big five', Grevy's zebra, East Africa's largest black rhino population and the only chimpanzee sanctuary in Kenya
- Explore a vast, varied landscape of bush, acacia woodland, rivers and high plains overlooked by Mount Kenya
- Find out first-hand about OI Pejeta's pioneering conservation and community development work
- Meet local Samburu communities and learn about their culture
- Enjoy a unique experience in a stunning location, at an affordable price

The objective is to get you close to the animals, landscape and people of the Laikipia region. However we aim to offer a balance of photography with time for other activities – just chilling out, swimming or interacting with other guests.

It's the dream tour for photographers and, of course, non-photographer partners are equally welcome! In a small group (6-10 max) and with Ian's friendly advice and tuition, you'll learn how to take better wildlife pictures, understand digital workflow and develop techniques for post-processing your images.

Our all-inclusive price offers extremely good value and, as the cherry on top, you'll be supporting OI Pejeta's wildlife work and associated community projects.

Just what you're looking for? Book now.



Your Ian Aitken Photo Workshops

We believe in the personal touch, and each photographic workshop is arranged exclusively with our friends at Ol Pejeta.

The Conservancy covers more than 350 square kilometres. Each day you'll explore a different area and encounter an astonishing range of wildlife, landscapes and people. You'll never run out of inspiration.

With professional photographer Ian Aitken at your side, it's the perfect opportunity to develop your camera skills - and take some truly unique photographs.

One of the tour highlights will be the chance to get up close to the world's last northern white rhinos



Our tours are designed to give you the option of an all-inclusive package from Nairobi and will include:

- 4x4 safari truck transfer between Nairobi and Ol Pejeta and back
- Refreshments in the morning and a chance to feed the giraffes at the Giraffe Centre at Karen on the outward journey to Ol Pejeta
- Visit to the elephant orphanage in Karen to see its rescued elephants on the return journey to Nairobi airport
- 8 night's accommodation at The Stables in Ol Pejeta,
- All meals: lunch and dinner (day 1); breakfast, lunch, dinner plus tea and cakes (days 2-8); breakfast and lunch (day 9).
- Ian Aitken photographer and guide for 8 days
- Transport in four-wheeled drive vehicles for 8 days
- Daily early morning and evening game drives, when the animals are most active.
- Professional photography advice and tuition from Ian Aitken throughout the tour
- Informal afternoon and evening sessions with Ian on photography, digital workflow, post-processing of images
- An evening talk by Richard Vigne, CEO of Ol Pejeta about its conservation work and history
- Bush walk including how to track animals and the chance to take photographs from a different perspective
- Visit to a local community to discover the traditional way of life in this part of Africa, and see the tangible social benefits of the Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- Visit to Nanyuki town and market
- All conservation fees

Price: US\$ 2,800 per person.

Places are limited.

** Beer, wine and soft drinks are not included, but are available for sale*

** Use of swimming pool is available by prior arrangements at an additional cost of US\$6 per person per day*

** Horse riding available at an extra cost*



How much photographic kit do you need?

Ian's approach to photography is to keep things simple. It's entirely up to you how much photographic equipment you bring, but all you really need to pack are:

- A DSLR camera
- Long lens or zoom reaching 400mm
- Possibly a teleconverter
- A standard lens
- A wide angle lens
- Laptop for uploading your pictures
- Spare hard drive to store pictures
- Photo editing software, such as Adobe Lightroom, Apple Aperture, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Bridge, Capture One
- Spare camera batteries*
- Cables for cameras and laptops

** There will be an opportunity to recharge batteries during the day*



OI Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya

OI Pejeta Conservancy is a 90,000-acre wildlife conservancy located in central Kenya on the Laikipia plateau 230 km north of Nairobi between Mt Kenya and the Aberdare ranges. All of Africa's 'big five' (rhino, elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo), the endangered Grevy's zebra, African wild dog, and the only viable population of Jackson's hartebeest are found here.

OI Pejeta Conservancy is a mosaic of grass plains, acacia woodland and evergreen thicket covering more than 350 square kilometres. It holds some of the highest predator densities in Kenya.

OI Pejeta works to conserve wildlife by integrating it with a pioneering livestock production system. Income generated through wildlife tourism and complementary enterprises is reinvested in conservation and community development, including health, education and water projects.

As our guest, you'll stay in simple and comfortable accommodation called The Stables, which is often used by research scientists, some of whom might be there at the same time as you. Accommodation is either in a standard double room (please note bathroom facilities are shared) or a single room.

All your meals are served on the covered porch of The Stables. In the evenings, after dinner, you're invited to join our friendly team to relax and mull over the day around a big fire.



About Ian Aitken

“My philosophy is to keep things as simple as possible. Over the years I’ve done a lot of travel photography and one thing I’ve learned is that you should rely on your skill to get the shot and only take the equipment you really need.”

Ian Aitken is a successful commercial photographer based in Norfolk, UK. Raised in Sudan, Tanzania, Egypt and Cyprus, he was employed as a windsurf instructor in Menorca and as a deckhand in Monaco before turning to photography. He has worked as a photographic assistant on advertising campaigns for instantly recognisable brands such as Emirates Airways, British Airways, Dulux, Honda, Landrover, Kodak, Caffreys, Uvistat, Milupa and the Samaritans. As a freelance photographer, his portraits, studio and location work have featured in campaigns for Kronenbourg, Wrigleys, Eagle Star, Hush Puppies, Audi and the Sunday Times. Internationally, Ian has worked on press and poster campaigns for Chevrolet USA, Ford USA and Ben-son and Hedges, shooting from helicopters using gyros.

At the same time, Ian has worked on a number of personal projects, including work featuring the Gauchos in Argentina and Portugal’s cork forests, and a documentary, Life and Death in Soweto, which involved living and working in the township for two months.

For more examples of Ian’s work, see:

www.aitkenimages.co.uk

www.wexphotographic.com





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