

Asilia

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ASILIA SAFARI FUNDIS



SUMMARY

In Swahili, the word “fundi” means an expert, specialist and craftsman — and in this context, we intend it to describe members of our team who add an extra dose of magic to your safari as they accompany you around Kenya or Tanzania. Each one is highly qualified and experienced, acting as a host, photographer and storyteller as well as your safari guide. On top of this, they’ll ensure your transfers are hassle-free, show you their favourite spots in a national park and entertain you with unforgettable safari stories at mealtimes and around the campfire in the evenings. All of our Safari Fundis are only available on request. Your Asilia consultant will liaise with the Safari Fundi concerned to determine their availability based on their various commitments and the other aspects of their roles and responsibilities. It is critical that your Asilia consultant is advised of your request for a Safari Fundi so that availability can be guaranteed for your booking. Please note, general requests made at the point of booking e.g. Partena at Namiri Plains are seen as requests only and are not guaranteed unless they are booked and paid for specifically as a Safari Fundi, using the processes outlined in this document. Your Asilia consultant can hold a private vehicle provisionally for you at the point of quotation — recommended as these are limited.

KENYA:

Roelof Schutte — based in the Rift Valley, southern Kenya

Sushil Chauhan — based in Ol Pejeta, southern Kenya

Evalyn Sintoya — based in the Masai Mara, southern Kenya

Dickson Lenkoko — based in the Masai Mara, southern Kenya

TANZANIA:

Moinga Timan — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Partena Lukeine — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Charles Tareta — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Leverd Mgohamwende — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

COSTS:

US\$350 per day, non-commissionable, booked for a minimum of four days. You must also add a private vehicle supplement per day alongside the Safari Fundi cost — please see rates sheets for current rates, and rules on the minimum number of days hire (typically two days minimum).



BOOKING AN ASILIA SAFARI FUNDI: THE FINER DETAILS

ADDITIONAL FEES TO FACTOR IN

The fee of US\$350 per day does not include park fees/conservancy fees, light aircraft flights, accompanying guests etc., which are payable additionally. See note below on zones/logistics regarding home zones of Safari Fundis. Please request a costing from your Asilia consultant to be sure.

GUIDE TENTS

If staying at an Asilia camp, a guide tent will be included without additional cost, but needs to be booked by our reservations team. Third-party (non-Asilia) properties will charge for guide tents and not all properties have a guide tent facility so please bear this in mind.

JOINING GUESTS FOR MEALS

Asilia Safari Fundis will join guests for all meals unless otherwise specified, and their meals and drinks are included in the rate, while at Asilia camps. Third-party properties may add a charge to cover meals and drinks.

LOCATIONS OF OUR SAFARI FUNDIS AND LOGISTICS

Asilia Safari Fundis all have a permanent base but can guide anywhere around the country they live and work in. Cross-border options (e.g. to have your Kenya safari fundi accompany you into Tanzania) are generally possible but require additional time to gain relevant permissions, and if visa or permit costs are incurred, these will be added to the quotation.

We have separated the bases of our Safari Fundis into home zones (to the right) to make it easier to anticipate where logistics will be charged for, or not. Guiding within their home zone will not add additional logistics costs if the safari remains within this area. Guiding outside of their home zone is possible but there will be repositioning costs of light aircraft flights to the start of the safari and/or from the

end of their safari back to their home zone that must be added to your quotation. Travel as part of the safari (e.g. any light aircraft flights taken with guests) must also be added to your quotation.

CANCELLATION

If you have confirmed a Safari Fundi and later cancel this booking, Asilia's standard cancellation terms apply, in line with our accommodation booking conditions.

CHANGE OF FUNDI

In the rare instance where a Safari Fundi is unable to fulfil their booking (e.g. illness or injury), we would notify you immediately and offer an alternative Safari Fundi to replace them. If this is for any reason not acceptable to your clients, we will handle on a case by case basis depending on the circumstances.

HOME ZONES

MASAI MARA & CONSERVANCIES

Evalyn Sintoya
Dickson Lenkoko

RIFT VALLEY

Roelof Schutte

LAIKIPIA

Sushil Chauhan

NORTHERN TANZANIA

Moinga Timan
Partena Lukeine
Charles Tareta
Leverd Mgohamwende



ROELOF SCHUTTE

Specialist areas: Walking safaris, photography, fly camping, adventure
Home zone: Rift Valley, Kenya

Roelof is an exceptional walking guide and adventurous spirit. He brings boundless enthusiasm to any safari. Based in the Mara Naboisho Conservancy of the Masai Mara in Kenya, he loves nothing more than exploring an area on foot, sleeping out in a remote spot in a fly camp and sharing his knowledge for wilderness areas and passion for conservation based on years of living and guiding in wild and remote places. Hailing from South Africa, Roelof has been fortunate enough to guide in some of Africa's finest safari destinations, including Zambia's Lower Zambezi and working as the head guide at Oliver's Camp in Tanzania's Tarangire National Park. In South Africa, he managed several private game reserves in the Lowveld and Waterberg, with a focus on reintroducing rare and endangered wildlife species such as black and white rhino, sable antelope and roan antelope. Both he and his wife, Helen, have worked with Asilia since 2007 and are an integral part of our Masai Mara operations. Roelof has worked on incredible projects including the National Geographic documentary, *Man Among Cheetahs* and Walt Disney's filming of the new *Lion King* movie in some of Kenya's most spectacular corners, travelling with the crew by helicopter. He is a keen photographer and is always happy to share camera tips with fellow travellers.





SUSHIL CHAUHAN

Specialist areas: Wildlife Photography, Big Cats

Home zone: Ol Pejeta, Laikipia

Sushil is a third generation Asian Kenyan with family roots in Kenya since 1892. He is extremely well travelled within Kenya as well as other wildlife destinations around the world. With more than 19 years of experience in tourism, guiding and photography, he has a keen eye for detail.

He has both Kenyan and South African guiding accreditations; currently Silver Level in the Kenya system, and working towards his Gold. Sushil has also received several awards and accolades in the nature photography scene which is very close to his heart. He was recently featured in a German television special about Kenya as an upcoming Kenyan wildlife photographer and wildlife expert.

His intimate connection with nature is seen when he is in the bush as his passion lies in everything from dung and tracking to watching the behaviour of big cats. He loves sharing this passion with guests, whether it is their first safari or their fifteenth.





EVALYN SINTOYA

Specialist areas: Conservation, Big Cats, Naboisho Conservancy specialist
Home zone: Masai Mara and Conservancies, Kenya

Evalyn was born and raised in the Samburu area where she worked as a guide before joining Asilia 8 years ago. She holds a silver level guiding qualification and is one of the few female Kenyan guides in the Masai Mara, and we are proud that she is our first female Safari Fundi at Asilia. With a constant desire to expand on her knowledge, Evalyn gained a bachelor's degree in environmental and natural resources, and has also majored in conservation. She is extremely enthusiastic about empowering local women, and has played a big role in inspiring other females to pursue a career in the safari industry. Game drives with Evalyn are great fun, with equal amounts of interesting wildlife information and a lot of laughter! Cheetahs are her favourite animal and she has a real knack for spotting predators at her home base in the Naboisho Conservancy.





DICKSON LENKOKO

Specialist areas: Birding, Night Sky, Masai Mara specialist

Home zone: Masai Mara and Conservancies, Kenya

Lenkoko has been a professional guide for 14 years and has spent his entire guiding career in the Masai Mara, making him a true specialist in the region. He qualified as a silver level guide from the Koiyaki guiding school based in the Naboisho Conservancy, which has given him a wealth of knowledge of the Mara ecosystem. Lenkoko grew up in the Masai Mara and is part of the hyena clan, making hyenas one of his favourite animals! He has developed a particular interest in the smaller details of the bush and loves to share his knowledge of the birds, insects and the African night sky with his guests. With high levels of passion, knowledge and enthusiasm, Lenkoko is sure to deliver an outstanding safari experience for travellers exploring the Mara Naboisho Conservancy or greater Mara ecosystem as a safari fundi.





MOINGA TIMAN

Specialist areas: Walking safaris, birding, Maasai culture

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Moinga was born to a Maasai family in a small remote village called Ololosokwan, bordering the northeast of Serengeti National Park and always dreamed of becoming a safari guide from his early years tending his father's cattle. From that point, wildlife and nature captivated his attention and curiosity.

Joining our Asilia Guide Training Programme in 2015, Moinga thrived in the initial month-long immersive training in Tarangire National Park. He quickly rose to become one of Asilia's best guides, and was recognized and awarded Tanzania's best guide of the year in 2018 in the Tanzanian Tour Guide Awards. His passion for wildlife and conservation are impressive. His guiding experience spans many regions that Asilia operates in across Tanzania, from the wild landscapes of Ruaha National Park in the south, to the mobile camps of the Serengeti. Moinga spent a season on Rubondo Island, experiencing an entirely different ecosystem and experiencing the chimpanzee habituation programme and other unique species that live there. During his time there he worked closely with TANAPA rangers and chimpanzee researchers, sharing knowledge and experience in this remote island outpost on Lake Victoria. He is a qualified walking guide and currently heads up the Olakira Migration Camp guiding team.

Moinga's favourite animal is a pangolin; his first sighting was when he was 10 years old with his father and their grazing cattle. His father told him when you see a pangolin, the Maasai tradition says you will become rich and have an everlasting life, as sightings of them are so rare.





PARTENA LUKEINE

Specialist areas: Walking safaris, birding

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Partena joined the Asilia family in 2007 as a room attendant in our safari camps, and in 2010 he realised his dream of joining Asilia's guide training course to become a trained safari guide. His passion for wildlife, birds and the landscapes of northern Tanzania was soon clear, and he worked his way through the many levels of guide training.

He worked for several years as a resident guide at Dunia in the central Serengeti, before moving around Asilia's other Serengeti camps to become a real specialist in Tanzania's most famous national park. In recent years, his base has been the big cat heaven of the eastern grasslands at Namiri Plains where he has become one of the company's best and most highly requested guides. As a professional walking guide, Partena loves to notice the smaller details of the bush and is an expert birder. He knows the short grass plains like the back of his hand and is an endless source of knowledge about the natural history of the Serengeti.





CHARLES TARETA

Specialist areas: Walking guide, Photography

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Charles grew up in Arusha, and his passion for wildlife began at an early age, inspired by his father's role as a park ranger, spending his formative years exploring the national parks of Northern Tanzania, in particular Lake Manyara. After graduating from a wildlife college in wildlife conservation, he joined the Asilia guiding team in 2016 and has not looked back since, qualifying as a certified walking guide and working at various Asilia camps across Northern Tanzania. His current home is Sayari in the Serengeti, leading the guiding team there. His favourite animal is the majestic elephant and he is happiest observing their behaviours as a herd or individuals and sharing his knowledge about them with guests. Charles is also an enthusiastic photographer, capturing the beauty of wildlife and landscapes that he calls home.





LEVERD MGOHAMWENDE

Specialist areas: Walking guide, Tracking

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Leverd was born in the South of Tanzania, not far from Ruaha National Park, and grew up with a fascination for the wildlife within the national parks. After secondary education, he joined guide training within Ruaha, learning from senior professional guides who studied under the Field Guides Association of Southern Africa, before completing formal guiding qualifications himself. Leverd has been lucky enough to guide across most of Tanzania's incredible national parks, including Ruaha, Tarangire, Serengeti and Nyerere. Always seeking to learn and grow, he qualified from Asilia's walking safari training programme in 2015, and loves exploring on foot with guests, stopping to notice tracks and signs of wildlife. Receiving consistent excellent feedback from his guests for his guiding skills, he was awarded Asilia's guide of the year in 2017, a much sought-after accolade amongst our guiding teams.

