

Asilia

GENUINE SAFARIS | GENUINE DIFFERENCE

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:

Partena Lukeine — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Walter Buchubila — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Felix Mpelembwa — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Festo Kiondo — based in the Serengeti, northern Tanzania

COSTS:

2025/2026 US\$350 | **2026/2027** US\$370 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 daily fee 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.

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

Partena Lukeine
Walter Buchubila
Felix Mpelembwa
Festo Kiondo



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.





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.





WALTER BACHUBILA

Specialist areas: Walking safaris, wildlife conservation

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Walter has always had a passion for exploration and wildlife, making his choice to pursue a career as a safari guide almost inevitable. He grew up in the Bukoba region of northwestern Tanzania and studied wildlife management after completing his schooling, followed by FGASA guide training. His journey led him to join the Asilia guiding team in 2016 and continuing to grow his skills, earning his advance rifle handling certificate to guide walking safaris in 2018.

He has guided across many regions of Tanzania, from the famed parks in the north including the Serengeti, to the more rugged and wild national parks in the south, Ruaha and Nyerere. His extensive experience means he has a true understanding of what makes Tanzania such a unique safari destination and you may well go home with inspiration for your next safari location after spending time chatting with him.

Walter loves to meet new people and teach them about nature and wildlife, and is a favourite with our guests. The inquisitiveness and curiosity of guests, and mutual exchange of knowledge is one of the aspects of guiding he finds most rewarding.



FELIX MPELEMBWA

Specialist areas: Walking & boating safaris, birding, wildlife conservation

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Felix was born in a small village called Mikumi, bordering Mikumi National Park in Southern Tanzania, and this proximity to a safari destination inspired his intrigue in wildlife and safaris. From a young age he saw tourists going on safari and he and his friends waved to travellers on their way into the park. Nature and wildlife captured his attention and curiosity from childhood, leading him to study bats for two years and then working on an animal rescue programme for four years, seeing first hand the consequences of human-wildlife conflict.

In 2018, Felix joined the Asilia guide training programme in Tarangire National Park, and has not looked back since. His guiding journey with Asilia began in Nyerere National Park at Roho ya Selous camp, exploring the area by boat, on foot and game drives. Boating safaris is a particular passion and skill of Felix's, offering a unique perspective on the birdlife, hippos and other wildlife of the park from the freshwater lakes and river systems. He has spent significant time exploring Ruaha National Park, also in Southern Tanzania, including completing his walking guide training.

Felix is currently based in Sayari Camp in the Serengeti, enjoying exploring his new surroundings. His favourite animal is the serval cat, and favourite bird is the African wood hoopoe. In the village where he grew up, this bird is believed to be lucky and no one should harm them, so he is always super excited when he spots one on a game drives or on walks.





FESTO KIONDO

Specialist areas: Wildlife conservation, Great Migration

Home zone: Serengeti, northern Tanzania

Festo, also known as Kiduku, was born in a small village Hedaru, in the Kilimanjaro region of Northern Tanzania. He is part of the Pare tribe and has always dreamed of becoming a safari guide, inspired by his uncle's career from a young age.

He joined the Asilia guide training programme in 2016 and has experienced a wide range of the national parks across Tanzania during his guiding career so far, with a particular focus on the Ngorongoro region, guiding at our camp The Highlands, and many of our camps in the Serengeti. Festo has spent many seasons guiding from our migration camps which move throughout the Serengeti seasonally to be close to the Great Migration, making him an expert in this wildlife phenomenon which travellers come from across the world to see. He is currently head guide at Ubuntu Migration Camp which moves between the beautiful Lamai wedge in the far north of the Serengeti and the southern Serengeti plains where the wildebeest herds calve.

Festo is passionate about wildlife and loves sharing this passion with guests, whether it is their first safari or they have been on many safaris before.

