

ITINERARY

**ANGOLA: Endemics in a Little Known Land**

*September 18-October 9, 2026*



*The Red-backed Mousebird is one of the more common endemics we'll see. They are fairly general in their habitat requirements, and we'll likely find them at several sites on the tour. Photograph by participants David and Judy Smith.*

*We include here information for those interested in the 2026 Angola: Endemics in a Little Known Land tour:*

- a general introduction to the tour
- an abbreviated daily itinerary with some indication of the nature of each day's birding outings

*These additional materials will be made available to those who register for the tour:*

- an annotated list of the birds recorded on a previous year's Field Guides trip to the area, with comments by guide(s) on notable species or sightings (may be downloaded from our web site)
- a detailed information bulletin with important logistical information and answers to questions regarding accommodations, air arrangements, clothing, currency, customs and immigration, documents, health precautions, and personal items
- a Field Guides checklist for preparing for and keeping track of the birds we see on the tour
- after the conclusion of the tour, a list of birds seen on the tour

**A**ngola covers an impressive diversity of habitats, from Congo Basin forests to the Namib Desert, and has an equally remarkable bird list including a host of rarely-seen endemics and specialties. With over 920 bird species, including at least 15 endemics (depending on the taxonomy used) and a further 28 near-endemics, it is a true birder's paradise - yet one of the least explored countries for birding in Africa. We'll target most of the endemic and near-endemic birds, from the lush Guinea forests of the north to the spectacular Tundavala Escarpment in the south, and we expect a bird list of around 400 species, with some only recently rediscovered and therefore known by relatively few birders to date.

Lurking within its wild borders lies the continent's second largest waterfall and we'll pay a deserved visit to this natural wonder – the spectacular Calandula Falls. Winding down the Tundavala Escarpment, we will travel through Leba Pass, one of the most scenic passes in all of Africa, providing for some spectacular photographic opportunities whilst looking for

several of the endemic birds which occur there. Angola may be a diamond in the rough, but its surprising beauty and remarkable avifauna make it a “must visit” African destination.



After a prolonged civil war, this vast (nearly twice the size of Texas) country is now once again stable, peaceful, and open for tourism. Over the last 15 years, great strides have been made to improve its infrastructure, to the point where it is now a destination suitable for most birders. Previously, obtaining a visitor visa was the greatest obstacle, but this has improved with the introduction of an eVisa system (as of January 2026, no eVisa is required for US citizens traveling to Angola; we'll inform the group if this changes).

Although most people in Angola do not speak English, they are very friendly. The climate is mostly temperate, and facilities in the main centers are becoming better all the time. We will stay in mostly comfortable lodges and hotels - camping is no longer necessary! In some areas lodging is limited and more basic, while in others it is modern and well equipped. All rooms have private bathrooms and hot water. Single rooms will be offered when possible, though availability may be limited in remote locations.

Transportation for our safari will be primarily in specially adapted 4X4 Toyota Landcruisers, equipped with radio communication, air conditioning, roof hatches, and a fridge for cold bottled water. The quality of your experience will be greatly enhanced by the fact that this safari is strictly limited to six participants per vehicle, in two vehicles traveling together with Terry Stevenson, Errol de Beer, and their drivers. This allows each participant to have a window seat, and both vehicles are air-conditioned. Food is plentiful (way too much in many places) and often with a Portuguese influence. We'll generally be birding most of the day, with packed lunches in remote areas and on several travel days.

**SPECIAL NOTE: This is not a typical East or South Africa Field Guides tour.** It is designed to offer the opportunity to see some of Africa's most little known and range restricted birds. Due to the vast size of the country, there are several long travel days to remote locations, where we will then stay in simple but clean hotels offering ample buffet-style food. Rest assured, these are the very best places available, and the birding rewards should be exceptional!

*We want to be sure you are on the right tour! Below is a description of the physical requirements of the tour. If you are concerned about the difficulty, please contact us about this and be sure to fully explain your concerns. We want to make sure you have a wonderful time with us, so if you are uncomfortable with the requirements, just let us know and we can help you find a better fitting tour! Field Guides will not charge you a change or cancellation fee if you opt out within 10 days of depositing.*

## Physical requirements of this tour

- **TRAILS:** There are very few long hikes and most of the birding is done from roads or tracks where they pass through forest patches – making for easy birding in most areas. The exception is at Mt. Moco, where the climb to the first area of forest is on a fairly steep narrow trail for about 1 mile (each way). No problem if you wish to opt-out on this walk, as you will be able to bird (with our drivers) near the parked vehicles.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** We will be traveling in specially converted 4X4 Toyota Landcruisers (safari vehicles), some roads will be bumpy with variable degrees of dustiness or mud, but nothing is extreme for the 4x4's we use. Some drives are long, with pot holes in many areas, and some roads are under construction, but this is improving all the time.
- **PACE:** As it is not light until about 6:15 a.m. we will not be having many very early starts. Typical days will begin with pre-breakfast birding, or breakfast around 6:30 a.m. We will generally be out for most of the day, with mid-afternoon breaks in the hotter areas. We will have several box lunches (and occasionally breakfasts) in the field,



often away from picnic tables. Some participants find it worthwhile to carry a lightweight folding stool (clearly marked); the opportunity to sit in comfort at lunch, amid a fabulous setting, can reduce fatigue substantially.

- **ALTITUDE:** Much of this itinerary is between 3000 to 8000 feet (900 to 2450 meters), with cooler nights; most lodges (though not all) have air-conditioning. Overnights at sea level (Luanda, Kwanza River estuary, Benguela) can also feel cool due to ocean currents. Most daily temperatures should be mild (70-80 F), but can drop below 50F at Mt. Moco and Tundavala where a windbreaker and a fleece are recommended. Although we do not expect much rain at this time of year, a lightweight rain jacket or umbrella may be useful.
- **VEHICLE SEATING:** So that each participant has equal opportunity during our travel, we employ a seat rotation system on all tours. Participants will need to be flexible enough to maneuver to the back of the vehicle on occasion. Those prone to motion sickness will need to bring adequate medication, as we are not able to reserve forward seats for medical conditions. All participants will always have a window seat.
- **BATHROOM BREAKS:** There are very few indoor restrooms on most of our excursions (except at occasional gas stations) so participants must be prepared to make comfort stops in nature.
- **OPTING OUT:** Where we are staying multiple days in the same lodging, participants can easily opt to sit out a day or sometimes a half-day. This will not be possible on days when we are changing locations.

If you are uncertain about whether this tour is a good match for your abilities, please don't hesitate to contact our office; if they cannot directly answer your queries, they will put you in touch with the guide.



*Rufous-tailed Palm-Thrush has a restricted range in western Africa that includes the western part of Angola. We should see them near the Kwanza River. Photograph by participant Becky Hansen.*

## Itinerary for Angola: Endemics in a Little Known Land

**Day 1, Fri, 18 Sep. Departure from home.** Please see the **AIR ARRANGEMENTS** section below for more details.

**Day 2, Sat, 19 Sep. Connections, and onward to Luanda.** Upon arrival and passing through immigration, please collect your baggage, clear customs, and **look for a representative holding a “Field Guides” sign** just outside the arrivals hall. If for any reason you are not met, please take a taxi directly to our hotel (branch banks are available at the airport for currency exchange if needed). Your guides will visit you in your room on the evening of Day 2, unless a “Do Not Disturb” sign is displayed. Otherwise, we will meet the following morning for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Night at Sivam Hotel (or similar), near the new Luanda airport.

**Day 3, Sun, 20 Sep. To Uige.** Today is a travel day as we leave Luanda and head north to Uige and the northern scarp forests, where a wealth of birds await us. Although it's a long drive, we'll make several birding stops along the way. We could see including Senegal Coucal, African Harrier-Hawk, the endemic White-fronted Wattle-eye, Angola Batis, Green Crombec, Yellow-necked (Falkenstein's) Greenbul, Gray Tit-Flycatcher, Bronze Mannikin, and Black-faced Canary. Less common species may include Black-backed Barbet (of the distinct form *minor*, often split as Brown-faced Barbet), Meyer's Parrot, and Salvadori's Eremomela. We should arrive in Uige in the late-afternoon. Night at Hotel Kiame (or similar), Uige.

**Day 4, Mon, 21 Sep. Uige and Damengola Forests.** We have a full day to explore the evergreen and semi-deciduous Guinea Forest that projects southward from the Congo into Angola. The undergrowth has mostly been cleared, but the large shade trees that dominate the coffee plantations have been left, making a great habitat which should provide some spectacular birding. Our prime target here will be the brightly-colored and rare endemic Braun's Bush-Shrike, often first alerting us to its presence by its tell-tale croaking calls. The list of birds in this area is long and spectacular, with several rare species and always with a few surprises. Just some of the species we may see include Bronze-naped and Afep pigeons, Blue-spotted Wood-Dove, Guinea Turaco, Gabon Coucal, African Emerald Cuckoo, Cassin's Hawk-Eagle, African Pied and Piping hornbills, Black Bee-eater, Broad-billed and Blue-throated rollers, Naked-faced and Bristle-nosed barbets, Speckled Tinkerbird, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Black-winged Oriole, Pink-footed Puffback, Gray-green and Four-coloured (Perrin's) bushshrikes, Velvet-mantled Drongo, African Blue-Flycatcher, Yellow Longbill, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Slender-billed and Simple greenbuls, Narrow-tailed Starling, Dusky-Blue Flycatcher, Little Green, Green, Bannermann's and Olive-bellied sunbirds, Black-necked and Vieillot's weavers, White-collared Oliveback, and White-breasted and Gray-headed nigrilas. Night at Hotel Kiame (or similar), Uige.

**Day 5, Tue, 22 Sep. To Calandula Falls.** Another travel day takes us south from the northern scarp forest. Along the way, we'll stop in 'miombo' woodland – perhaps finding some of the specials like Pale-billed Hornbill, Anchieta's Barbet, Anchieta's Sunbird, or Sharp-tailed Starling. Overgrown farmland may hold the very localized Black-collared Greenbul – sole member of the genus *Neolestes*. We expect to arrive at our hotel in the late afternoon. Night at Lwenze Hotel (or similar), Calandula.



*Calandula Falls is one of Angola's secrets. It is one of Africa's largest waterfalls, and as-yet is restively undeveloped. We'll bird the area nearby for a number of forest specialties. Photograph by participant Russ Cole.*



**Day 6, Wed, 23 Sep. Kinjila Forest and Calandula Falls.** After an early breakfast we'll drive about an hour to a gallery forest where our main target for today is the highly localized and beautiful White-headed Robin-Chat – a bird seen by just a few world birders since its rediscovery a few years ago. Hopefully we'll have early success and can then bird at a more relaxed pace as we enjoy Red-crested and Ross's turacos, White-spotted Flufftail, Blue Malkoha, Broad-billed Roller, Meyer's Parrot, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Gabon Boubou, Sharpe's Drongo, Red-tailed Bristlebill, Yellow-throated and Cabanis's greenbuls, Splendid Starling, Ameythyst and Scarlet-chested sunbirds, and Forest Weaver. In the afternoon we'll visit the spectacular Calandula Falls, the second largest waterfall system in Africa, with some breathtaking scenery. Night at Lwenze Hotel (or similar), Calandula.

**Day 7, Thu, 24 Sep. To Pedras Negras and N'dalatando.** This morning we'll make our way to the mysterious rock formations at Pedras Negras (Black Rocks), where we'll spend several hours birding and then enjoy our picnic lunch. Birds here include a second chance for Red-crested Turaco, White-backed Vulture, Bateleur, Red-necked Buzzard, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Black Cuckooshrike, African Golden Oriole, Black-backed Puffback, Angola Swallow, Kurrichane Thrush, Black-winged and Black bishops, Angola Waxbill, Orange-winged Pytilia, African Firefinch, and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting. In the afternoon we'll stop at a couple of rivers and bridges which provide feeding and breeding sites for the near-endemic Red-throated Cliff Swallow, while in the surrounding grasslands we should see White-winged and Yellow-mantled widowbirds, Night at Terminus Hotel, N'dalatando.



*Red-crested Turaco is an endemic we'll seek at Kinjila Forest and near Pedras Negras.  
Photograph by participant Becky Hansen.*

**Day 8, Fri, 25 Sep. Tombingo Forest and N'dalatando area.** Today we'll bird the central scarp forests south of N'dalatando, where an interesting selection of forest birds occur. It will be another chance to see Guinea Turaco and perhaps Piping Hornbill if we missed them earlier, but we'll also keep a lookout for Trumpeter Hornbill, Yellow-billed, Naked-faced and Hairy-breasted barbets, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Cassin's Honeyguide, Green-backed and Golden-crowned woodpeckers, Red-fronted Parrot, African Shrike-flycatcher, Rufous-vented Paradise-flycatcher, Yellow-throated Nicator, Buff-throated and Black-throated apalises, Honeyguide Greenbul, Chestnut-winged Starling, Ashy Flycatcher, Green-throated and Superb sunbirds, Red-headed Malimbe, and Yellow-mantled Weaver. Night at Terminus Hotel, N'dalatando.

**Day 9, Sat, 26 Sep. To Muxima.** After more birding in the forest south of N'dalatando, we'll drive further west for a one night stay in a small hotel near Muxima. This will be our best chance for the endemic Gray-striped Francolin, and also if lucky, another endemic: the Golden-backed Bishop. Other birds seen here include Namaqua Dove, White-browed Coucal,

Square-tailed Nightjar, Klaas Cuckoo, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Striped Kingfisher, Madagascar Bee-eater, Gray Kestrel, Violet-backed Starling, and Copper Sunbird. Night at Bon Amigos (or similar), near Muxima.

**Days 10-11, Sun-Mon, 27-28 Sep. To the Kwanza River area.** After early birding and breakfast at Bon Amigos we'll spend time along the Kwanza River and the nearby Quicama National Park (also known as Kissama NP). Although not resembling a national park at all, with people and villages within the mix of farms and dry woodland it holds several very special birds. Our main endemic targets will be the enigmatic but reasonably common White-fronted Wattle-eye, the mythical Angola (Gabela) Helmetshrike, the super skulking Monteiro's Bushshrike, and if missed yesterday, another chance for Grey-striped Francolin, and Golden-backed Bishop. We'll make several stops as we make our way west and then slightly north up the coast to Rio Curinge Lodge, with other birds perhaps including Black-winged Kite, Lizard Buzzard, Black Scimitarbill, African Black-headed Oriole, White Helmetshrike, and Hartert's Camaroptera.

We'll spend days 10 and 11 birding a mix of riverine forest, mangroves, coastal woodland, pools, and open-shore. Birding possibilities at pools include White-faced Whistling-Duck, African Woolly-necked Stork, Black Heron, Hamerkop, and African Fish-Eagle. The woodlands and open areas may provide us with Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Gray Go-away-bird, African Palm-Swift, Palmnut Vulture, Red-faced Mousebird, Crowned Hornbill, Woodland Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Lesser Striped-Swallow, Rufous-tailed Palm-Thrush, the almost endemic Bubbling Cisticola, Purple-banded and Orange-tufted sunbirds, Village Weaver, Red-headed Finch, Southern Cordonbleu, and Northern Gray-headed Sparrow. We'll also make a special effort for the rather unobtrusive Mouse-brown Sunbird, which inhabits the mangrove forest here. And, we'll visit the Mussulo Peninsula where Greater and Lesser flamingos should be seen, as well as a variety of shorebirds including Pied Avocet, White-fronted Plover, Whimbrel, Curlew Sandpiper, and perhaps Grey Heron, African Sacred Ibis, or African Spoonbill. Tides permitting, in the afternoon we'll take a short walk to a tern roost, where Common and Caspian terns are the most numerous, and if lucky, the recently split West African Crested Tern. In the evening, Rosy-faced Lovebirds come to roost in the palm trees, and it's our first chance for Bat Hawk as it searches for bats and late roosting swifts. Nights at Rio Curinge Lodge.



*The Angola Helmetshrike is not well known, and is restricted to a small region of Angola. We'll try to find them in Quicama National Park. Photograph by guide Errol De Beer.*

**Day 12, Tue, 29 Sep. To Kumbira Forest.** Today is largely another travel day as we make our way south along the coast, then east towards Gabela, and finally to our base for three nights at a working coffee farm with guest accommodation near Kumbira Forest. Along the way, stops at the Longa and Keve Rivers may produce Allen's Gallinule, African Jacana, African Openbill, African Darter, a variety of herons and egrets, and both Giant and Malachite kingfishers. Night at Fazenda Rio Uiri Guest Farm, where Freckled Nightjar and African Wood-Owl are often in the car park late evening.





*The Gabela Akalat is another range-restricted endemic, found in a small area along the escarpment. We'll look for them in the Kumbira Forest. Photograph by guide Errol de Beer.*

**Days 13-14, Wed-Thu, 30 Sep-1 Oct. Kumbira Forest.** Kumbira Forest is part of the southern scarp and although the forest is no longer pristine, thanks largely to selective logging before the civil war, it still holds some of Angola's species of forest birds. Gabela Bushshrike has become a rather tough bird to find during the last few years, but fortunately a recently discovered new site should give us a good chance to find this endangered and very localized endemic. We'll also have to work hard for Gabela Akalat which, as with all its congeners, tends to be shy and elusive. The endemic Hartert's Camaroptera (split from Grey-backed) is common here, while Pulitzer's Longbill is perhaps the least common of the endemics; hopefully though, a calling male will help us track it down in the low dense undergrowth. Other sought-after species include Red-crested Turaco, African Goshawk, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, African Broadbill, Purple-throated Cuckooshrikes, Chestnut and Yellow-bellied wattle-eyes, another chance for Monteiro's Bushshrike, Mackinnon's Shrike, White-tailed Blue-flycatcher, Blue-headed Crested-flycatcher, Green Hylia, Yellow-necked, Yellow-whiskered and Pale-Olive greenbuls, Northern Yellow White-eye, Brown Illadopsis, Red-headed Bluebill, and Orange-cheeked Waxbill. Nights at Rio Uiri Guest Farm.

**Day 15, Fri, 2 Oct. To Huambo.** Today is mostly a travel day as we drive south towards Huambo and the Mount Moco area. Undoubtedly, we'll be making birding and bathroom stops along the way as we pass through a mix of farms, miombo woodland, and several stream and river crossings. Birds to look out for along the way include African Green-Pigeon, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Wahlberg's Honeyguide, Chinspot Batis, Fork-tailed Drongo, Greencap Eremomela, African Yellow Warbler, Black-and-rufous Swallow, African Stonechat, Western Violet-backed Sunbird, Zebra Waxbill, and Brown Firefinch. Night at Lupupa Lodge (or similar), Waku Kungu.

**Day 16, Sat, 3 Oct. The Mount Moco area.** We'll depart early with picnic breakfast and lunch, as it's a fair drive from our lodge to the mountain. The mountain supports a good number of specialties we won't find elsewhere, so we are planning a full day as we traverse a variety of habitats, including grasslands, miombo-scrub, and an isolated patch of Afro-montane forest. In the grassland, we'll look for Finsch's Francolin, White-bellied Bustard, Wattled Lapwing, Angola and Red-capped larks, Rock-loving (Huambo), Stout (Angola) and Croaking cisticolas, Capped Wheatear, and Buffy and Long-legged pipits. The stunted miombo holds Groundscraper Thrush, Western Violet-backed, Variable and Bocage's Sunbird, and Woodland Pipit, and the montane forest Schalow's Turaco, Western Tinkerbird, Gray Apalis, Bocage's Akalat, Angola Waxbill, and Montane Double-collared (Ludwig's) Sunbird. Other more widespread species include: Horus Swift (including strange birds with dark, not white, rumps), Booted Eagle, Augur Buzzard, Rock Kestrel, Black-crowned

Tchagra, Greater Striped and Gray-rumped swallows, Red-throated (Cliff) Swallow, Yellow Bishop, Broad-tailed Paradise-Whydah, Variable Indigobird, and Brimstone Canary. Night at Lupupa Lodge (or similar), Waku Kungo.

**Day 17, Sun, 4 Oct. To Benguela.** Today is largely another travel day as we return to the coast, this time at Lobito and nearby Benguela. We are now essentially an extension of the Namibian Skeleton Coast, where a totally different suite of birds awaits early the following day. Night at Restinga Hotel (or similar), Lobito.

**Day 18, Mon, 5 Oct. To Lubango.** Today we'll head yet further south as we look for dry country birds more typical of Namibia. Our first stop is just an hour away, but we'll maximize our time here by taking another picnic breakfast and lunch. The most localized bird here is Hartlaub's Francolin, but we'll also be searching for Martial Eagle, Southern Yellow-billed, Damara Red-billed and Monteiro's hornbills, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Pied Barbet, Rueppell's Parrot, Gray-headed Bushshrike, White-crowned Shrike, Carp's Tit, Barred Wren-Warbler, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Red-backed Scrub-Robin, White-breasted Sunbird, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Chestnut Weaver, Violet-eared Waxbill, and Green-winged Pytilia.

Leaving this arid country behind, we'll start ascending the escarpment towards Lubango where we'll spend three nights at the delightful Casper Resort. Night Casper Resort (or similar).



*Southern Angola shares many range-restricted birds with Namibia, including the Damara Red-billed Hornbill. We'll watch for these birds south of Benguela, on our way to Lubango. Photograph by participant Kevin Watson.*

**Days 19-20, Tue-Wed, 6-7 Oct. Tundavala, the Leba Pass, and desert beyond.** We'll have at least two full days here to explore this gorgeous area. The Tundavala escarpment offers some of the most dramatic scenery in the whole of Angola and some pretty awesome birding too! Without doubt this is our best chance for three endemics: Swierstra's Spurfowl, Angola Cave Chat, and Angolan Slaty Flycatcher. Other birds we may find in the high country include Alpine Swift, Verreaux's Eagle, Black-collared Barbet, Lanner Falcon, Rockrunner, Wailing and Wing-snapping cisticolas, and Short-toed Rock-Thrush.

The arid country below Leba Pass supports Namaqua Sandgrouse, Red-crested Bustard, Bradfield's Swift, Black-chested Snake-Eagle, White-tailed Shrike, Pririt Batis, Crimson-breasted Gonolek, Benguela Long-billed and Sabota Larks, Black-chested Prinia, Black-fronted Bulbul, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Pale-winged and Meves's starlings, Chat Flycatcher, Kalahari Scrub-Robin, Mountain Wheatear, Dusky Sunbird, Cape Sparrow, Lark-like Bunting, and the delightful Cinderella Waxbill. Nights Casper Resort (or similar), Lubango.



**Day 21, Thu, 8 Oct. Fly from Lubango to Luanda.** Most flights from Lubango depart in the evening, so time permitting we'll bird early in the morning for any missed species. If your flight departs the following day, our office can assist with arranging an extra night in Luanda.

**Day 22, Fri, 9 Oct. Onward flights home. Safe travels!!**

## About Your Guides

**Terry Stevenson**; originally from England, Terry has made Kenya his home since 1977. He is the senior author of the *Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi*—the only guide in the region to have a text and maps opposite plates format; it is also released as an App, with the added advantage of making it possible to hear many of the calls. He is also co-author to *Birds of the Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and Socotra*. Published in 2009, this acclaimed guide is the only one to this region. His 3<sup>rd</sup> major publication will be *Birds of Greater Southern Africa* due for publication in 2024. He is a member of the East African Rarities Committee. On November 30, 1986, he set a new World Big Day record with 330 species *seen* in one day in Kenya; the record stands today. One of Africa's and India's foremost bird-tour guides, Terry has led numerous Field Guides tours across the African continent, in Madagascar, and in India. He is currently living in a mud-and-cow-dung mansion near Mt. Kenya.

*“Terry has the most amazing ability to identify birds at great distances or by the slightest vocalization. He is warm and friendly, highly entertaining and takes great care of his group.”*  
D. R.; Kenya

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/our-staff/> for Terry's complete tour schedule; just click on his photo.

One of our Africa specialists, **Errol de Beer** has birding in his blood. Brought up on a farm in the North West Province of South Africa, his fascination with birds and nature started at a young age and there was no stopping him once he received his first decent pair of binoculars at age 14. Errol has been birding for over 35 years and has guided trips through most of Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands for the last decade and a half. He has recently started guiding in India and Nepal and is already in demand as a tour leader to the Indian sub-continent.

Always up for a challenge and ever eager to find rare and elusive birds, Errol has guided several top listers on private tours to some of the most remote parts of Africa, but he is equally at home leading standard and more relaxed trips. His meticulous planning and research to maximize the success on his tours has made him a popular tour leader and guide with an unparalleled record of clients returning to book him again year after year. His ability to adapt his pace and birding style to best suit that of his group and easy mannerism makes him a unique asset on any tour.

## Financial Information

**FEE: \$12,150 per person from Luanda**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$1,125** (single rooms may not be available at all lodges)

**DEPOSIT: \$1,225**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 22, 2026**

**LIMIT: 12**

## Other Things You Need to Know

**TOUR MANAGER:** The manager for this tour is Sharon Mackie. Sharon will be happy to assist you in preparing for the tour. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call her!

**DOCUMENTS:** Be sure to verify the latest entry requirements for each country you will visit or transit.

**Passport:** A current passport is required for international travel. It should be in good condition, **valid for one year beyond your return date, and have sufficient blank pages**. In addition to the four pages needed for Angola, South Africa requires two pages per entry (or transit), plus at least one page for each other country on your itinerary. Amendment and endorsement pages are not acceptable for entry stamps. Depending on routing, you may need 10 or more blank pages, so please plan ahead, as a new passport may take several weeks to process.

**Visa:** U.S. and Canadian citizens do not currently need a visa to enter Angola (as of January 2026). Requirements are subject to change, and our office will notify you if eVisa is reinstated. Citizens of other countries should check with the consulates of each destination for current entry requirements.

**An International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever is required.**

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** This tour begins in Luanda, Angola (Dr. Antonio Agostinho Neto International Airport, NBJ) and ends in Lubango (Lubango Mukanka Airport, SDD).

**Arrival: Luanda on or before Day 2, September 19** (plan for an overnight flight from the US). We recommend arriving one day early in case of missed connection or delayed luggage. There are several routing options, though we hope to have everyone on the same TAAG Angola flight via Lisbon, if possible. If you arrive early and would like to arrange a city tour, please contact us for details.

**Departure: Lubango on Day 21, October 8, in the evening.** Some clients choose to extend their stay in Lubango, so the flight back to Luanda is not included in the tour fee. As of January 2026, the fare from Lubango to Luanda on TAAG Angola was \$185 (subject to change until ticketed).

Please wait to purchase airline tickets until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate. At that time, we'll be glad to assist with your flight arrangements at no service fee.

**SMOKING:** Almost all of our clients prefer a smoke-free environment. If you smoke, please be sensitive to the group and refrain from smoking at meals, in vehicles, and in proximity to the group on trails and elsewhere.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS: The tour fee is \$12,150 for one person in double occupancy from Luanda.**

It includes all lodging from Day 2 through Day 21, all meals from breakfast on Day 3 to lunch on Day 21, all ground transportation, entrance fees, bottled water and the guide services of the tour leader(s). Tipping at group meals and for drivers, porters, and local guides is included in your tour fee and will be handled for the group by your Field Guides leader(s). However, if you would like to recognize your Field Guides leader(s) or any local guide(s) for exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip. We emphasize that such tips are optional and not expected.

**The above fee does not include** your airfare to Luanda and from Lubango, airport taxes, visa fees, any checked or carry-on baggage charges imposed by the airlines, any beverages other than bottled water, optional tips to local drivers, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

**The single supplement is \$1125 for those requesting a single room. Single rooms may not be available at all of the lodges, especially at Bon Amigos.** If you do not have a roommate but wish to share, we will try to pair you with a roommate from the tour; but if none is available, you will be billed for the single supplement. Our tour fees are based on double occupancy; one-half the cost of a double room is priced into the tour fee. The single supplement is calculated by taking the actual cost of a single room and subtracting one-half the cost of a double room (plus any applicable taxes).

**TOUR REGISTRATION:** To register for this tour, please contact us at [fieldguides.com/contact-us/](https://fieldguides.com/contact-us/). Our office will be in touch with you by email by the next business day (Mon-Fri) with instructions on how to complete our electronic registration form and medical questionnaire (we are no longer accepting the paper version).

**Please send your deposit of \$1225 per person;** see <https://fieldguides.com/payment-options/> for our Payment Options. **Full payment of the tour fee is due 180 days prior to departure, or March 22, 2026.** We will bill you for the final payment at either 180 days or when the tour has reached sufficient subscription to operate, whichever date comes later. Since the cost of your trip insurance and airline tickets is generally non-refundable, please do not finalize these purchases until you have received final billing for the tour or have been advised that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate by your tour manager.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Refund of deposit and full payment, less \$100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 180 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 179 and 90 days before the departure date, 50% of the full tour fee is non-refundable, which would include the full deposit if the final payment has not yet been paid. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable and non-transferable.

Our cancellation policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour (and any services included in those fees). Airline tickets not included in the tour fee and purchased separately often carry penalties for cancellation or change, or are sometimes totally non-refundable. Additionally, if you take out trip insurance the cost of that insurance is not refundable, so it is best to purchase the policy just prior to making full payment for the tour or at the time you purchase airline tickets, depending upon the airline's restrictions.



The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. In most such cases, full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. Note this exception, however: If you have been advised pre-tour that there is a non-refundable portion of your tour fee no matter the reason for Field Guides cancellation of the tour, that portion will not be refunded. The right is reserved to substitute in case of emergency another guide for the original one.

**TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to protect your investment in case of injury or illness to you or an immediate family member before or during a trip. Because we must remit early and substantial deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer refunds for cancellations outside of our Cancellation Policy. If a participant is unable to join or continue a tour due to illness, all related expenses will be their responsibility, and no refunds can be issued for missed days. Please wait to purchase insurance until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate, as most policies are non-refundable.

For full details, visit our Trip Cancellation Insurance page at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/>.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant and each parent or legal guardian of a tour participant who is under 18 agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Field Guides Incorporated, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release and Indemnity Agreement on the registration form. Field Guides Incorporated acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motorcoach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. You acknowledge and agree that Field Guides Incorporated is not responsible for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the detailed itinerary, the information bulletin, and other pertinent matter provided by Field Guides. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in our bulletins.

THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT AND EACH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A TOUR PARTICIPANT WHO IS UNDER 18 SHALL SIGN AND DELIVER THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

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