

Photo workshop in Angola

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Aim

The staff of FALCOPOLIS offers you an unforgettable introduction to the life of the largest raptor wintering roosting site of Planet Earth.

One Million falcons in the African sunset. A memory lasting forever.

Stay with the team in the research camp, experience the falcon heaven around you. Take the best pictures of your life. Learn everything from falcons attending our daily workshops and help us protect this unique place!

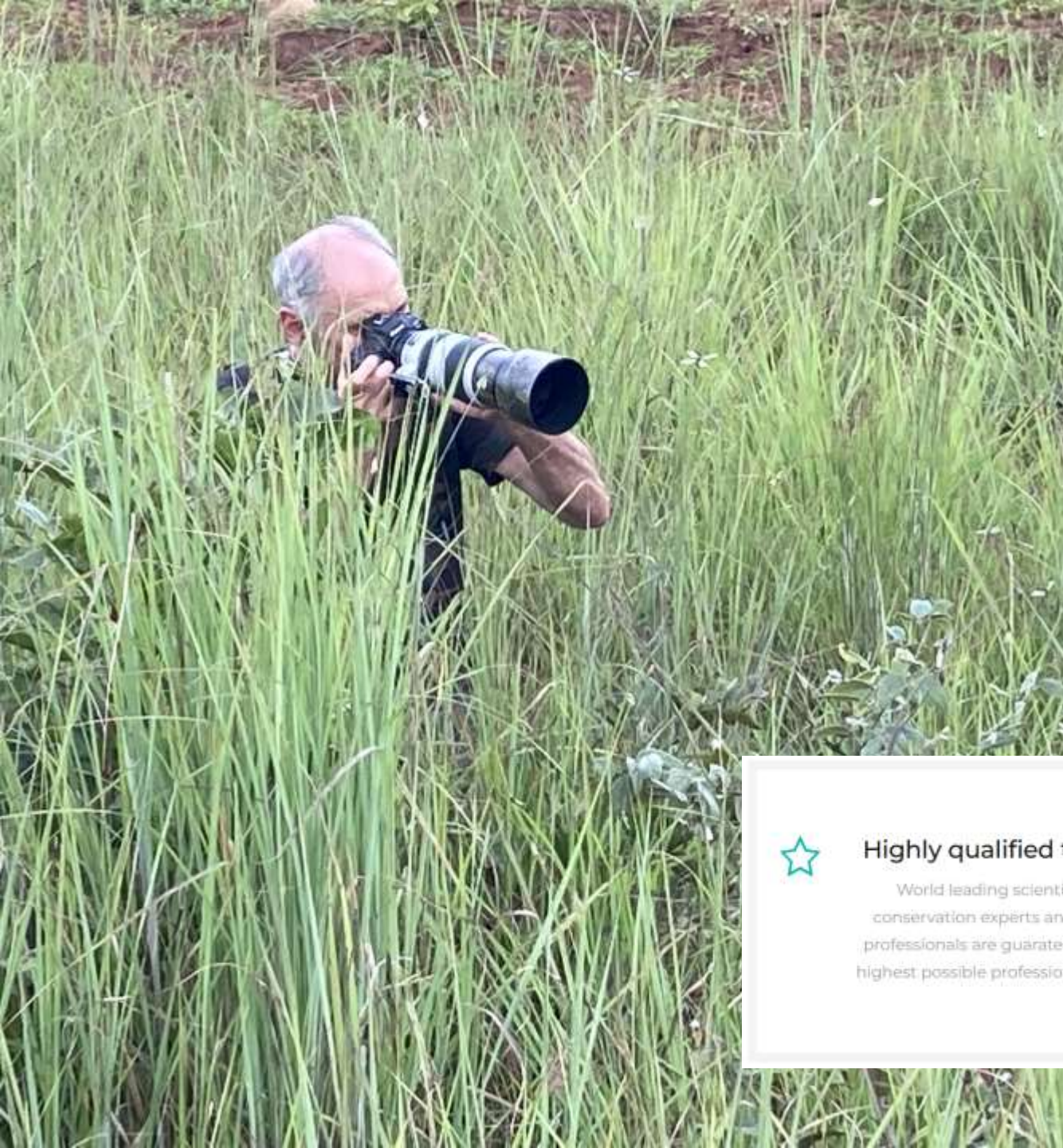
When? March

Where? FALCOPOLIS, Angola High Plateau, near Huambo

Activities:

Nature photography, guided birdwatching, falcon conservation workshop by the world leading experts of the Red-footed Falcon, unique cultural experience.

**BIRDWATCHING SIDE TRIPS
AVAILABLE TO MOUNT MOCO!**



What is an Ecotourist?

An ecotourist is a traveller, who visits natural areas with the goal of experiencing and appreciating the environment and local culture, while minimizing their environmental impact. Ecotourism emphasizes sustainability, wildlife conservation, and respect for local communities.

In Angola, in the capital of the Red-footed falcons, human communities face significant protein shortages, turning to bushmeat to sustain their diets. Roosting falcons are easy prey. When flushed with lights on rainy nights, they fall to the ground with wet wings, from where they can be collected with bare hands in the morning. With ecotourism, we can bring the necessary capital to the local people to secure the conservation of this unique place and the falcons instead of hunting and eating this natural treasure.

Workshop participants are encouraged to take part in the scientific work to help the team to count the falcons and monitor the habitat quality.



Highly qualified team

World leading scientists, conservation experts and field professionals are guarantee of the highest possible professional level.



Additional Benefits

Biodiversity Conservation: Angola is home to unique ecosystems and wildlife. Responsible ecotourism and education can help protect these by funding conservation efforts and reducing harmful activities like poaching, hunting and deforestation.

Economic Benefits for Local Communities: Ecotourism provides jobs and income for local people, encouraging them to preserve their natural resources instead of exploiting them.

Cultural Preservation: By valuing local traditions and practices, ecotourism helps sustain Angola's rich cultural heritage.

Research results: With your photos, you can now make a unique contribution to helping us estimate the number of Red-footed falcons in FALCOPOLIS using the most modern methods of analysis.



Conservation in focus

Our Non-profit operational structure secures that 100% of your money will be spent on nature conservation purposes.

Itinerary

In 2026, tours will commence in Luanda (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th of March)

Day 1: Arrival in Luanda

Your first day is dedicated to arrivals at Luanda International Airport. The city is currently transitioning from the old airport to a new one, so your flight may arrive at either. Regardless of where you land, our team will be there to welcome you and transfer you to our accommodation on the city's outskirts. We recommend arriving before 4 PM, though late evening flights can also be accommodated. At **6 PM**, we will gather for a **Trip Orientation**—an opportunity to meet fellow travellers, review the program, and discuss guidelines for our responsible tourism project. The evening concludes with a **Welcome Dinner**, followed by an early bedtime to prepare for tomorrow's early start.

Accommodation: Comfortable, modern hotel near Luanda

Day 2: Luanda – FALCOPOLIS

We set off at the break of daylight to make the most of our tropical hours. Along the way, we pause for a little birdwatching and landscape photography—first among the coastal baobab forests, then by rivers and marshes alive with color. By midday, we reach Quibala, where a simple yet satisfying lunch awaits. The bustling town market, full of vibrant sights and sounds, offers unforgettable moments for those with a camera in hand. The road to FALCOPOLIS takes us through some of **Africa's most breathtaking scenery**, with dramatic rocky formations rising on every side. By afternoon, we arrive at our boutique campsite. After check-in, a refreshing snack, and some time to settle in, we'll visit the falcon roosting site—a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Don't forget those extra camera batteries, as this is a day you'll want to capture forever. As the first stars appear, we'll gather in our Jango for a freshly cooked dinner and welcome drinks, sharing stories and first impressions of this extraordinary place.

Accommodation: Boutique campsite in FALCOPOLIS

DAY 3/4/5: FALCOPOLIS

You wake up in a comfortable tent nestled in the Angolan Highlands. The golden light spills across the landscape, and the calls of hundred of thousands of Red-footed falcons create a wild, rhythmic alarm clock. A quick breakfast and we head to the roosting site by **guided walk to take photos of Red-footed and Amur falcons** sunbathing on mango trees in the morning light. The altogether cca. 100 bird species were recorded in the area (Schalow's Turaco, Red-backed Mousebird, Black-backed Barbet, Black-backed Puffback, Arrow-marked and Hartlaub's Babblers as highlights) offers unlimited photo opportunity. Mid-morning when falcons leave the area for hunting in the air for swarming termites at more distant locations, we return to the campsite for an early lunch, hot shower and some rest. The unlimited Wifi connection allows you to check in with your loved ones or update your social media feeds.

Afternoon trips and workshops: Day 3: Courtesy visit to the local leaders, shaman dance, village folklor experience

Day 4: Visit of the local market, riverside birding and photography

Day 5: Outdoor workshop, tree plantations with scientists and professional photographers of Falcopolis Fund

Evening counts and photography in FALCOPOLIS the biggest raptor wintering roost on Planet Earth.

Accommodation: our boutique campsite in FALCOPOLIS

Day 6: FALCOPOLIS – Luanda

We rise early and bid farewell to the magic of Falcopolis, beginning our journey back to Luanda. Along the way, the road offers countless opportunities for birdwatching and landscape photography, ensuring the adventure doesn't end just yet. We pause for lunch in Waku Kungo, then continue on to Dondo, where we enjoy a serene riverside sunset. In the evening, we gather once more for a warm farewell dinner at our hotel in Luanda—a final chance to share memories, laughter, and stories from our unforgettable days together.

Accommodation: Comfortable, modern hotel near Luanda

DAY 7: Departure from Luanda International Airport

Depending on your flight departure time you will have opportunity to visit the local craft market or visit the cultural center of Luanda city. We offer you flexible transfer to the airport.

Meals –Accommodation-Transfer

Meals

You will receive three meals per day, prepared on-site by our chef.

Angolan dishes have strong Portuguese influence, so in most case, you will have Rice, potatoes, sweet potatoes, spaghetti, pork, beef, chicken, fish, soup, manioc (cassava), corn (maize), vegetables, fruit and cereals. Our team takes dietary needs and preferences into consideration wherever possible.

Please put any dietary requirements in your application and check with us upon arrival. For major concerns (like allergies), contact us by email at office@falconpolis.org.

Airport Pickup

All travelers are picked up upon arrival at Luanda International Airport and transported directly to the hotel in Luanda.

Accommodation

Stay in safari tents, designed to ensure safety and comfort in the field. The camp includes: a fully equipped kitchen tent, a designated area with hot showers, reliable solar-powered electricity, on-site internet access and mosquito nets provided for all sleeping areas. You are also welcome to come with your caravan or camping car. Please contact us to make a reservation before your arrival, otherwise we cannot guarantee your tent or campsite.

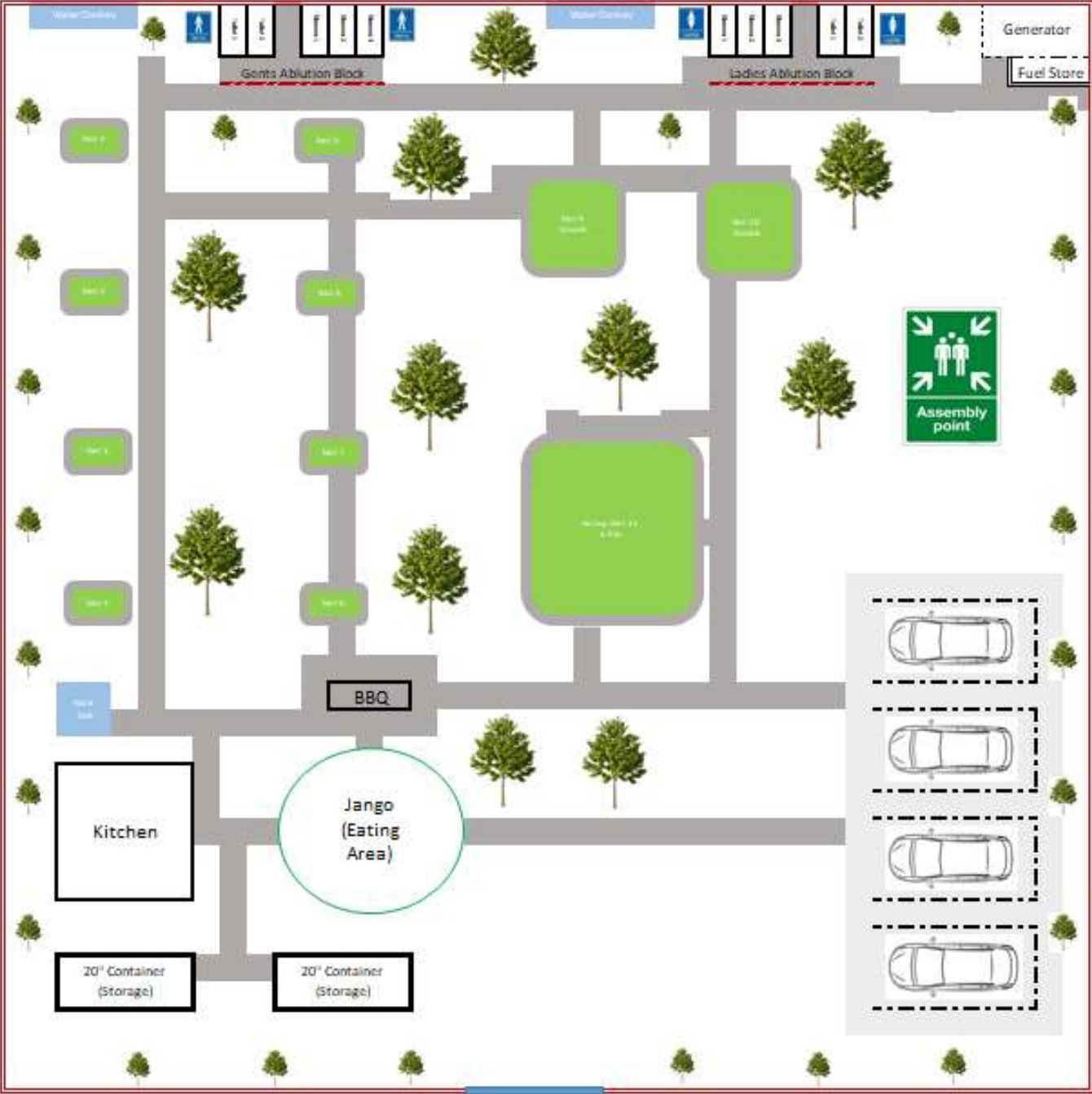


CAMPSITE in FALCOPOLIS

Our safari tents protect against heat, rain and insects, while ensuring a peaceful retreat. In the communal areas the camp staff will take care of your every wish.

Meals are served in the Jango where most of the social life will take place.

We can offer 10 x 2 beds tents. Single use is offered for extra fee.



Pricing

**7 days / 6 nights in Angola
with extension 9 days/ 8 nights**

Price includes

Accommodation

Meals (breakfast/ lunch/ dinner and non-alcoholic beverages)

Airport transfer

Participation fee in the evening and morning guided visits to FALCOPOLIS.

Entry fee to each afternoon workshops

24 hour support in the campsite, free Wifi

Local tax fees and your contribution to SAVE FALCOPOLIS!

Extension (2 nights)

Stay 2 more nights in FALCOPOLIS or visit Mount Moco for birdwatching. Ask for a special offer!

Price excludes

Flights

Travel insurance, Visa (if needed)

Alcoholic beverages



Conservation in focus

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Contracting and payment

After the online registration we will send you the contract attached to the confirmation email.

A non-refundable advance payment of 50% is required at the time of signature of the contract.

Your reservation is guaranteed after the confirmation of your successful transfer by the bank.

The final payment is due to 60 days before your travel date.



24/7 support

You can always get professional support from our staff 24/7 and ask any question you have.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY ACCEPT ONLINE ADVANCE BOOKING!

Addressing Safety Concerns in Angola

Traveling in Angola can be an incredibly rewarding experience, but it's important to be aware of certain health and safety considerations before your trip. Here are the key safety concerns you should prepare for:

Health and Illnesses Travellers should be aware of:

- **Malaria and Dengue Fever** are prevalent, especially during the rainy season (November to April). Preventive medication, insect repellent, and mosquito nets (provided at camp) are essential.
- **Yellow Fever** is endemic. Proof of vaccination is not required for entry into the country anymore, but we recommend to consider getting it.
- **Tuberculosis and Hepatitis A & B** are also common. Vaccinations and general hygiene precautions are recommended.
- **Limited Healthcare Access:** Medical facilities outside Luanda are usually basic. Travel insurance with emergency evacuation is strongly advised.

Crime-Political Unrest-Road Safety

While Angola is mostly peaceful, people are extremely friendly, some risks remain:

- **Crime:** Street crime may occur in Luanda. Other towns and cities are remarkably friendly and safe. The most common crimes are pick-pocketing, purse-snatching and vehicle break-ins. Armed muggings, robberies, and carjacking involving foreigners are not frequent but do occur. In Luanda and Huambo, please, take reasonable precautions, just as you would in any other big city. Nowadays, given the economic crisis, there are more and more opportunistic minor incidents of street robberies.
- **Political Unrest:** The security situation in Angola has improved markedly since the end of the civil war. Though generally stable, occasional protests or civil unrest can occur. Stay informed and avoid large gatherings.
- **Dealing with Authorities and Police:** The basic rule is to always be polite and always stay calm. Be respectful and never be arrogant or display anger. You will achieve far more with a smile. Angolans are friendly and pleasant people; they expect others to be so as well. If you get into difficulty with the police let úr team know. Avoid taking photographs of sites and installations of military or security interest, including government buildings, since this can result in fines and possible arrest. If we need to take pictures of such buildings, please inform us and we will ask for permission.

General Danger Factors

Water and Food Safety

- **Drinking Water:** Tap water is not safe to drink. Always use bottled or properly filtered water—even for brushing your teeth and washing your hands. Regular handwashing or use of hand sanitizer is crucial to prevent illness.
- **Food Safety:** Avoid undercooked meats, unwashed fruits and vegetables, and street food unless it's freshly cooked in front of you. Fruits produced in Angola are remarkably tasty. If you come across fruit being sold in the streets, please make sure you wash it with bottled water before eating it.
- **Food Storage:** In hot climates, spoilage happens quickly. Be cautious of food that may have been left out too long.

Other Environmental Concerns

- **Wildlife & Insects:** Angola is home to snakes, spiders, and other potentially dangerous animals. Be alert in rural and forested areas.

Climate

Luanda: has a tropical savanna climate with distinct wet and dry seasons. Temperatures are warm to hot and vary little throughout the year. Luanda has high humidity. Hence, during the wet season people tend to sweat. Huambo Province has a subtropical highland climate, characterized by mild temperatures year-round with a distinct wet season from October to April. Due to its high altitude, the climate is significantly cooler than other parts of Angola, with average temperatures ranging from 19°C to 21°C. Huambo receives substantial rainfall in March and April. If possible, please bring an umbrella or raincoat; also bring sturdy boots, jeans trousers, t-shirts for the field. Add a jumper or fleece, as it can get chilly in the evening.



Through volunteer programs, eco-adventures, and community initiatives, we empower people to become protectors of the natural world, not just visitors.

Every tour, every project, and every partnership fuel a future where humans and wildlife thrive together.

Discover how one small act can ripple into lasting change for generations to come.

Join us!

Explore! Learn! Protect!