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Expert Guides



The Kamba Guiding Team

The Kamba Guiding team is a group of dedicated and highly skilled eco-guides who bring a deep passion for nature, conservation, and wildlife to every guest experience. Each guide has a unique background, coming from different parts of the world and bringing with them a wealth of expertise in areas such as ornithology, botany, and wildlife conservation. From tracking gorillas in the dense forests to leading meditative forest walks, the team is committed to providing immersive and educational experiences that connect guests with the rich biodiversity of the Congo Basin.



JOSH DUFFUS

HEAD FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Kenya

LANGUAGE: English

INTERESTS: Conservation | Elephants

I was born in the Maasai Mara and grew up in game reserves across Africa. Guiding as a career was a natural choice. I initially studied at Campfire Academy in South Africa and guided and managed lodges in the Greater Kruger area, Madikwe Game Reserve and Tswalu Kalahari before starting my new adventure in the Congo Basin at Odzala. As a guide, I love sharing about the smaller things out there as well as helping photographers capture those most sought-after images. Exploring some of the wildest places left on our planet has always been a passion and being able to do that here is a life dream come true. There is a magic here in the Congo that cannot be described, and we are blessed to be able to experience that.



PEDRO LOPES

ASSISTANT HEAD FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Brussels -Belgium | Lisbon -Portugal

LANGUAGES: English | French | Portuguese | Spanish

INTERESTS: Birds | Trees | Elephants | Community | Conservation

Having spent and worked most of my life in a big city, my love for nature started on the small screen; but it all changed the day I finally travelled to Africa and found out that the magic was real. I could see it, smell it, feel it. Becoming a guide was the perfect compromise in order to put to the test all my senses. Being able to share my passion for the natural world with people is such a rewarding feeling and my insatiable hunger for learning keeps me kicking. I've never felt more alive since I made that life-changing decision.



HELEN DUFFUS

SENIOR FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Germany

LANGUAGES: English | French | Russian | German

INTERESTS: Walking | Photography | Birding

My parents believed in as much time spent outdoors as possible and I grew up loving it. When I discovered the guiding industry in 2012 in South Africa, it quite simply "clicked" with me and I never looked back. Always keen for explorations and adventure, as well as pushing myself out of my comfort zone, coming to the Congo after having experienced several different areas of South Africa, from the thickets of the Eastern Cape to the Kalahari, via the lush hills of KZN and the Waterberg bushveld, seemed like a great way to learn more and grow further. The excitement of building guest experiences in such a massive and truly wild region of Africa and the fascinating ecology of this area make it an absolute privilege to work here. My passion for walking and exploring untouched areas has not subsided since my youth and Odzala is possibly the best place in Africa for anyone with such interests.



DYLAN SMITH

SENIOR FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Johannesburg, South Africa

LANGUAGE: English

INTERESTS: Primates | Amphibians | Ecology

Throughout my childhood, and well into my adult life, I took every opportunity I could to spend as much time as possible in reserves across the continent, developing a passion for wildlife and a lifelong goal to work in the wilds of Africa surrounded by the animals I love. I am a FGASA qualified guide, and also a qualified tracker, and have been working in the industry for the past ten years. My honest passion for this continent has led me to some of the most wild, and incredible adventures, only helping to further develop my dream of sharing a magic, which so few people get to witness in their lifetimes, a dream to aid my guests in exploring and learning about the one of the last true wilderness of our world.



ANDREW HAY

FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Hexham, United Kingdom

LANGUAGES: English | Basic Gaelic | Basic French

INTERESTS: Mammals | Ethology | Ecology | Anthropology

Growing up in nature sparked my passion for understanding the natural world and our role in it, which I now aim to share with others. After earning an MA in History and gaining insights into how humans interact with the environment, I pursued a career in conservation, shaped by experiences in the Australian Outback and the Bornean Jungle, where I witnessed both the harmony of people with nature and the threats it faces. Now, working in the Congolese Rainforest at Kamba, allows me to fulfill my mission of showcasing its beauty and significance, not just the large mammals but all life forms within it. I'm excited to continue learning and guiding guests, showing how humans, from indigenous communities to tourists, can help protect these vital ecosystems.



GLANCE ELOYE-NZOUTANI

JUNIOR FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo

LANGUAGE: English | French

INTERESTS: Fungi | Plants

After transitioning from a career in the airline industry, where delivering premium guest experiences was the norm, joining the Kamba family in Odzala has been both a thrilling challenge and a rewarding adventure. One of the most meaningful guest experiences at Kamba begins right at the airstrip, where I look forward to forming an initial bond with Kamba's visitors and show them the wonders of Odzala. The natural world, particularly the role of fungi in the rainforest's ecosystem, excites me the most about working in Odzala. Sharing this knowledge with guests, including the medicinal and culinary benefits of fungi, creates a deeper connection to the environment. For open-minded guests, Odzala has the power to expand their imagination and reveal how precious the Congo Basin truly is.



MEG MCSMITH

JUNIOR FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Hoedspruit, South Africa

LANGUAGE: English | Afrikaans

INTERESTS: Ecology & interconnection | Animal Behaviour | Tracking

Growing up in the safari industry I have been incredibly fortunate to have found my passion at a very early age. I was raised in nature having conservation and curiosity instilled as a core value. I was taught to live a part of our natural world as opposed to on it. My drive to explore has taken me from the lowveld to the arid savannas of the Northern Cape, and now to the Congo rainforest, fulfilling my dream of exploring this incredible ecosystem and its people. To be in nature is to be rooted to where we come from, and having the privilege of being an interpreter, a link between the rainforest and the human animal is a role that has changed my outlook on several facets of how I interact with the world. There is a calm in nature that we all crave, a whisper that many haven't heard yet, that whisper is my driving force to understand, respect and protect



BEN COCKRAM

JUNIOR FIELD GUIDE (ODZALA-KOKOUA NATIONAL PARK)

FROM: Reading, England

LANGUAGE: English

INTERESTS: Butterflies | Birding | Photography

My love for nature developed early, thanks to a well-traveled childhood shaped by my father's job, which moved us to different countries every 4 or 5 years. Family safaris sparked my interest in guiding as a career. Growing up in six countries across three continents fueled my curiosity, adaptability, and passion for exploring new cultures. Though I initially set this dream aside, it stayed with me throughout my education. After earning a BSc in Psychology, I pursued my passion through Ecotraining, obtaining FGASA Level 1 and Back-up Trails qualifications. Coming to Odzala for my first guiding adventure is an incredible opportunity to build on my knowledge and skills in one of the world's most unspoiled wildernesses.