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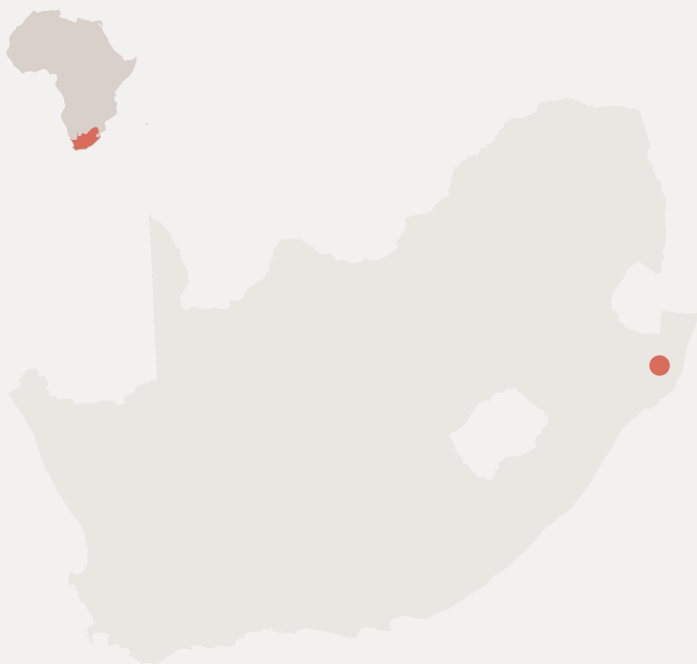
**&BEYOND**

## Phinda Mountain Lodge

*Phinda Private Game Reserve*



### SOUTH AFRICA



&Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve encompasses an impressive 23 000 hectares (56 800 acres) of protected wildlife land in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Showcasing one of the continent's finest game viewing experiences, &Beyond Phinda is home to Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), as well as 415 bird species. The reserve is particularly well known for close-up sightings of the elegant yet elusive cheetah, as well as the rare black rhino.

With its seven distinct habitats, Phinda is often described as 'Seven Worlds of Wonder', a magnificent tapestry of woodland, grassland, wetland and forest, interspersed with mountain ranges, rivers, marshes and pans. Home to 1 000 hectares of Africa's remaining rare dry sand forest, the reserve is situated in close proximity to the unspoiled beaches and spectacular coral reefs of the Indian Ocean, offering an unmatched combination of bush and beach adventures.

Guests at Phinda experience unforgettable interpretive game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles, led by professionally trained &Beyond rangers and Zulu trackers, as well as a wide range of optional adventures in the bush and on the beach.

Phinda is home to six magnificent lodges, each with its own individual charm and character: Mountain Lodge, Rock Lodge, Forest Lodge, Vlei Lodge, Zuka Lodge and Phinda Homestead.

*{Phinda Mountain Lodge}*

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With wraparound views of the spectacular Ubombo mountain range and the surrounding Zululand bush, **&Beyond** Phinda Mountain Lodge is a dramatic safari destination. Its 25 split-level suites crest the mountain's edge, offering breath-taking raptor's-eye views of the reserve below. Guests are greeted in the sheltered and welcoming open-air courtyard, which opens out onto a magnificent horseshoe-shaped building that holds the guest areas. The intimate sitting areas are filled with sunlight and the open decks make the most of the magnificent views. Each luxurious suite boasts an elegant ensuite bathroom, private sitting area and a spacious veranda with a plunge pool and outdoor shower. Delicious meals are served in the dining area, which overlooks the reserve and the Ubombo Mountains or in the traditional stone and reed boma, theatrically illuminated by dozens of candles and lanterns. Phinda is renowned for its bush banquets in natural, unexpected settings and guests may well find themselves savouring their meal in a spectacular clearing in the bush beneath an umbrella of twinkling stars.

## AT A GLANCE

- 25 air-conditioned suites
- 3 triple suites and 1 family suite (4 bedrooms)
- Private plunge pools
- Outdoor showers
- Shaded lodge pool
- Boma for open-air dining
- Safari Shop

## WHAT SETS US APART

- Amazing views of the reserve
- Ideal for families - specialised children's programme
- Seven habitats allow for much greater diversity in species and landscapes
- Wildlife includes cheetah, black rhino and nyala
- Variety of adventures available
- 23 000 hectare (56 800 acre) private game reserve with limited number of vehicles

## ACTIVITIES

### *Included*

- Twice-daily game drives, including afternoon / evening drives
- Bush walks
- River cruises

### *At an additional charge*

- Phinda Adventures include Zulu village tours, Maputland beach adventures, night turtle drives, scuba safaris, black rhino tracking on foot, visits to endangered wild cats project and swimming with whale sharks
- Specialist Safaris include birding, photographic, rhino capture and research, tracking, luxury walking, family and private safaris

## GUEST SAFETY

The lodge is not fenced off and we request guests be extremely vigilant at all times. Security guards accompany guests at all times when walking around the lodge at night.



## ACCESS

- Federal Air offers direct scheduled charter flights between Johannesburg and &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve on some days of the week
- SA Express and Federal Air offer daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg to Richards Bay, followed by a one and a half hour road transfer to the reserve
- Six-hour drive from Johannesburg on good roads in a two-wheel drive vehicle
- Three-hour drive from Durban on good roads in a two-wheel drive vehicle
- Private charters from anywhere in South Africa can be arranged to Phinda's airstrip

## ACCOLADES



**&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE IS #22 IN CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER BEST IN THE WORLD TOP 100 HOTELS, ISLANDS, CITIES, CRUISES AND AIRLINES 2013**



**&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE IS #4 IN CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER BEST IN THE WORLD (AFRICA CATEGORY) 2013**



**TRIPADVISOR CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE 2012**

*“ Staying at Mountain Lodge was an experience of a lifetime! The entire staff made our stay fantastic. Our ranger always made a special effort and literally went the extra mile to show us all the beauties of Phinda. We will definitely come back!”*

*- Christian-Max Pietsch  
&Beyond guest*



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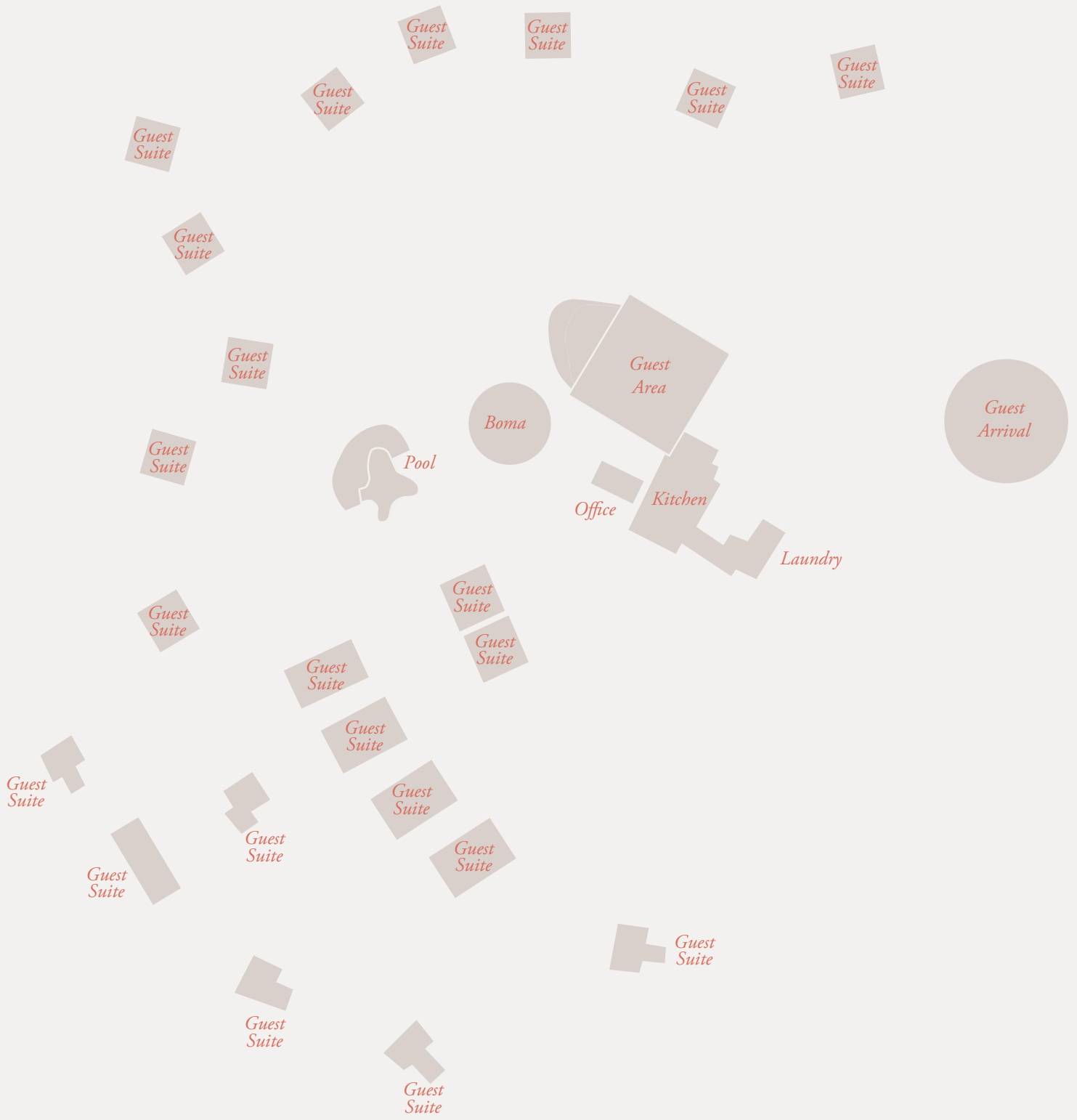
NUMBER OF ROOMS	25
MAXIMUM GUESTS	50
CHILDREN	Yes; no children under 16 on Walking Safaris; children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game drives; children aged 6 to 11 permitted on game drives at the lodge manager's discretion
CHILDMINDING	Available at an additional cost
TRIPLES	3 (children 16 years and younger)
FAMILY SUITE	4 children 16 years and younger
TWIN BEDS	All convertible to double
AIR CONDITIONING	Yes
OVERHEAD FANS	Yes
PLUNGE POOLS	Yes, except family suite
LODGE POOL	Yes
BATH	Yes
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHOWERS	Yes
SEPARATE W.C.	Yes
IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes
PERSONAL BAR	Yes
TELEPHONE	Yes
HAIRDRYER	Yes
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Yes
CONFERENCE FACILITIES	Yes (maximum of 30 delegates)
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	Yes, with assistance
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	15m / 50ft
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	12h00 – 14h00 / 11h00
KOSHER FOOD	Available with prior notice and at extra cost

POWER	220v AC
INTERNET ACCESS	Yes, wifi in suites and guest areas
PRIVATE 4X4 SAFARI VEHICLE	Depending on availability and at additional cost
CREDIT CARDS	Visa, Diners, Amex, MasterCard
IN-ROOM MASSAGE	Yes
WEATHER	Subtropical climate with hot, humid and wet summers from September to April and warm to cool and dry winters from May to August
RAINFALL	Rainfall averages 1 000mm / 39" per annum. Much of the rainfall comes in the form of short, intense afternoon thundershowers. Rain can be expected throughout the year
TEMPERATURE	Summer: daytime temperatures above 35 °C / 95 °F Winter: night-time temperature rarely drops below 10 °C / 50 °F
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL	All year round; best game viewing from March to end of September
MALARIA	The reserve is situated in a low-risk malaria area
AIRSTRIP	The Phinda airstrip is not registered; coordinates are S27° .51.36' and E32° .18.48'
GPS COORDINATES	S27° 46.657' and E32° 20.942'
LODGE CLOSURE	Open year round

### NOTE

Please note that park fees and government charges may apply. Speak to your travel consultant for more details.

CAMP LAYOUT



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