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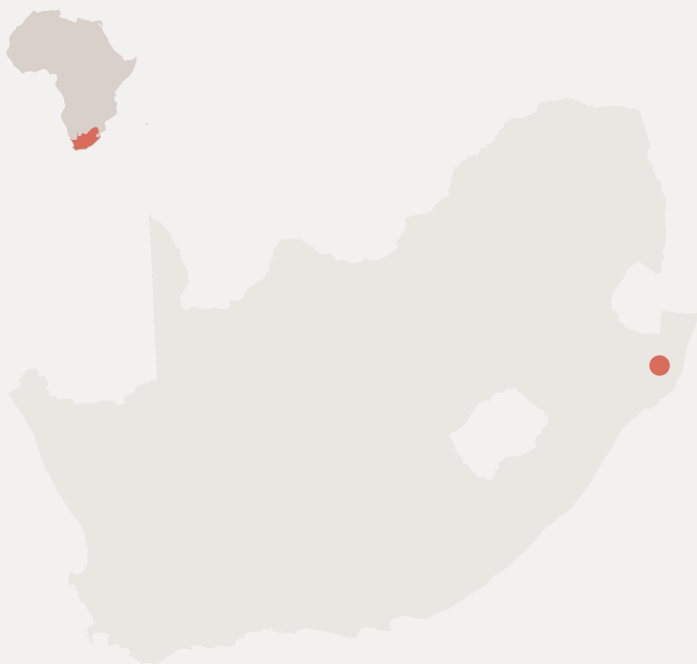
**&BEYOND**

## Phinda Rock 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 Rock Lodge}*

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Dramatically set into a cliff face overlooking spectacular Leopard Rock, **&Beyond Phinda Rock Lodge** is an architectural delight, combining Malian influences with pueblo panache. Its six suites are seemingly suspended over the deep valley below, providing breath-taking views. Each romantic suite, constructed from contoured stone and adobe, boasts solid wooden shutters and doors, opening onto a private plunge pool and viewing deck. Boasting spacious ensuite bathrooms, the suites also feature outdoor showers, providing some of the most scenic al fresco bathing on the African continent. The lodge's comfortable sitting areas offer the perfect vantage point for viewing the abundant birdlife in the surrounding trees and the wildlife roaming the bush below. This is an intimate lodge, where guests are treated like treasured family members and time is shared with fellow safari adventurers, who soon become friends. Striking, fiery sunsets are witnessed from the game viewing deck, suspended over the landscape below, and delicious meals are served in the dining area, under hand-wrought chandeliers. Unforgettable bush banquets in bush clearings under the African night sky delight and enchant guests.

## AT A GLANCE

- 6 air-conditioned suites
- Private rim-flow plunge pools
- Roaring fireplace in the guest area
- Outdoor showers

## WHAT SETS US APART

- Dramatic views across the valley
- Secluded and romantic
- 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, ISLAND, CITIES, CRUISES AND AIRLINES 2013**



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



**&BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE EARNS HIGHEST SCORE IN SOUTH AFRICA CATEGORY OF CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER GOLD LIST OF THE WORLD'S BEST PLACES TO STAY 2012**

*“Our stay at Phinda was the best vacation we have ever taken! Every minute at Phinda Rock Lodge was magical. The staff, the food and the accommodations were all fantastic! We really lucked out when it came to game viewing. It was just wonderful to spend so much intimate time with the animals. On day one we spent the afternoon with a brother and sister cheetah. We watched them hunt and try several times to take down antelope, to the point where they were completely exhausted. We stayed with them as they recharged their batteries. When they were finally successful we were completely and unexpectedly thrilled for them!”*

*- Anne Wertz  
&Beyond guest*



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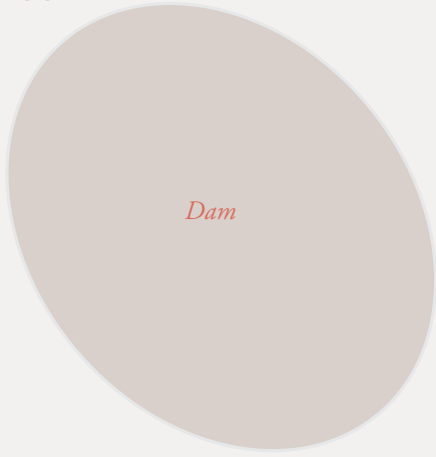
NUMBER OF ROOMS	6
MAXIMUM GUESTS	12
CHILDREN	No, due to the cliffside location
TWIN BEDS	All convertible to double
AIR CONDITIONING	Yes
OVERHEAD FANS	Yes
PLUNGE POOLS	Yes
BATH	Yes
INDOOR SHOWERS	Yes
OUTDOOR SHOWERS	Yes, except for two suites
SEPARATE W.C.	Yes
IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes
PERSONAL BAR	Yes
TELEPHONE	Yes
HAIRDRYER	Yes
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	10m / 33ft
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 guest areas and rooms
PRIVATE 4X4 SAFARI VEHICLE	Depending on availability and at additional cost
CREDIT CARDS	Visa, Diners, Amex, MasterCard

IN-ROOM MASSAGE	Yes
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	Gym in a bag available on request
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.

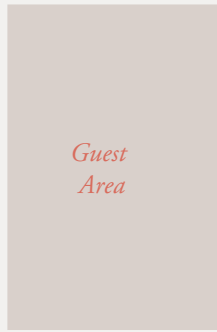
CAMP LAYOUT



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