

Rissington Inn



28 years of great hospitality 2023/2024

An upgrade of all the rooms
Innovative table d'hôte menu with options for all diets
Varied and affordable wine list
Air-conditioning in all rooms and suites
Televisions with DStv in all rooms
Complimentary, unlimited high-speed Wi-Fi in all rooms
Upgraded lighting, linen and furnishings
New, larger swimming pool and dining terrace
Table tennis, pool table, volleyball, badminton, croquet
Improved generator for power failures
Improved road access and rebuilt gardens
Fully family friendly

Rissington Inn is still unique in its bracket
THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE!

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RISSINGTON'S AWARDS: WHAT ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

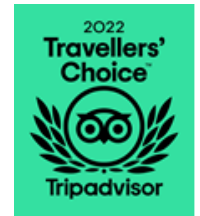
SA TOURISM WELCOME AWARDS



Rissington came second in the search for South Africa's friendliest hotel in the SA Tourism Welcome Awards, nominated by clients and then audited by SA Tourism by means of surprise visits and mystery guests. The awards recognise service excellence and innovation in tourism products.

TRIPADVISOR

Rissington has consistently won a Certificate of Excellence for every year of TA's existence and is a 2022 Travellers' Choice winner for being in the Top 10% of all hotels reviewed.



DINERS CLUB WINE LIST PLATINUM AWARD



Rissington is one of only very few establishments in Mpumalanga to receive an annual award for its wine list. The award is given for wine lists that offer an outstanding quality and selection of wines from different regions and for a knowledgeable description, matching the wines with a suitable menu.

FEDHASA

Rissington is a member of FEDHASA, the hospitality industry association, which guarantees responsible tourism and fair management practices. Rissington is actively involved in a number of charitable organisations which seek to broaden the benefits of tourism to the region.



PORTFOLIO AND THE CHEF'S HAT



Rissington has been a member of the Portfolio Collection for 28 years, since it opened its doors, and was one of the first two establishments to be awarded the coveted chef's hat – the Good Food Accolade for Inspired Chefs.



ROUGH GUIDE

We are one of the Rough Guide's favourite accommodation establishments in Hazyview and we are listed in numerous other Guide Books in many languages. Keep an eye out for us!



AFRISTAY

Rissington has always been awarded a Best Value Establishment rating by Afristay.



SHORT BROCHURE DESCRIPTIONS – Adapt as you wish...!

RISSINGTON INN *(100 words)*

Rissington Inn – affordable, award-winning, family-friendly country lodge. Cheerful, attentive hospitality. 20 individual rooms. Stylish. Relaxed. Informal. Light meals or table d’hôte dining. Superb food. Fully licensed bar. Complimentary High-speed Wi-Fi. Colourful gardens.

All rooms have en-suite bathrooms, ceiling fans, private entrances, verandahs and views. All air-conditioned. Most have televisions. Swimming pool. Walks. Games. Activities. Spectacular birding and small game sightings. Child-friendly.

One kilometre down a gravel road off the R40, just south of Hazyview. On the Panorama Route. 10 minutes from the Kruger National Park. Golf, riding and a host of activities nearby. Rissington Inn – exceeding expectations for 28 years.

RISSINGTON INN *(250 words)*

Rissington Inn is an award-winning, affordable, family-friendly country lodge in the heart of South Africa’s Lowveld in the north-east of the country. Relaxed and informal, the inn makes the perfect stopover en route to the game reserves and an easy base from which to explore all that Mpumalanga offers.

Twenty individual rooms and suites are surrounded by 20 acres of colourful gardens and offer comfortable, spacious, airy accommodation. All have air-conditioning, ceiling fans, bar fridges, en-suite bathrooms, verandahs and private entrances. All have televisions. The rooms and the charming, thatched farmhouse are shaded by magnificent trees and have breathtaking views down the valley. The popular garden suites and hillside suites all have hammocks/daybeds and outside showers.

Outstanding breakfasts, lunches, light meals and table d’hôte dining, seven days a week. Extensive choices including child, vegan and African options. Welcoming licensed bar. Complimentary High-speed WiFi throughout.

Rissington’s easy-going hosts ensure cheerful, attentive hospitality allowing guests total freedom to unwind and enjoy the peace of the bush, to lie by the sunny pool or to walk, enjoying spectacular birds and small game sightings. Activities are on offer for children.

One kilometre through indigenous bush on a good gravel road off the R40, south of Hazyview. Ten minutes from Kruger National Park. Close to attractions of the Escarpment and Panorama Route. Golf, horse-riding, elephant interactions and numerous adrenalin activities nearby.

Rissington – the perfect balance of friendly, unobtrusive personal service. Everything you need and a little more than you expected.

Award-winning rooms, menu and wine list

Portfolio with Chef’s Hat. Diners Club Wine List of the Year Platinum Award.

Afristay Best Value Establishment. TripAdvisor Travellers Choice. Frommers, Fodor, Lonely Planet, Rough Guide, Le Petit Futé, Iwanowsky’s Guide, Sleep Out and many more.

RISSINGTON Inn TARIFF SHEET

Room/Room type	01 Nov 2022 to 31 Oct 2023	01 Nov 2023 to 31 Oct 2024	Bed layout
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ALL RATES PER PERSON PER NIGHT BED AND BREAKFAST

BUDGET ROOMS (Budget Rooms)

COMBRETUM - Budget Room	R650	R690	1 x Queen size
KAPOK - Budget Room	R650	R690	1 x Queen size

Budget rooms can accommodate a maximum of 2 people

LARGER ROOMS (Superior Rooms)

EUPHORBIA - West-facing Larger Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Superking
CAMELFOOT - Twin Larger Room	R1120	R1190	2 x Queen size
SALIGNA - Double Larger Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Superking
BAOBAB – Larger Double Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Queen & 1 x Single
MAHOGANY – Larger Double Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Queen & 1 x Single
KIGELIA – Larger Double Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Queen & 1 x Single
FRANGIPANI – Larger Twin Room	R1120	R1190	2 x Queen size
KIAAT – Larger Double Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Superking
MARULA – Larger Twin Room	R1120	R1190	2 x Queen size
MATUMI – Larger Double Room	R1120	R1190	1 x Superking

GARDEN SUITES (Deluxe Rooms)

SYCAMORE – Double Garden Suite	R1365	R1450	1 x Superking (Honeymoon)
IVORY - Double Garden Suite	R1365	R1450	1 x Superking & 1x Single
ACACIA – Double Garden Suite	R1365	R1450	1 x Superking & 1x Single
CORAL – Double Garden Suite	R1365	R1450	1 x Superking & 1x Single
EBONY – Twin Garden Suite	R1365	R1450	2 x Queen size
TEAK – Twin Garden Suite	R1365	R1450	2 x Queen size

In Garden Suites and Larger Rooms: R200 per person per night for a 3rd and 4th adult/16+. (R250 from 01 Nov 2023). Under 16s no charge when sharing these rooms with two full-paying adults.

HILLSIDE SUITES (Deluxe/Family Rooms)

PUMALANGA – 2 Bedroom Suite	R1480	R1580	1 x King size bed (Rm 1)
	R740	R790 (3 rd /4 th adult/16+)	1 x QS, 1 x Single (Rm 2)
	R200	R250 (3 rd /4 th /5 th child under 16)	
SHONALANGA – 2 Bedroom Suite	R1480	R1580	1 x King size bed (Rm 1)
	R740	R790 (3 rd /4 th adult/16+)	1 x QS, 1 x Single (Rm 2)
	R200	R250 (3 rd /4 th /5 th child under 16)	

GUIDE'S ROOM

UMKHAPHI - The Guide's Room (basic)	R550	R580	1 single bed
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NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS CHARGED on any rooms. Children under 16 stay free of charge, maximum two children per superior room or garden suite (three in a hillside suite).

All rooms en-suite and air-conditioned. Suites have hammock or daybed and walled-off outside showers. All rooms have televisions. To pre-pay dinner add R350 per person (R380 per person from 01 November 2023).

Cancellation charges are as follows:

Cancellation within 7 days of start of booking:	100% of full cost of stay
Cancellation between 8 and 14 days of start:	75% of full cost of stay
Cancellation between 15 and 21 days of start:	50% of full cost of stay
Cancellation between 22 and 28 days of start:	25% of full cost of stay

FACT SHEET

20 ROOMS

All en-suite; all have mini-bar fridges, tea and coffee facilities, hair-dryers, air-conditioning; ceiling fans – 2 hillside (family) suites – 6 garden suites (deluxe) – 10 larger rooms (superior) – 2 smaller (budget). All rooms have televisions with a wide range of DStv satellite channels.

BED CONFIGURATIONS

3 double / triple rooms with 1 superking size bed and single bed
5 double rooms with 1 superking size bed
5 twin / triple / quadruple rooms with 2 double beds
3 twin / triple rooms with 1 queen size bed and 1 single bed
2 double rooms with 1 queen size bed
2 hillside suites, sleeping up to 5, with two bedrooms each – superking size plus queen size bed and single.

HILLSIDE SUITES: PUMALANGA, SHONALANGA

Two bedrooms in each suite with walled-off outside shower, two en-suite bathrooms, sitting room, satellite television, minibar fridge and private pool shared only by these two suites. Air-conditioning, private verandah, view, hammock.

GARDEN SUITES: IVORY, ACACIA (thatch), CORAL (thatch)

Superking size bed and single bed; covered verandah; view; ground floor; Victorian bath; air-conditioning; television; outside shower; hammock or daybed

GARDEN SUITES: SYCAMORE *HONEYMOON SUITE*

Superking size bed; covered verandah; view; ground floor; Victorian bath; air-conditioning, television, walled-off outside shower, daybed

GARDEN SUITES: SYCAMORE, EBONY (thatch), TEAK (thatch)

Two queen size beds; covered verandah; ground floor; Victorian bath - walled-off outside shower; air-conditioning, television; view, hammock or daybed

LARGER ROOM (SUPERIOR): SALIGNA

Superking size bed; Victorian bath; shower; upstairs; patio; air-conditioning, television; view; thatch

LARGER ROOM (SUPERIOR): CAMELFOOT

Two queen size beds; Victorian bath; shower; air-conditioning, television; downstairs; patio

LARGER ROOM (SUPERIOR): EUPHORBIA

Superking size bed; Double shower; air-conditioning, television; patio; view

LARGER ROOMS (SUPERIOR): BAOBAB, MAHOGANY, KIGELIA

Queen and single bed; Victorian bath; shower; air-conditioning, tv; downstairs; verandah; view; daybed

LARGER ROOMS (SUPERIOR): FRANGIPANI, KIAAT, MARULA, MATUMI

Superking bed (Frangipani/Marula – 2 QS); Double shower; air-con, tv; downstairs; verandah; view; daybed

BUDGET ROOMS (BUDGET): COMBRETUM, KAPOK

Queen size bed; shower; air-conditioning; downstairs; patio

GUIDE'S ROOM: single bed, shower/WC en-suite

RESTAURANT max 45 people; table d'hôte or light meals menu. Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-free options.

Full English Breakfast - Cold meat, cheeses, cereals, a fry-up, omelettes, African dishes, toast, scones and jams.

Table d'hôte lunch & dinner – Blend of South African and international cuisine. Children's options available.

Prices – 2-course R210; 3-course R290 **Open** all day. Full **Liquor Licence**. **Picnics**. Award-winning **Wine List**.

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Complimentary High-speed WiFi Internet available in all bedrooms, bar and restaurant.

Large Swimming Pool near to main hotel and bar, set in extensive **gardens**

Garden and Hillside suites have either **day-beds** or **hammocks**

All rooms have **air-conditioning, televisions, fridges, tea- and coffee-making facilities, ceiling fans, biscuits** and up-to-date local and international **magazines**

Full Laundry service and complimentary **Car Wash** service

HD Television in library with 98 Channels of sport, movies, entertainment and lifestyle including the 3 SABC channels, e-tv, Supersport and M-Net. **All rooms also have televisions**

Table-tennis. Pool table. Badminton. Croquet. Volleyball. A variety of **Board Games** and **Cards** available. Extensive library of **Books and Magazines** on all topics in many languages

Walks and trails with possible sightings of small game. Outstanding **bird-watching** on property. **Bird List** available.















Kruger National Park Phabeni Gate 10 min, Numbi Gate 15 min, Kruger Gate 30 min
God's Window and Blyde River Canyon 20 minutes' drive.
Cultural Village nearby

Full **cellphone/mobile phone coverage** on all South African networks

Generator operates bar and dining room automatically in case of power outages.

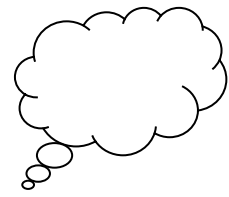
No dress regulations – Guests may wear shorts at all times if they wish!

Available within 10km:

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|  Two golf courses (18 and 9 holes) |  Elephant sanctuaries |
|  Tennis and squash |  Aerial cable trail and assault course |
|  Lawn bowls |  Microlight, helicopter and light aircraft flights |
|  Fishing for bass and trout |  Mountain-biking and quad-biking |
|  Hot air ballooning |  Game-viewing and reptile park |
|  Horse- and elephant-riding |  Craft and curio shops and a whole lot more! |
|  White-water rafting and kayaking | |
|  Hikes and trails | |

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MEDIA COMMENT:

"The Inn is the kind of place you hope to find on a trip like ours – happy, relaxed with good chefs and evenings full of excellent wine and wit. It was so comfortable – huge rooms and lots of space to breathe outside." *Getaway*

"The Ivory room at Rissington is not so much a room with a view, but a room that becomes the view. The bedroom flows out onto a covered verandah and then on down to a grove of mango trees. The bathroom becomes an outside shower, an irresistible invitation.... while being entertained by a raucous pair of purple-crested loeries." *Sunday Times (South Africa)*

"What I like about Rissington is its lack of fussiness. You can really kick off your shoes and relax... you get all the essential comforts and excellent food you need without all the extra luxuries you pay a fortune for. Consequently, prices are reasonable." *Classic Feel*

"Rissington Inn is a fantastic base. The thatched homestead, overlooking a pretty valley has 14 comfortable rooms, the welcome's warm and the cuisine's unfaultable." *The Guardian (London)*

"At Rissington, Chris Harvie has created a very personal hideaway from the strains and stresses of urban life. He has not compromised on standards or quality but has resolutely set his prices at a level which is affordable to any traveller." *Saturday Star*.

"Always there's the same glorious exhale of breath, kick off of slops, throw-off of stress. Rissington is that very rare thing: a hotel devoid of artifice." *British Airways Horizons*

"The coolest place to stay in Mpumalanga." *Sawubona - SAA's In-flight magazine*.

"Arriving here is like coming home, though in this case home has great service, 5-star food and the comforts of a hotel...Chris says 30% of his local and international guests return. We've already booked our next stay." *Food & Home*

"The best was the outside shower, designed in such a way that you can see out and no-one can see in. I could have stayed another week." *Bikes and Babes - Bike SA magazine*

"The best.... Rissington Inn, haven of fine food and luxurious, but sensibly-priced accommodation." *Up Front (British Airways In-flight Magazine)*.

"The Inn feels like home. Guests relax in the lounge, browse through the bookshelves....I found one gentleman fast asleep (mouth agape in a bout of blissful snoring) and slowly being devoured by a comfy chair." *Getaway*

"Chris Harvie at Rissington Inn is the most charming and erudite host and serves wonderful meals in great comfort" *Gwynne Matthias Conlyn, SAfm*

"Tired of all the larney hotels...Rissington Inn's high standards and affordable prices are a welcome exception". *Getaway*

"I will recommend Rissington anytime. You will feel loved, safe and free." *The Sowetan*

"Rissington Inn.... is all the work of Chris Harvie...and you can see his hand everywhere... under the trimmed thatch of the eaves." *Sunday Times (London)*

"Something completely different: Rissington Inn ... Harvie, an amusing chatterbox, has taken the formality out of the retreat experience in keeping with the wild ambience of his property." *(Linda Stafford, Condé Nast House and Garden)*

"Expériences culinaires très réussies...chambres très confortables. On se sent bien chez toi, Christopher! Les visiteurs bénéficient en plus de tes conseils et de ta connaissance très approfondie de l'histoire sud-africaine, tout dans la langue de Molière." *Le Petit Futé*.

"Ruhig gelegenes, legeres Haus zum Wohlfühlen, nette Zimmer....sehr gutes Preis-Leistungs-Verhältnis." *Iwanowski's Guide*

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Rissington Photo Gallery



We make a point of keeping images of Rissington up-to-date. A range of brand new high- and low-res images may be downloaded from our website and from the OneDrive link. Please send a request for the link or for a specific image to be emailed to you.

Rissington Groups Policy

Standard Groups policy

In order to safeguard the personal attention and intimate atmosphere for our individual travellers, Rissington does not accommodate groups of more than 8 people except by very special arrangement. Exceptions will be made for family groups of up to 12.

Groups are likely to be seated separately for lunch and dinner to allow them the freedom to make a noise without fear of inconveniencing other diners.

Driver/guide policy – we do not offer complimentary rooms for drivers or guides. We have a very reasonably-priced guide's room for this purpose.

Kindly note that our entrance road is not suitable for large buses.



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DIRECTIONS TO RISSINGTON INN GPS Co-ordinates S 25° 03'27.26" E 31° 07'35.83" **PLEASE NOTE THAT RISSINGTON'S ENTRANCE FROM THE R40 IS 250m NORTH OF THE POSITION ASSIGNED TO IT ON MANY GPS, GARMIN AND TOM-TOM DEVICES**

From Nelspruit/Mbombela (45 mins) - Take R40 North to White River/Witrivier (passing straight through Rocky Drift). In White River, at the first set of traffic lights in the town itself (with White River Toyota ahead of you on the left), turn left, following signs to Hazyview and Wildtuin/Kruger National Park. At the next lights, turn right - with the playing fields on your left and, further on, an open park with a pond on your right. Cross over the next set of lights and then at the final set, with a Caltex garage on your right, turn left on the R40 for Hazyview, signposted to Phalaborwa. (The R538 to Hazyview via the Numbi Gate is a slow, busy, potholed road and not recommended.) Continue on the R40, straight over the Casterbridge circle, for about 45km, where you will come to a T-junction. Turn left to Hazyview and travel a further 1km exactly. You will see the entrance to Rissington Inn on your left. Rissington is 1km down this gravel road. Follow the signs.

From KMIA Kruger Nelspruit airport (45 minutes) - Turn right out of the airport in the direction of White River/Witrivier on the R538. Continue on this road for 12km (there is a quick left and immediately right turn at the Plaston intersection – do not turn right to Kabokweni!) to the first set of traffic lights in White River, with the mosque on your left. Turn right and travel towards Hazyview on the R40 (signposted Phalaborwa). After approx 45km, at the T-junction, turn left, staying on the R40 and following signs to Hazyview and the Paul Kruger and Phabeni Gates. The entrance to Rissington is exactly 1km from the T-junction on the left. Follow the signs.

From Skukuza (1 hour) and Paul Kruger Gate (30 mins) - Follow signs from the camp or the airport to the Paul Kruger Gate (about 12km). Travel through the gate and continue on the R536 to Hazyview. After crossing the North Sand River (some 50km from the Gate), go straight across the first 4-way stop and straight across the next two stop streets. Continue over the traffic circle / roundabout to the traffic lights. Turn left in the direction of White River on the R40. Cross the next lights and travel just over 1km (over 3 x 3-way stops), where you will find the entrance to Rissington on the right hand side just after the Total garage. Rissington is a further 1km down the gravel road from this turn-off. Follow the signs.

From Phabeni Gate (10 minutes) - From the gate, follow the road to the T-junction. Turn left onto the R536 to Hazyview. After crossing the North Sand River (some 10km from the Gate), go straight across the first 4-way stop and straight across the next two stop streets. Continue over the traffic circle / roundabout to the traffic lights. Turn left in the direction of White River on the R40. Cross the next set of lights and travel just over 1km (over 3 x 3-way stops), where you will find the entrance to Rissington on the right hand side just after the Total garage. Rissington is a further 1km down the gravel road from this turn-off. Follow the signs.

From Sabie (45 mins) - Take the R536 to Hazyview. Pass the Sabi River Sun on your left and at the T-junction, turn right to Hazyview. Go straight over the next stop street and continue to the lights. Carry straight on, in the direction of White River on the R40. Cross the next lights and travel just over 1km (over 3 x 3-way stops), where you will find the entrance to Rissington on the right just after the Total garage. Rissington is a further 1km down the gravel road from this turn-off. Follow the signs.

From Hoedspruit / Eastgate Airport (75 mins) - Take the R40 southwards towards Hazyview, turning left at Klaserie to stay on the R40. Be especially cautious about speeding on this road. Pass through the towns of Acornhoek, Bushbuckridge and Marite, following signs to White River and Hazyview. Cross the next lights and travel just over 1km (over 3 x 3-way stops), where you will find the entrance to Rissington on the right hand side just after the Total garage. Rissington is a further 1km down the gravel road from this turn-off. Follow the signs.

From Johannesburg/Pretoria (4 hours) - Take N12 or N4 Highway respectively to Witbank/eMalahleni (**from Johannesburg's O.R.Tambo Airport, follow signs to Boksburg to find the N12**) and then follow N4 Highway through Belfast/eMakhazeni and Machadodorp/eNtokozweni. After the Machado Toll Plaza follow the Schoemanskloof option on the N4 towards Nelspruit (lunch at Old Joe's Kaia is recommended). Turn left where you re-join the main N4 at Montrose and continue towards Nelspruit/Mbombela. At Nelspruit/Mbombela, follow the Hazyview/White River R40 signs from the N4 and around two subsequent roundabouts / traffic circles until you meet the R40 alongside the Mercedes dealer. Turn left and follow instructions from Nelspruit/Mbombela above. **SCENIC ROUTE (4½ hours)** - Take N12 or N4 Highway respectively to Witbank/eMalahleni and then follow N4 Highway to the Belfast/eMakhazeni turnoff. Take the off-ramp and head into Belfast/eMakhazeni, then right, following signs to Dullstroom/Emnothweni. Pass through Dullstroom/Emnothweni and carry on to the T-junction, turning left to Lydenburg/Mashishing. In Lydenburg/Mashishing, turn right following signs to Sabie over the Long Tom Pass (the highest tar road in South Africa). In Sabie turn right and follow directions as above.

TOLL PLAZAS

There are two toll plazas on the N4 at Middelburg (±R70) and Machado (±R104). There is an additional toll at Diamond Hill between Pretoria and Witbank/eMalahleni (R42) for those not using the N12 from Johannesburg.

RISSINGTON'S RECOMMENDATIONS

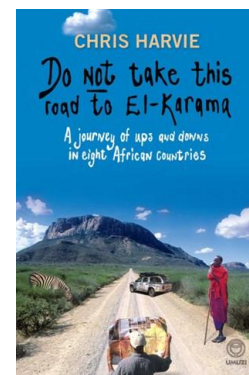
Recommended places to visit within one hour's drive of Rissington Inn:



God's Window - a stunning view from Highveld to Lowveld
The Pinnacle - a stack on the edge of the escarpment
Bourke's Luck - fascinating rock forms at the confluence of the Blyde and Treur Rivers
Blyde River Canyon - endless viewpoints over the third largest canyon in the world
Lisbon, Berlin and Mac Mac Falls - impressive scenery and deep waterfalls
Pilgrim's Rest - restored Gold Rush mining town and home of Jock of the Bushveld.
Hoedspruit Cheetah Breeding Project
Barberton - Sheba Mines and the first Stock Exchange
Kruger National Park - the best in the world (www.parks-sa.co.za)
Kapama Lodge - for open vehicle night drives with spotlights
Fanie Botha Trail and others - hiking through indigenous forest and plantations
Sudwala and Echo Caves - the oldest in the country
Lowveld Botanical Gardens - on the banks of the Crocodile River
Moholoholo Animal and Bird Rehabilitation Centre
Sabie River and Horseshoe Falls - trout-fishing for all capabilities
Crocodile and Swadini Reptile Parks
Farm Tours of banana, citrus, mango, coffee, macadamia and other enterprises
History Tours and Museums of Anglo-Boer and Voortrekker history
Tsinini Silk Farm - silkworms at work
Aerial cable trail – swinging through the trees
Elephant walks – touch and hold

Recommended Reading - History and General Interest

A Walk with a White Bushman - Laurens van der Post
Cry, the Beloved Country - Alan Paton
Ah, but your Land is Beautiful – Alan Paton
The Covenant - James A. Mitchener
Goodbye Dolly Gray - Rayne Kruger
The Boer War - Thomas Pakenham
The Washing of the Spears - Donald Morris
Holidays in Hell - P.J. O'Rourke
Long Walk to Freedom - Nelson Mandela
My Traitor's Heart - Rian Malan
Indecent Exposure/Riotous Assembly - Tom Sharpe
Borderline – William Dicey
Country of my Skull – Antjie Krog
Marginal Safari – Justin Fox
The State of Africa/Diamonds, Gold and War – Martin Meredith
Roberts' Birds of Southern Africa
Mammals of the Kruger National Park (Struik)
Do Not Take this Road to El-Karama – Chris Harvie
Solomon's Guide – Chris Harvie
The works of Wilbur Smith and/or Tony Park



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RISSINGTON INN – 28 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING HOSPITALITY

Rissington Inn was founded, in 1995, by current owner Christopher Harvie. The former tobacco farm, which had been a failure as such due to the annual hailstorms, was later put down to ginger, which failed for lack of water, and then citrus which also failed. As a country lodge hotel, however, the story has been somewhat different. Rissington Inn has been a tremendous success story.

Chris Harvie began his career at Cybele Forest Lodge, where he was General Manager between 1982 and 1993. He then went on to Fugitives' Drift Lodge at Rorke's Drift, where he was General Manager and became a registered tour guide for South African Military History. In 1995 he decided that the time had come to go it alone.

The buildings at Rissington were in a state of appalling disrepair and, with the help of a team of almost 75 builders, he spent 2 months knocking the place into shape and redesigning the gardens, with the aim of opening the lodge in time for the 1995 summer season. This was achieved. The former tobacco-drying barn was converted into the first 5 rooms and considerable work was done to the main house. The lodge opened for business on 1st September 1995.

The aim was to create a reasonably-priced alternative to the upmarket and increasingly expensive lodges in the area – to bridge the gap between these and the ubiquitous bed and breakfasts. Rissington was, from day one, affordable to the South African pocket but still offered all the facilities you would expect from a top lodge, and great emphasis was placed on the provision of a high quality menu. Hospitality is the order of the day at Rissington. Testament to this is the fact that almost 30% of guests return year after year. Many returning guests are obviously from South Africa but increasing numbers come from overseas.

In 1999 an additional two rooms were added – the garden suites – which took better advantage of the wonderful views enjoyed from the property. Occupancies continued to grow and in 2001 and a further three middle-range rooms were added, with the same views.

Four more garden suites were added in 2003, taking Rissington to 14 rooms. And then in 2007 the two hillside suites – two-bedroom suites with two bathrooms each – were added to improve the family friendly aspect of the lodge. In May 2011, the original five rooms underwent major renovations with a new roof and upgraded bathrooms and patios. In the winter of 2013, a decision was taken to add minibar fridges to all the rooms and air-conditioning to the garden and hillside suites and then in 2015 this was extended to all rooms.

With another four superior rooms finished in March 2018 and taking Rissington to 20 rooms, the lodge is now complete. There will be no further expansions. This is the maximum possible without jeopardising the levels of personal service, for which Rissington has become known. A new and larger pool has been built, more activities added (table-tennis, pool, croquet and more), the gardens have been reorganised and are looking magnificent, the bar is a popular retreat after a hard day's travelling and the restaurant still offers its popular eclectic menu. We have survived and bounced back after the 2020 worldwide tourism downturn and the hospitality is better than ever. Average stays are becoming longer as more and more people take better advantage of all that the region has to offer.

So book Rissington. If you don't, you're missing out.....



HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

In these days of increased awareness of Health and Safety issues, Rissington voluntarily submits itself regularly to a full assessment by approved Occupational Health and Safety Consultants, especially in the light of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Whilst South African controls may not be as strict as they are elsewhere in the world, we understand that it is important to our clients that we comply with the regulations applied in more safety-conscious (and litigious) countries.

The qualified consultants who carried out the assessment have many years of experience in the Health and Safety field, one specializing in occupational health and both holding membership of IOSH (Institute of Health and Safety).

Areas covered include public liability, safety at work, health and hygiene, risk assessments, staff training, first aid, fire precautions, manual handling, and DSE. Whilst some areas for improvement were identified and acted-upon, we were reassured that our current Health and Safety systems are robust, as far as is reasonably practical, and our aim is to adhere to best practice within the hospitality industry.

For your peace of mind every aspect of our operation has been inspected to ensure that we understand the implications of all current international regulations and we are committed to a programme of ongoing improvements.

Rissington has a full Health and Safety Policy following the assessment. A copy is available on request.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM POLICY

Rissington has complied with and adheres to a policy of sustainable tourism development and responsible tourism practices.

It is Rissington's aim to comply with all of the requirements of the Proudly South African campaign and Fair Trade in Tourism.

A copy of our policy in this regard is available on request.



RISSINGTON Inn

Crime, Accessibility and Malaria - The dispelling of myths

MALARIA is no longer a major issue in South Africa. The only high-risk malaria area in Mpumalanga is the Kruger National Park, and, even there, very few cases are reported nowadays. A substantial spraying process is under way in all the camps and private reserves and breeding grounds have been drastically reduced. Reported cases of malaria have dropped radically in the past five years. Malaria is now very easily cured – as easily as the common cold - if it is picked up early. The tablets are becoming increasingly expensive and often serve only to mask the symptoms of the disease. The judicious use of a spray can substantially reduce the chance of being bitten by the malaria mosquito. Six million people live in the Lowveld and take no anti-malarial drugs, so malaria should really not be an off-putting factor when planning a holiday.

CRIME in Mpumalanga is far less prevalent than in any other major tourism area in South Africa. A few isolated incidents over the past few years have led to a major shake-up of the police and to the establishment of tourism monitors and this, in turn, has meant that there have been very few recent incidents of serious crime against tourists in our area. Mpumalanga is as safe as any comparable tourism region in the world.

ACCESSIBILITY is improving all the time. The roads are among the best in the country and a great deal of work is being done to improve them even further. Transport links to the area have also been improved by the building of the nearest airport, KMIA Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (airport code MQP), still commonly known as Nelspruit and Nelspruit Kruger and situated to the east of White River. The airport offers daily flights to and from Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, as well as frequent flights to Livingstone in Zambia and Vilanculos in Mozambique. The recent re-opening of Skukuza airport and the accessibility of Phalaborwa Airport and Hoedspruit's Eastgate Airport also link the region with Cape Town and Durban as well as Sun City and Polokwane.

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TO SOUTH AND SOUTHERN AFRICA!**