

SHAMWARI

— PRIVATE GAME RESERVE —

Pride of the Eastern Cape

Shamwari, meaning “my friend” in Shona, is the pinnacle of private game reserves and home to the coveted Big 5. Stretching over a vast, malaria free landscape, it offers an award-winning nature experience and is one of the largest private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa.

Shamwari is a place where guests can exist in harmony with nature, however fleeting the moment, where wildlife roam the landscape under the relentless African sun. Shamwari incorporates seven lodges and one explorer camp; each one unique in its own essence. Lodges are designed in harmony with their surroundings where guests can experience nature in sublime comfort.

Conserving a Vanishing Way of Life

- World’s Leading Safari and Game Reserve and the World’s Leading Conservation Company since 1998
- Environmental Award from American Society and Travel Agents
- One of the largest private game reserves in the Eastern Cape and one of the largest private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa
- One of the largest concentration of wildlife in the Eastern and Southern Cape
- A premier Big 5 safari which is private and exclusive to Shamwari guests
- Five of South Africa’s seven biomes occur on Shamwari Private Game Reserve
- Dedicated Wildlife Department with a qualified wildlife veterinarian, ecologist, and environmentalist, along with a Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre and an Anti-Poaching Unit
- Shamwari has received the Global Nature Fund Award for Best Conservation Practice
- Unique safari-based activities to allow for a complete 5-star and tailor made experience
- Malaria Free
- Approximately 60 minutes’ drive from Port Elizabeth Airport
- Natural extension of the famous Garden Route
- Ultimate family destination
- Unique activities aimed at children of all ages
- All food items are sourced in an environmentally responsible manner

Guest Activities

Game Drives

Interactive game drives, lasting up to 3 hours, take place in the tranquil moods of sunrise and sunset. Your game drives will take place in an open game viewing vehicle. You are encouraged to share any specific interests you may have with your ranger who will then try to incorporate these into your game drive. On game drives guests will enjoy a sundowner drink at sunset and coffee at sunrise. No persons under the age of 4 years are permitted to join game drives.



Guided Game Walks

Qualified walking guides provide the opportunity for guests to experience the excitement of approaching species on foot, as well as tracking, birding, insects, plant, and animal dropping identification. No persons under the age of 16 years are permitted to join the walking safaris. Persons 65 years and older need a medical certificate stating they are fit to participate, and we regret that no pregnant women are permitted on walks. Kindly ensure to request this activity at the time of bookings as this activity is subject to the availability of qualified guides.

Relaxation Retreats

Various treatments can be enjoyed at our Relaxation Retreats which are situated at Sindile, Eagles Crag, Bayethe, Lobengula and Long Lee Manor. Treatments can be booked at the time of booking your accommodation. Kindly visit our website for the latest list of treatments available.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

The Shamwari Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is amongst the best in Southern Africa and is fully registered to provide veterinary care to young, abandoned, orphaned, or injured wild animals. On arrival you will be met by a member of this caring team who will show you the facilities and explain what it is they do. During the recovery phase, "patients" are kept in custom built bomas. Provided there are animals in care, an opportunity to meet them could arise during your visit.

Born Free Foundation, Big Cat Rescue and Education Centre

In partnership with actress and wildlife campaigner, Virginia McKenna's Born Free Foundation, Shamwari Private Game Reserve designed the Big Cat Rescue and Education Centres. These incorporate a museum and educational facility with the goal to create awareness of the horrific way in which wildlife is exploited in captivity around the world. Over the years the Born Free Foundation has been able to rescue several big cats from impoverished situations. Born Free focuses on promoting the conservation of species and the protection of habitat whilst maintaining a humane and compassionate approach to the welfare of animals. The Born Free Foundation is a registered charity organization.

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