



Motswari
PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



An African dream beckons, one that is defined by extraordinary scenery, an authentic atmosphere and warm hospitality. This is Motswari Private Game Reserve, a family-owned and operated luxury safari lodge. Here, majestic creatures, including the Big Five, offer incredible viewing opportunities as they bask in their natural habitat. Motswari means “to conserve and protect” in Tswana and that is what the reserve aims to do.

Motswari Private Game Reserve, located within the Timbavati and Umbabat Private Nature Reserve, stretches out over 18, 000 hectares. It has been in existence for over four decades and its friendly staff members are intrinsic to its success. Great emphasis is placed on personal attention, ensuring that each guest instantly feels at home in this stunning setting. Artworks by owner, Marion Geiger-Orengo, additionally bring the lodge to life and add to its visual appeal.

Guests arrive as visitors and leave as friends.

ACCOMMODATION

A total of fifteen en-suite bungalows have been interspersed in nature and make up the Main Camp. This reserve remains exclusive as it never hosts more than thirty guests at any given point in time. Each unit has been decorated in a traditional manner that alludes to its surroundings and maintains a luxurious feel. Rangers accompany guests between buildings, offering peace of mind and a wealth of insight into the surroundings.

Each bungalow sleeps two guests.

BUNGALOWS

- Average Bungalow Size: 35 to 45 m²
- Complimentary coffee, teas and biscuits
- King size bed
- Luxury cotton linen
- Air conditioning
- En-suite bathroom
- Hairdryer
- International plugs
- Electronic safe



GIRAFFE'S NEST HIDE: OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE

A short game-drive away from Main Camp, a private under-the-stars experience for two awaits. At this special location, overlooking the Xanatsi Dam, guests staying at Main Camp or Geiger's Camp have the opportunity to be treated to a luxury tree-house sleep out, at an additional cost. Open-air viewing of the skies is possible, yet the room is completely secure and extremely private, and can be covered with a retractable canvas roof.

Guests are escorted to the dam by a guide, shortly before sunset, and are then left to enjoy the tranquility and privacy of this amazing location until the following morning. Drinks and a delicious simple dinner will be provided. Adding to the comfort of this location, an eco-bathroom is available upstairs so there is no need for guests to leave the platform above the landscape.

SERVICES & FACILITIES

- Complimentary beverage on arrival
- Laundry services
- WiFi in public areas
- Swimming pool
- Room servicing twice daily
- Secure parking
- In-room massages
- Two bars

DINING

Dining at Motswari Private Game Reserve is a unique African experience, with a hint of fine dining flair. Meals are taken either at a scenic location out on the trail with one of the highly-trained guides or in the lounge area and, depending on the season, evenings can be spent dining in the bush or inside the open-air boma, a traditional meeting-place. Meals are accompanied by an award-winning selection of Southern African wines.

Visits to Motswari Main Camp and Geiger's Camp (as well as the Giraffe's Nest Hide) are inclusive of brunch, high tea (late lunch) and dinner. Bush breakfasts are specially arranged on occasion. A romantic dinner for two may also be experienced, when staying at Giraffe's Nest Hide.



BREAKFAST BOMA

While enjoying the fresh bush air and the splendid scenery outdoors, guests can indulge in a fresh, buffet-style continental breakfast as well as a generous selection of cooked meal options, prepared on coal fires, in the boma area.



LOUNGE

Guests are welcome to unwind in the camp's outdoor lounge area, which overlooks the bush and, at times, provides a vantage point from which to spot animals passing by or drinking from a nearby watering hole. Wi-Fi is available in this area, allowing for convenient connectivity.

OPEN AIR BOMA

Hearty drumming signals the start of dinner and guests are welcomed to the open-air boma by staff dressed in authentic wear. Beautifully laid tables surround a controlled fire pit that creates a memorable atmosphere. Guests can enjoy pre-dinner drinks, night caps or coffees at the bar.



SWIMMING POOL

Guests can enjoy unwinding at the camp's inviting swimming pool, located alongside the dining area. The pool is surrounded by lush vegetation, which makes for a tranquil environment close to nature. Loungers are dotted around the pool and offer the perfect spot for reading or taking in the surroundings.



MOBILE SPA

Guests have the luxury of requesting a selection of in-room massages, which are inspired by Swedish and Indian techniques but are infused with an African touch. Relaxation in complete privacy awaits.



LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY

A welcoming library is open to all guests, where they can spend time unwinding at the fire place on cooler days, getting lost in a book or discovering more about Motswari Private Game Reserve's history. Art lovers can take a moment to browse the incredible work created by owner, Marion Geiger.

CURIO SHOP

A selection of goods that are certain to remind guests of their special visit is available at the quaint curio shop at Motswari Main Camp. Items include traditional African souvenirs, a number of which have been crafted by ladies in the nearby village, toys, books on the reserve and stunning artworks.





GAME DRIVES

Outstanding game viewing opportunities are taken in from the vantage point of an open Land Rover on morning and evening game drives. These experiences are led by professional field guides and trackers who share valuable insight into the wild.

A private vehicle and guide can be arranged at an extra cost per day. This is inclusive of two game drives per day.



SAFARI WALKS

The finest of nature's details are discovered on the reserve's special guided safari walks, which can be arranged on request after the morning game drive and breakfast. This experience is led by a professional guide and provides guests with the opportunity to view small fauna and flora from a unique perspective.



SAFARI INTEREST TALKS

Fascinating information, covering various topics, is shared by the reserve's experienced game rangers in a relaxed environment. Guests are also able to pose questions and learn more about the exquisite environment in which they find themselves. This discussion takes place over a lovely high tea, which includes a range of eats.



DAILY SCHEDULE

Summer (October - March)
Winter (April - September)

Summer	Winter	
04H45	05H45	Wakeup call
05H15	06H15	Tea and coffee
05H30	06H30	Game drive departs
08H30	09H30	
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09H00	10H00	Game drive returns
09H00	10H00	Breakfast
Morning walks must be arranged with your guide before brunch		
14H30	14H00	Guide talk (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays only)
15H00	14H30	High tea
16H00	15H30	Game drive departs
19H00	18H00	
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19H30	19H00	Game drive returns
20H00	19H30	Pre-dinner drinks
20H30	20H00	Dinner

*Note: the daily schedule is adjusted seasonally according to lodge management's discretion and depending on seasonal changes. The months noted per season are merely an indication and may change without prior notice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES

Check-in: 13H00
 Check-out: 11H00

DISTANCES

70 km from Hoedspruit

CHILD POLICY

- Children under the age of six are only permitted when the camp is booked for exclusive use
- Children must be older than six to participate in game drives
- Children may join on game drives at the guide's discretion
- Persons must be sixteen years or older to participate in bush walks
- Persons must be eighteen years or older for the Giraffe's Nest Hide overnight experience

ADDRESS

Physical Address:
 Motswari Private Game Reserve,
 Limpopo
 South Africa

Postal Address:
 P.O. Box 2,
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GPS Co-ordinates:
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DIRECTIONS

KRUGER MPUMALANGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - MOTSWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

1. Exit Airport and at the first round-about turn right following the signage for R538 to White River. Follow the road approx. 3km and turn left at four-way stop R40 to White River.
2. Take the next road to your right R538 to White River. After 2.8km turn right onto R538 to Hazyview. Follow the signage R40 to Phalaborwa through Hazyview, Bushbuckridge and Acornhoek. These are rural areas and although the roads are good it is not advisable to stop.
3. 17km after Acornhoek take a sharp right at the R40 Phalaborwa and Eastgate Airport turnoff.
4. Follow the road 6km then turn right at the Timbavati /Eastgate Airport signboard.
5. **Please note:** There is no access from the Kruger National Park. Please exit the park and travel to East Gate Airport and thereafter follow the **East Gate Airport directions** to the lodge.

JOHANNESBURG - MOTSWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

1. Follow the N12 past Benoni and Witbank (eMalahleni). 10km after Witbank you will reach the Middelburg toll gate plaza at which you will have to pay a toll gate fee.
2. 75km after the toll gate take exit 190 onto the R33 to Carolina/Belfast/Dullstroom. Drive 3km into Belfast and turn right at Dullstroom/Lydenburg sign (At the Total petrol station) onto Steven Masango street. Follow the R540 signage through Dullstroom and turn left onto R36 into Lydenburg.
3. Drive straight over the intersection at the Caltex petrol station. Turn left onto Buhrmann street.
4. Turn right onto De Clerq Street at the Total petrol station (which merges back to the R36). Proceed on the R36 through Origstad and over the Abel Erasmus pass to Hoedspruit. You will enter Hoedspruit on the R527.
5. In Hoedspruit proceed straight over a small bridge and turn right at the intersection onto the R40 to White River. Continue straight for 6.5km then turn left at the Timbavati/ Eastgate Airport signboard.
6. **Please note:** There is no access from the Kruger National Park. Please exit the park and travel to East Gate Airport and thereafter



EASTGATE AIRPORT - MOTSWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

1. Exit the Airport parking and turn left.
2. Drive straight for 12km to the Timbavati gate. You will be required to stop at the entrance and pay a nominal fee to enter.
3. You are now in the Greater Kruger National Park. Although the road is tarred please drive carefully and adhere to the 50km speed limit; you are likely to encounter wild animals. Stay in your vehicle.
4. The Motswari turnoff is 37km from the gate. 300m after the Ingwelala entrance (a large thatched building on the right-hand side) is the Motswari sign to your right.
5. Follow the Motswari signs for the remaining 4km on the dirt road.

LOCALITY

TEMPERATURE

Average Day Temperatures:

31 °C (December to March)
28 °C (April to May)
26 °C (June to September)
30 °C (October to November)

ELECTRICITY

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A selection of international adaptors are available.

CURRENCY

Currency: South African Rand (ZAR)
Accepted Credit Cards: Mastercard and Visa.
No cheques accepted.

HEALTH

Motswari Private Game Reserve falls within a malaria area. It is recommended that guests contact their local travel clinic for advice on the necessary precautionary measures for visits to this region.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Light-weight clothing
- Swimwear
- Warm clothing, including items such as a jacket, scarf and beanie
- Waterproof jacket
- Hat
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Small flashlight
- Binoculars
- Camera

ABOUT THE TIMBAVATI AND UMBABAT PRIVATE NATURE RESERVES

The breathtaking Timbavati and Umbabat Private Nature Reserves form part of the Associated Private Nature Reserves region, which borders on the Kruger National Park. The Timbavati and Umbabat Private Nature Reserves share an unfenced border with the Kruger National Park, which allows animal species to move freely between these expansive parks. Guests can therefore look forward to exceptional game viewing moments.

The region is easily accessible by air or road and is a six- to seven-hour drive from Johannesburg. The climate in this area is subtropical and rains fall during summer. The warmer months of the year roll in from October to March, whereas winter is from April to September. Generally speaking, daytime temperatures are pleasant, but mornings and evenings can be cool.

