



## KWANDWE – AN OVERVIEW

### WOW FACTORS

- ✎ The largest private Big Five game viewing area in South Africa: 22,000 ha/ 54,000 acres of private wilderness, accommodating a maximum of 44 guests, according to one of the highest land to guest ratios in the country
- ✎ 30 km/ 19 miles of privately owned Great Fish River frontage
- ✎ 4 intimate and luxurious game lodges in private corners of the reserve
- ✎ Big 5 safari destination (black & white rhino, elephant, lion, buffalo and leopard) & a great diversity of other wildlife, including many endangered species
- ✎ Specialist safaris and voluntourism activities
- ✎ Ideal for families – malaria-free and a host of activities to stimulate and entertain children
- ✎ The perfect add-on to an itinerary featuring Cape Town and/ or the Garden Route

### LOCATION

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is a 54,000 acre/ 22,000 ha wilderness in the malaria-free Eastern Cape. Approximately 65 km (40 miles) from the coast, 160 km (100 miles) from Port Elizabeth, located in near proximity to the Garden Route.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Port Elizabeth (PE) has the nearest national airport, located 160 km (100 miles) from the reserve. The reserve also has a private airstrip. There are daily scheduled flights from both Johannesburg and Cape Town international airports to PE.

- ✎ **Daily Scheduled Flights from Port Elizabeth airport to Kwandwe's private airstrip:** Departs Port Elizabeth 13h15 and arrives at Kwandwe airstrip at 14h00; departs the Kwandwe airstrip at 10h00 and arrives Port Elizabeth at 10h45
- ✎ **Land Transfers:** A chauffeur-driven road transfer can be arranged from Port Elizabeth to Kwandwe
- ✎ **Self Drives:** The distance from Port Elizabeth to Kwandwe is 160 km (100 miles), a comfortable 1 hour 45 minute drive. On arrival, guests leave their vehicle at the car park at Heatherton Towers (Reception) and will be transferred to their lodge by open safari vehicle.

### ACTIVITIES

- ✎ Morning, afternoon/ evening and night game drives in an open safari vehicle
- ✎ Guided bush walks
- ✎ Big game walking safaris
- ✎ Various dining options and sundowners out on the reserve

- ✎ Fishing
- ✎ Boat rides on Galpin Dam
- ✎ Specialist safaris: Save the Rhino Drives, Rhino Conservation Safaris, Photographic Safaris and private safaris (available at an additional cost)
- ✎ Visits to and volunteering activities at the Mgcamabele Community Centre (to be booked in advance)

## ACCOMMODATION

Two safari lodges and two sole-use safari villas:

- ✎ **Ecce Lodge:** Six spacious and private suites feature private decks with plunge pools, en-suite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, separate w.c, twin basins and personal bars. The lodge's chic décor celebrates the vibrant colours of the African people, with each suite decorated in a different colour.
- ✎ **Great Fish River Lodge:** Nine luxurious and private suites feature covered verandas with plunge pools, ensuite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, separate w.c, twin basins and personal bars. The décor is classic-contemporary African-inspired, with natural palettes of earth-toned fabrics.
- ✎ **Melton Manor:** A sole-use safari villa with four en-suite bedrooms. This is a contemporary Frontier farmhouse. The spacious u-shaped lodge features high ceilings and deep verandas, overlooking the central courtyard, its large swimming pool and sweeping views of the Afromontane forests beyond.
- ✎ **Uplands Homestead:** A restored farmhouse dating back to 1905, this sole-use villa features three spacious bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and private verandas. Original antiques and rich furnishings give this laidback luxurious home a comfortable and romantic ambiance.

## CHILDREN

Through the Blue Crane Conservation Club, Kwandwe teaches young guests about living green in a fun way. Our malaria-free status and proximity to many family-friendly activities in the area make this a safari experience without parallel for kids.

- ✎ The 2 sole-use villas, Melton Manor and Uplands Homestead, are ideal for family stays. Children of all ages are welcome at Ecce Lodge. Children 12 years and older are welcome at Great Fish River Lodge but recommended for families with older teenagers (16 years and older)
- ✎ Children receive a welcome gift on arrival
- ✎ Activities for children include eco walks, 'poo safaris' and spoor tracking with the ranger and tracker, sand art, face painting, beading, and many more fun and educational activities.
- ✎ Families can participate in Kwandwe's voluntourism activities through the reserve's Ubunye Foundation, which works with communities living in and surrounding the reserve.
- ✎ A children's menu is available
- ✎ Child-minders are available with prior arrangement at no additional cost; all are first-aid trained.

## GOOD TO KNOW

- ✎ **Electricity:** All camps are supplied with electricity at 220v, a South African adaptor will be needed
- ✎ **Credit Cards:** Visa Cards, Master Cards, Diners & American Express accepted
- ✎ **Disabled Access:** Yes with assistance (except Great River Fish Lodge that has many steps)