



SIMBAMBILI
SABI SANDS

BY
Thornybush



Sabi Sand Game Reserve

The Sabi Sand is a private game reserve pioneered by local landowners in the 1950s that shares a fenceless border with the Kruger National Park. The reserve is home to great numbers of well-habituated wildlife resulting in close encounters, particularly with elusive leopards, which the Sabi Sand has become world-famous for. Roaming packs of wild dogs, territorial lions and large herds of elephants are also signature sightings in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. The relative abundance of water in an otherwise dry area is the secret to the area's rich biodiversity.





Simbambili Game Lodge

Set in the famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve, Simbambili Game Lodge has world-class game viewing opportunities. The managers, Mike and Tania, have been at Simbambili for over 10 years and ensure the lodge has a comfortable, luxurious feel. We recently renovated the suites, which have been elegantly designed to blend in with the dense stands of Knobthorn and Jackalberry Trees along the meandering Manyeleti River.

Massive decks and the shaded sala beds with private plunge pools are a guest favourite. We're also extremely proud of our guides and trackers whose wealth of knowledge and passion for what they do, continuously leave lasting impressions.

At the lodge, our guests are made to feel at home through the personal touches and calming nature of the setting, with many an hour spent on the main deck keeping an eye on the large waterhole and its ever-changing visitors just across from the main area.



Camp Overview

9 spacious suites with private plunge pool, sala bed and deck (no triples allowed)

- 7 Luxury suites
 - 1 Honeymoon suite, with an outdoor shower
 - 1 Waterhole suite
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Spa

Nearby Airstrip

Wifi

All Suites

Air-conditioned

Indoor bath and shower

Coffee machine

Wifi

Gratuity information

Hairdryer

Kettle

Mosquito net

USB / International adaptor

Phone

In-room safe

Amenities

Included in your stay

Morning and afternoon game drives

Walks on request, can be arranged with your guide

All meals

Laundry included when booked on certain rates

Local beverages included when booked on certain rates

Excluded

Beverages when booked on certain rates

Champagne, premium wines and spirits

Curio shop purchases

Spa treatments

Gratuities

Levies and gate entry fees

Additional activities





Other information you may like to know

The camp is not fenced but has an electric strand to discourage buffalo and elephant from entering the lodge area

Check in 14H00 / check out 11H00

All credit cards accepted except American Express

Children Policy

Children from 12 years of age are welcome

Children under 16 years of age are not permitted on bush walks

Self Driving to Simbambili

Please use “South African Wildlife College”, then “Hluvukani”, and finally, “Gowrie Gate, Sabi Sand” as your destination address when using a GPS/ Google Maps, as when you enter “Simbambili” as an address instead, the route takes you through fences and over private property.

A Typical Day

Times will vary depending on the season and are based on sunrise and sunset times

Wake-up

Morning tea & coffee with a selection of homemade rusks, biscuits and fruit will be served on the deck before departing for your morning drive

Game drive, approximately 3 hours

Breakfast served on return from game drive

Lunch

High tea will be served prior to afternoon game drive

Game drive, approximately 3 hours

Opportunity to enjoy a drink at the bar or freshen up before dinner is served

Optional activities

Bush walks daily, during or after the game drive. This can be discussed directly with your guide

Spa treatments Community Visits



Covid-19

The Thornybush group prides itself on offering high quality, safe safari experiences to our guests from around the world. With this in mind, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been working hard to ensure we are ready to welcome you back! We have implemented stringent hygiene and safety protocols to make sure that our guests and team members continue to remain safe, without compromising the quality of the safari experience.

Covid-19 PCR Testing

We are now able to offer guests staying at any of our lodges at Thornybush a Covid-19 PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test prior to their departure from any of our lodges. The purpose of this test is to detect the presence of genetic material from the Covid-19 virus in the nasal or oral cavity. Most countries require this test to be conducted within 72 hours of departure.

For guests that are staying at Simbambili Game Lodge in the Sabi Sand Wildtuin, or any of our lodges in the Thornybush Game Reserve, we can assist with arrangements; further information is available on request.



Health Declaration

All guests are required to sign a health declaration prior to arrival, a link for this will be sent along with your booking confirmation.

Indemnity

All guests are required to sign an indemnity prior to arrival, a link for this will be sent along with your booking confirmation.



SATIB Insurance

24HR emergency call facility for:

- any medical emergency involving bodily injury to or life-threatening illness contracted by one of our guests or passengers
- guests or passengers experiencing any natural disaster, such as a flood or fire

Africa Safe-T

All our lodges are affiliated with Africa Safe-T, a medical rescue organisation, which provides an immediate response for emergencies – fixed wing planes and helicopters.

Arrangements can also be made should there be a need for a doctor. The closest doctor would be in Hoedspruit – a 90 to 120-minute drive. The cost will be charged to the guest's account.

Travel Insurance

It is the Guests' sole and absolute responsibility to ensure that they have adequate and suitable comprehensive travel and medical insurance in place to cover themselves, as well as any dependents | travelling companions. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the booking, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, hometown repatriation expenses, damage and/or theft and/or loss of personal property, baggage, money, and goods.

Thornybush, their representatives, directors, officers, employees, and agents will not be responsible for any damage, loss, costs or expenses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or travelling companions, as a result of or in connection with any of the abovementioned events. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

FAQ's

What is the weather like?

Daytime summer temperatures (September – April) are high and may soar above 36°C/97°F. Evenings and early mornings are warm. Winters (May – August) have chilly nights and crisp early mornings (minimum 3°C/38°F), but the days are fine and warm. Rainfall occurs predominantly in the summer months from October to April in the form of magnificent late afternoon/evening thundershowers.

What should I pack for my stay?

The dress code is informal and neutral colours are recommended. A warm jacket/scarf and beanies for winter and evening safaris. Comfortable walking shoes, a bathing costume, binoculars, camera and video camera. Sunhats, sunscreen, and sunglasses. A select range of safari clothing and amenities are available for purchase in our Curio Shops.

Should I take Malaria Medication?

The lodges are situated in a low-risk malaria area. Precautions are taken annually to treat the lodges and minimize risk. We recommend you consult your medical practitioner on anti-malaria prophylactics.

Lodge Layout

