



JABULANI ACTIVITIES



MEET THE BULLS

Our remarkable history and journey with the Jabulani herd is shared by our team of passionate elephant carers, many who have walked side by side with the elephants for over twenty years. Take part in an intimate and educational talk hosted by our elephant carers and in the company of Jabulani, Sebakwe or Somopane, who are older bulls of the herd. It is an extraordinary opportunity to understand elephants on a deeper level, both physically and emotionally, and to appreciate the importance of the conservation and protection of the elephant species. During a stay at Jabulani, there are further respectful opportunities to observe the herd from a comfortable distance, as they spend their days foraging in the big-five Kapama Game Reserve.

Cost: No cost

Duration: 30 - 45 minutes

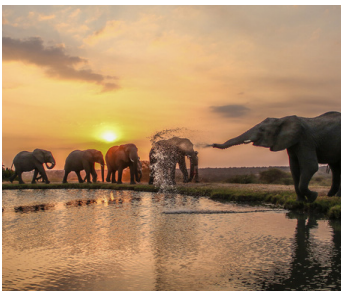


ELEPHANT SWIM

During the hottest times of the day, the herd enjoys taking time out from foraging to swim in one of the dams on the reserve, providing an excellent opportunity to observe the elephants drink, play and relax in the water from the comfort of our shaded vehicle. The perfect way to see their unique personalities in play from a respectful distance.

Cost: No cost

Duration: 45 minutes



SIGNATURE SUNDOWNERS AND ELEPHANT STABLES EXPERIENCE

Enjoy our Jabulani Signature Sundowner experience as you relax with a refreshment and view the herd as they pass by on their way to their stables after a day out on the reserve. Join one of our elephant carers at the stables and observe the herd from a viewing point as they settle in for the night. It allows us to explain the dynamics of the herd's sleeping arrangements in the elephant stables.

Cost: No cost

Duration: 30 minutes



ELEPHANT RESEARCH - DUNG SAMPLING

Participate in field research with Jabulani's elephant carers and rangers, by sampling the Jabulani herd's elephant dung to monitor their stress levels compared to that of wild elephants. This is part of our ongoing research with the University of Pretoria.

Cost: No cost

Duration: 1 hour



HOEDSPRUIT ELEPHANT REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT (HERD) - ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE

Enjoy a talk from the viewing point of South Africa's first dedicated Elephant Orphanage, which was built in August 2019, adjacent to the Jabulani stables. Adine Roode, MD of Jabulani, built a facility that can provide the necessary human care for orphaned baby elephants, with the advantage of being in the presence of an elephant herd that openly accepts orphaned elephants into their herd. To date, the Jabulani herd have welcomed five orphans lovingly, namely Jabulani, Kumbura, Timisa, Shawu and Khanyisa. Please note that the orphanage visit is only accessible to guests when there are no orphans in the building, as to not stress them.

Cost: No cost

Duration: 1 hour

Please note: we do not permit any contact with any orphans and most of the herd, besides the three bulls in the Elephant Experience. We will never restrain an elephant, so we ask guests to respect the elephant's choice if they choose to walk away during an Elephant Experience. The herd spend their days in the wild from sunrise to sunset.



JABUJUNIORS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

The Jabulani Soulful Safari experience touches the hearts of even the youngest of our guests. Our JabuJuniors children's programme promises that our young safari-goers experience the best of South African wildlife and allow them to dig deeper into the fun world of soulful conservation. Your children have the opportunity to become JabuJuniors Conservationists in the making or be accredited in our JabuJuniors Ranger Academy; taking home personalised certificates to fondly remember their Jabulani and South African wildlife experience for many years to come.

Cost: No cost

Duration: Daily activities - varied times



GAME DRIVES

The Kapama Private Game Reserve is home to a wide variety of wildlife including the big five (leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros) and large populations of plains game such as giraffe, impala, blue wildebeest and kudu. Other predators include cheetah, wild dogs, spotted hyena and many smaller species. Bird-watching is most rewarding - more than 350 bird species have been recorded, including the rare Gymnogene and Knob-billed duck. Guests join their ranger in an open (yet with a cover for sun protection) safari vehicle for a game drive, and head out in search of The Big Five, and the smaller (but no less significant) creatures that are part of an African safari. Jabulani rangers are consummate professionals. Highly experienced in guiding, they are the perfect safari ambassadors while out in the African bush. Safaris may be arranged at any time of the day time and night time. A word of warning though - the summer months are incredibly hot in the middle of the day! This time is best spent enjoying the cool respite of a private plunge pool, with a chilled refreshment in hand!

Cost: No cost

Duration: +/- 3 hours per drive



GUIDED BUSH WALKS

The intrepid walker will take pleasure in experiencing a Jabulani guided walking safari. Heading into the wild with an armed ranger, guests can learn more about the many different facets of the bush. From tracking spoor (animal prints left in the ground) to touching and examining trees and plants, to sitting quietly and simply absorbing the many smells, sounds and sensations of Africa in its most primitive glory – this is a safari in its purest form. Some walks may encounter animals in close proximity on the Kapama Private Game Reserve. However, great care is taken to ensure safe and respectful distances are always observed from the larger and more dangerous animal species. It is recommended that walking during summer months is restricted to early mornings before the heat of the day fully sets in. Walkers need not be fitness fanatics, as the pace is set around the guest.

Cost: No cost

Duration: +/- 2 hours



THE LUXURY OF LEISURE

With each itinerary fully customised for our guests, visitors can choose from a wide variety of activities at the lodge. Options include relaxing spa treatments at our Jabulani Bush Spa, a steam session in our sauna, and enjoying our outdoor gym facilities. Delight in the chef's extensive menu of delicious treats, browse the art pieces displayed throughout the lodge, or indulge in some retail therapy at The Gallery. Unwind for hours in your private plunge pool – a truly soul-nourishing experience. While we encourage guests to disconnect from the outside world, Jabulani offers Wi-Fi in the main lodge area, the suites, and the two villas for those who need to check in from time to time.

Cost: Varies depending on the activity

Duration: Varies depending on the activity



HOT AIR BALLOONING

Experience the magic of lighter-than-air flight near the foot of the Drakensberg Escarpment. Meet before sunrise, and enjoy a piping-hot cup of coffee while you watch your eight-storey balloon being inflated and prepared for flight. After a safety briefing, become airborne in time to witness the sunrise as you gently drift over the landscape. Hot air balloon safari flights are one hour in duration, over the scenic Lowveld section of the Blyde River (15 km West of Hoedspruit). The terrain is a mixture of farmland, private nature reserves and wildlife estates, making for an incredible Greater Kruger Experience. The mountains to the South and West provide shelter from the prevailing winds, thereby affording good flying weather on most days. As the sun rises, the landscape, the vegetation and, if you're lucky, some wildlife will provide photo opportunities. Game spotting cannot be guaranteed but on most flights plains game like giraffe and wildebeest are seen.

The height above ground will vary between skimming the tree-tops to as high as 2 000 feet as the pilot changes altitude in search of favourable wind directions and speeds. Passengers don't have to be physically fit, but must be prepared to stand in the basket for at least an hour. Youngsters are welcome, but should be at least 1.2m (4 foot) tall, so they are able to see over the rim of the basket. Regrettably pregnant people are not permitted on balloon excursions. Sparkling wine and fruit juice are served after the flight.

Please note: Hot Air Balloon safaris are entirely dependent on weather conditions. This service is contracted out to a third party supplier, and while we delight in taking care of the arrangements on behalf of our guests, we cannot be held accountable for changes or cancellations to schedules as dictated by the service provider.

Cost: R6 500 per person

Duration: 1 hour flight time



HELICOPTER FLIPS

Swoop over deep and mysterious gorges, linger above roaring rivers and cascading waterfalls and view the fascinating and dramatic rock formations of the Blyde River Canyon. The Mpumalanga Helicopter Co. is based in Hazyview in the beautiful Mpumalanga Lowveld. Most flights take place from the surrounding lodges, hotels, Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, and Timbavati Private Nature Reserve.

Cost: POA

Duration: 1 hour



CASCADES AND CANYON SPECTACULAR

This exhilarating flight travels over canyons bursting with colourful vegetation and cascading waterfalls, allowing for spectacular photographic opportunities. Your flight will continue along the escarpment to God's Window which offers unforgettable panoramic views of the bushveld below and on to the wonderful rock formations of the 1 000 metre deep, 30 km long Blyde River Canyon (the third deepest and greenest canyon in the world). You will be treated to a magnificent bird's eye view of the curious Three Rondavels before landing at a picnic site with glorious views of the Mpumalanga Lowveld for a delicious lunch accompanied by South African Sparkling Wine.

Cost: POA

Duration: 1 hour



HESC (HOEDSPRUIT ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE) TOUR

The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre aims to support conservation within a sustainable ecosystem by prioritising the survival of endangered species. This is achieved through maintaining diverse bloodlines of cheetahs, rehabilitating rhinos, educating both local and international communities about conservation imperatives, and conducting focused research for the long-term sustainability of endangered species.

Cost: Adults: R750 per person

Children under 12: R550 per child

Duration: +/- 2 hours



NYANI CULTURAL VILLAGE TOUR

The "Roots of Rhythm" show group presents an exceptional and lively evening performance, delivered directly to your lodge. Under the starlit sky, around a crackling fire, the rich songs and dances of various African cultures come alive. From the rhythms of the Shona & Venda, Tsonga, Shangaan, Pedi, and BaHananawa (Tswana), to the vibrant dances of the Swati and Zulu, guests are treated to an hour-long spectacle culminating in interactive dancing. Many lodges offer the option to welcome guests to the performance area with a medley of beautiful songs, ranging from local tribal tunes, gospel melodies, to popular English songs of Africa, serving as both an icebreaker and a delightful surprise before the main dance show begins. This is available for weddings, special events, corporate groups, and other celebrations.

Costs:

Full village tour, Roots of Rhythm dance show and lunch:

Adults: R750 per person

Children under 12: R450 per child

Village tour and show (no lunch):

Adults: R650 per person

Children under 12: R350 per child

Duration: 1 hour



TOWN TRIPS

Visit the two schools in the town, Mpsis Primary and Xilaveko. Obert Chauke is one of the highly respected butlers at Jabulani and has been at the lodge for 16 year. In 2014, Obert started a new venture outside of working hours, paying forward the opportunities he's been given and opening a not-for-profit daycare in his garage, together with his wife. The daycare is situate in Timbavati Village in Acornhoek. Obert and his wife, Ivy Sibuyi have applied for NPO status, as they endeavour to care for the children in the area who need supervision and support during the day.

Cost:

R1 500 per person

Duration: 3 hours



GREEN TRAX K9/ANTI-POACHING DISPLAY

The Training Centre, an extension of Green Trax, offers a comprehensive range of services including dog and handler training, boarding facilities, educational events, and group activities for tourists and conservation volunteers. It serves as a base for highly trained dogs aiding local law enforcement in crime prevention. Green Trax values collaboration over competition, fostering partnerships with organisations and individuals to combat various crimes, including wildlife poaching. They believe in making a positive impact through active participation and dog-assisted conservation efforts, driven by a passion for working with animals and a commitment to nature conservation.

Cost: R8 500 per person

Duration: 3 hours



PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS

While Jabulani does not have a photographic studio on site, the lodge will gladly arrange for guests to have their special photo memories captured at the lodge and printed in town (at their own expense) to share with friends and family on their return. Should you be an avid photographer and wish to hire equipment in advance for your safari experience, please advise the lodge 45 days prior to arrival so that we can arrange the necessary equipment (subject to availability) in town. Jabulani does not have a camera and photographic equipment available on site. There are 2 Toyota Landcruisers available to use that are fully equipped for photographic tours, and each seat has a camera rest that can rotate respectively. Please note that the guides can assist guests as they are passionate about nature and photography, but that they are not professionally trained photographers.

Cost: POA

Duration: POA

Third-party activity prices are subject to change without notice, and the prices listed here are provided as suggestions only.



A SOULFUL SAFARI EXPERIENCE

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