

Thornybush
NKELENGA
LODGE



Thornybush Nature Reserve

Thornybush is one of the original nature reserves in the Greater Kruger National Park, with the first lodge opening its doors in 1961. Since then, the Thornybush group now operates lodges in both the Thornybush and Sabi Sand Private Nature Reserves.

Thornybush is a 14,000-hectare private nature reserve that shares a fenceless border with the famous Kruger National Park in South Africa. Big 5 encounters are the standout experiences for our guests, with visitors particularly impressed with the lion and leopard sightings. It is the vast diversity of wildlife, however, that has seen Thornybush emerge as a leading safari destination.

With our passionate and expert guide-and-tracker teams leading the way, our guests leave with a genuine understanding of our entire ecosystem and the enthralling cast of animals.





Nkelenga Tented Camp

The three tents and main house are all set back on the lawn and overlook a well-frequented dam. The deck chairs around the refreshing pool provide a perfect opportunity for relaxation, as do a number of places around the camp under the trees. The main house is where most of the activity takes place with a long, covered verandah, while inside is a lounge, kitchen, dining area as well as a bedroom and loft area, perfect for kids.



Camp Overview

Accommodation

- The lodge consists of 3 tents and the main house
- Tent 1 has a king size bed and is en-suite
- Tent 2 and 3 have 2 x $\frac{3}{4}$ beds each and are both en-suite
- The main house has a bedroom with two $\frac{3}{4}$ beds
- There is a bathroom inside the main house, but it is not en-suite
- The loft in the main house can accommodate up to 4 children, however the maximum number at Nkelenga is 8 people in total
- Those staying in the loft would share the bathroom with the guest room in the house

All bedrooms are air-conditioned

Morning and afternoon game drives

Wood and water

Fully equipped kitchen and Room amenities

Housekeeping service daily

Guide and tracker conduct game drives and also assist with packing of morning and afternoon game drive boxes

Housekeeper available to assist with table settings, boma set-up and fire, guests to advise on preference for set up

Pool towels

Very limited mobile coverage available

Included in your stay

Morning and afternoon game drives

Excluded

Meals

Beverages

Gratuities

Levies

Additional activities





Other information you may like to know

The camp is fenced

Check in 14H00 / check out 11H00

Children Policy

Children of all ages are welcome

Children under 6 years of age joining game drive will be under discretion of the guide

A Typical Day

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

Your day starts with a wakeup call from your guide, followed by tea and coffee on the main deck before heading out on your morning safari. During your morning game drive, you will get the chance to stop and enjoy a coffee break. On returning to the camp the day is your own to make the most of this tranquil setting, whether it is sitting under the trees, lying on your bed or lounging around the pool.

In the afternoon you will head out on another evening game drive, the guides having packed your drinks and snacks which you can relish a bit later, while watching the sun go down. A fire will be burning when you get back from an exciting game drive and you can bring the day to a close under the stars enjoying the company of your friends and family.



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 50-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

