



UMKUMBE
SAFARI LODGE RIVERSIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Umkumbe Safari Lodge Riverside is ideally located in the heart of the Sabi Game Reserve in the Greater Kruger. The Sabi Sand is considered by many to be the premier reserve within South Africa due to large concentrations of wildlife and in particular, leopard.

Animals roam freely throughout as there are no fences between the Kruger National Park and the private game reserves. Umkumbe overlooks the Sand River which attracts a plethora of wildlife to its banks on a regular basis, and offers standard and superior accommodation for couples as well as families with children over 5 years old. Game drives take place twice a day, and are always an exciting adventure, and dinner times are a celebration in the traditional boma under the starry skies.

AT A GLANCE

- Affordable safari lodge situated in the heart of the Sabi Game Reserve.
- Located on the banks of the seasonal Sand River where wildlife roams regularly.
- Enjoys a premier location in the heart of a world-renown big 5 game reserve.
- Family friendly accommodation for children over the age of 5.
- Owner-managed and authentic hospitality.
- Diversity of wildlife.
- Easily accessible via self-drive from Johannesburg, or via flights to Nelspruit airport.
- Wifi available for a fee between 09h30 and 16h00.

FACILITIES

- Sleeps 20 guests at maximum capacity.
- 7 Superior suites
- 3 Standard rooms

- All rooms are air-conditioned, while some have river-facing views
- Wifi is available at the lodge between 09h30 and 16h00 for a fee

ACTIVITIES

- Morning and evening big five game drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching
- Traditional boma dinner outdoors around a campfire
- Optional morning bush walk after breakfast : Walkers must be over 16 years of age. Bush walks are in **ENGLISH** only.
- Night game drives.





A TYPICAL DAY AT UMKUMBE SAFARI LODGE RIVERSIDE

The below is a typical day on safari. Game drives are at set times, but these times vary during the summer and winter seasons.

	SUMMER	WINTER
Wake up (coffee and biscuits)	5:00	5:30
Morning Game Drive	5:30	6:00
Return	8:30	9:30
Breakfast	8:30	9:30
Bush Walk (Optional)	8:45	9:45
Lunch	14:00	14:00
Afternoon Game Drive	16:30	15:30
Return	19:30	18:30
Dinner	19:30	18:30

LOCATION

Umkumbe Safari Lodge Riverside is located on the Sand River in the heart of the Sabi Private Game Reserve.

The GPS co-ordinates are:

S 24°52.346'

E 31°32.716

HOW TO GET THERE

Guests have the below options:

- 1) Self-drive to the camp.
- 2) Fly from Johannesburg, Durban or Cape Town to Nelspruit Airport and then arrange a road transfer to the camp through our reservations office.

DISTANCE TABLE

LOCATION	Travel Time	Distance Km's	Miles
Oliver Tambo Airport, Johannesburg	5 hrs	490	306
Phalaborwa Airport	3 hrs	223	140
Hoedspruit Airport	2hrs 15min	160	99
KMI Airport, Mbombela	1 hr 45min	110	68.3
Hazyview	1 hr	67	41.6
Paul kruger Gate, Kruger national park	45min	32	19.88
Skukuza airport, Kruger national park	25min	12	7,45





GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

Game Drive Vehicles

On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. All game drives are conducted in open 4 x 4 safari vehicles. This allows for panoramic views of wildlife and wilderness.

Malaria

The Sabi Sand region is a low risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Melfloquine. Mosquitos are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

What to Pack

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May – Oct)
- Beanie and gloves – the mornings are cold during winter

Weather

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring during mid-summer (November – February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, very seldom lasting longer than a few hours. The mean



average maximum temperatures range from 24.5°C in July to 31.5°C in January with the mean monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.

Wildlife

During the dry season the vegetation is sparse and wildlife congregates around watering holes. During the wet season the vegetation is dense and wildlife is more dispersed. Staying at Umkumbe means there is the chance to see the big 5 - in particular leopard.

In addition to the big 5 animals that are regularly sighted include giraffe, zebra, warthog, spotted hyena, baboon, hippo, impala, kudu, vervet monkey, waterbuck, wildebeest, bushbaby, mongoose, duiker and steenbok. You might also see wild dog, cheetah, honey badger, porcupine, armadillo, civet, caracal and serval.

Birds that are regularly seen are vultures, owls, bee-eaters, rollers, eagles, bustards, hornbills, starlings and shrikes.