



# Morukuru Family®

## Safaris with a Purpose 2024

### Giving Back

For many people a safari to Africa is a once in a lifetime experience, a #bucketlist holiday. Since 2005 Morukuru Family in South Africa has welcomed guests into their exclusive-use houses in a private concession inside the malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve. Most of our guests are families travelling with (young) children. Quite often multi-generation families too, when the Grandparents take their children and their grandchildren on safari. A lot of our guests are particularly interested in 'giving back'. They feel privileged to be able to enjoy a safari and want to contribute not just to nature conservation, but also to the local communities around Madikwe Game Reserve. And that is where Morukuru Goodwill Foundation steps in.

### Morukuru Goodwill Foundation

Founded by the owners of Morukuru Family in 2007, the Morukuru Goodwill Foundation supports the local community in nearby Molatedi village as well as various research projects in Madikwe Game Reserve.

We work closely together with the Parks Board, and Morukuru Goodwill Foundation pitches in when Parks Board budget falls short and (urgent) conservation work is required. Our main focus is on supporting Rhino protection, but we also assist with various other (costly) conservation efforts such as Elephant collaring, Cheetah collaring, Lion collaring or contraception and Rhino notching/chipping. In certain circumstances we also assist wounded animals that require immediate veterinarian assistance. And so much more.

Morukuru Goodwill Foundation also supports researchers active in specific fields, such as Rob Harrison White, a dedicated researcher and specialist in Predator management with an exceptional knowledge specifically about Jackal populations.





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### **Supporting the local community**

Morukuru Family specialises in family safaris and many of our guests ask us if there is anything they can bring to support the local school and community. The Molatedi school is frequently visited by our guests and our lodge management seeks to match the interest or expertise of the guests with the needs of the school. For example, an entrepreneur in vegetable seeds introduced vegetable seeds for the school garden. Another guest, working with a sports clothing brand, brought soccer sport outfits for the children, and a dentist did a presentation for the school kids on dental hygiene and supplied dental materials.

Our guests frequently choose to donate money and we buy the necessary schoolbooks which the guests can then take to the school themselves. We have also seen children doing special fundraising projects at their schools at home, before they go to Africa or after they have returned, and we will make sure that the children can hand over their donation to the specific project they support.

To make sure that donations are spent the way they were intended, either conservation work or school materials, all guest donations are processed by Morukuru Goodwill Foundation, so we have full control over the donations we receive and the donations we hand out.





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Are you keen to go on safari in Africa as a family, as a group of friends or perhaps even as a corporate getaway? And you would like to give back to nature conservation and to the local community during your stay?

Morukuru Goodwill Foundation and Morukuru Family have created a 3-days 'Safaris with a Purpose' package exclusively for you and your party which includes at least the following three special elements:

- Joining an Elephant collaring / Rhino notching / Lion (or other big cat) veterinarian procedure which includes the use of a helicopter and a large team of experts, including the vet. (Half day)  
[CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO](#)
- Visit of the local school in Molatedi Village and be informed by the local head master about the various projects supported by Morukuru Goodwill Foundation. If appreciated or initiated by the guests we will also gladly facilitate, manage and prepare your own personal interactive project with the school. (Half day)
- Private talk by Rob Harrison White or one of the other local researchers in Madikwe Game Reserve, explaining about the very useful work they are doing. (Half day)

**Total costs for the 3-day package:** R 90,000 (nett and non-commissionable).

**Included:** Three activities as mentioned above, for the entire family to join and enjoy.

**Excluded:** Accommodation at Morukuru Family Madikwe (minimum 4 nights stay required), flights and transfers.

This package can only be pre-booked – *at least one month prior to arrival* - together with a stay at one of our exclusive-use houses in the malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve. *Subject to availability.*

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### Sample itinerary (4 nights, 5 days)

#### Day one (arrival)

Arrive in Madikwe Game Reserve by car or flight around 2PM and transfer to your accommodation to get settled in. Depending on the number of guests and your personal preference this could be the 2-bedroom Morukuru Owner's House (sleeps 4), our 3-bedroom Morukuru River House (sleeps 6 adults + 4 children under 16) or the 5-bedroom Morukuru Farm House (sleeps 10). Lunch upon arrival, followed by an afternoon *game-drive* and dinner.

#### Day two

Early morning wake-up and morning *game-drive*, followed by breakfast in the bush or at the house. Private talk by Rob Harrison White on his research and conservation project with Jackals. Lunch and afternoon *game-drive*, followed by dinner.

#### Day three

Wake-up and breakfast, followed by a 40-minute drive to Molatedi Village, just outside Madikwe Game Reserve, for a visit to Molatedi School, where the head master will explain more about the primary school and the various specific projects that Morukuru Goodwill Foundation supports. Afterwards drive back to your house for lunch and some time to relax. Afternoon *game-drive*, followed by dinner.







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### Day four

Wake-up early and drive toward the meeting point with the team of experts for the conservation procedure that needs to happen. This could be the collaring of an Elephant, the notching of a Rhino, the collaring of a Lion or Cheetah or similar. Witness the entire operation from start to finish and be part of it. See the helicopter take off to find the animal, the animal being darted from the helicopter and walk up to the animal once it has been fully anaesthetised. You could very well be asked to assist in keeping the animal cool, or in taking some samples and measurements. After a successful operation the animal will be woken up and you will watch it get back on its feet and walk off. This whole process might take a few hours.

Afterwards you will enjoy a nice breakfast (at the house or in the bush) and you will have time to relax and enjoy the pool. In the afternoon you will enjoy lunch and another afternoon *game-drive*, followed by dinner.



*Rhino notching procedure*





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### Day five (departure)

Early morning wake-up and morning *game-drive*, followed by breakfast at the house and departure from the house around 10:30 AM.



This sample itinerary can be tailormade to suit the specific demands and requirements of the guests. The programme also depends on the weather and availability of the helicopter and professionals required.

**3-days 'Safaris with a Purpose' package costs: R 90,000 in total**  
**Plus accommodation costs**

*Accommodation costs depend on the season, which house is booked and the total number of adults and children under 16. Please contact our reservations team for a quotation.*

Our normal Terms & Conditions apply, as well as normal inclusions and exclusions for the houses. Pre-booking essential, at least one month prior to arrival.

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