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Ulusaba  

SIR RICHARD BRANSON'S
PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

welcome

ULUSABA is Sir Richard Branson's Private Safari Game Reserve located in the Sabi Sand Reserve in South Africa. Ulusaba is known for the quality of its safari experience, with some of the most experienced Rangers and Trackers in the country. Our team is encouraged to let their personalities shine through, so you can relax as soon as you step off the plane at our private airstrip. All guests at Ulusaba can expect luxurious accommodation, outstanding food, twice-daily game drives, safari walks, unforgettable views and plenty of smiles while you're here with us in the African bush.



The African Bush - just the thought of it conjures up some fascinating images of breathtaking wilderness, sunrise safaris, and a retreat far away from the city. Here your imagination becomes reality. At Ulusaba, we have set out to create the most beautiful game reserve in Africa. I hope someday we'll be able to share this with you.

- SIR RICHARD BRANSON

getting here



Where is Ulusaba?

Ulusaba Private Game Reserve is located in the western sector of the Sabi Sand Reserve, near Kruger National Park in the Mpumalanga province of South Africa.

HOW WILL I GET THERE?

South Africa is served by direct flights from the UK and other major European hubs, with flight times to Johannesburg between 10½ and 11½ hours depending on your point of origin. From the US there are direct flights from the east coast, with flight times of roughly 18 hours.

Ulusaba is approximately a 1 hour 20 minute flight from the international airport in Johannesburg (JNB) flying by twin-engine aircraft, or 30 minutes from Nelspruit (NLP) and 20 minutes from Skukuza (SZK), via a charter air hop, which are the best airports to use if travelling from other destinations within South Africa. We have our own private Ulusaba airstrip (ULX) and there are daily scheduled and charter flights available. Get a window seat - the view's terrific!

You can also come by road too from Nelspruit, which will take about 2½ hours. Try and arrive by 1pm - just in time for lunch!

**Times are based on direct flights to Ulusaba Private Game Reserve. Some flights may service all Lodges in the Sabi Sand so flight times for arrival may vary.*

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

The landscape changes with every season, so each visit will give you a different perspective on the African Bush. In spring and summer (October to April) the temperature averages 34°C/93°F. The days are glorious, the vegetation lush and the nights pleasantly warm. During autumn and winter (May to September) the days are moderately warm and sunny with an average temperature of 26°C/79°F, while the nights are cool and crisp.

ABOUT ULUSABA

Ulusaba means "place of little fear". That's because the koppie where Rock Lodge sits provided the ancient Shangaan warriors with the perfect lookout point. Spend time at Rock Lodge and you'll be flying with the eagles, or take a walk on the wild side back down to earth at Safari Lodge. Both Lodges are approximately 500 metres away from each other and are extraordinary in their own way. Each provides a unique and exceptional experience - something you'll remember forever. We suggest you visit both!

where is everything?

ROCK LODGE



SAFARI LODGE



* The Safari Room is included when booking Safari Lodge for exclusive use

your room

Rock Lodge

Rock Lodge has the best view in the Sabi Sand – and we promise we're not biased! Perched high on the summit of a koppie, with panoramic views over miles of bush, grab a pair of binoculars to see what you can spot. Within Rock Lodge is Cliff Lodge, a two bedroom suite perfect for some added privacy. Both Rock and Cliff Lodge are ideal for families with children of all ages who are welcome to join our Cub's Club. If you include Cliff Lodge, we can accommodate a total of 20-25 guests at Rock Lodge.

FAST FACTS ROCK LODGE

- Outdoor pool
- Fully equipped gym and Aroma Boma spa
- A variety of indoor and outdoor dining and relaxation areas with panoramic views of the bush
- Wine room
- Children of all ages welcome at Rock Lodge
Cub's Club activities available at no extra cost



Cliff Lodge

Located a short walk from the Main House at Rock Lodge, Cliff Lodge features two magnificent suites offering guests the ultimate in safari luxury. When you book both suites for exclusive use we include your own chef and private vehicle for game drives, and you have full use of a private gym and spa treatment room. Cliff Lodge can accommodate a maximum of five adults and four children when booked exclusively. The two Cliff Lodge Suites can also be booked individually within four months prior to guest arrival.



your room



Safari Lodge

Safari Lodge is built along the banks of the dry Mabrak riverbed. Guests will love the sense of adventure as they cross the swing bridges between exquisite treehouse rooms, created and inspired by local and natural materials, with elephant, bushbuck, lion and other local wildlife passing by. Safari Lodge can accommodate up to 20 guests in 10 rooms and suites.



FAST FACTS SAFARI LODGE

- Outdoor pool
- Fully equipped gym and Aroma Boma spa treatment room
- Outdoor Boma for dining
 - Gift shop and wine cellar, guests from either lodge are welcome



a typical day

We thought we would give you a little taster as to what you can expect on a typical day at Ulusaba. You can do as little or as much as you like, it's completely up to you!

5AM Rise and shine! The early morning game drive sets off at 5.30AM, but before you depart we have early morning teas, coffees and refreshments served on the main terrace.

5.30AM Off we go! We will depart on the morning game drive in an open 4 x 4 safari vehicle, stopping for refreshments in the heart of the South African bush.

9AM Breakfast time! Retreat back to the lodge for breakfast with your Ranger.

10AM It wouldn't be a holiday if you didn't have a bit of R&R! We recommend any of our spa treatments in the Aroma Boma spa (available at an additional charge). For those seeking more adventure you can get up close and personal with the animals during our walking safari (don't worry an armed Ranger and Tracker will be with you at all times!)

1.30PM It's lunchtime! Lunch is often served on one of the sundecks.

4PM Before heading off on the evening game drive we will tempt you with our afternoon tea served on the patio.

Timings are based on stays during the Summer. Winter times are up to 30 minutes later than time shown above.

4.30PM Game on! It's time to depart for the evening game drive. Search for those elusive nocturnal animals after sundowner drinks served in the bush. Next it's onto our Bush observatory where our Ranger will give you the chance for some stargazing.

8PM Dinner is served! We serve dinner at the lodge or in the heart of the bush, under the African skies around a blazing log fire. Enjoy the tribal dancers and singers, for a truly authentic African experience.



dining



What's on the menu?

Our internationally renowned chefs have developed numerous pan-African dishes influenced by many African cultures, flavours and spices. Our recipes are constantly refreshed and consist of seasonal, local ingredients. Whether dining under the African sky, in the Boma, on a deck or in the dining room, our menus and meals promise to be exciting, social and inspirational. All our breads and pastries are home-baked daily. We also cater for private meals and special occasions.

PRIVATE DINING

Of course, if you'd like a more intimate experience, we'd be delighted to organise private dining for you either on a secluded deck or at a location of your choice. Be sure to win some brownie points by organising this before arrival and we'll make sure we ramp up the romance.

CUB'S CLUB MEALS

We have a great range of child-friendly meals. Your Cubs (that's the children) can choose from a selection of tasty, well balanced, healthy and fun meals keeping both the parents and the Cubs happy!

ROOM SERVICE

Feeling peckish? Just buzz our team from your room and we'll keep you feeling full with something tasty off our menu.

SAFARI LODGE WINE CELLAR AND ROCK LODGE WINE ROOM

Wine lovers won't go thirsty with our well-stocked wine cellar at Safari Lodge and wine room at Rock Lodge. If you prefer hearty reds we won't delay your enjoyment by showcasing our best rosés, and likewise if you can't wait to sip a refreshing glass of chilled white we won't hold you back. South Africa has an excellent reputation for wine worldwide and naturally we're keen to showcase some of the best local vintages on offer. The wines speak for themselves, and we want you to feel at home, so we don't have a lengthy wine list full of 'winespeak'.



Ulusaba Cubs

WHAT CAN A CUB GET UP TO?

Because Rock Lodge is intimate, we do not operate a set programme, rather a range of great activities for your cubs to choose from.

- A welcome treasure hunt to help Cubs familiarise themselves with their surroundings
- Your Cubs can explore their Arts and Crafts ability with coloured sand art and an afternoon of rock painting
- Safari walks around Rock Lodge to spot birds, insects, lizards and anything else your Cub may find
- A great range of new and classic children's DVDs, CDs and a Nintendo Wii
- Cubs can enjoy the swimming pool with an experienced swimmer to supervise afternoon pool activities followed by ice-cream to re-energise

- A wide variety of safari theme educational board games, puzzles and 'Big 5' playing cards
- Traditional South African kids' games which they can teach their friends when they get home
- A mini Ranger's course where your Cub's Ranger will teach them about the African bush and how to track and identify animal footprints and dung droppings
- All Cubs will be invited to join the Pen Pal Club
- Bedtime story-telling complete with milk and cookies, or whatever normally helps get your Cub ready for bed!

- Your Cub could become a safari master chef with a morning of creating and cooking homemade pizzas for lunch and cupcakes for guests to enjoy at tea
- Cubs and their folks are encouraged to visit the community so kids can learn about giving back and to see how different the lifestyles are in the community
- The Ulusaba Cub's spa treatments will ensure that your Cub can unwind after a busy day with a variety of specially designed treatments for children
- And many more fun activities



At Ulusaba, kids under the age of 12 can stay at Rock Lodge and are invited to join the Cub's Club.

WHAT CAN CUBS EXPECT WHEN THEY ARRIVE?

A cool backpack filled with educational safari goodies and a cap! Cubs have their very own amenities in the room, just like their folks do, and we will provide a fantastic range of kids' products.



WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

A babysitting service is available at no extra charge, however please be aware that off-duty staff, who have plenty of experience with children, are used for this. Due to our location we do not have professional childcarers available, but with advance notice this could be arranged at an extra cost. Ulusaba has security guards on duty all night that will pay particular attention to rooms occupied by Cubs.

ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW

Children of all ages are very welcome at Rock Lodge however we unfortunately don't allow Cubs under the age of 12 to stay at Safari Lodge for safety reasons. As long as your Cub is aged 6 or over he or she is more than welcome on the safari game vehicles.

Please contact us prior to arrival for any special food and beverage requests for your Cubs and we'll do our best to accommodate these.



things to do

ACTIVITIES

Pride 'n Purpose: Pride 'n Purpose is Ulusaba's charitable arm committed to helping disadvantaged communities living adjacent to the reserve and working on a non-profit basis. For an authentic Shangaan experience, visit the local villages surrounding the Sabi Sand Game Reserve on a Community Tour and support Ulusaba's charitable project, Pride 'n Purpose. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with some of the ongoing projects during your visit to Ulusaba we can tailor-make an itinerary based on your interests and the time you have available.

Excursions: see the Cascades and Canyons by helicopter or visit Blyde River Canyon. All excursions are available at an additional charge.

SPA TREATMENTS

The Aroma Boma spa at Ulusaba is the perfect antidote to all the excitement of being out on the game drives. Book in for a relaxing treatment, from facial rituals to massages and essential grooming. The Aroma Boma at Rock Lodge is located 800 feet above the African Savannah with truly stunning views over the Bush and offers complete privacy. At Safari Lodge, the Aroma Boma is built on the banks of the dry Mabrak riverbed amongst the trees and away from the main lodge area, so the only likely disturbance is perhaps the odd elephant wandering past! Ulusaba uses a range of products from Africology which prides itself on its African roots, taking inspiration from home and using local active ingredients including rooibos, aloe, marula and African potato.

Please note that spa treatments are available at an additional charge.



weddings

We love weddings at Ulusaba, and what could be more spectacular or evocative than a ceremony in the African Bush!



SAY 'I DO' UNDER THE ROMANTIC CANOPY of an Amarula tree, surrounded by flaming bamboo torches, and announced by the beat of African drums.

Getting married on safari at Ulusaba is the kind of wedding your guests will be talking about for several years to come. We can arrange everything from intimate ceremonies just for the two of you or larger celebrations for your nearest and dearest. Tell us what you're dreaming of and we'll tailor your special day.

what's included in the rates?

- Your luxury accommodation at one of our beautiful lodges
- All meals, served in a variety of locations around the lodges
- All beverages including a top quality wine list and fine champagne
- Twice daily game drives
- A daily walking safari (*weather dependent*)
- Fully equipped gym at each lodge
- Lounges at each lodge equipped with DVDs, an Xbox and a small library
- Laundry service (*no dry cleaning available*)
- Business facilities (*details available on request*)
- Complimentary wireless available in all guest rooms and public areas
- An observatory, perfect for star gazing
- Informative talks on flora, fauna and conservation that can be organised on request for both adults and children
- Private dining for up to 6 guests at Safari Lodge's wine cellar and Rock Lodge's wine room (*subject to availability*)
- Local telephone calls
- The contents of your minibar
- A dedicated team
- VAT and South African Tourism Bed Levy

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

(not included in individual or exclusive use rates)

- Flights between Johannesburg and Ulusaba's private airstrip
- Private game drives are available and can be pre-booked subject to availability, they are charged at ZAR 14,000 per vehicle per day
- Road and air transfers between other airports and lodges
- Aroma Boma spa treatments (*ask for rates*)
- Wedding packages – refer to separate rate sheet
- Scenic helicopter flights over the bush to view spectacular sights such as God's Window and the Blyde River Canyon – the world's 3rd deepest canyon
- Tours to the local community
- Gift shop purchases



VISITING SOUTH AFRICA

Many visitors to South Africa choose to combine a safari experience in the country's northeast with a trip to the Cape Town region, and of course we recommend Mont Rochelle, our hotel and vineyard located in Franschhoek, a traditional vineyard town in the Western Cape Province in South Africa. You can wake up for a morning game drive at Ulusaba and be at Mont Rochelle in time for pre-dinner drinks!

To find out more about Mont Rochelle please contact our reservations team or visit www.montrochelle.virgin.com

Ulusaba Rates 2022

FROM 7TH JANUARY - 21ST DECEMBER 2022

EXCLUSIVE USE

These rates are quoted per lodge per night and priced in South African Rand. Hiring one or both of our lodges exclusively is ideal for weddings, birthdays, or any type of gathering where you might like the place to yourselves! You'll have full use of the lodge for the number of guests stated and your own game vehicles.

	NIGHTLY	PEAK
Safari Lodge	ZAR 305,400	ZAR 320,600
Rock Lodge	ZAR 342,000	ZAR 359,000

Includes exclusive use of Cliff Lodge

START PLANNING YOUR STAY

enquiries@virginlimitededition.co.za

INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS

Rates are quoted per person per night based on double occupancy except for Safari Suite exclusive use which can accommodate 4 adults and Cliff Lodge exclusive use which can accommodate up to 5 adults and 4 children. Rates are priced in South African Rand. Individual rooms include accommodation, 15% VAT and a South African Tourism Bed Levy. Flights and transfers to and from Ulusaba are not included.

Rates exclude Christmas and New Year. For more information about these rates, please contact our reservations team. Rates are subject to change at any time. Minimum stays may apply.

NIGHTLY

7th January - 30th June 2022
1st September - 21st December 2022

PEAK

1st July - 31st August 2022

	NIGHTLY	PEAK		NIGHTLY	PEAK
Rock Lodge			Safari Lodge		
Rock Cliff Room	ZAR 12,000	ZAR 12,500	Safari Room *	ZAR 12,000	ZAR 12,500
Rock Suite (2 bedrooms)	ZAR 16,700	ZAR 17,500	Elephant Room	ZAR 12,000	ZAR 12,500
Rock Suite (as triple)	ZAR 12,400	ZAR 13,000	River Room	ZAR 14,500	ZAR 15,200
Master Suite with plunge pool	ZAR 16,700	ZAR 17,500	River Room with plunge pool	ZAR 16,700	ZAR 17,500
Makwela Suite with plunge pool	ZAR 20,500	ZAR 21,500	Treehouse Suite	ZAR 20,500	ZAR 21,500
Cliff Lodge 1*	ZAR 27,200	ZAR 28,500	Safari Suite *	ZAR 22,200	ZAR 23,300
Cliff Lodge 1 (as triple)*	ZAR 25,200	ZAR 26,400	Safari Suite exclusive use	ZAR 81,400	ZAR 85,000
Cliff Lodge 2*	ZAR 22,200	ZAR 23,300			
Cliff Lodge exclusive use	ZAR 109,650	ZAR 115,000			

* Cliff Lodge 1 and 2, Safari Room and Suite can be booked individually four months prior to arrival.

Single occupancy rates available upon request.

We can accommodate extra adults and children in some of our rooms on fold-out or rollaway beds. In some cases there will be an additional charge of ZAR 7,500 per person, per night. There are restrictions on the number of guests and vehicles allowed in the Sabi Sand Reserve, so there may be times when we're unable to accommodate extra guests in rooms.

A Guest Conservation Contribution will be added to the rates for your stay at Ulusaba. The fee is also applied to all lodges in the reserve and goes directly to the Sabi Sand Conservation Trust. The Trust will assist in the funding of our anti-poaching and conservation efforts to secure the long term survival of endangered and compromised animal species. The contribution amount is subject to change; please contact our Reservations team for current rates.



Contact Us

If you'd like to plan a stay at Ulusaba the best thing to do is give us a call! We can answer any questions you still have and advise on availability for the time of year you'd like to come and see us.

To make a reservation please contact our office based in Johannesburg, South Africa

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