

Tread lightly on the land



RHINO *Walking Safaris*
KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

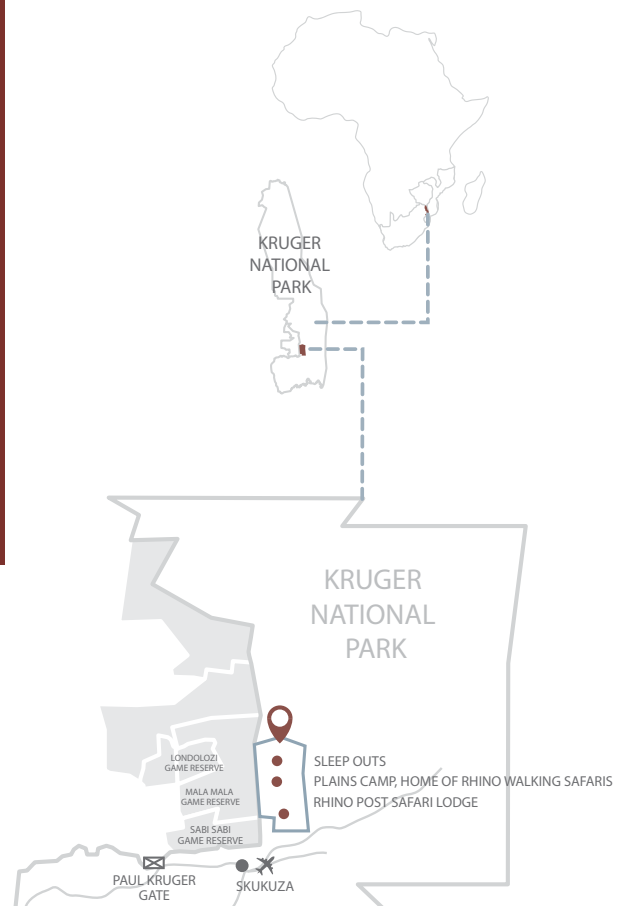


Experience Africa's wildlife on foot with Rhino Walking Safaris, specialist in walking safaris in 'Big 5' territory. Plains Camp, our colonial tented camp, is the home of Rhino Walking Safaris and is situated in the heart of our 12,000-hectare concession - a stone's throw from Skukuza and easily accessible by road or air. With a maximum of eight people only (no children under 12), guests are ensured of a quality, pristine wilderness experience.

Two highly qualified guides will share their wealth of bush knowledge with you – from the identification of animals, trees, grasses, insects and birds to the medicinal uses of plants, folklore and basic tracking and survival skills.

The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience second to none. At nearly two million hectares, it is the largest game reserve in South Africa, stretching 360km along the Mozambican border and is, on average, 65km wide. It is unrivalled in its diversity of species and is a recognised leader in environmental management techniques and policies.

Walking Safaris are conducted in the central and northern sections of our 12,000-hectare private wilderness concession in the Kruger National Park. The concession is noted as an excellent game viewing area with regular encounters with the Big Five.



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WHAT SETS US APART...

- Plains Camp home of Rhino Walking Safaris is situated on a 12000 hectare private concession in the Kruger National Park
- Specialist Walking Safaris with a maximum of 8 people, expertly guided by two armed rangers
- Optional sleepouts – Spend the night under the stars on a raised platform surrounded by nature
- Luxury tented camp nestled in an Acacia Knobthorn thicket
- Four African explorer-style tents with en-suite and the comforts of home
- Overlooking the Timbitene plain and waterhole, the open plan lounge, cosy fire pit and deck is the perfect spot for Sundowners
- Built in an authentic pioneer tradition, it has the serenity of a 19th century naturalists retreat

AT A GLANCE...

- 4 en-suite Tents / 8 bedded lodge (All tents are Twin)
- Luxury African Explorer Tents
- Plunge pool
- Al-fresco and indoor dining
- Private concession within the Kruger National Park
- Exclusive Walking Safaris
- Specialist Safaris
- Sleepouts by prior arrangement

PLAINS CAMP, HOME OF RHINO WALKING SAFARIS

Walking Safaris in Big 5 territory

Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris offers exclusive walking trails. The park is home to an impressive number of species, has an amazing 16 different ecosystems, and ranks as a prime Big Five game viewing area.

Plains Camp has four luxury African explorer-style tents with en-suite (hot running water) and all the comforts of home, plus the African Wilderness on your doorstep. Built in authentic pioneer tradition it has the serenity of a 19th century naturalists retreat, nestled in an Acacia Knobthorn thicket and overlooking the spectacular Timbitene plain and waterhole.

A generator and a back-up battery system power overhead fans and 24-hour lighting. The generator system can be used to re-charge camera batteries at specific times. In keeping with the ethics of Rhino Walking Safaris “tread lightly on the land”, no trees were cut down in the construction of this camp. Very little concrete was used and the majority of the structures are canvas and wood.

OPTIONAL SLEEPOUTS

For a totally unique experience, guests wanting something different will be able to walk to our Sleepouts – elevated wooden platforms 4 metres high where the night will be spent sleeping outdoors under the stars!

This is the only place in the Kruger National Park offering this unusual accommodation. Guests will leave Plains Camp in the late afternoon and arrive at the platforms in the early evening carrying a lightweight rucksack containing a change of clothes and refreshments.

SAFARI COMBINING RHINO POST SAFARI LODGE AND PLAINS CAMP, HOME OF RHINO WALKING SAFARIS

To ensure a varying and complete concession experience, we suggest that guests participate in a safari that encompasses Rhino Post Safari Lodge (game drives), Plains Camp (primarily walking) and our Sleepouts, as each offers a different type of accommodation and activity from the other.

A typical safari may start at Rhino Post Safari Lodge where guests enjoy morning and evening game drives in open 4 x 4 vehicles. On the day of departure from this lodge, just after mid-morning breakfast, guests will be transferred to their tented accommodation at Plains Camp.

The heat of the day will be spent at this camp enjoying our small Africana book collection, or the plunge pool overlooking the Timbetene Plain and waterhole,



which is often host to zebra, buffalo, giraffe, elephant, rhino and lion. High tea is followed by an afternoon walk and sundowners and then back to the camp for a hearty dinner.

The following day after an early morning wake-up and an invigorating cup of fresh coffee (or tea) in the lounge, guests set off on a walking trail where our guides will share their experience of the diverse areas situated within the proximity of Plains Camp. After a few hours of relaxation in the camp, guests are provided with backpacks to carry their overnight toiletries and clothing, and set off for a walk into the wilderness area where they will spend the night on elevated decks under the stars, with dinner cooked over the fire by their guide.

THE CONCESSION

Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris and Rhino Post Safari Lodge are situated on a 12 000 hectare private concession that shares a 15km unfenced boundary with the world-renowned Mala Mala Game Reserve and is approximately 30 minutes drive from Skukuza; the central hub of the Kruger National Park.

ACTIVITIES

The morning activity at Plains Camp will always be a safari walk that varies between 3-4 hours, while the afternoon walks are between 1 ½ to 2 hours. The afternoon activity is usually a combination of a short walking safari and a game drive. The afternoon activity can be exchanged for a game drive only if the guests are all in agreement, and/or if the weather conditions make it a preferable option. These activities may be influenced by weather conditions. As Plains Camp is a small lodge, private activities are unfortunately not available.

Please note: All activities are weather dependent.

Walking Safaris

We specialise in luxury walking safaris, the most rewarding way to discover and experience the secrets of the wilderness. Our Walking trails are limited to 8 guests guided by 2 armed rangers. Our guides meet the stringent requirements of the South African National Parks and senior guides hold the highest guiding qualification possible in South Africa.

Our guides will share their wealth of 'bush culture'; the identification of animals, trees, grasses, insects, birds, the medicinal uses of plants, local folklore and basic tracking & survival skills. Nothing is predictable in the bush therefore each safari offers a potentially new experience.

The terrain is gently undulating and the guide keeps up with the 'slowest' person on the trail. To be fair to others on the trail a reasonable amount of fitness is required – as a guideline if you can walk 9 - 18 holes of golf, you most certainly will enjoy the safari walk. The guide will structure the trail taking into account the fitness level of the group and any special requests. As a benchmark; if you are under the age of 65 you will require an average level of fitness; if you are above 65 years of age an above average level of fitness is recommended.

After an introductory brief on the "do's" and "don'ts" of bush walking safaris, the guide will structure the trail taking into account the fitness level of the group and any special requests. Departures are before breakfast and again in the late afternoon to avoid the midday heat, with the average walk being between three and four hours. Walks may be lengthened or shortened depending on the group's desires and fitness levels.

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Birding

Kruger has a list of more than 500 species of birds, some of which are not found anywhere else in South Africa. Tailor-made birding safaris are available from both Plains Camp and Rhino Post Safari Lodge. Birders can look forward to pursuing the Big Six: Ground Hornbill, Kori Bustard, Lappet-faced Vulture, Martial Eagle, Pel's Fishing Owl and the Saddle-bill Stork.

Afternoon Walks in the Kruger

After a short afternoon drive in specially adapted open Land Cruisers. A stop will be made along the road where guests will be able to get out of the vehicle and traverse the bush on foot, guided by two armed rangers.

Should a group elect to forego the afternoon walk, a longer safari drive will take place before heading back to camp for dinner.

Driving is done on both private gravel roads within the concession and on Kruger National Park roads. To preserve our 12,000 hectare wilderness concession, no off-roading is practiced. In addition, we have use of some of the Kruger National Park public roads at night. SANparks has allowed us the exclusive advantage of being able to utilise 170km of Park roads after gate closing time – when all other park visitors have to be back in camp.

Sleepouts

Guests depart on foot from Plains Camp to the platforms arriving in the early evening carrying a lightweight rucksack containing a change of clothes. Sundowners are then enjoyed on the platforms overlooking a waterhole.



The Sleepouts are highly dependent on weather conditions. Should the weather be unfavourable on the day of the Sleepout (heavy rain) or if there has been heavy rain in the days preceding the Sleepout, you may have to remain in camp due to the platforms being inaccessible.

It is **IMPORTANT TO NOTE** that if the first guest to reserve their trail requests the Sleepout, then all subsequent reservations will be required to participate. Likewise if the first guest to reserve their trail makes it clear that they do not want to do a sleep out, then all subsequent reservations for those dates will be unable to book a sleepout from Plains Camp.

ROOM AMENITIES & FACILITIES

- Umbrellas
- Emergency airhorns
- Gowns and slippers
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion & shower caps
- Tea, coffee and hot chocolate station, where hot water is provided in a flask in the mornings and evenings

DINING

Tea, coffee and rusks are served at 06h00 before departing on your morning walking safari.

Brunch is served at 09h30 upon arrival back at the lodge. Enjoy a selection of hot and cold buffet breakfast items and a selection of pastries, cold meats and cheeses.

High-tea is served at 15h00 before you depart for your afternoon game drive and includes a wide selection of savoury and sweets.
Dinner is served at 20h00 in our dining area

overlooking the plain. Make your selection from our menu and enjoy delicious plated starter, main meal and dessert in the company of all the guests at the lodge and your guides.

A communal table is set in the dining room or on the adjacent outside deck and guests enjoy meals with each other and their guide.

DRINKS POLICY

We have a well-stocked bar and strive to keep our prices reasonable. For this reason, we ask that you not bring your own drinks onto the premises. If your drink of choice is not available at the bar and you have brought your own then please discuss this with the management who will arrange to keep your drinks chilled for you. A small corkage fee is charged.

House wines, local beers and soft drinks are included in your rate. Imported wines and beers, premium spirits and liqueurs are not included and will be charged to your room account to be settled on your day of departure. Our bar is run on an Honesty Policy whereby guests are able to help themselves to a drink at the bar and record their transactions.

SMOKING POLICY

In line with the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, smoking in a public place in South Africa is an offence. This includes your tent, the bar, the inside dining room and lounge area. Smoking is permitted in open areas e.g. the deck in front of the lounge/dining area. Please be considerate of non-smokers in these open areas.

ELECTRICITY

Our lodge is powered by generator for a short period in the mornings and evenings.

Should you require power in your tent at night for medical equipment we are able to provide a mobile inverter and battery. We do not run air conditioning systems or electronics that require high voltage. We do however have charging points in the dining room for smaller electronics such as cellphones, laptops, cameras and tablets, and fans in every tent. Battery power is used for lighting at night.

HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

A bush Honeymoon can be as busy as you would like, or as relaxing as you need it to be. We would like to help you celebrate and ensure that your stay at Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris is a special occasion. Please talk to our team about an option that best suits you.

CLIMATE

You can expect to experience:
Temperature ranges from 1°C - 25°C from May-September. Sunny days with very cold mornings & evenings.

Temperature ranges from 19°C - 38°C from October - April. Days are hot & humid with occasional afternoon & evening thunderstorms.

CHILDREN

We regret that it is not possible for us to accommodate children under the age of 12 years old at Plains camp, Sleep Outs, or on Walking Safaris as the Kruger Park regulations do not allow children under 12 on a trail.

ACCESS

Our 'base' Rhino Post Safari Lodge can be accessed in 2x4 or 4x4 vehicles. You will then be transferred to Plains Camp,



home of Rhino Walking Safaris in a 4x4 open vehicle. This transfer is approximately 30 minutes. Please be sure to check in at Rhino Post Safari Lodge by 13h45 on the day of your arrival for transfer to Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris at 14h00.

By Road

Rhino Post Safari Lodge can be accessed in 2x4 or 4x4 vehicles.

Recommended route from Johannesburg / Pretoria:

Take the N12 / N4 highway to Nelspruit. From Nelspruit, take the R40 through White River and onto Hazyview. At Hazyview turn right onto the R536 towards Paul Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park. Once through the gate, drive straight for approximately 12km. You will reach a four-way crossing. Proceed straight across for another 2km until you reach a T-junction. Turn left at this junction and continue for approximately 1km until you reach another four-way crossing, turn right. You will cross a low water bridge (over Sabi River); approximately 4km later you will cross the Sand River. Keep heading straight past the dirt road on the left signposted Maroela Loop; 6km further you will pass another dirt road, also signposted Maroela Loop. Approximately 1km after the second dirt road you will see a dirt road on the left signposted Rhino Walking Safaris. Take this turning and proceed for 2.5km, the road will then turn sharply left, after which you will travel another 2.7km, leading you directly to Rhino Post Safari Lodge.

By Air (Skukuza)

Airlink offers daily, direct flights from OR Tambo / Cape Town International Airport to Skukuza Airport.

By Air KMIA (Nelspruit)

SA Express and Airlink have daily flights from Johannesburg (O R Tambo) to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA). Direct flights to KMIA are also available on SA Airlink from Durban and Cape Town. Approximate flying time from ORT to KMIA is 55 minutes.

If you are utilising one of the flight options, you would need to make use of one of the following:

- Chauffeured land transfers: KMIA to Rhino Post Safari Lodge - min 2 pax per transfer
- Car Hire: KMIA has 7 car hire companies, enabling you to self-drive directly to Rhino Post Safari Lodge
- Transfer from KMIA to Rhino Walking Safaris is 2 ½ hours – please refer to lodge check in times

PAYING FOR THINGS AT THE LODGE

Credit Card facilities are available at Rhino Post Safari Lodge where accounts are settled on departure.

HEALTH

The Kruger National Park is situated in a malaria area. One of the best ways to avoid contracting malaria is not to be bitten, so use the insect repellents provided by the lodge, generously and often. Long sleeves and light colours are recommended for evening wear. We recommend anti-malarial prophylactics be taken, these will be recommended by your General Practitioner or Personal Physician.

VISAS

Different visa requirements and applications apply to different countries, and these change from time to time. Guests are

advised to check with their embassy at the time of booking, some visas can be purchased at the border and others need to be applied for and issued prior to travel.

These visas should be applied for at least one month prior to travel. For more information on visa requirements please go to: <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/types-of-visas>

INDEMNITIES

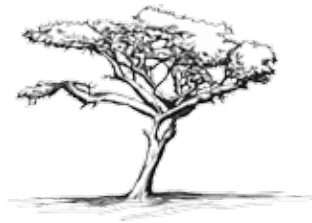
As with all establishments, guests will be requested to sign an indemnity form on arrival at Rhino Post Safari Lodge.

GRATUITIES

While gratuities for exceptional service are very gratefully received by our staff we would like to stress that they are at your sole discretion. We prefer not to make a recommendation, because we feel that this places pressure on the guest to pay a specific gratuity. However, if it is of help to you, the average tips received are approximately R200 - R300 per room per night for the guide, and the same again for the general staff. You are welcome to tip guides individually if you so wish or to leave any gratuities with the receptionist, but we recommend that tips for the general staff to go into a kitty at the reception on checkout as there are some unseen staff members who otherwise would not receive a share in the gratuities. Gratuities from the general kitty are shared equally amongst all staff except the guides.

MINIMUM STAY

A minimum stay of two nights is required at Plains Camp (home of Rhino Walking Safaris) to enjoy the full experience with us.



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 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

QUICK REFERENCE

NUMBER OF ROOMS	4 colonial Explorer Style Tents		
CONFIGURATION	All Twins		
MAXIMUM GUESTS	8	SEASON HIGHLIGHTS	June–Sept excellent game viewing Oct-Jan many species give birth so best time to view baby animals Flowering season for trees, shrubs & wildflowers
CHILDREN	No Children under 12 years		Feb–April excellent birding with migrant birds in residence
TRIPLES	No	GPS COORDINATES	S 24° 55'26.062" E 31° 39'34.00"
MINIMUM STAY	2 Nights	To Rhino Post Collection Point	
INTERNET ACCESS	No WiFi	ACCESS BY ROAD	4 x 4 transfer from Rhino Post - 30 minutes
CELL PHONE COVERAGE	No	ACCESS BY AIR	Daily flights ex Johannesburg & Cape Town with Airlink + 30 min road transfer to lodge
AIR CONDITIONING	No	NEAREST AIRPORT	Skukuza Airport S 24° 57'50.00" E 31° 35'25.40"
OVERHEAD FANS	Yes		Johannesburg to Plains Camp via road - 7½ hours Johannesburg to Plains Camp via air & road - 2 hours Cape Town to Plains Camp via air - 3½ hours Nelspruit to Plains Camp via road - 3 hours
SWIMMING POOL	Yes, plunge pool	TRAVELLING TIMES	
ELECTRICITY	No (24 Hour lighting available)		Year round - Comfortable, casual, cool, cotton bushwear, long pants recommended, hats, scarves, warm jacket/ windbreaker, comfortable sturdy walking shoes, smart casual wear for dinner
RE-CHARGE BATTERIES	Yes (in dining room)	WHAT TO PACK	Summer - Swimwear, hats & sandals Other - Sunscreen, binoculars, cameras, spare batteries, lip cream, contact lens solution, spare glasses, reference books
BATH	No		Walking Birding Game Drives Plunge Pool
SHOWER	Indoor	ACTIVITIES	Sleep Outs - An ultimate Bush Experience * If first guests to reserve their trail at Plains Camp request the Sleep Out, then all subsequent reservations will be required to participate.
MOSQUITO NETS	No		Reservations T +27 (0) 11 467 1886 E info@seoloafrica.com Direct Phone (Rhino Post) T +27 (0) 13 735 8923 After hours / emergency number C +27 (0) 83 625 8159
SAFE & HAIR DRYER	No	CONTACT	
TELEPHONES	No		
LAUNDRY SERVICE	Yes, additional charge		
SMOKING POLICY	No smoking permitted indoors		
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No		
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	15 metres		
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	13h00 & 11h00		
CREDIT CARDS	All accepted. NO debit cards		
MALARIA	Yes		
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL	All year round		
WEATHER	May–Sept temperature ranges from 1°C-25°C - Sunny days with very cold mornings & evenings Oct–April temperature ranges from 19°C-38°C - Days are hot & humid with occasional afternoon & evening thunderstorms		

COMBINE ICONIC DESTINATIONS KRUGER NATIONAL PARK & VICTORIA FALLS

Seolo Africa operates lodges and camps in two of Southern Africa's most iconic destinations; the Kruger National Park in South Africa and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

Each lodge / camp offers a different and yet complimentary experience. Take advantage of our long stay discounts and let us create a Seolo Africa Journey for you that is an authentic and unique safari.

ON YOUR DOORSTEP...

RHINO POST SAFARI LODGE, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA



FURTHER AFIELD...

CHUNDU ISLAND, VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



MASUWE LODGE, OUR PREFERRED PARTNER, VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



Options for combining our lodges to incorporate an all round exciting travel circuit:

- 5 Nights: 3 nights Chundu Island & 2 nights Rhino Post Safari Lodge
- 6 Nights: 3 nights Chundu Island, 1 night Rhino Post Safari Lodge & 2 nights Plains Camp
- 7 Nights: 2 nights Plains Camp, 2 nights Rhino Post Safari Lodge & 3 nights Chundu Island
- 7 Nights: 2 nights Plains Camp, 1 night Rhino Post Safari Lodge, 1 night Masuwe Lodge & 3 nights Chundu Island

We have created a personalised bush, 'beach' and adrenalin circuit of wondrous experiences. Take advantage of long stay discounts when combining any of the properties in the Seolo portfolio.

Building life experiences, naturally!

