### **Destination Showcase:**

# Safari, South Africa

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# Map of Safari destinations





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African safaris are without a doubt the most soul enriching experience one can have in life. With over 20 national game parks, 3 trans-frontier parks and many private reserves, South Africa is blessed with an abundance of safari options that will guarantee a true, African experience.

Whether it's a sighting of the Big 5 (Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Buffalo), a unique dining experience, total relaxation or adventure activities that are the priority, a South African safari will surpass all needs and expectations.



### easy access to safari



There are scheduled international flights direct to Cape Town,
Johannesburg and Durban with regular domestic flight connections
from these destinations to Kruger, Durban and Port Elizabeth. There
are also now scheduled flights available for direct access between
Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg to Kruger at Hoedspruit,
Skukuza or KMIA (Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport) Airports.
South African safari destinations are easily accessible by road or
charter flight and many have the added benefit of being located in
malaria-free areas. There are also now scheduled flights between
KMIA and Livingstone, Zambia as well as Vilanculos, Mozambique.
Road transfers from airports/airstrips to game lodges are dependent
on the location of the lodge - ranging from 10 minutes at private
lodge airstrips to 2-21/2 hours if travelling by road from Kruger
Mpumalanga International Airport.

### Safari weather

#### Safari Climate

The South African summer season runs from
October through to March and the central winter
period falls between May and July. Although
South Africa's climate is affected by regional
differences, the climate is generally mild
throughout the year with predominantly summer
rainfall. The Western Cape region is the only area
that has a mild, Mediterranean climate with winter
rainfall in June, July and August.

In the main game viewing areas of Mpumalanga (Kruger), Limpopo and KwaZulu Natal, the summer temperatures range from 16°C to 32°C although certain areas can experience maximum temperatures in excess of 40°C. The winter temperatures in these regions cools down to between 5°C and 24°C, although in some instances temperatures can drop to below 0°C.

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The Northern region experiences a predominantly summer rain fall period with hot, sometimes humid weather. Winter days are mild with evenings and early mornings being chilly. Due to high summer temperatures, spring or autumn are usually the best times to plan a comfortable safari experience.

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	27.8	28.0	27.7	26.1	24.5	23.0	22.6	22.8	23.3	24.0	25.2	26.9
Min Temp °C	21.1	21.1	20.2	17.4	13.8	10.6	10.5	12.5	15.3	16.8	18.3	20.2
Max Temp °F	82	82.4	81	78	76	73	72	73	73.4	75	77	80
Min Temp °F	69	69	68	63	56	51	50	54.5	59	62	64	68
Rainfall mm	134	113	120	73	59	28	39	62	73	98	108	102

Averages	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Max Temp °C	32.6	32.0	31.2	29.4	27.9	25.9	25.9	27.3	29.3	29.8	30.6	31.9
Min Temp °C	20.6	20.4	19.1	15.4	10.0	5.6	5.7	8.7	12.8	16.0	18.1	19.7
Max Temp °F	90	89	87	84	82	78	78	80	84	85	86	89
Min Temp °F	69	68	66	59	50	42	42	47	55	60	64	67
Rainfall mm	126	142	107	54	33	55	66	27	100	8.2	83.5	104

Singita Private Game Reserves | 5\* Property | Various | www.singita.com

The Singita Ebony & Boulders Lodges are located in the Sabi Sand region of Kruger National Park. Each lodge has been created as a tribute to the unique splendour of the African wilderness surrounding it. Ebony Lodge and Boulders Lodge have distinguished themselves on the international resort stage having won every major award globally. Both remain unmatched in Africa and among exclusive resorts the world over.

Singita Ebony Lodge - 12 suites Singita Boulders Lodge - 12 suites Singita Castleton - 6 suites Pilot rooms - 2

Singita Lebombo - 15 suites Singita Sweni - 6 suites Pilot rooms - 2







Singita was granted the rights to a twentyyear concession in the southeast corner of the Kruger National Park. It is against some of the most dramatic scenery and pristine wilderness that Africa has to offer that Singita Lebombo and Singita Sweni Lodges have been developed. The Lebombo concession is one of the most picturesque and pristine regions in The Kruger Park where some of the highest concentrations of game are seen on safari.



Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve | 5\* Property | 52 suites | www.sabisabi.com

Bush Lodge - 25 suites

Earth Lodge - 13 suites

Selati Camp - 8 suites

Little Bush Camp - 6 suites

Pilot rooms - total 3

Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve is home to four of the most acclaimed 5-Star lodges, setting world-class standard in luxury accommodation, service, cuisine, special facilities and exceptional wildlife encounters.

The Sabi Sabi philosophy of 'yesterday, today and tomorrow' stems from over 100 years of safari experience; a history richly woven into the atmosphere of each private lodge. South Africa and its warm hospitality echo through the style of every one.







Sabi Sabi defines eco-tourism as the interdependence of tourism, conservation and local community thereby ensuring the optimum tangible benefit of each of the above.

Imagine the Africa of the great safari era, when blazing sunsets melted into lantern lit romance and service was an effortless whisper. For groups who take over multiple lodges it is possible to get together for a joint dinner.



Lion Sands | 5\* Property | Various | www.lionsands.com

Lion Sands River Lodge - 20 rooms (12 luxury + 8 superior luxury)

Ivory Lodge - 9 suites

Kingston, Chalkley's & Tinyeleti tree houses - 3

Lion Sands Tinga Lodge - 9 suites

Lion Sands Narina Lodge - 9 suites

Pilot rooms - 2

Family run since 1933, Lion Sands is located in the world-famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve on the banks of the Sabie River. Lion Sands will excite your spirit through unforgettable experiences. Direct access is from Skukuza Airport.

The focus of Lion Sands Ivory Lodge is simplicity and privacy in an ultra-luxurious setting.

When not enjoying the private swimming pool attached to your enticing villa room, relaxing in the library lounge or enjoying a world-class glass of wine in the private bar, there are many other activities to look forward to.







River Lodge is the soul of Lion Sands, its focus being about spirit, warmth and nature. The lodge is surrounded by trees dating back 800 years and the family of staff will make you feel relaxed and at home.

Lion Sands Tinga and Narina, new additions to the More Group and 10 minutes apart, are located inside the Kruger National Park, overlooking the Sabie River.

Apart from the exciting game drives and bush dinners on offer, other activities to choose from whilst visiting Lion Sands include a refreshing swim in one of the pools on the premises, taking advantage of the health spa and gym or watching the animal action from a secluded bird hide or the Deck overlooking the river.

**Londolozi** | 5\* Property | 32 suites and chalets | www.londolozi.com

5\* Private Granite Suites - 3 suites

5\* Pioneer Camp - 3 suites

5\* Tree Camp - 6 suites

5\* Varty Camp - 2 superior and 8 standard chalets

5\* Founders Camp - 3 superior & 7 standard chalets

Pilot rooms - none

Londolozi is one of the original pioneering Private Game Reserves of the ecotourism industry in South Africa and an unashamedly family run, stand alone operation.

The root of the word Londolozi is the Zulu word for protect and means "protector of all living things" - an ambitious conservation ethic that Londolozi embraces in its sensitivity to the natural world. The reserve is internationally recognised for its far-sighted and progressive management of land and wildlife rehabilitation as well as productive community involvement.

Londolozi was the first game reserve in the world to be accorded Relais & Chateaux status, reinforcing its commitment to luxurious accommodation, fine cuisine and exceptional service. It is situated in the Sand River in the very heart of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. This reserve in turn forms part of the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park, a vast and growing area, currently covering 6 million acres and incorporating the famous Kruger National Park. This rich, wild wonderland assures exceptional game drives and a true wilderness experience.

Breeding herds of elephant and buffalo roam



throughout the Londolozi area, while white rhino and lion concentrations are amongst the highest recorded on the African continent.

The five Londolozi Lodges offer a variety of accommodation types to suit all budgets.

The Private Granite Suites are the crème de la crème of the Londolozi portfolio, closely followed by Pioneer Camp and Tree Camp. These three properties are all part of the Relais & Chateaux group of elite hotels. Tree Camp and the Private Granite Suites do not allow children under the age of 16 unless they are taken for exclusive use. All suites have a private pool. Varty Camp and Founders Camp are slightly larger and perfect for families and small groups and accept children of four years and older. The chalets at Varty Camp have private pools. Varty Camp is also home to the boutique, the Cardio Vascular Room, Massage Treatment Room and Library. Guests from all camps are invited to make use of these facilities.

&Beyond Exeter River Lodge | 5\* Property | 8 suites | www.andbeyond.com

#### Pilot rooms - 1

Exeter River Lodge is tucked away in a quiet corner of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve's western sector, right on the edge of the Sand River. It consists of eight luxury suites with dramatic close up views of the river.

A grove of ebony trees lends its shade to this gracious lodge, where dramatic views of the nearby river are enjoyed from every corner of each suite. Warm afternoons are spent cooling off in private plunge pools or simply soaking up the beautiful scenery. Freshen up in an al fresco shower or soak in a deep bathtub before enjoying a fine meal around a blazing fire in the open air boma under a star strewn sky. The Sabi Sand Game Reserve is world famous for leopard sightings

Each air-conditioned suite features generous spaces, elegant en-suite bathrooms with twin hand basins, separate w.c., bath, indoor and outdoor showers.





Private plunge pools are surrounded by spacious decks that overlook the river.

It is possible to get to the area from Johannesburg by road or by air. Guests have a choice of flying to Skukuza, Nelspruit or Hoedspruit, which is followed by a road transfer to &Beyond Exeter River Lodge in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Alternatively, an air charter can be arranged to the Ulusaba airstrip within the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, where a safari vehicle will be standing by to transport you directly to the &Beyond Exeter River Lodge.



&Beyond Kirkman's Kamp | 4\* Property | 18 suites | www.andbeyond.com

#### Pilot rooms - 1

Adjacent to the world renowned Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Game Reserve is famed for its intimate wildlife encounters, particularly leopard viewing. Home to a host of wildlife, including the Big Five, Sabi Sand is part of a conservation area that covers over two million hectares (almost five million acres), an area equivalent to the state of New Jersey and larger than some independent countries.

The moment you walk into the main building at Kirkman's Kamp you'll think you've been transported back in time. The fact that the main lawn has warthog grazing on it instead of a neatly dressed party playing croquet does nothing to dispel this illusion; in fact, it all adds to the ambiance of this 1920s South African homestead. Each of the 18 guest suites boasts spectacular views of the unspoiled wilderness surrounding the Sand River. Private verandas attached to each suite offer a secluded spot to drink in the breathtaking views. Old-fashioned bedsteads combine seamlessly with modern comfort and souvenirs of bygone years to create a nostalgic safari atmosphere. Generous claw-foot bathtubs complete the picture, while stand-alone showers in each room provide an up-to-date touch. Game drives traverse an area of 6 300 hectares (15 700 acres) and strict vehicle limits at sightings ensure the exclusivity of your game





viewing experience. Off-road driving ensures that you have the best possible view of any exceptional sighting and rangers are constantly in touch with each other to keep track of animal movements.

A scheduled or charter flight can be arranged to the Skukuza Airport within the Kruger National Park, where a safari vehicle will be standing by to transport you directly to Kirkman's Kamp. The scheduled flight time from Johannesburg to Skukuza is approximately 50 minutes. Flights directly to the game reserve are generally scheduled for the morning or early afternoon to allow arriving guests to enjoy an afternoon game drive on their day of arrival. Please note that luggage is generally limited to 20 kg per person. Alternatively guests can fly into Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport followed by a two and half hour road transfer.

Ulusaba | 5\* Property | 21 rooms & suites | www.ulusaba.virgin.com

Rock Lodge - 8 rooms & suites

Cliff Lodge - 2 suites

Safari Lodge - 11 rooms & Suites

Pilot Room - 1

Sir Richard Branson's Private Game Reserve is set in the heart of the Sabi Sand reserve on the border of the Kruger National Park in South Africa. Most of their staff hail from the surrounding villages therefore guests benefit from authentic South African hospitality. They promote from within where they can, and support the local community through their charitable project, Pride 'n Purpose. The Ulusaba family of 119 individuals includes some of the finest and most qualified rangers and trackers in the reserve, who guarantee the experience of a lifetime on the game drives. Rock Lodge is perched high on the summit of a koppie (small hill) with views over the vast lowveld and the distant Drakensberg Mountain range. There are ten rooms and suites individually designed with décor that incorporates modern and traditional African art. Located a short walk from the Main House at Rock Lodge, Cliff Lodge features two magnificent suites offering guests the ultimate in safari luxury. Cliff Lodge 1 has a private pool and a second bedroom for one adult or two children, and Cliff Lodge 2 has its own Jacuzzi with stunning views over the bush. Safari Lodge is located beneath a canopy of ancient trees on the edge of a dry riverbed. Guests will love the sense of adventure as they cross rope bridges between





tree house style rooms, with local wildlife passing by. Whether dining under the African sky, in the outdoor dining Boma, on a deck or in the dining room, the menus and meals promise to be exciting, social and inspirational. All breads and pastries are baked daily and they also cater for private meals, special occasions and children.

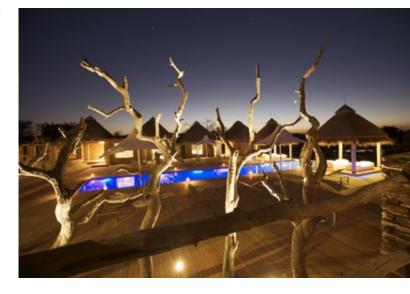
Ulusaba is approximately a 1 hour and 20 minute flight from OR Tambo (Johannesburg) International Airport (JNB), or 30 minutes from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA). Ulusaba has its own private airstrip and there are daily scheduled and charter flights available. You can also travel by road from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, Nelspruit, which will take approximately two and a half hours.

Kapama Private Game Reserve | 5\* Property | 90 rooms | www.kapama.co.za

Kapama River Lodge - 64 bedrooms Kapama Buffalo Camp - 10 safari tents Kapama Karula - 12 luxury tents Kapama Southern Camp - 25 suites Camp Jabulani - 6 suites + Zindonga Villa Pilot rooms - 2 at River Lodge

Kapama Private Game Reserve occupies a vast area between the northern Drakensberg mountains and the Greater Kruger National Park. In the Limpopo Province the reserve covers an area of approximately 13000 hectares and is characterised by rolling savannah grasslands and riverine forests.







The reserve supports no less than 42 mammal species and approximately 350 bird species. Amongst the mammal species is the 'Big 5' -Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Buffalo and Rhino.

Apart from the fact that Kapama remains the largest single owner game reserve in the region, it is also situated adjacent to Eastgate Airport (Hoedspruit), which has daily direct flights to and from Johannesburg and 6 times weekly direct from Cape Town, and offers open vehicle transfers directly from Eastgate to any of the lodges at Kapama.



Thornybush Game Lodge | 5\* Property | 20 suites | www.thornybush.co.za

Suites - 18

Family rooms - 2

Pilot Rooms - 2

Adjacent to the Greater Kruger National Park, within the famous Thornybush Nature Reserve is Thornybush Game Lodge.

The lodge consists of 18 suites, 2 family suites and accommodation caters for a maximum of 40 people collectively. Each luxury suite has an ensuite bathroom, indoor and outdoor showers and private deck with a view of the seasonal Monwana River course or riverine thicket and has been carefully designed and spaced to provide privacy.

The main pool area, lounge, and dining room all look onto the river bed. Meals are served at the lodge restaurant, the boma and various bush sites. Unique incentive activities include "bundu bashing", an obstacle course in safari vehicles, and bush orienteering on foot.





The lodge also boasts a 60-seater conference centre located conveniently two minutes walk from the reception area. The state-of-the-art Amani African Spa facility tops the agenda for discerning guests.

Access is most convenient from Hoedspruit Airport. The road transfer is approximately one hour. There are now direct flights from Johannesburg and Cape Town to Hoedpsruit.



&Beyond Ngala Game Lodge | 5\* Property | 27 suites | www.andbeyond.com

&Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge - 21 cottages & suites

&Beyond Ngala Tented Camp - 6 tents Pilot Rooms - none

Meaning "lion" in Shangaan, Ngala lives up to its name, supporting several prides of these powerful cats. It was the first private game reserve to be incorporated into Kruger National Park and is part of one of Africa's most innovative conservation partnership agreements. Ngala is home to two magnificent lodges: The classic colonial style &Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge and the luxurious & Beyond Ngala Tented Camp. The two lodges are approximately 40 minutes drive apart.

Ngala Safari Lodge features 20 classic thatched cottages and the luxurious Safari Suite. Each of the romantic cottages offers a private veranda amid the African bushveld. The gracious Safari Suite offers guests a spacious sitting room and private swimming pool.

The main pool area, lounge, and dining room all look onto an active waterhole.

Meals are served at the lodge restaurant, the boma and various bush sites including a unique pancake stop!





Ngala Tented Camp was constructed with a light footprint - built on platforms, each of the 6 spacious, air conditioned safari tents was cleverly designed to incorporate existing trees. The camp's lap pool, merging with the contours of the riverbank, is perfect for idle afternoon game viewing. Theatrical al fresco dinners in the dry riverbed are unforgettable. Access is most convenient from Hoedspruit Airport. The road transfer is approximately one hour. There are now direct flights from Johannesburg and Cape Town to Hoedpsruit. Alternatively, an air charter can be arranged directly to Ngala. The flight time from Johannesburg to Ngala is approximately one and a half hours.

Phinda Private Game Reserve | 5\* Property | 57 suites | www.phinda.co.za

& Beyond Phinda Forest Lodge (16)

& Beyond Phinda Mountain Lodge (25)

& Beyond Phinda Rock Lodge (6)

& Beyond Phinda Vlei Lodge (6)

& Beyond Phinda Homestead (4)

Pilot rooms - none

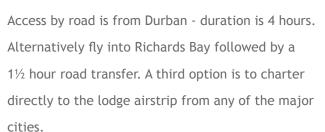
Located in KwaZulu Natal and showcasing one of the continents finest Big 5 game viewing experiences, Phinda is described as "Seven Worlds of Wonder" due to its seven distinct habitats.

A magnificent tapestry of woodland, grassland, wetland and forest, interspersed with mountain ranges, rivercourses, marshes and pans, Phinda has a rich diversity of ecosystems and wildlife.

Home to 1000 hectares of Africa's remaining rare dry sand forest, the Reserve lies in close proximity to the unspoiled beaches and spectacular reefs of the Indian Ocean, offering a unique combination of beach and bush adventure and an opportunity to see the Leatherback Turtles laying eggs on the beach at specific times of the year.







Situated in the northern KawZulu Natal area, Phinda borders conservation areas such as the Greater St Lucia Wetlands park - a world Heritage Site.

This unique Reserve has earned prestigious awards and recognition as being one of the world's premier benchmarks for responsible, sustainable ecotourism.



Tau Private Game Lodge | 5\* Property: | 30 chalets | www.taugamelodge.co.za

Tau Lodge - 30 chalets

Pilot rooms - 2

On the far northern border of South Africa lies an area known as the Great Marico, named after the river that runs through this region. It is in this spectacular setting in the Madikwe Game Reserve, that Tau Game Lodge is situated.

The jumbled hillocks of Tshwene-Tshwene and the dramatic ridge of the Dwarsberg Mountains expose rocks of up to 2630 million years old. Artefacts of the Stone and Iron ages are still found in the Great Marico dust.

The Madikwe National Park forms part of the fourth largest game reserve in South Africa and is located in a malaria-free area which adds to its appeal.

Privately owned, Tau Game Lodge was built in 1995 and overlooks a vast natural waterhole, which attracts a variety of game, as does the diverse vegetation that thrives in the fertile topsoil.







Access is ideally from Johannesburg. Driving time is 4½ hours. There is twice daily flight on Federal Air from OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg to Madikwe airstrip. Duration 50 minutes.



Madikwe Safari Lodge | 5\* Property | 20 suites | www.madikwesafarilodge.co.za

Madikwe Safari Lodge is situated in Madikwe Game Reserve, one of South Africa's largest and malaria-free sanctuaries.

With its earthy plastered walls, dry packed stone work and rough wooden beams, Madikwe Safari Lodge appears to grow out of the rust-red African setting like a gigantic termite mound. Offering a commanding view of the game-rich plains, each room overlooks the majestic panorama of the Dwarsberg Hills, as well as the Marico River, a green ribbon cutting through the landscape. The 20 suites are split over three lodges, Lelapa, Dithaba and Kopano, each uniquely different, which gives guests a choice to stay together as a group of family and friends, or to have a more private bush experience as a couple.

The More staff know exactly how to make you feel welcome, comfortable and relaxed. If you curl up on your couch at home, that is what they will encourage you to do at Madikwe Safari Lodge.

Groups gather around large fireplaces and compare wildlife encounters, whether in the comfortable sitting areas with their board games and books or over in the dining rooms. The lodge also offers a Boma and bush dinner experience. Established almost twenty years ago, Madikwe has successfully reintroduced more than 28 species, including lion, elephant and buffalo, as





well as black and white rhino. Large numbers of elephant, giraffe and impala occur alongside oryx, springbok and red hartebeest. Both spotted and brown hyena are found in the reserve. The African wild dog, one of the continent's most endangered carnivores, now thrives in the area, with at least two strong packs roaming the reserve.

Access is ideally from Johannesburg. Driving time is 4 hrs 30 minutes. There is a twice daily flight on Federal Air from OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg to Madikwe airstrip. Duration 50 minutes.

Ivory Tree Game Lodge | 5\* Property | 70 rooms | www.ivorytree.co.za

Ivory Tree Game Lodge:

64 Standard rooms

4 Suites

1 Presidential Suite

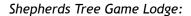
1 Family Suite

To the north of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve lies the exclusive Ivory Tree Game Lodge. Situated in the basin of a spectacular amphitheatre the lodge is the newest addition to the region.

Game rangers enthrall guests while searching for the Big 5 on ten-seater open Land Rovers in this magnificent malaria-free reserve. Back at the lodge guests can enjoy the picturesque views from the double volume, deep-thatch central facility which houses the bar, lounges, dining room and curio shop and opens on to the rock pool and boma. Ivory Tree Lodge is the perfect for those wanting a malaria free safari. The Pilanesberg National Park is highly involved in scientific research. Programs include how tourism affects the behavior of elephants, the identification of black rhinos, the study and preservation of cheetah and other endangered species. Pilanesburg National Park is 55 000 hectares of malaria-free park which is the fourth largest in South Africa and is situated on a 1.2 billion year old extinct volcano.







26 standard rooms

4 executive suites

The Shepherds Tree Game Lodge also lies within the Pilanesberg Game Reserve. The central guest facilities include a rim flow swimming pool, gourmet restaurant, open entertainment decks, cigar lounge, Amani Spa and conference facility.



Pumba Private Game Lodge | 5\* Property | 23 suites | www.pumbagamereserve.co.za

Pumba Water Lodge - 12 suites Msenge Bush Lodge - 11 suites Pilot Rooms - 1

Pumba Private Game Reserve is set against the backdrop of the Eastern Cape's beautiful landscape - thornveldt, grassland, thicket and forest. With its 5 star game lodge luxury, guests have every opportunity to enjoy the ultimate essence of South African luxury and style.

The luxurious Pumba Water Lodge comprises 12 stone-walled, thatched waterfront cottages overlooking the Kariega Lake. The new Msenge Bush Lodge offers 11 chalets in the thick bush. All chalets have outdoor showers and private decks with plunge pools from which game viewing can also be enjoyed.







Pumba Private Game Reserve is located in the malaria-free Eastern Cape and is a mere 1 hours' drive from Port Elizabeth and 15 minutes from historical Grahamstown. A Gary Player designed golf course at Alicedale is only 30km away.

On safari expect to see cheetah, rhino, elephant, hippo, lion, buffalo, leopard and a host of other exciting animals, including the rare white lion.



Shamwari Game Reserve | 5\* Property | 59 | www.shamwari.com

Eagles Crag Lodge - 9 suites

Villa Lobengula - 6 suites

Long lee Manor - 15 rooms

Bayethe Lodge -12 tents

Riverdene Lodge - 9 rooms

Sarili Lodge - 5 suites

Explorers Camp - 3 tents

Pilot Rooms - n/a

Shamwari, which means "my friend" in Shona, stretches over 25,000 hectares in a malaria-free landscape. It offers an award-winning nature experience and is one of the largest private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa. Shamwari incorporates five lodges, one villa and one explorer camp - each one unique.

Safari activities at Shamwari include game drives, guided game walks and guided nature walks. On safari expect to see cheetah, rhino, elephant, hippo, lion, buffalo, leopard and a host of other exciting animals. There are also a number of incentive-style activities on offer such as an Amazing Bush Race and a "Potjie" Cook Off where teams compete to successfully build a fire and produce the best-tasting "potjie" (food cooked in a pot over an open fire).





In addition there are three unique centres to visit:

The Shamwari rehabilitation centre is fully registered to provide veterinary care to young, abandoned, orphaned or injured animals. The Dr Ian Player Rhino Awareness Centre was created in conjunction with the Wilderness Foundation to highlight the devastating effects of rhino poaching in South Africa. The Born Free Foundation, Animal Rescue and Education Centre was created to incorporate a museum and educational facility with the goal of creating awareness about the horrific way in which wildlife is exploited in captivity around the world.

Guests can enjoy a variety of spa treatments at Relaxation Retreats, situated in Eagles Crag, Bayethe Lodge and Long Lee Manor, Small conference facilities are also available at Long Lee Manor and Eagles Crag.

Located a mere hours' drive from Port Elizabeth, Shamwari Game Reserve also boasts its own airstrip and several helipads.

# Safari - South Africa Unique activities

Please note that some of these activities are only available at certain lodges:

- Rhino Tagging
- Early morning and 'night eyes' game drives
- Tracking, horse riding and/or bush walking trips
- Bird watching and wildlife photography sessions
- Scenic flights
- Visits to local schools and communities
- Hot air ballooning over dew-drenched Bushveld
- Sundowner bush cocktails during your game drives
- Pre-dinner drinks and drumming in a reed Boma
- Magical Bush Dinners under the African night skies
- Star Gazing
- Bush Encounters Experience bushcraft and survival skills.











# Safari - South Africa Safari dining

#### Eating out!

The delicious fare on offer at luxury safari lodges is well-known worldwide, prepared by chefs who are very often inventive and adventurous with their creations. The taste sensations you experience during your trip will linger as long as your memories of your game experiences do.

There is nothing like a strong coffee with traditional South African rusks to wake you up on a chilly early morning game drive. Upon your return, enjoy a hearty breakfast, with such variety you will find it difficult to choose just one thing. A light but nutritious meal in the heat of the day will tide you over until it is time to enjoy home-baked biscuits with afternoon tea overlooking the waterhole.



Taste a piece of Africa by sampling tasty venison such as springbok carpaccio or kudu steak for your evening meal, making sure to leave a little space to sample the many delights of the desserts on offer.





