

A night under the stars



SLEEP Outs
KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



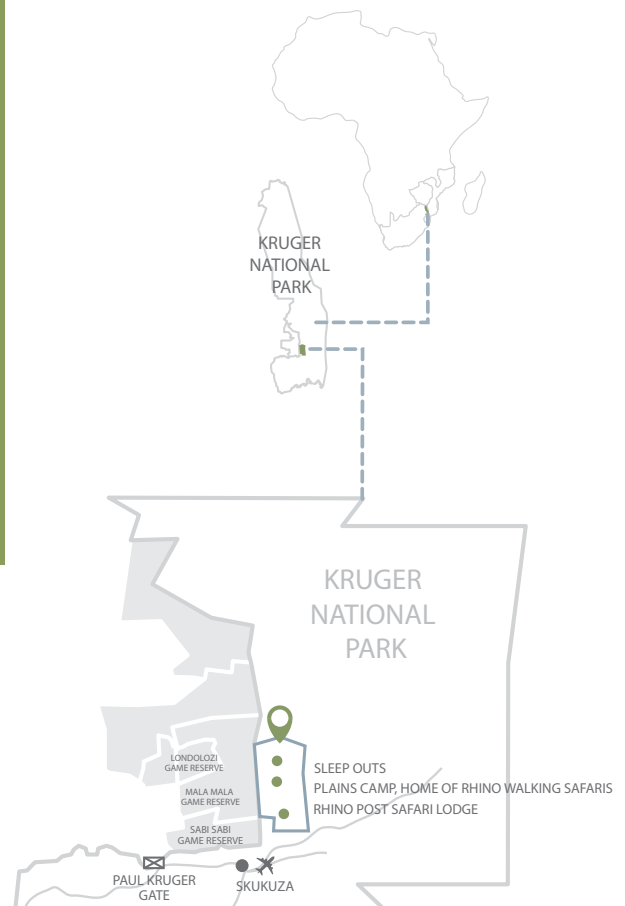
Sleep outs in the wilderness on starry, starry nights are among the “never-to-be-forgottens” of your safari in South Africa.

Opt for a sleep out under the stars on one of your nights at Plains Camp (home of Rhino Walking Safaris) OR pre-arrange a sleep out from Rhino Post Safari Lodge in the Kruger National Park.

The Sleepout Decks overlook the Xitevetevete waterhole, provide the ultimate in bush experiences.

This is an activity we offer usually as part of the walking trail experience from Plains Camp or occasionally (by prior arrangement, and by vehicle, not walking) from Rhino Post.

Guests sleep on individual sleeping decks, connected by ladders and walkways to each other, the bathrooms and the main deck. Dinner is cooked over the open fire.





WHAT SETS US APART...

- The Sleepout decks are situated on a 12 000 hectare private concession in the Kruger National Park
- Specialist experience with a maximum of 8 people, expertly guided by two armed rangers
- Spend the night under the stars on a raised platform surrounded by nature
- Raised 4 meters above the ground under the stars
- Four individual sleep out decks joined by walkways
- Overlooking the waterhole, the open walkways, cosy fire pit and deck is the perfect spot for Sundowners
- Immersed in nature and the surrounding wildlife
- One of a kind experience in Big 5 territory

AT A GLANCE...

- 4 platforms with netting tents, two mattresses per platform, with sleeping bags and duvets
- Elevated dining area
- 8 guests per sleep out
- 2 armed rangers per sleep out
- Overlooking a waterhole
- 2 bathrooms with hot showers and flushing toilets

SLEEPOUTS

The ultimate safari experience

For a totally unique experience, guests wanting something different will be able to walk to our Sleepouts – elevated wooden platforms four 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.

Opt for a sleep out under the stars on one of your nights at Plains Camp (home of Rhino Walking Safaris) OR pre-arrange a sleep out from Rhino Post Safari Lodge in the Kruger National Park.

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

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.

The Sleepout decks are approximately a 1 hour and 30 minute walk from Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris and a 30 - 45 minute drive from Rhino Post Safari Lodge.

THE SLEEPOUT DECKS

Built on stilts directly beneath the tree canopy you will find the Sleepout decks. These offer a really intimate and unrivaled experience of the wilderness, overlooking a waterhole which attracts wildlife activity. Eight people can be accommodated at the Sleepouts at any given time.

The Sleepouts comprise four individual platforms. Each platform has two mattresses, sleeping bags and duvets. There is an elevated eating area where fire-cooked meals are enjoyed. There are two bathrooms on a communal deck, and these have hot showers and flushing toilets.

The sleeping decks are connected by ladders and walkways to one another, and to the bathrooms and the main deck. To preserve the natural authenticity of the experience, there is no electricity. Nor is there air-conditioning, telephones, cell



signal or wi-fi. Lanterns and torches are used for lighting - granting an unfiltered experience of the wilderness

Dinner at the sleep outs is a wonderful, fire-cooked affair, sheltered only by trees.

Although these incredible sleep outs usually happen from Plains Camp, they can also be arranged to form part of your stay at Rhino Post Safari Lodge, which is situated in the same private concession.

SLEEPOUT FROM PLAINS CAMP (HOME OF RHINO WALKING SAFARIS)

It is **IMPORTANT TO NOTE** that if the first guest to reserve their trail request 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, home of Rhino Walking Safaris.

Set off on foot from Plains Camp in the late afternoon to head for the platforms. You will arrive in the early evening carrying a lightweight rucksack containing a change of clothes and refreshments.

Sundowners are then enjoyed on the platforms overlooking a waterhole.

Walking to the Sleepout decks

Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris 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. 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, you will set off lead by the guide, to the sleepout decks.

Nothing is predictable in the bush, therefore each safari offers a potentially new experience.

SLEEPOUT FROM RHINO POST SAFARI LODGE

Sleep outs can be pre-booked from Rhino Post Safari Lodge for the adventurous safari goers. The afternoon's safari activity and accommodation is a little different on the 'Sleepouts' night.

You will be given a lightweight rucksack in which to pack a change of clothes and toiletries. After enjoying a scrumptious high tea at the Rhino Post lounge, overlooking the water hole, you will depart in our game vehicle for an unrivalled wilderness experience, sleeping out under the stars.

Upon arrival at the Sleepout decks sundowners are then enjoyed on the platforms overlooking the waterhole prior to dinner being prepared over the open fire by your guides.

AMENITIES & FACILITIES

- 4 individual sleeping decks
- Mattresses
- Sleeping Bags
- Duvets
- Pillows
- Torches and lanterns
- Communal bathroom
- Dining Deck

DINING

Dinner is served at approximately 20h00 on the raised dining deck. Your meal is prepared by the guides over the open fire

while you sit around the bonfire and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.

A communal table is set on the raised deck and guests enjoy meals with each other and their guide. Enjoy your meal while keeping an eye on the plain and the potential to spot roaming wildlife.

Coffee and rusks are served before departing the sleepout deck back to either Plains Camp (home of Rhino Walking Safaris) or Rhino Post Safari Lodge where you will indulge in a well earned full breakfast.

DRINKS POLICY

Should you be experiencing the Sleepout from Rhino Post Safari Lodge, the drinks policy of the lodge will apply.

Should you be experiencing the Sleepout from Plains Camp, home of Rhino Walking Safaris, the drinks policy of the lodge will apply.

ELECTRICITY

There is no available electricity at the Sleepout decks.

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 or on Walking Safaris as the Kruger Park regulations do not allow children under the age of 12 on a trail. No children under the age of 8 are permitted on the Sleep outs from Rhino Post.



SLEEP Outs

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

AT A GLANCE

COUNTRY

South Africa

LOCATION

Krugers National Park

FEATURE

Sleeping under the stars



THE SLEEPOUT DECKS OVERLOOK THE XITEVETEVE WATERHOLE, PROVIDING THE ULTIMATE IN BUSH EXPERIENCES.

THIS IS AN ACTIVITY WE USUALLY OFFER AS PART OF THE WALKING TRAIL EXPERIENCE FROM PLAINS CAMP OR OCCASIONALLY (BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT) FROM RHINO POST SAFARI LODGE. GUESTS SLEEP ON INDIVIDUAL SLEEPING DECKS CONNECTED BY LADDERS AND WALKWAYS TO EACH OTHER, THE BATHROOMS AND THE MAIN DECK. DINNER IS COOKED OVER AN OPEN FIRE

NUMBER OF PLATFORMS	4
CONFIGURATION	Each Sleeping Platform accommodates 2 pax in a mosquito net tent on a foam mattress with sleeping bags and duvets. Mattresses can be pushed together and sleeping bags zipped to form a double. Waterproof cover sheets can be dropped over the tents if it rains at night
BATHROOMS	2 bathrooms on communal deck. Includes hot showers and flushing toilets
MAXIMUM GUESTS	8
CHILDREN	From Plains Camp no Children under 12 years. From Rhino Post Safari lodge no children under 8
CHILD MINDING	No
TRIPLES	No
LIGHTING	Paraffin lanterns & torches Battery operated spotlight for game spotting
MOSQUITO NETS	No
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
NOTE:	As this is an authentic wilderness experience, there is no wi-fi, cell phone coverage, air conditioning, fans, swimming pool, electricity, safes, hair dryers, telephones or laundry service Guests depart from either Plains Camp or Rhino Post at approximately 16h00

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
Feb-April excellent birding with migrant birds in residence

GPS COORDINATES

S 24° 55'26.00"
E 31° 39'34.00"

ACCESS FROM RHINO WALKING SAFARIS

Walking with armed guides.
Approximately 1½ hours

ACCESS FROM RHINO POST SAFARI LODGE

Driven by a guide in an open game drive vehicle.

WEATHER DEPENDENT

Access to the Sleepout Decks is dependent on weather conditions. After heavy rains it may be a few days before the Sleep Out Decks can be reached by a vehicle for servicing. In the event of inclement weather the sleep out activity may be cancelled

WHAT TO PACK

Year round - Comfortable, casual, cool, cotton bushwear, long pants recommended, hats, scarves, warm jacket/windbreaker, comfortable sturdy walking shoes
Winter - something warm to sleep in
Other - Sunscreen, binoculars, cameras, spare batteries, lip cream, contact lens solution, spare glasses, reference books

ACTIVITIES

Walk or drive to remote decks built high above the ground under the tree canopies. Enjoy sundowners overlooking the Timbetene waterhole and an evening around the fire on the main deck, with dinner cooked over an open fire. Sleep under the stars on individual sleep decks

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