



# FACT SHEET







### INTRODUCTION

Chacma Bush Camp, enviably located deep within the heart of the Maseke Game Reserve (a management area of the Balule Private Nature Reserve), offers the perfect Big Five safari experience in undulating landscapes dotted with rocky outcrops. This family-friendly camp sleeps a total of 10 people, and thus offers an authentic and intimate safari experience close to the Olifants River.

Wildlife weave their way through the mopane woodlands hugging the camp's perimeter, which provides the perfect natural habitat for a variety of species. During the summer months, guests can relax at the swimming pool while observing wildlife at the waterhole in front of camp. Evening times are spent swapping stories around the roaring campfire in the boma area, and dinners are spent indulging in traditional cuisine in the rustic lapa.

Enjoy daily game drives in this 8000 hectare reserve, and special excursions such as sundowners, bush breakfasts and star gazing. Chacma is an exquisite and rare camp surrounded by the untamed wild.

### AT A GLANCE

- Authentic safari camp sleeping 10 guests.
- Large private traverse and has a landscape of rocky outcrops, flat bushveld and the Olifants River.
- Expect daily game drives, special sundowners and a bush breakfast. Bush walks can be done, but this would need to be arranged prior to arrival and is dependent on a number of factors.
- There is a waterhole in front of lodge.
- The Olifants River is on the traverse.
- Maseke Game Reserve - the location is relatively unknown and thus guests get to see an abundance of wildlife, including the Big Five.

- There is a rocky outcrop (koppie) just behind the camp.
- Easily accessible via Eastgate (Hoedspruit) Airport and Phalaborwa - Phalaborwa being the closest.

### FACILITIES

- Swimming Pool overlooking the waterhole.
- Deck chairs around pool area.
- Daily game drives in the reserve with rocky outcrops and the Olifants River.
- Extra activities include a traditional braai, sundowners experience and/or bush breakfast.
- There is a quaint dining area under the lapa and an outdoor boma area for evening campfires.
- 3G cell reception & Wifi available.
- There is an inobtrusive elephant fence on the perimeter of camp that keeps elephants at bay.
- Family-friendly (over 5 years of age):
  - Steenbok Chalet sleeps 3 adults or 2 adults and 2 children
  - Grysbok Chalet sleeps 2 adults and 2 children
  - Klipspringer Chalet sleeps 4 adults or 2 adults and 4 children
- Each room has their own patio with a view of the surrounds and waterhole.
- Bathrooms are en-suite, and there is an outdoor shower adjoining the Klipspringer Chalet.
- Mosquito nets on each of the beds.
- Tea and Coffee making facilities in each room.
- Air con in rooms.

### ACTIVITIES

Morning and evening game drives

- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching
- Boma dinners around the fire



- Walks to the “koppie” behind the camp for scenic vistas.
- Bush breakfasts (upon request)
- Traditional South African braaivleis (barbecue) cooked over the open fire.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

A typical day at Chacma Bush Camp begins with an early morning wake-up call, coffee and an activity. During the winter months morning game drives begin later and evening drives start early. Below is a rough schedule of what an average day on safari looks like.

- 05h00 - Wake-up call
- 05h30 - Quick coffee and depart for activity
- 08h30 - 09h00 - Return to camp and enjoy a hearty breakfast
- 14h30 - Lunch
- 16h00 - Depart for afternoon/night game drive
- 19h00 to 20h00 - Return to camp
- 20h00 - Dinner followed by campfire chatter/drinks

### LOCATION

Chacma Bush Camp is ideally located in the Maseke Game Reserve, a completely off-the-beaten track private reserve that is teeming with wildlife. Explore untouched landscapes with rocky outcrops, diverse vegetation and the Olifants River. The area is a big five reserve and the bonus? It's a relatively unknown reserve but certainly doesn't lack in terms of sightings. Less people, more wildlife!

### GETTING THERE

Chacma Bush Camp is easily accessible for fly-ins and self-drivers. There are a few ways of getting to Chacma.

Guests that choose to self-drive will be met at the gate and escorted to park their cars at camp.

1. Fly into Hoedspruit Airport (Eastgate Airport) and either self-drive or road transfer to camp. The distance is roughly 50 km from the centre of Hoedspruit. Chacma is located at the entrance of the Lamai Gate, Maseke Game Reserve which is off the R40. There will be a brown signboard 'Balule Grietjie' - turn right at the sign and bear right again where you will see the Lamai Gate in front of you. It's 4.2 km from the gate to camp.
2. Fly into Phalaborwa Airport (Hendrick van Eck Airport) and either self-drive or road transfer to camp, which is about 25km away. Chacma is located at the entrance of the Lamai Gate, Maseke Game Reserve which is off the R40. There will be a brown signboard 'Balule Grietjie' - turn left just after this sign and bear right again where you will see the Lamai Gate in front of you. It's 4.2 km from the gate to camp.
3. Fly into O.R Tambo and self-drive, or arrange a road transfer when making your reservation [reservations@sundestinations.co.za](mailto:reservations@sundestinations.co.za). Driving time is roughly 6-7 hours.
4. There is a conservation levy of R250 per person, payable at the camp.

### GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION WEATHER

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring during mid-summer (November - February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, and very seldom lasts longer than a few hours.

The mean average maximum temperatures range from 24.5°C in July to 31.5°C in January with the mean monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.





## WILDLIFE

During the dry season the vegetation is sparse and wildlife congregates around watering holes. During the wet season the vegetation is dense and wildlife is more dispersed. Expect to see the big five over the course of a 3 night stay.

In addition to the big five that are regularly sighted include giraffe, zebra, warthog, spotted hyena, baboon, hippo, impala, kudu, vervet monkey, waterbuck, wildebeest, bushbaby, mongoose, duiker and steenbok.

You might also see wild dog, cheetah, honey badger, porcupine, aardvark, civet, caracal and serval. Birds that are regularly seen are vultures, owls, bee-eaters, rollers, eagles, bustards, hornbills, starlings and shrikes.

## GAME DRIVE VEHICLES

On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game than you would in a national park. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. This enables you to get within five to 10 metres of the large animals – and safely!

All game drives are conducted in open 4 x 4 Toyota Land Cruisers or Land Rovers.

## MALARIA

The Maseke region is a low risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Melfloquine. Mosquitoes are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

## WHAT TO PACK

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May – Oct)
- Beanie and gloves – the mornings are cold during winter.

