

# KWANDWE



## OVERVIEW

- One of the largest private Big Five game viewing areas in South Africa: 22,000 ha/ 54,000 acres of private wilderness, accommodating a maximum of 52 guests, according to one of the highest land: guest ratios in SA
- Big 5 safari destination (black & white rhino, elephant, lion, buffalo and leopard) & a great diversity of other wildlife, including many endangered species
- 30 km/ 19 miles of privately owned Great Fish River frontage
- 5 intimate and luxurious game lodges and villas in private corners of the reserve
- Specialist safaris and voluntourism activities
- Ideal for families – malaria-free and a host of activities to stimulate and entertain children

## LOCATION

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is a 54,000 acre/ 22,000 ha wilderness in the malaria-free Eastern Cape. Approximately 65 km (40 miles) from the coast, 160 km (100 miles) from Port Elizabeth, located in near proximity to the Garden Route.

## HOW TO GET THERE

The reserve has a private 2km tarred runway; Plett Air Safaris offers daily flights from Cape Town international airport directly to Kwandwe's private airstrip (via Plettenberg Bay).

- **Daily Scheduled Flights from Cape Town to Kwandwe's private airstrip (via Plettenberg Bay):** Departs Cape Town International Airport at 10h00 daily and arrives at Kwandwe airstrip at 12h50 (with a short stopover in Plettenberg Bay); departs the Kwandwe airstrip at 13h20 and arrives Cape Town at 16h10 (with a short stopover in Plettenberg Bay).
- **Charter flights from PE / Cape Town/ Johannesburg airport to Kwandwe's private airstrip:** Please contact us to arrange private charter flights to Kwandwe's private airstrip.



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- ✎ **Land Transfers:** A chauffeur-driven road transfer can be arranged from Port Elizabeth to Kwandwe for guests flying from Joburg to Port Elizabeth.
- ✎ **Self Drives:** The distance from PE to Kwandwe is a comfortable 1 hour 45 minute drive. On arrival vehicles are left at the Heatherton Towers (Reception) car park from where guests will be transferred to their lodge.

## ACTIVITIES

- ✎ Morning, afternoon/ evening and night game drives in an open safari vehicle
- ✎ Guided bush walks
- ✎ Big game walking safaris
- ✎ Various dining options and sundowners out on the reserve
- ✎ Fishing
- ✎ Boat rides on Galpin Dam
- ✎ Specialist safaris: Save the Rhino Drives, Rhino Conservation Safaris, Photographic Safaris and Private Safaris (available at an additional cost)
- ✎ Visits to and volunteering activities at the Mgcamabele Community Centre (book in advance)
- ✎ Campfire cooking – learn to cook a traditional South African braai (additional cost, villa stays only)
- ✎ In-room spa treatments

## ACCOMMODATION

### Two safari lodges and two sole-use safari villas:

- ✎ **Ecce Lodge:** Six spacious and private suites feature private decks with plunge pools, en-suite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, separate w.c, twin basins and personal bars. The lodge's chic décor celebrates the vibrant colours of the African people, with each suite decorated in a different colour. Three of the 6 suites are dedicated to families and include a private vehicle, ranger and tracker.
- ✎ **Great Fish River Lodge:** Nine luxurious and private suites feature covered verandas with plunge pools, ensuite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, separate w.c, twin basins and personal bars. The décor is classic-contemporary African-inspired, with natural palettes of earth-toned fabrics.
- ✎ **Melton Manor:** A sole-use safari villa with four en-suite bedrooms. This is a contemporary Frontier farmhouse. The spacious u-shaped lodge features high ceilings and deep verandas, overlooking the central courtyard, its large swimming pool and sweeping views of the Afromontane forests beyond.
- ✎ **Uplands Homestead:** A restored farmhouse dating back to 1905, this sole-use villa features three spacious bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and private verandas. Original antiques and rich furnishings give this laidback luxurious home a comfortable and romantic ambiance.
- ✎ **Fort House:** a modern, sole use safari villa situated in a secluded setting with sweeping views over the expansive reserve. Discreetly combining the very best of an exclusive safari lodge with the latest conveniences of a modern home, it provides total privacy and an abundance of space.



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## FAMILIES

Through our range of Eco-nect activities, children and parents have the opportunity to reconnect with one another whilst spending quality time together out on the reserve in fun and adventurous ways. Our malaria-free status make this a safari experience without parallel for kids.

- ✎ The 3 sole-use villas (Melton Manor, Uplands Homestead and Fort House), are ideal for family stays. Children of all ages are welcome at Ecce Lodge in the 3 dedicated Family Suites. Children 12 years and older are welcome at Great Fish River Lodge but recommended for families with older teenagers (16 years and older)
- ✎ Children receive a welcome gift on arrival
- ✎ Eco-nect activities include kite building, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts and a ranger shooting simulation (shooting at a target with a pellet gun). Other activities for children include eco walks and spoor tracking with the ranger and tracker, sand art, face painting, beading, and many more fun and educational activities.
- ✎ Families can participate in Kwandwe's voluntourism activities through the reserve's Ubunye Foundation, which works with communities living in and surrounding the reserve.
- ✎ A children's menu is available
- ✎ Child-minders are available with prior arrangement at no additional cost; all are first-aid trained.

## GOOD TO KNOW

- ✎ **Electricity:** All camps are supplied with electricity at 220v, a South African adaptor will be needed
- ✎ **Credit Cards:** Visa Cards, Master Cards, Diners & American Express accepted
- ✎ **Disabled Access:** Yes, with assistance (except Great River Fish Lodge that has many steps)

