

FACT SHEET

Klaserie River Safari Lodge



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INTRODUCTION

Klaserie River Safari Lodge is located in a private game reserve in the Greater Kruger area on the banks of the burgeoning Klaserie River. This highly acclaimed region of South Africa is on the doorstep of the Kruger National Park, the Blyde River Canyon, and the Panorama Route, which are some of the country's greatest attractions.

Riverfront chalets are blissfully private and overlook the fish-filled waters lined with lush reeds and tall riverine trees. There are standard and luxury rooms, as well as an inter-leading family room, making this a fantastic getaway for those wanting a diverse safari experience with loved ones.

Game drives are conducted in the revered Big 5 Thornybush Game Reserve, while sundowner cruises and bush walks are enjoyed on Klaserie River Safari Lodge's private property. Hot air balloon excursions, Blyde River boat cruises, village visits, horseback safaris, endangered species centres, and Kruger National Park day trips are all on the agenda.

AT A GLANCE

- 11-Room Safari Lodge located in the Thornybush region of the Greater Kruger
- Fully-catered
- All chalets located on the banks of the Klaserie River
- Luxury and standard chalets, all thatched with wooden decks looking onto the river
- Chalets equipped with both single and double beds, and one inter-leading family room
- Family-owned and run with home-style hosting and hospitality

- Free-roaming wildlife throughout the camp, particularly zebra, wildebeest, giraffe and impala
- Activity packages tailor-made to incorporate various tours of the Kruger Park, Panoramic region, and other sought after South African attractions
- Game Drives in the Thornybush Game Reserve
- Affordable getaway in South Africa's safari hub
- Road transfers from Hoedspruit, Eastgate Airport, Johannesburg, OR Tambo Airport
- Located 26km from Hoedspruit town and 16km from Eastgate Airport

FACILITIES

- Two main areas of the lodge, nicknamed 'River Camp' and 'Top Lodge' (5 mins walking distance apart). Both areas have dining areas, separate kitchens, bars, swimming pools and WiFi
- All chalets located at River Camp positioned along the Klaserie River
- Open-air boma for alfresco dining at River Camp
- Two swimming pools with sun loungers at River Camp
- Waterhole visited by various game at Top Lodge
- WiFi freely available in the main lodge areas, but not in rooms
- 11 chalets: 7 standard, 4 luxury – the only difference being luxury chalets have white, cotton linen, and extra-length beds
- One chalet has an inter-leading door, creating a family unit sleeping 4 people
- All chalets have en suite bathrooms (showers only), air-conditioning, wooden viewing decks with tables and chairs, coffee facilities, mini bar fridge and snack menu, ceiling fans, and mosquito nets
- Guest bathrooms located in main lodge areas



ACTIVITIES

- Activity packages tailor-made to incorporate various tours of the Kruger Park, Panoramic region, and other sought after South African attractions
- Big 5 game drives in Thornybush Game Reserve
- Cultural village tours
- Visits to local endangered species centres
- Hot-air balloon excursions near Hoedspruit
- Boat cruises on the Blyde River
- Panoramic tours
- Kruger National Park day trips
- Morning and afternoon game drives, as well as night drives
- Birdwatching
- Sundowners at various scenic locations
- Bush walks
- Horseback safaris

A TYPICAL DAY AT KLASERIE RIVER SAFARI LODGE

Daily schedules change according to the seasons, guests' itineraries and requests, and activity packages. A typical day will include an early breakfast at the lodge followed by a scheduled game drive, or departing for the day's arranged activities. A leisurely day at the lodge may go as follows:

- Wake up in your own time
- 09h00 Breakfast is served – continental followed by hot breakfast
- 10h00 - 13h00 Leisure time spent at the pool or on your private deck
- 13h00 Lunch is served

- 14h00 - 16h00 Time out for an afternoon siesta
- 16h00 - 18h00 Sunset game drive with scenic sundowners
- 19h30 Dinner is served at the lodge

LOCATION

Klaserie River Safari Lodge is located in the Thornybush region of the Greater Kruger area. In a private reserve opposite the gate to the Thornybush Game Reserve, Klaserie River Safari Lodge occupies a plot on the banks of the Klaserie River. This prestigious location is in the middle of the popular Greater Kruger safari hub of South Africa.

Within day-trip distance is the Kruger National Park (Orpen Gate and Phalaborwa Gate), the Panorama Route, Blyde River Canyon, various endangered species centres, and thrilling outdoor activities. The town of Hoedspruit is only 26km away and the local Eastgate Airport is only 16km away, making the lodge very easily accessible.

HOW TO GET THERE

Klaserie River Safari Lodge offers transfers to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport and Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport; however, the lodge is easily accessible for self-driving guests..

From Hoedspruit:

Exit Hoedspruit on the R40 in a southerly direction (towards Hazyview/White River). About 3,6km out of town, turn left at a sign for Timbavati/Eastgate Airport. As you turn, Kapama Game Reserve will be on your right. Pass through control gates and continue straight down



the tar road (Argyle Road). You will pass Eastgate Airport on your left - continue straight for 7km until you turn right onto the Guernsey Road (dirt road).

Continue on the Guernsey Road for 9km until you see the gates to Klaserie River Safari Lodge on the right.

From Johannesburg:

Take the N12 or N4 highway to Witbank/eMalahleni (from Johannesburg Airport, follow signs to Boksburg to find the N12). Follow the N4 highway past Middleburg (Toll Plaza), Belfast and Machadadorp (Toll Plaza). Follow the Schoemansklouf option on the N4 and then take the R36 to Lydenburg/Mashishing.

Follow the R36 to Ohrigstad, go through the Strydom Tunnel and take the R527 to Hoedspruit. Turn right onto the R40 towards Klaserie, and continue along this road until you see the turn off to the left for Eastgate Airport.

Turn here (Argyle Road) and you will pass through the control gate where Kapama Game Reserve is on your right. You will pass Eastgate Airport on your left - continue straight for 7km until you turn right onto the Guernsey Road (dirt road).

Continue on the Guernsey Road for 9km until you see the gates to Klaserie River Safari Lodge on the right.

Child Policy

Children are welcome at Klaserie River Safari Lodge, but parents are reminded that it is an unfenced camp and children are to be supervised at all times.

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, very seldom lasting longer than a few hours.

The average maximum temperatures range from 24°C in July to 31°C in January with the average 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.

In addition to the Big 5 species that are regularly sighted in the Kruger Park and Thornybush and enjoyed at close range, animals frequently seen include giraffe, zebra, warthog, spotted hyena, baboon, hippo, impala, kudu, vervet monkey, waterbuck, wildebeest, bush baby, mongoose, duiker and steenbok.

Some other very special members of the wild you might also see include the wild dog, cheetah, honey badger, porcupine, armadillo, civet, caracal and serval. Birds can be spotted from all over the lodge, but some of the top species are vultures, owls, bee-eaters, rollers, eagles, bustards, hornbills, starlings and shrikes.



Malaria

Before travelling, guests are encouraged to consult their local doctors on anti-malarial medication and preparation, however a repellent stick or spray is effective and should be utilised. All rooms have mosquito nets as an extra repellent.

What to pack

The climate in the Kruger lowveld brings hot summer months between October and April when the rainfall is high, and so is the temperature, reaching over 40 degrees Celsius. The dry winter months begin in May and carry on until October/November, during which time the weather is mild during the day with temperatures averaging mid-high 20s, while very cold in the evenings and early mornings.

- Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves
- Bring sun protection in the form of sunblock, sun hats, and glasses.
- Scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early mornings on game drive, especially in winter.
- Comfortable walking shoes as well as open sandals for when the weather is hot.
- Bring along cameras, binoculars and recording gadgets to keep a record of the many wildlife sightings.

