



**MAKUWA**  
Safari Lodge



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## MAKUWA SAFARI LODGE

Makuwa Safari Lodge is a bushveld retreat located in the Greater Kruger area on a private game reserve near Orpen Gate of Kruger National Park. The bush bustles with buffalo, plains game and bird activity. Idyllic accommodation in whitewashed houses with thatched roofs and broad patios offers sweeping views of the wilderness and the distant Drakensberg Mountains. Manicured lawns dotted with acacia, marula and fig trees surround the lodge, while all around the property untouched bushveld provides a perfect habitat for a wealth of predators, mammals and birdlife.

The central communal area is set up for a simple yet stylish dining experience: a casual bar area and patio with a dining table provide the perfect setting for a rustic farm-to-table meal. Makuwa can cater for special occasions on its lawns, or around the boma that sits under massive trees. The rooms have been carefully

constructed to ensure a light, airy feel - with plenty of open spaces and airflow throughout. The whitewashed brick walls and thatched roofs ensure respite from the heat during the searing temperatures of the summer months in Kruger. The décor is minimalist and simple, with the finest white bed linen and towels complementing the monochromatic black and white tiles of the en suite bathrooms in each room, where the bold reds of Persian carpets add a touch of warmth. Glass sliding doors open onto a patio with expansive views across the lawns and beyond to the neighbouring game reserves.

We look forward to welcoming you, your friends and family to Makuwa Safari Lodge - a modern country escape in the heart of the Kruger bushveld.

Ma Amukeriwa eka Makuwa Safari Lodge!

## AT A GLANCE

- Located on 70 hectares of private bushveld amidst established game reserves
- Abundance of buffalo and other plains game, plus prolific birdlife
- 15 minutes from Orpen Gate, with guided day trips to Kruger National Park available
- Sleeping 18 guests - including two large family rooms - for a home-from-home feel
- Focal point is a huge fig tree surrounded by lush gardens and other large trees - an ideal spot to relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the bush
- Architecture: simple, modern minimalism meets quintessential bushveld
- Extensive patios and private lounges for enjoying down time and relaxing
- Sparkling swimming pool equipped with comfortable sun-loungers
- Guided walks within the private reserve
- Various options for dining al fresco and great potential for private events

## GENERAL INFORMATION & FACILITIES

The lodge's three accommodation buildings include the Fig House which has a room on either side of the main lounge area, the Teak House which has two large family rooms each with four beds, and the Marula House which has three rooms that each sleep two guests.

- Capacity: 18 guests in seven rooms, including two large family rooms
- Each house has a patio, lounge area and ceiling fans
- All rooms have an en suite bathroom and mosquito nets
- Dining and bar area with communal seating
- Boma with seating under large trees, and a campfire
- Swimming pool with deckchairs and seating
- Day beds on the patios



## Individuals, families & small groups

Makuwa Safari Lodge is ideal for individual self-drive guests, families as well as small groups. Dinner and breakfast are included, with options for buffet-style meals for small groups of up to 18 persons.

The large family rooms can accommodate either 4 or 5 guests. The swimming pool, expansive lawns and safely fenced lodge environment make it an ideal holiday for families with young children.

## ACTIVITIES

Makuwa Safari Lodge is perfectly positioned for exploring the central area of Kruger National Park and surrounding tourist attractions:

- Sundowner drinks with views of the bushveld and Drakensberg escarpment
- Bush breakfasts and dinners dining under the stars
- Guided bush walks with a local ranger
- Full-day or half-day game drive into Kruger NP
- Birdwatching
- Guided full-day tour of the Panorama Route and Blyde River Canyon
- Hoedspruit Helicopter flight
- Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre visit
- Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre visit

## A TYPICAL DAY

A typical day at Makuwa Safari Lodge is based around game-viewing in Kruger National Park, followed by sundowners and dinner on the patio or in the boma beside the campfire. Here is an example of how a three-night stay at Makuwa would look if you book on the basis of included activities:

- First day: arrive in the afternoon and enjoy sundowner drinks in the boma around the campfire before dinner.
- Second day: head out on a full-day game-viewing excursion into Kruger National Park (with a packed breakfast and packed lunch to eat en route), starting at first light ie 05:30-06:00 when predators are at their most active.
- Regular rest stops throughout the day; there will be a stop where you can purchase curios.
- Return at 17:00-18:00 - in plenty of time for dinner.
- Third day: a light breakfast at the lodge before a morning game drive into Kruger NP (or the Manyeleti), followed by lunch back at Makuwa and an afternoon free to relax and enjoy the bushveld.
- Sundowner drinks in the bushveld with magnificent views towards the mountains of the Drakensberg.
- Fourth day: depart in the morning.



## LOCATION

Makuwa Safari Lodge is situated in a pocket of wild bushveld just off the main access road to Kruger National Park via Orpen Gate, making it an ideal location for exploring the Kruger lowveld. Kruger National Park and Manyeleti Game Reserve are just 15 minutes drive from the lodge. Guests can do self-drive activities or join our local guides on excursion by open game-viewing vehicle into the national park. The closest airport is Eastgate/Hoedspruit Airport (~30 minutes drive), and the closest major international airport is O.R Tambo in Johannesburg (~6 hours drive).

## GETTING THERE

### From Johannesburg/Pretoria:

Take the N4 highway towards eMalahleni (Witbank) / Middelburg. Continue past eMalahleni (Witbank) for +/- 87 km then take the R540 / Belfast turn-off to your left. Continue through Belfast to Dullstroom (35 km), then Lydenburg (50 km). After driving straight through Lydenburg you will be on the R36 to Ohrigstad (45 km). Continue 70 km over Abel Erasmus Pass and through the JG Strydom Tunnel until you reach Khamai Reptile Park on your left. Here turn right onto the R531 towards Klaserie and Orpen. Continue straight for 32 km until you reach the R531 / Orpen turn-off to your left. Follow this road for 15 kilometres, turn left into the Avoca gate and the lodge gate is located on the left hand side.

The guard will let you in - tell him you are going to Makuwa Safari Lodge. Turn immediately left to a second gate which the guard will open for you. From here, follow the signs to Makuwa along the network of sandy roads.

### From Hoedspruit:

Exit Hoedspruit on the R40 (Klaserie Road) and continue in a southerly direction (towards White River/ Hazyview) for 23 km until you reach a T-junction. Here, turn left onto the R40 and continue for 2 km before turning left onto the R531 towards Orpen. The entrance to the lodge lies 15 kilometres down this road on the left hand side.

Turn into the main gate - a thatched structure bearing the name Sandringham. The guard will let you in - tell him you are going to Makuwa Safari Lodge. Turn immediately left to a second gate which the guard will open for you. From here, follow the signs to Makuwa along the network of sandy roads.

GPS co-ordinates:

S24°33'16.5" E31°09'02.5"

Google Maps:

-24.554593, 31.150685

## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

### WEATHER

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, most of which occurs in mid-summer (November-February). Rainfall generally occurs in the form of heavy thunderstorms, which seldom last longer than a few hours. The average maximum temperature ranges from 24° Celsius in July to 31° Celsius in January, while the average minimum in July is 8.5° Celsius.

### WILDLIFE

#### Mammals

The South African lowveld is home to some of the world's largest mammals: elephant, giraffe, hippo, buffalo and rhino are all resident in Kruger National Park. Game drives in KNP and the neighbouring Manyeleti Game Reserve offer unforgettable sightings of these large species, in addition to general wildlife such as zebra, impala, kudu, gnu, waterbuck, bushbuck, duiker and steenbok.

#### Predators

Following in the footsteps of the herbivorous mammals are the carnivorous species of the bushveld. Lion, leopard, hyena, cheetah, African wild dog, and the Nile crocodile are the more prominent large predators in the Kruger region, while smaller predators include jackal, mongoose, civet and genet.

#### Birdlife

The grounds of Makuwa Safari Lodge are home to a rich variety of avian delights. Waterbirds such as herons, storks, plovers, spoonbills and sandpipers are common along the edges of the dam, while kingfishers, orioles, robins, chats, larks, cisticolas and coucals are just some of the bushveld and woodland birds that can be seen. Birds of prey are seen and heard throughout the day.



## Malaria

Guests are encouraged to consult their local doctor before travelling regarding anti-malarial medication. We highly recommend using an effective insect repellent.

## WHAT TO PACK

- Towels and basic toiletries are provided in each bathroom.
- We recommend packing lightweight clothing in neutral colours with short sleeves, plus protection from the sun in the form of sunblock, a sunhat and sunglasses.
- In winter (May-September) a warm and windproof jacket, scarf and gloves are essential for early morning game drives.
- Bring binoculars, and a camera to record your wildlife sightings.
- The lodge has a small library of bird and wildlife books, but you should bring any books and games you need to keep yourself entertained.

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