



Shumbalala Safari Lodge, South Africa

Situated in the heart of the 11,000 hectare Thornybush Game Reserve, adjoining the Greater Kruger National Park, Shumbalala is a small, boutique game lodge. Catering for a small number of guests of normally only 8, the exclusive lodge is situated under a shady African tree canopy on the banks of the seasonal Monwana River. Guests are accommodated in four spacious and beautifully appointed luxury suites each with private viewing decks and "picture-window" bathrooms with in-and-outdoor showers. The Presidential Suite has two en-suite bedrooms, a large lounge and dining area and a private plungepool with a unique retractable deck. Sumptuous cuisine is served either from the lodge decks, around the fire or in the more formal dining room. Morning and afternoon game drives are undertaken in open 4-wheel drive vehicles with skilled and experienced game rangers.

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Location: On the banks of the Monwana river in the 11,000 hectare Thornybush Game Reserve, adjoining the Greater Kruger National Park. Shumbalala is a easy (30 min) drive from Hoedspruit Airport, which is serviced with regular flights from both Johannesburg (50 min) and Cape Town (02.30 hrs). The reserve is a five hour road journey from Johannesburg (537km).

Hotel Classification: ***** Luxury Boutique Safari Lodge

Accommodation: The four superior suites are contemporary and can be described as 'understated luxury' and have a natural African décor. All suites feature a private viewing deck, ceiling fan, air-conditioning, custom fireplace and a picture window bathroom and outdoor shower.

Room Types: 4 Double Superior Suites of +-75 sqm each and a 225sqm Presidential Suite which features 2 bedrooms, large dining and lounge facilities and a private pool on the deck.

3rd Person Sharing Policy: Upon request.

Suite Facilities:

- 75 square metre contemporary suites - natural stone and wood with a thatch roof
- Twin or king size four-poster bed with mosquito netting and pure cotton sheets
- En-suite luxury bathroom with standalone Victorian bath with a bush picture window, an indoor shower and a secluded outside shower
- Full range of guest amenities
- Hair dryer
- Shaver plugs 220 volts, clients to bring international adapters
- Bathrobes
- Same-day bush laundry service
- Air-conditioned atmosphere control & ceiling fans
- Custom-designed fireplace
- Private deck and seating
- Safe deposit boxes
- Minibar
- Direct dial telephones
- Tea & coffee making facilities

Additional Facilities – Presidential Suite:

- 225 square metre suite with two bedrooms (one double and one twin)
- Six-seater mahogany dining table and butler's kitchen with mini-bar
- Fire side facilities and private service on request
- Private plunge pool

Safari Activities:

- Day and night game drives conducted in custom built 4x4 safari vehicles accompanied by professional rangers and trackers who plan excursions around guests' individual interests, ensuring full value enjoyment of their ideal safari experience
- Guests have a choice of a covered or open vehicle in extreme weather conditions
- Maximum of two vehicles at a sighting and ten guests to a vehicle
- Informative guided bush walking safaris

Leisure Facilities:

- Swimming pool with deck loungers
- Two lounges, one with fireplace
- Curio shop
- Library & with satellite T.V.

Restaurants & Bars:

- Shumbalala serves a five course table d'hote dinner, English and Continental Breakfast, a light lunch or brunch and high tea
- Both indoor and outdoor dining and relaxation areas with river and waterhole views
- An underground wine cellar with waterhole view

Conferences and Incentives:

- Fully equipped private conference facility (by prior arrangement)

Children's Facilities & Policy:

- The Hotel accommodates children under the age of 12 by arrangement only, and will depend on other bookings at the time

Medical:

- Please consult your doctor for anti-malarial prophylactics
- First Aid is available onsite and a hospitable and doctor are 45 min. away by road

How to Get There

By Road:

By scheduled flight from Johannesburg International or Cape Town. Airport transfers (30 min) arranged. By car: From Jhb/Pretoria N4 to Belfast, R36 to Ohrigstad, R531/R527 to and through Hoedspruit to T junction. Turn right in Klaserie direction, after 7km turn right into Argyle Road - follow signboards to Thornybush Game Reserve +- 5 hours from Johannesburg

By Air:

Scheduled Flights – SA Express Airways From Jhb International, Cape Town International & Sun City. Transfers to and from Hoedspruit Eastgate airport available +- 30 minutes.

Fully tarred and serviced airstrip on Thornybush Reserve