



TRENDS

YOUR SAFARI STORY

THE SUBLIME SAFARI

Kick back in exceptional tracts of wilderness to view masses of wildlife with loads of luxury on tap. Stop in some idyllic spot in the bush to watch the sky flare crimson just before sunset, with a glass of bubbly in hand. Stay at a gorgeously beautiful lodge equipped for a life of bliss in the wilds and enjoy being spoiled by dedicated hosts. Think luxury in the bush and think **Londolozi, Singita, Royal Malewane, Lion Sands Ivory and Cheetah Plains.**



THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

Many lodges cater to the wildlife photographer, and most of these lodges welcome seasoned camera-people as well as newbies wanting to learn some tricks of bush photography. Custom-built vehicles, specialised equipment and professional guidance – expect all this in addition to excellent safari accommodation and stunning wilderness settings. Lodges offering custom-built safari vehicles include **Cheetah Plains Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sabi** and **Londolozi** in the Sabi Sands Game reserve and **Jaci's Lodges** in Madikwe. Most of the rangers and trackers, are themselves experienced photographers. They will teach you about camera functions, wildlife photography skills, flash photography in the bush, image composition, and other bits and bobs of wildlife photography.





THE HAVE-YOUR-VERY-OWN-PAD SAFARI

When nothing less than a lodge-to-yourself will do – perhaps for a family reunion, a special anniversary or birthday, or any kind of gathering of the clan where plenty of space and privacy are essential, exclusive-use lodges come to the rescue. **Pel's Post** is an opulent satellite lodge at The Outpost, accommodating 8 guests in 4 stand alone, open-plan suites. **Africa House** is the exclusive-use bush villa at **Royal Malewane**. The lodge is situated in the Thornybush Nature Reserve, Greater Kruger Park area, which sleeps up to 12 guests in one of the most spectacular, luxurious and unique 'houses' in South Africa. The **Hi'Nkweni** (pronounced Hing Kweni) **Family Villa at Tinga Lodge** lends itself, in both atmosphere and architecture, to the family traveller and is both exclusive and self-contained. The most beautiful landscape surrounds the **Morukuru Farm House**. Providing you with wide views, deep into the soul of the bush saturated by the smell and freedom of Madikwe. Morukuru Farm House can accommodate 10 guests of all ages in 5 beautifully appointed presidential rooms opening their windows with real life bush view pictures. Other options include **Singita Castleton**, **Cheetah Plains** Bushveld homes and **Lion Sands** Fish Eagle Villa.



THE WALKING SAFARI

Rhino Post Plains Camp offers walking safaris, as well as overnight stays under the stars at the unique Sleepouts. Plains Camp and its sister accommodation **Rhino Post Safari Lodge** are situated in a 12 000 hectare private wilderness concession in the Kruger National Park. Combinations of foot safaris and vehicle-viewing are on offer at these lodges.





THE KID-FRIENDLY SAFARI

Few things are worse than trying to enjoy a family holiday someplace where the atmosphere is not fully family-friendly. Lodges like **Lukimbi Safari Lodge** in the Kruger National Park welcome travellers with children aged two and above, and have a special children's programme to keep the young set entertained. In the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, **Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge** has a custom-built children's facility known as The EleFun Centre, which teaches children to appreciate the wilderness, with plenty of fun thrown in. Other lodges that accommodate families are **Fitzpatrick's at Jock Safari Lodge** in the Kruger National Park and **Shamwari Riverdene Lodge** in the Eastern Cape.



THE MALARIA-FREE SAFARI

If you're travelling with children, elderly folk or mums-to-be, you may wish to opt for a malaria-free safari. There are ample opportunities to view South Africa's wildlife without exposure to the risk of malaria. The lodges to consider are situated in the **Eastern Cape**, the **Pilanesberg** and the **Madikwe Private Game Reserve**. All these areas have the Big Five and offer exciting safaris.





THE TENTED SAFARI

A safari is just a little more thrilling from the vantage point of a tent. The spirit of adventure is heightened and nature feels even closer. And, of course, no luxury need be sacrificed in a sophisticated tent with all the mod cons such as air-con, mini-bar, en-suite bathroom and so forth. **Buffelsdrift** is situated just outside Oudtshoorn, off the famous Route 62 in the Western Cape and offers you unique, understated elegance in luxury tent accommodation. The 25 free-standing luxury tents are all stylishly decorated, and apart from total privacy they offer you a true bushveld experience, with all the creature comforts of luxury accommodation. **Hamilton's Tented Camp** in the Kruger National Park reflects a safari adventure of the early twentieth century, where grace and style were the epitome of luxurious living. Six canvas tents complete with teak floorboards, mosquito nets, slipper baths, outdoor showers and a superb view of the seasonal river are linked to the main lodge area by raised timber walkways amongst ancient Jackalberry trees. Reminiscent of a traditional African safari camp, **Kapama Buffalo Camp** offers a unique and intimate experience in the African bush. It is ideal for discovering big game Africa in true safari tented style without compromising on comfort. Ten luxurious canvas tents are set on wooden decks built on stilts over a steep-sided riverbank. **Marataba Safari** is situated in the Marakele National Park in the Limpopo province. The lodge has 15 luxury tents all with contemporary design, offering the ultimate exclusive bush experience. Each tented suite has been carefully incorporated into the surrounding bushveld while a canopy of African trees provides vital shade.

