



SANCTUARY
MAKANYANE SAFARI LODGE

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE



SOUTH AFRICA 8 LUXURY SUITES

Sanctuary Makanyane Safari Lodge is located in Madikwe Game Reserve, one of South Africa's premier game-viewing destinations. This luxurious camp offers intimacy and exclusivity, with just 8 suites catering for 16 guests.



LUXURY, NATURALLY

Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and our newest camp, Sanctuary Makanyane Safari Lodge.

Named after the African wild dog which can be found in the surrounding landscape, Sanctuary Makanyane Safari Lodge is situated on private ground within Madikwe Game Reserve, in lush riverside forest, dramatically located on the edge of a ravine. The Madikwe Game Reserve is a 75,000 hectare malaria free destination which is home to the 'Big Five', as well as the rare African wild dog, cheetah, giraffe, hyena and over 360 bird species.

The lodge has just eight glass fronted suites and is tucked away in green woodland. Designed to have minimal environmental impact, the lodge was constructed from local stone, wood and thatch allowing guests to continuously experience the natural beauty of their surroundings.

USPS

- Designed by a team of award winning architects
- Award-winning wine list & cellar (Diners Club International Platinum Award, 2011 & 2012)
- Located by Marico River, the only permanent water source in the reserve, which attracts wildlife
- Located on private ground, meaning no other vehicles can access the area
- Big Five game viewing area
- Unfenced grounds, meaning more opportunities for game viewing in the lodge

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

The eight luxurious, secluded suites, each overlook the Marico River. Each suite has spectacular glass-walled bedrooms, offering uninterrupted views of the surrounding forest and the river. The suites all have open-fronted lounges, private sun decks and spacious bathrooms with indoor and outdoor showers. The entire front of the ensuite bathroom can be opened to the bush. Each suite has a private lounge as well as a private viewing deck with a spectacular view of the bush.

The stylish main lodge is on the edge of a ravine overlooking a waterhole frequently visited by game and has a spacious lounge and dining area which opens out onto a wide wooden outdoor deck, with spectacular views. The boma, an open air dining area enclosed by trees and a perfect place to enjoy dinner next to a blazing fire, is situated conveniently close to the main lodge. Fine wines from the award-winning wine list complement exceptional cuisine created by the team of internationally trained chefs. There is also a spa offering massage and aromatherapy, an air-conditioned gym and heated infinity swimming pool. The main lodge provides complimentary Wi-Fi, as well as a curio shop, a library area, and an upstairs den.

Guests also have the opportunity to experience the ultimate nocturnal bush experience – sleeping out under the stars, at our star view sleep-out hide.

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

Sanctuary Makanyane Safari Lodge is located in Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa. The lodge is accessible by road and air. The Eastern Airstrip is located 30 minutes from the lodge.

By air:

- OR Tambo International Airport to Madikwe Game Reserve - 1 hr

By road:

- OR Tambo International Airport to Makanyane Lodge - 3.5 - 5 hrs
- Madikwe Game Reserve airstrip to Makanyane Lodge - 15 mins

Please note there is a luggage restriction of 20kg of soft luggage for the daily scheduled flights.



GAME VIEWING AND ACTIVITIES

Game Drives

One of the most significant aspects of Madikwe is the extremely varied terrain, providing a backdrop to the rich diversity of plant, bird and animal life. Located on the edge of a very arid Kalahari region, but still receiving relatively high rainfall, Madikwe is unique in that both dry area and moist area plant and animal species are found in the reserve.

Travelling through Sanctuary Makanyane Safari Lodge's completely private 1,800 hectares and the 75,000 hectares of the magnificent Madikwe Game Reserve, your guide will share their wealth of knowledge with you, from the fascinating private life of the dung beetle to the intricacies of the wild dog's social system. There are two daily game drives, timed to make the most of the periods when the game is the most active, one in the early morning and another in the late afternoon. The afternoon drive, after a brief stop to enjoy sundowners, continues into the night, a shielded spotlight revealing the nocturnal wildlife of the bush. Game drive times may vary according to game activity and spontaneous drives may also go out in response to animal activity near the lodge.

All game drives take place in our brand new fleet of 4 x 4 Land Cruisers. These custom-made, roofless all-terrain vehicles are designed to maximise your game-viewing experience.

Private game-viewing vehicles can be arranged at an additional cost, subject to availability.

Walking safaris

For an even more in-depth exploration of the bush, a game walk is essential. A highly educational and uniquely enlightening experience, your armed and experienced guide will lead you along game paths in the footsteps of the animals, allowing you to feel the thrill of walking through this wild environment. Away from the noise and disturbance of the game drive vehicle, guests are able to experience the more subtle nuances of the bush – the sounds, smells and textures of the surroundings can be appreciated. The walks are planned according to the interests and abilities of the guests and are a highly recommended experience! Please note that guests under the age of 16 years are not permitted on walks.

Bird watching

The birdlife is also spectacular, with over 360 bird species being found in the reserve.

A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

Summer Schedule: September - April

- Wake Up: 5am
- Light breakfast
- Game Drive: 5:30am
- Breakfast: 9am
- Lunch 1:30pm
- Tea: 4pm
- Game Drive: 4:30pm
- Dinner: 8:30pm

Winter Schedule: May - August

- Wake Up: 6:30am
- Light breakfast
- Game Drive: 7am
- Brunch: 11am
- High Tea: 3pm
- Game Drive: 3:30pm
- Dinner: 7:30pm



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Local Village Tour

Visit one of the villages local to the Madikwe Reserve to visit the school, the local shabeen (bar), a curio market and, subject to availability, the local Sangoma (witchdoctor).

Botswana “Lady Detective” Cultural Tour

Enjoy a half day city tour dedicated to giving you a front row seat to the life of Mma Ramotswe (the heroine of the world famous “No.1 Ladies Detective Agency” books). The tour commences at Zebra Way, followed by Speed Motors, Go -Go Handsome Man Bar etc, the No.1 Ladies Detective Agency office rounded off by lunch at No.1 Ladies Detective Agency Coffee shop and Restaurant to sample a wide variety of culinary delights.

Gaborone City Tour

Enjoy a half day tour of vibrant Gaborone. You will see various government ministries, the parliament building, the house of Chiefs and the Central Bank of Botswana. Outside the parliament building, is a statue of Sir Seretse Khama, Botswana’s president. Take a tour of the National Museum and Main Mall, where you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of carious and souvenirs, ranging from leather sandals and woven baskets to beautifully carved wooden statues. To fully experience and appreciate the ambience of Gaborone you will then take a tour through Old Naledi Township, one of the first settlements of the city. Next, visit the Gaborone Bus Rank, the true heart of the city and the centre of the public transport system. Finally, proceed to the three Dikgosi monuments and SADC House.

Additional activities are at an additional cost and can be pre-booked or booked while guests are in camp.

HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Our honeymoon services include:

- Complimentary spa treatment and welcome gift of sparkling wine and fruit basket
- Private dinners can be set up upon request
- The lodge is also available for private hire for weddings



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Child policy: Children aged 12 and over are welcome at the lodge. Children under 12 years are welcome when the lodge is booked exclusively.

Junior Ranger Course (ages 5-10): Children over the age of 5 are taught survival skills, tracking skills, orientation skills and an endless array of exciting and fun facts about the African bush and why it is so vital to conserve it. Children younger than 5, accompanied by an adult, are also welcome to join the fun. Please note this activity is only available when the lodge is booked exclusively.

DINING

In the kitchens, our team of exceptional chefs combine the freshest local ingredients with flair, talent and imagination to create delicious meals that will add another exciting dimension to your stay with us. European influences and African flavours are mixed to create unique and memorable dining experiences.

Breakfasts are taken with your guide and any other guests sharing your game-drive vehicles so that you can discuss your safari adventures. The remaining meals are typically private meals, with buffet lunches, afternoon teas and a la carte 3 course dinners where you have a choice of main course. Given prior notice, we cater to most dietary needs and requirements.

Meals are served in a variety of locations throughout the lodge, guests can dine on the main deck under the stars, next to the sparkling swimming pool, in our “Boma” surrounded by forest and under a canopy of stars or even enjoy a “bushbraai” out in the reserve, surrounded only by flickering lanterns.

Private meals can also be quickly and easily set up in the privacy of your suite if you would prefer to dine alone. Most dietary requirements can be catered for with advance notice.

Our sumptuous meals are accompanied by exceptional wines from our wine cellar. Our award-winning wine list has received meticulous attention to detail and, as well as offering classic South African wines such as Kanonkop’s Paul Sauer and Klein Constantia’s Vin de Constance, we have gone to great lengths to source wines of excellent quality and variety to compile a selection with something to appeal to everyone. Guests can visit our underground cellar to personally select their own wine from our generous selection of delicious offerings.

Meals typically consist of the following:

- **Breakfast:** Continental and full English breakfast
- **Lunch:** Buffet with a selection of dishes
- **Dinner:** Set menu of 3 courses with 2 or 3 main course choices

CLIMATE

South Africa is a big country just south of the tropic of Capricorn, but it is the topography and surrounding oceans that influence its climate, rather than the latitude. Although the climate varies from region to region, it is generally mild and sunny throughout the year.

Winter (May – August) in Madikwe Game Reserve is generally cool and dry with temperatures averaging between 3°C (38°F) to 23°C (73°F).

Summer (September – April) is characterised by hot and wet weather, with temperatures averaging between 25°C (77°F) to 40°C (104°F). The area is classed as a semi-arid region, with 500 mm (19.5 inches) of annual rainfall. This is usually as a result of short thunderstorms in the late afternoon or night time during the summer months.

CLOTHING

From November to March light summer clothes are best, although do bring a jumper for the evenings. From April to October warmer clothes are advised as the mornings and evenings can be cold. The days are typically warm and summery though. It’s best to bring neutral coloured clothes for the game drives. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the lodge. Comfortable walking shoes or boots, swimwear, sun block, insect repellent, sun hat and sunglasses are recommended. We have waterproof ponchos in the game-drive vehicles in case you are caught in any rain. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must.



HEALTH

South Africa requires all travellers journeying from yellow fever risk countries to show proof of yellow fever vaccination by means of a valid yellow fever certificate.

The Madikwe Game Reserve is not a malaria area. Other areas in South Africa are malaria areas, should you be traveling to other parts of the country, please consult your personal physician for more information.

MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

Visa, Diners, Mastercard, Debit cards and American Express cards are all accepted for any purchases at the lodge. Please note that American Express will undergo a 5% surcharge.

TIPPING GUIDELINE

You are travelling on an independent itinerary and the cost of your program does not include gratuities. Tipping is a very personal matter and should only be considered when our staff have gone above and beyond for you.

Whilst tipping is entirely at your discretion, we advise US\$ 30 per person, per day. 1/3 of gratuities is allocated to the guide, and the remainder of the balance is divided amongst the rest of the staff. Gratuities can be added to your account upon check out, given to the lodge manager for distribution, or given directly to the individual staff members.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Sanctuary Makanyane Safari Lodge prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, interests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.

PHILANTHROPY PROJECTS

Local communities

Makanyane Safari Lodge actively supports the local communities in the area. The majority of our staff are Tswana people from the local communities, providing employment and advancement opportunities and an exciting and varied livelihood.

Guests at the lodge can actively participate, either financially or practically, in assisting impoverished local communities, thereby also supporting the Madikwe Game Reserve. The Makanyane Children's Tree-planting Campaign is part of our programme where children and their parents are involved in planting saplings in the reserve.

Wildlife conservation

Guests can accompany Madikwe Game Reserve conservation and veterinary staff during various conservation activities such as rhino darting (in order to insert micro-chips into their horns or put identification notches into their ears) or to lion darting (for contraception purposes).



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LUXURY, NATURALLY

Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally', all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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