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PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

SOUTH AFRICA



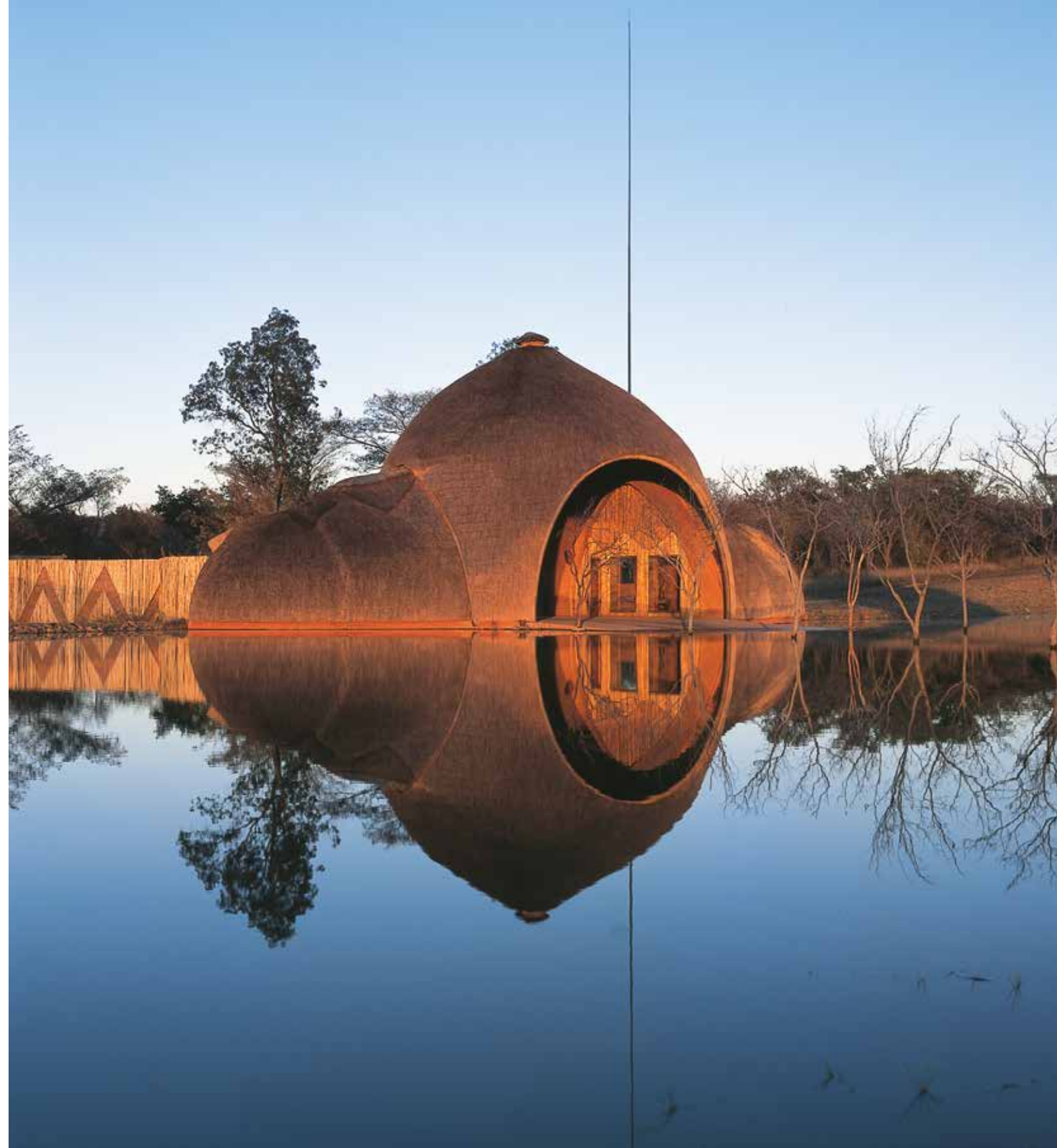
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‘Shambala’ is a Tibetan word, meaning ‘Paradise on Earth’.

Shambala Private Game Reserve covers almost 10 000 hectares under the watchful guardianship of the picturesque, malaria-free Waterberg mountains, and the magnificent African bushveld is home to a wide variety of remarkable flora and fauna.

Whether you discover it in the bush, the mountains or the silence; whether you feel it in the air or see it in the magnificent, proud wildlife of this land, your own paradise is here, deep within the heart and soul of Shambala.

A gentle drive through shallow waters forms a spectacular natural entrance to the paradise where peace, tranquillity and harmony are part of everyday life. There is an overwhelming awareness of being an intrinsic part of nature, surrounded by the sound of birdcalls and a vast expanse of bushveld that is home to many and varied wildlife species.



Breeding programme

Shambala aims to maintain an ideal ecosystem throughout the wider reserve area, and to achieve a harmonious and ecologically sound environment. We are actively involved in wildlife conservation and a comprehensive anti-rhino poaching programme.

In addition to the Big Five, Shambala Private Game Reserve is home to the endangered sable antelope, black impala, tsessebe, and black rhino, as well as disease-free buffalo. The population of each species is carefully monitored to maintain a combination that not only ensures unique game viewing, but also creates a natural and beneficial balance between species.



Thrilling encounters

The Big Five

Shambala Private Game Reserve is home to the Big Five, numerous smaller game species and a large variety of birdlife. The elephant, buffalo, black and white rhino, lion and leopard were originally named the Big Five due to the significant challenge and potential danger that they presented to hunters. They symbolise the ultimate in African wildlife and are associated with a true game-viewing experience. Only the sleek, shy leopard with its nocturnal habits and inaccessible habitat may sometimes elude the visitor.

The Big Five have always been renowned as being the fiercest and most dangerous animals. Being able to see these magnificent animals roaming free in their natural habitat is without a doubt one of the most wonderful memories that you will take away with you.

Shambala offers the Big Five interaction, an ultimate once-in-a-lifetime experience, thrillingly close enough to feel your heart beating faster and yet far enough to keep out of harm's way. This is the most remarkable bush walk you could ever imagine.





Spa experience

The Shambala Spa is a unique, intimate wellness retreat situated in a secluded bush clearing along the riverside. A warm welcome awaits you at the Spa, with individualised Spa treatments for relaxing, revitalising and rejuvenating the senses.

Each unique therapy is created using pure, natural ingredients, aromas and textures to enhance a holistic sense of wellbeing. After your revitalising Spa time you can sit back and relax on the Spa deck and bask in the warmth of the African sun. Enjoy a light refreshment while taking in the views of the river and the surrounding bush, with the sound of the water adding a magical theme. This is the most unforgettable Spa experience in a truly amazing bush setting.



Zulu Camp

Your journey begins in the most extraordinary setting you could imagine. Combining the best experiences of a private safari lodge with the charm of the camp, your journey will be unique and unforgettable.

Zulu Camp is built in traditional Zulu style with streams from the nearby river running through the camp. Your adventure starts as you stand on the deck overlooking the river that is home to many animal species. The sound of birdcalls echo across the water, and in the late afternoon you might hear the plaintive call of the fish eagle as the hippos return to wallow in the river.

In Africa we love telling stories of our experiences and sharing our knowledge of the African bush, of adventures and unforgettable animal encounters, our customs and our heritage. We are passionate about Africa and we share that passion with our guests.

When you embark on an African safari you will soon discover that it is a life-changing adventure where our story becomes a part of your own.

The remarkable setting of the camp reflects your stay of luxurious comfort. Your journey will be a holistic experience, ideal for quiet contemplation. Here you are free to spend your time as you wish. It is within this beautiful setting that one has a chance to reflect and gain a true understanding of the connection we have with our environment. We have created a place with heart and soul that will inspire our guests to take home a lasting memory of the world they have visited.

At Zulu Camp the unhurried atmosphere, combined with the natural beauty of the surroundings, creates a romantic backdrop for an idyllic bush retreat.





Your space

Zulu Camp at Shambala Private Game Reserve offers you the extraordinary experience of staying in traditional honeycomb-shaped chalets in the heart of the bushveld. From early morning until dusk the air is filled with echoing birdcalls, highlighting the uniqueness of being part of the natural bush surroundings.

Chalets (57sq m / 614sq ft)





Each chalet is decorated in elegant Afro-French Provincial style, with a double bed dressed in the finest linens, French armoire and full length mirror, with direct dial satellite phone.

The luxurious bathroom with bath and shower leads out to a refreshing outdoor shower on the private deck overlooking the surrounding bushveld.

Your personal Butler is on hand to turn down your room in the evening and to assist you at all times.

The Facts

Location

Shambala Private Game Reserve covers almost 10 000 hectares in the malaria-free Waterberg mountains of the Limpopo Province. In this idyllic setting, a mere 2½ to 3 hours’ drive north of Johannesburg, Shambala Private Game Reserve is home to a rich diversity of magnificent wildlife including the Big Five. A visit to Zulu Camp is an unforgettable bushveld experience in luxurious surroundings.

Accommodation

8 Luxury chalets, each with en-suite shower and bath, and outside shower.

Amenities and services

Entrance with seating area.

Main lodge area with plunge pool.

Dining and lounge area with fireplace and viewing deck over the river.

Complimentary WiFi access at main lodge area, not in the chalets.

Television is available only at the main lodge.

Lapa with open fire site.

Shambala Spa with two treatment rooms and outside deck.

Luxurious en-suite bath and shower accommodation with outside shower.

Satellite telephone, mini bar with soft drinks, and umbrellas available in each chalet.

Mobile phone signal is limited to main lodge and certain parts of the reserve.

Electricity/power available 220 V. International plug point converters and hairdryers are available in each chalet.

Children welcome over the age of 5. No children under the age of 5 are permitted to stay at Zulu Camp at Shambala Private Game Reserve. In the interests of safety, children’s participation in activities is at the discretion of the guide.

The luxury chalets at Zulu Camp may have a maximum of two occupants occupying a room. However, one child under the age of 16 years but not younger than 5 years can share with adults where a room is designed and furnished to accommodate three guests.

Shambala Spa

The Shambala Spa is a unique, intimate wellness retreat situated in a secluded bush clearing along the riverside. The Spa is open from 08:00 till 20:00. The Spa has two treatment rooms and a deck with a view of the surrounding bush.

Activities

Included in your package

Bush picnics.

Game drives.

Star-gazing.

Sundowner cruises on the Douw Steyn Dam.

Activities at a surcharge

Big Five interaction.

Game research and monitoring (minimum 18 years old).

Guided bush walks.

Zulu Camp chalet inclusions

Luxurious en-suite accommodation.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

Drinks (all soft drinks and South African wines, local spirits and liqueurs, excluding international wines and spirits).

Daytime and spot-lit night game drives and bush walks accompanied by an experienced guide.

One sundowner boat cruise on the Douw Steyn Dam per stay

All taxes and tourism levies.

Zulu Camp chalet exclusions

Transfers to and from the game reserve.

Use of a private game viewing vehicle (supplement of R3 000 per vehicle per day).

Telephone calls.

Spa treatments.

Any activities not listed in the category of inclusions.

Specific meal requests.

Rates

High season 01 April to 31 October.

Low season 01 November to 31 March.

Check-in/check-out times

Zulu Camp is open all year round.

Check-in time is 14:00. Check-out time is 11:00.

Earlier check-in times can be considered subject to the availability of the chalets. Guests to please advise expected arrival times.

Guaranteed late check-out will be subject to availability at 50% of the Flexible Best Available Rate. Guaranteed early check-in will be subject to availability at one full night’s bed and breakfast accommodation rate.



An inspiration for all time

Nelson Mandela Villa

Nelson Mandela's messages and examples of reconciliation have inspired millions around the world. This, and his humanity and humility, made him one of the modern world's greatest and most beloved leaders.

Inspired by this legacy and by his deep friendship with the former President, Douw Steyn commissioned the building of the Nelson Mandela Centre for Reconciliation on Shambala Private Game Reserve. This special retreat gave him the opportunity to work uninterrupted in peace and solitude, and would provide him with the space and tranquillity to strengthen his considerable efforts towards global and local reconciliation.





It was intended to be a place where Mr Mandela could hold key discussions with political and business leaders, and continue to promote peace in troubled regions. Here he would have the ideal peaceful surroundings, the tranquillity, the privacy and the freedom to take time for quiet reflection, to think, to write and to hold deep meaningful conversations.

This tranquil place echoes its natural surroundings and speaks of the harmony which Mr Mandela sought in a country for which he was prepared to give his life.

Rich roots

This home is truly a piece of paradise, humbly displaying an understated luxury and reflecting the rich roots of tribal design. The interior is cool, with neutral tones and fabrics, always true to the tradition that was its inspiration. Having entered through the masterfully carved front door, one walks through the quietly elegant, spacious living rooms to the comfortable bedrooms, always aware of the African influence.

Here stands a home of peace, a place for reflection, a haven for writing words of wisdom, and a centre for reconciling differences. The exclusivity and privacy of this special piece of paradise is unique and unsurpassed.

As one walks around the residence, there is a remarkable sense of fluidity to the interior design of the residence that makes one appreciate how the African look and feel has been carried through. African culture is rich in detail and the traditional African designs have been incorporated in the plasterwork, the thatched roof and the majestic columns. Extensive use has been made of natural materials, evident in the Leadwood tree trunks that support the porte-cochère and the intricately carved Rhodesian teak door frame. This Mozambican style of wood carving by master craftsman Matsemela ike Nkoana was introduced as a tribute to Mrs Graça Machel's heritage.



As one continues on one's journey, the philosophy and philanthropy that inspires us becomes clear. Change, acceptance, reconciliation, togetherness and upliftment. It is an ethos that we share, not only among ourselves, but with all the people of the world.

Wandering along a wing of the house, one comes across the offices and boardroom, and another element comes to light. One is filled with a sense of the responsibility, of encouraging goodwill and cooperation between people from all walks of life, between families, friends, organisations and countries. It is a challenge and a duty.





Tranquil retreat

The Nelson Mandela Villa offers spacious and elegant accommodation, including five luxury bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. The Presidential Suite has an en-suite double bathroom and his and hers dressing room, as well as a private dining area with kitchenette and a private living room with a television.

The staff wing leads directly off the main residence and includes a lounge combined with an operations area, as well as a kitchenette, six bedrooms and three bathrooms.

Set in secluded, natural surroundings, the Nelson Mandela Villa offers a wide range of amenities and services.

There is a luxuriously elegant formal lounge with a fireplace, as well as an informal television lounge with a fireplace and which is fully equipped with all DStv channels available. The dining area is spacious and offers seating for 14 people.

There are two private studies, as well as a fully equipped business centre that includes boardroom facilities and complimentary WiFi access.

In addition to the outdoor deck with a casual lounge area, there is also an impressive indoor heated swimming pool situated on a viewing deck that overlooks a private waterhole.

The Facts

Location

Nestled below the ancient Waterberg mountains lies the almost 10 000 hectares of pristine African bushveld that is Shambala Private Game Reserve, home to the Nelson Mandela Villa. This malaria-free paradise in the Limpopo Province of South Africa is a mere 2½ to 3 hours’ drive north from Johannesburg. With a helicopter landing pad situated alongside the Nelson Mandela Villa, the 55 minute helicopter flight is an alternative mode of transport.

Accommodation

5 Luxury bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms.

1 Presidential suite with en-suite double bathroom, his and hers dressing room, private dining area with kitchenette and private living room with television.

The Nelson Mandela Villa can be booked for a maximum of 12 people.

Staff accommodation

The staff wing leads directly off the main residence.

Lounge/operations area.

Kitchenette.

6 Bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Amenities and services

Secluded natural surroundings.

Dining area with 14-seater table.

Informal TV lounge with fireplace.

DStv channels available.

Formal lounge with fireplace.

Outdoor deck with casual lounge area.

2 Private studies.

Indoor/outdoor heated swimming pool situated on a viewing deck that overlooks a private waterhole.

Boardroom facilities.

Business centre.

Satellite telephone in each room.

Mobile phone signal at the Villa, but limited reception once out on the reserve.

Complimentary WiFi access.

Electricity/power available 220V.

International plug point converters and hairdryers are available in each room.

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Game drives.

Star-gazing.

Sundowner cruises on the Douw Steyn Dam.

Activities at a surcharge

Big Five interaction.

Game research and monitoring (minimum 18 years old).

Guided bush walks.

Nelson Mandela Villa inclusions

Luxurious en-suite accommodation.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner prepared by your private Chef.

Butler service.

All soft drinks, South African wines, spirits and liqueurs.

Daytime and spot-lit night game drives and bush walks accompanied by an experienced guide.

Unlimited cruises on the Douw Steyn Dam.

Complimentary WiFi.

All taxes and tourism levies.

Nelson Mandela Villa exclusions

Transfers to and from the game reserve.

Telephone calls.

Spa treatments.

Any activities not listed in the category of inclusions.

Certain special meal requests.

International wines and spirits available at a surcharge.

Rates

High season 01 April to 31 October.

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Check-in/check-out times

The Nelson Mandela Villa opens its doors all year round.

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Earlier check-in times can be considered subject to availability. Guests to please advise expected arrival time.

Guaranteed late check-out will be subject to availability at 50% of the daily rate. Guaranteed early check-in will be subject to availability at one full daily rate.



Activities

A visit to Shambala is the ultimate once-in-a-lifetime experience. You can view the wildlife in their natural environment from the comfort of a game viewing vehicle, enjoy a leisurely bush picnic, and set off on a sundowner cruise, before ending the day in the most perfect way with a magical star-gazing experience.

If you are keen to participate in more energetic activities, you can go on guided bush walks, and there are also exciting volunteer programmes for those who are passionate about conservation.

Sundowner cruises

For memorable moments to last a lifetime there is nothing quite like a leisurely sundowner cruise on the 30 hectare Douw Steyn Dam, the largest man-made dam in southern Africa. The dam is home to herds of hippos as well as crocodiles and a large and varied indigenous fish population. From the boat deck you will also see various species of antelope and other wildlife that come down to the shores of the dam to drink water. This is the ideal opportunity for taking in the spectacular sunset views as the birds wing their way home and the bushveld slowly turns to dusk.

Bush picnics

Bush picnics at Shambala are romantic and unforgettable, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the African bush with its plentiful wildlife and lilting birdcalls.

You will be accompanied by our professional game rangers, who will select the perfect spot for spreading the picnic blankets and luxurious cushions for you to spend a relaxing afternoon in the warm sunshine. Sit back and enjoy the delicious gourmet picnic feast prepared specially for you by our Chefs. You will be amazed what animal sightings you might have from your picnic setting.

Game research and monitoring

Shambala Private Game Reserve is actively involved in wildlife conservation and a comprehensive anti-rhino poaching programme. Our main objective is to maintain the most favourable natural conditions for the wildlife to thrive.

The Shambala game research and monitoring programme gives our guests the opportunity to experience some of Africa's most

spectacular wildlife while working on a team expedition to complete projects that are designed to improve life for all the species on the reserve. In addition to learning more about conservation you will see the immediate benefits of your volunteer work, while getting up close and personal with the elephants, cheetahs, zebras and many more animals that have found a safe haven at Shambala.

The project requires an all-round commitment from volunteers. There is an option for volunteers to focus on a particular species or to move around and work with different species of wildlife inhabiting the refuge. Volunteers will work consistently alongside our trained staff to gain hands-on experience, including sessions with the various animals. This is a most rewarding experience as volunteers will have the opportunity to challenge themselves physically, while also introducing innovative ways to contribute to the ongoing success of the reserve.

Game drives

Visitors to Shambala are treated to unique personal experiences of the bushveld and exciting close-up game viewing under the expert guidance of qualified, experienced game rangers and guides who share their knowledge of the African bush and its wildlife.

You can expect to spot a wide variety of game species, from black and white rhino to elephant, lion, leopard and cheetah, as well as buffalo, giraffe, sable antelope, black impala, tsessebe, nyala, blesbok, waterbuck, klipspringer and Cape mountain zebra, and even spotted hyena, in addition to abundant birdlife.

Guests are taken on game drives in a shared game viewing vehicle. Should any guests wish to book a private game drive, this can be accommodated by special arrangement at an additional charge.

Guided bush walks

A walking safari is the ideal opportunity to experience the African bush in a way that most people have never dreamed of. Your personal guide will give you an insight into the sights and sounds of the wildlife in their natural surroundings.

You will be able to immerse yourself in the ecology of the area, the flora, the fauna, the insects and, most of all, the various species of game.

Along the way you will learn how to interpret the signs of the wild, including a wide range of animal spoor, and you will be surprised to discover what animals have crossed your hiking path. You might

come face-to-face with an elephant, or watch a dung beetle rolling his ball of dung across the veld. This is an amazing experience and, as you learn more about the different species, you will begin to realise just how impressive and interconnected our African wildlife really is.

On your bush walk you will be accompanied by a qualified ranger, together with a back-up guide or tracker, who will ensure that you are kept safe at all times. These professionals will guide you along trails and tracks to watering holes and rivers, sharing with you their vast knowledge and the secrets of the bush in a unique way that is up close and personal.

Star-gazing

Prepare yourself for the thrill of a lifetime. Most people who live in cities are not used to seeing breathtaking constellations like the Milky Way. When you experience star-gazing in the wide expansive skies of South Africa you will be treated to a magical display of stars beyond your wildest imagination.

Star-gazing takes you on an unforgettable journey of the great African skies. If you're out in the bush or in the mountains, look up on a clear night and you'll be dazzled by the magnificent brilliance of the stars.

In the evenings you will see the big, bright constellations of the southern hemisphere, which are particularly exciting because they look close enough to touch. Gazing up at the Milky Way stretching out across the sky at Shambala Private Game Reserve is a must-see during the winter months.

Every day at Shambala Private Game Reserve brings a renewed sense of adventure. It is this Africa that beckons you, the Africa that will leave you with a lifetime of memories.

Big Five interaction

This is the ultimate once-in-a-lifetime experience, a close encounter with the Big Five, thrillingly close enough to feel your heart beating

faster and yet far enough to keep out of harm's way. This is the most remarkable bush walk you could ever imagine. Our professional guide and ranger will take you up close but keep you safe and protected, whilst allowing you to truly feel part of the natural bush environment that is home to the Big Five and an abundance of other wildlife.

At Shambala we are totally committed to wildlife conservation. Many of South Africa's rare species are becoming endangered because of the ever-increasing threat of poaching. Through our extensive anti-poaching programme we maintain constant vigilance to combat poaching and ensure the ongoing safety of our wildlife. You will have the opportunity of meeting our anti-poaching team and learn more about how we protect the endangered animals at Shambala.

Best time to go on safari

Shambala Private Game Reserve is ideally situated in the malaria-free Waterberg mountains of the Limpopo Province and is a year-round destination. The winter months from April to October are traditionally considered the best time for game viewing as the grass is shorter and there is less foliage on the trees. During the summer months the bush is green and lush and the game reserve comes to life with abundant young animals.

Game species you are likely to see

During your stay at Shambala you can expect to see a wide variety of game species, from black and white rhino to elephant, lion, leopard and cheetah, as well as buffalo, giraffe, sable antelope, black impala, tsessebe, nyala, blesbok, waterbuck and klipspringer, as well as Cape mountain zebra and even spotted hyena, in addition to abundant birdlife.

Seasonal temperatures

In summer, November to March, the days are warm, up to 28-32°C on average. The Waterberg has summer rainfall, normally brief thunderstorms. In autumn, April to May, the days can still be warm but the evenings cool down. The average daytime temperature is 22-28°C and the evenings are 10-15°C.

In the winter months, June to August, the days are temperate and

the early mornings and evenings are cold, with temperatures between 5-12°C. In spring the days start getting warmer, with crisp mornings and evenings, and on occasion the days reach fairly hot temperatures.

Your packing guide

We recommend that you pack cotton clothing in neutral colours with closed footwear for going on game drives and bush walks. For the evenings we suggest smart casual attire.

We suggest that you pack clothing to suit the general seasonal weather conditions.

During the spring and summer months you will require casual summer clothes such as lightweight trousers, shorts and shirts during the day, together with a jersey or jacket for the cool morning and evening temperatures, especially for game drives.

During the autumn and winter months you will require warmer clothing, together with jerseys and jackets for the cold mornings and evenings.

It is advisable to pack the following items for an enjoyable bush experience:

Comfortable walking shoes, hiking boots or trainers for walking in the bush, and sandals for wearing around Zulu Camp and Nelson Mandela Villa areas. Sunglasses, sunhats and sunblock with swimming costume. Binoculars, video camera, camera and spare memory cards.

Your journey to reach us

By transfer

Guest transfers to Shambala Private Game Reserve can be arranged by Reservations.

By road

Driving time to Shambala Private Game Reserve is approximately 2½ to 3 hours from Johannesburg.

Follow the N1 north to Polokwane (formerly Pietersburg). Go through the first Toll Plaza. Continue and go through the Carousel Toll Plaza. At the Kranskop Toll Plaza, keep to the extreme left tollbooth to Modimolle (formerly Nylstroom). Drive straight through Modimolle to Vaalwater/Lephalale (formerly Ellisras). Drive straight through Vaalwater. At the 'Bakkerspas' sign (10km after Vaalwater) you will notice the decorated fence on the left hand side of the road, which is Shambala. Continue straight on for a short distance, then turn left at the small dam with the thatched domed entrance into Shambala Private Game Reserve.

By air

Guests may arrange transportation by helicopter. There are two helicopter landing pads at Shambala Private Game Reserve. The approximate flying time from Grand Central Airport is 55 minutes.

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