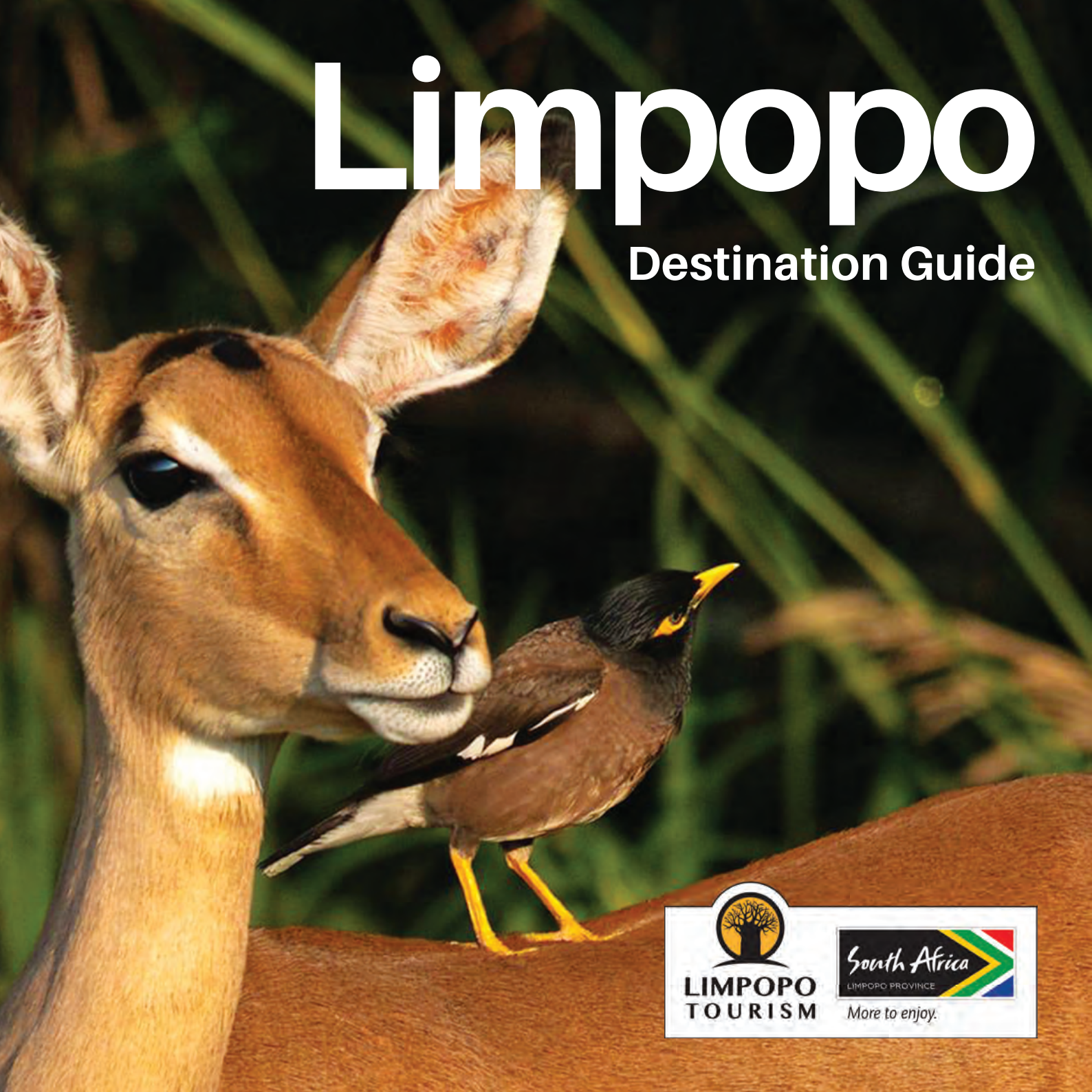


Limpopo

Destination Guide



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

DRIVING

In Southern Africa, driving is on the left, and pedestrians should therefore look right, then left before crossing. Any valid driver's licence is accepted in South Africa, provided it bears the photograph and signature of the holder and is printed in English.

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

South African Airways, most of the country's hotels and the majority of the rest camps in the National Parks offer facilities for the disabled. You can rent wheelchairs and other aids in most cities and the larger car rental companies can provide vehicles with hand controls.

LANGUAGE

Whilst English is the language of administration and is widely spoken, South Africa has 10 other official languages. These are Afrikaans, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swati, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu.

SHOPPING HOURS

Shops are open from 08:30 - 17:00, Mondays to Fridays and from 08:30 - 12:30 on Saturdays. However, major shopping centres are abuzz till later on Saturdays and are also open on Sunday mornings

MALARIA

The Eastern regions of the Mopani and Vhembe are low-risk malaria areas. Anti-malarial drugs are recommended from September to May for all travellers.

01

VALUE ADDED TAX

South Africa has a value added tax of 14% on all purchases. Foreign visitors can reclaim VAT at the port of exit when leaving South Africa.

02

BANKING HOURS

Monday - Friday - 9am - 3.30pm. Saturday - 8.30am - 11am

03

SOUTH AFRICAN CURRENCY

South African Rand -
ZAR - 100c = R 1

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LIMPOPO WEATHER

Limpopo Province is renowned for its warm, pleasant summers and dry, mild winters.
Summer (October- March) 27°C (80,6°F) - 45°C (116°F)
Winter temperatures are cool, but with warm sunny days.

05

DAILLING CODES

Country code: +27 | Area Code: 015 Polokwane
Directory inquiries: 1023

06

TIPPING

10% is standard in restaurants.

07

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

230V AC, 50Hz. 15A
Two or three prong ROUND PIN plugs

08

EMERGENCIES

The national emergency number for the police is 10111; and 999 for an ambulance.

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Welcome to Limpopo

Limpopo is a region of infinite scenic beauty with a great diversity of both natural and man-made attractions, rich cultural heritage and an abundance of wildlife and nature-based tourism opportunities.

Limpopo's five tourist regions offer travellers a vivid contrast between the highveld splendours of the Waterberg, Soutpansberg and Magoebskloof mountains and the wildlife delights of the Lowveld, including the northern and central reaches of the Kruger National Park.

Limpopo offers the ultimate combination of nature, wildlife, culture, adventure and heritage experiences to discover and enjoy. In addition, Limpopo has an extensive selection of top-class venues that guarantee traveller satisfaction.

Safari heaven

Safaris in Limpopo are amongst our most popular choices for both local and international travellers.

Limpopo has ample game and nature reserves. The Waterberg Biosphere includes the Marakele National Park and the Welgevonden, Entabeni, Waterberg, Mabalingwe and Mabula reserves. The northern region of Limpopo is home to the Mapungubwe National Park. The east includes the largest part of the Kruger National Park while the greater Kruger includes the Timbavati, Kapama, Thornybush, Balule, Makalali, Karongwe, Klaserie and many smaller game and nature reserves.

Naturally, with so many safari areas, Limpopo has many safari experiences to offer. Safari experiences include luxury safaris, glamping, family and multi-generational safaris, weddings and honeymoons spa and wellness, golf, photographic safaris, sustainable tourism, culture and heritage, fly-in, budget and an array of other safari experiences.

Limpopo Adventures:

Limpopo is the adventurers paradise. This is untamed and undiscovered Africa at its very best.

Limpopo offers various soft adventures like walking, hot air ballooning, horse trails, river safaris, boating, quad biking, MTB and fly fishing,

Also available are extreme adventures like kloofing, abseiling, sky diving, microlighting, rock climbing and tubing.

Unforgettable hot air ballooning experience.

Experience sensational views and game viewing from a quiet, peaceful, hot air ballooning adventure over one of Limpopos' game and nature reserves.

Trails

A great variety of walking, hiking, slack packing, horse and mountain bike trails can be enjoyed throughout Limpopo province. You are definitely spoilt for choice. Choose between safari and wildlife trails, wilderness trails, misty afro montane mountain trails and forest trails.

Limpopo birding routes

Over 600 bird species have been recorded in the province of which 420 are resident. The area offers pleasant and easy bird watching and bird photography. Routes include the Soutpansberg birding route, The Capricorn-Letaba route and the Waterberg birding route.

The Waterberg Meander is a network of fascinating people and places bound together by this vast conservation area. There are private lodges, cultural villages, craft projects, social upliftment initiatives and national parks. Of special note, the Waterberg also protects the only savannah biosphere in the world.

Rock art

There are over 700 rock art sites in Limpopo. These include San Paintings, Khoekhoe and Northern Sotho paintings. The art is of great value, not only from an aesthetic view, but also for the insight it gives, in particular into the world view and religion of the San, as well as information about types of animals occurring in the environment in earlier times.

Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation Centre

In the shadow of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains, this well-established sanctuary is home to a wide variety of African wildlife. Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre aims to contribute to the conservation of endangered species and the rehabilitation of injured and poisoned wildlife.

Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre

This unique African wildlife facility focuses on conservation and the sustainability of rare, vulnerable and threatened species. Founded on passion, the centre has adopted a holistic approach to its conservation activities, such as the educating of surrounding communities, tourism, breeding, rehabilitation and anti-poaching, to name a few.

Makapans Caves

Makapansgat is a palaeontological site of international significance. Do not miss the opportunity to visit Makapan's Caves where huge herds of antelope and human-like primates fought off gigantic sabre tooth cats thousands of years ago.

Mapungubwe National Park

It is believed that Mapungubwe was home to an advanced culture of people. The civilization thrived as a sophisticated trading centre from around 1200 to 1300 AD. It was the centre of the largest kingdom in the subcontinent, where a highly sophisticated people traded gold and ivory with China, India and Egypt. The region had a population of more than 5 000 inhabitants.

Sacred Places

Visit the sacred lake Fundudzi, which lies at the heart of VhaVenda mysticism or the Thathe Vondo Forest, with its giant hardwoods, tumbling streams with canopies of trees ferns and creepers.

Huge Baobabs

The largest baobab in the country can be found near Sagole Spa. The tree is over 3 000 years old, with a girth of 43m.

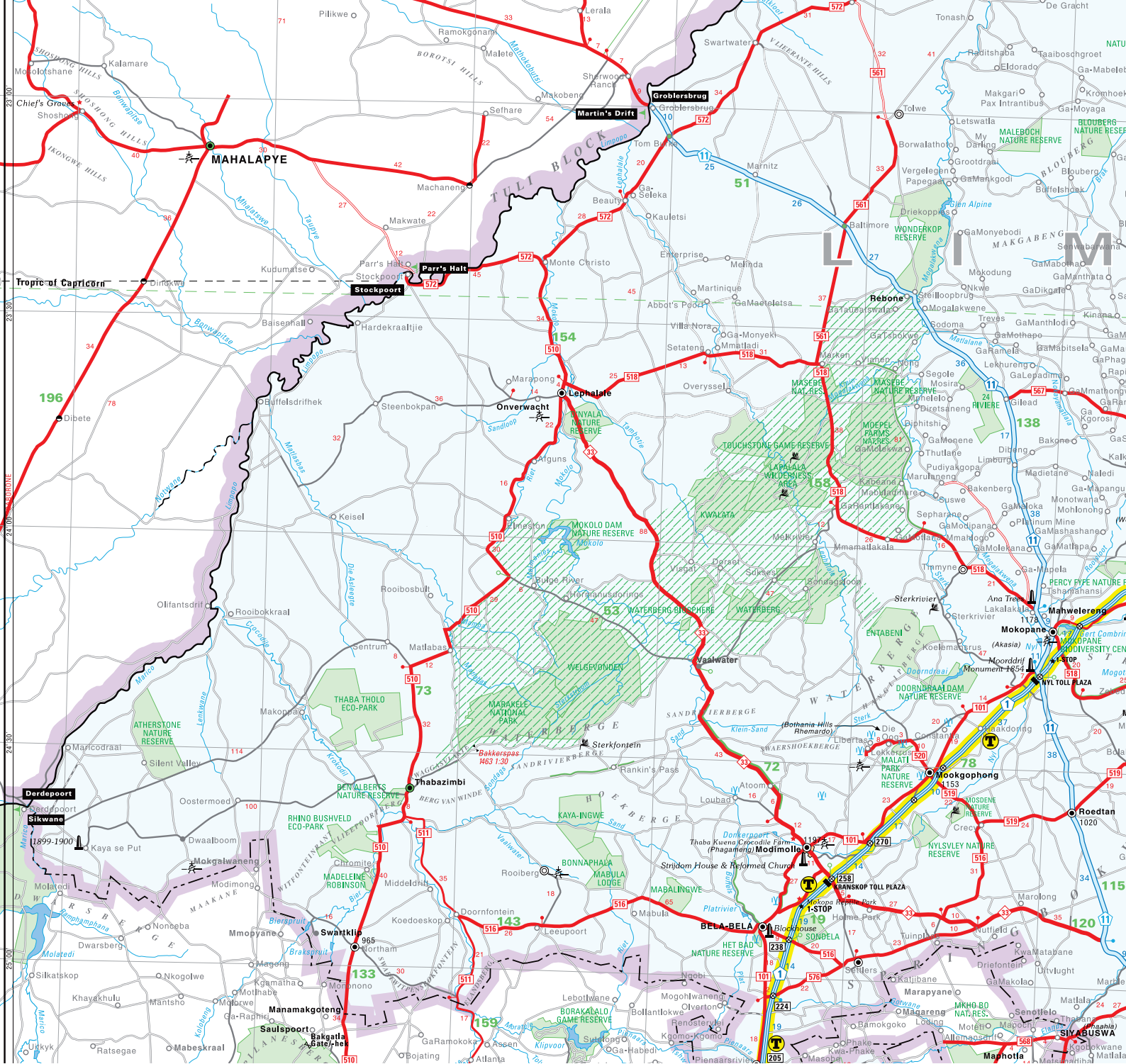
The Ribola art route

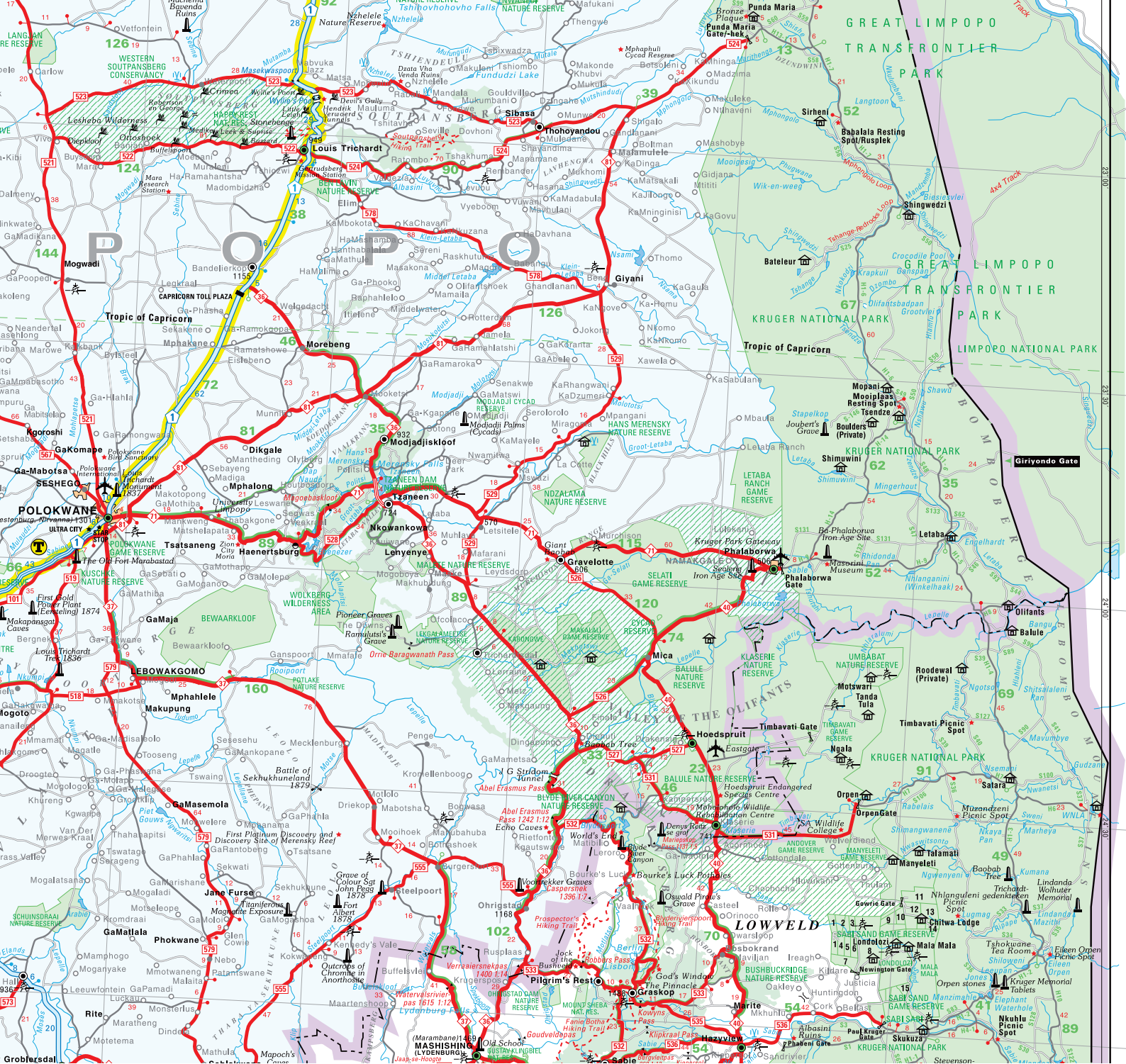
Limpopo is renowned for its arts, crafts and design. Some of the province's most acclaimed artists include Noria Mabaso, the late Jackson Hlungwane, Phineas Masivhelele and Sarah Munyai's work can be found along the Ribola Art Route. Experience the culture and traditional way of life of the people of this region. Not to be missed on this route, is a visit to the kraal of the rain queen Modjadji.



MAKAPANS CAVES

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VISIT THE MODJADJI CYCAD RESERVE NEAR THE KRAAL OF MODJADJI, THE RAIN QUEEN



VISIT THE MAPUNGUBWE WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Discover an ancient African Kingdom, established at Mapungubwe Hill between 1200 and 1290 AD while visiting the Mapungubwe National Park for game viewing, bush walks, night drives, Heritage and museum tours and bush braais (barbecues)



Limpopo Bucket List

GO GLAMPING

Glamping tents or luxury motor homes are a perfect way to enjoy a luxury safari experience in Limpopo.



TRAVERSE THE WATERBERG BIOSPHERE

The Waterberg Biosphere is one of 500 UNESCO-recognised biosphere reserves on the planet, and is the only savannah biosphere reserve in the world!



BIRDING

SOUTPANSBERG ROUTE

The Soutpansberg-Limpopo Birding Route is situated along the Soutpansberg Mountains and the Limpopo River Valley. This little known area has over 540 bird species (55 % of the Southern African total count). A firm favourite with serious birders.



GO ON A FAMILY SAFARI

Planning a family holiday? A number of safari lodges in the Limpopo area specialise in creating family friendly safaris, ideal for you and your family.



ELEPHANT INTERACTION Elephant interactions offer visitors an opportunity to get close these gentle giants.



VISIT THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Limpopo Bucket List



HOEDSPRUIT ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE

The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre is a unique African wildlife facility focusing on conservation.

Waterberg

Tourism Region



The Waterberg Savannah Biosphere

The Waterberg Biosphere is one of 500 UNESCO-recognised biosphere reserves on the planet, and is the only savannah biosphere reserve in the world! It is approximately 1.7 - 2.2 million hectares in size.

The area consists of low mountain ranges and escarpments, incorporating many rivers, streams and swamps. The biosphere stretches for 150 kilometres in an arc, from Thabazimbi in the West, Mookophong in the centre to Mokopane in the east. Apart from the spectacular scenery and wilderness areas, there are many nature reserves and culture-and-heritage sites.

The natural attractions of the Waterberg remain its greatest allure: the Waterberg Savannah Biosphere, Nylsvley wetlands, Marakele National Park, Lapalala Wilderness Area and the hot mineral springs of Bela-Bela. Little wonder the area has been described as a geographical marvel, supporting a biome of about 14,500km² and offering scenic vistas, exciting game viewing in its numerous game reserves and a holiday in the mountains - rustic and close to nature or splendidly opulent in luxurious lodges.

The area has some of the best San Rock Art sites in South Africa and the Makapan's Valley Caves, where the earliest homonid remains were discovered, nestle discreetly in the Strydompoort mountains.

The prolific bird-life, with over three hundred species listed, creates a bird watcher's paradise in the Waterberg region.

Visit the Waterberg for an Adventure of a Lifetime.





Bela Bela : “Boiling-Boiling” in Tswana

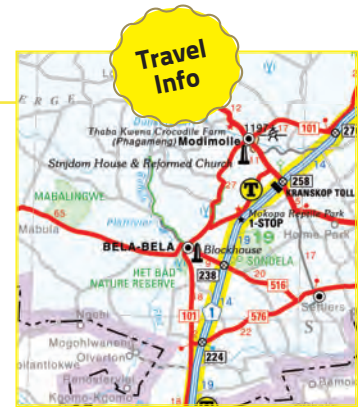
Long before the mineral waters at Bela-Bela were used therapeutically, the curative waters have often been described as nature’s gift to humankind . They were discovered by the Batswana in the 1800’s and named Bela-Bela, meaning “boiling-boiling”

The town, formerly known as ‘Warmbaths’, owes its origins to the hot mineral springs that bubble out of the earth at about 22,000 l/hr at a temperature of approximately 53°C. Said water is rich in minerals and is believed to have curative properties - restoring sanity and a sense of wellbeing to all who holiday in Bela-Bela.

The pleasantly mild climate during the winter months and an average of 286 sunny days a year add to the popularity of the destination. The town is just over an hour’s

drive from Gauteng and lies on the Spingbok Flats on the highway to the north. Bela-Bela is also a gateway to the southern Waterberg.

The modern, internationally-renowned spa has become a trademark of Bela-Bela. It offers a large mineral-water indoor pool, a high-temperature pool (rheumatism bath), sauna, underwater massage and hydrotherapy. It is based on the Baden-Baden concept and is the second largest of its kind in the world. Ailments such as rheumatism, arthritis, muscular pains, skin problems and headaches are treated there. Accommodation at the spa caters for a variety of tastes and budgets and entertainment facilities for families abound.



BELA BELA TRAVEL INFO

Bambelela rehabilitation and conservation centre.

Bambelela, established in December 2003, is a privately owned and operated wildlife rehabilitation and conservation centre 20km outside Bela Bela. Tel: +27 14-736-4090 <http://www.bambelela.org.za>

Wag N Bietjie Hiking Trails

A beautiful quiet peaceful destination for nature lovers and weary souls, just North of Bela Bela, in the Waterberg Mountains. Wag ,n Bietjie is a place where nature lovers can become one with their Creator and His beautiful creation, go hiking or mountain biking during the day and watch the stars at night when not gazing into a friendly camp fire.

www.wagnbietjie.com .
Tel: +27 71 228 5231

Diepdrift Hippo Hiking Trail

Diepdrift Hiking Trails are situated on Diepdrift Private Nature Reserve near Bela Bela on the Rooiberg / Thabazimbi road. To see wildlife on foot and for a real taste of the bush veld, do the two-day circular Hippo Hiking Trail. www.diepdriftsafaris.co.za



WHERE TO STAY IN BELA BELA

ATKV klein - Kariba	+27 14 736 9800	www.hoogkcgroupp.co.za
Forever Resort Warmbaths	+27 14 736 8500	www.foreverwarmbaths.co.za
Sondela Nature Reserve & Spa	+27 14 736 8800	www.sondela.com
Meloding Guest House	+27 81 753 5729	www.melodingguesthouse.co.za
Mabalingwe Game Reserve	+27 14 736 9000	www.mabalingwe.co.za
Summerset Place Country House	+27 14 007 0576	www.summersetplace.co.za
Dinaledi House	+27 72 269 7695	www.dinaledihouse.com
Elephant Springs	+27 14 736 2101	www.elephantsprings.co.za
Mabula Game Lodge	+27 14 734 000	www.mabula.com
Elements Private Golf Reserve	+27 10 591 2951	www.elementsgolfreserve.co.za
Mmakgabo Boutique Lodge	+27 82 618 6190	www.mmakgabo.co.za

BELA BELA TRAVEL INFO

Waterberg Zip-line

Waterberg Zip-line tour will take you on an unforgettable and adrenalin packed journey that offers the most beautiful nature scenes imaginable!

Tel: +27 87 802 0087

<http://waterbergzip.co.za>

Elements Private Golf Reserve

Elements Private Golf Reserve has consistently been rated in the Top 20 Golf Courses of South Africa for the 10 years. Elements Golf Reserve is a low density luxury residential estate with only 308 private homes being built on the 495 hectares property.

Tel: +27 14 736 6910

<http://elementsgolfreserve.co.za/>

Bela Bela Tourism Information

1A Marx Street, Waterfront, Bela-Bela,

Tel: +27 14 736 3694

www.belabelatourism.co.za



Lephalale: "To Flow" in Tswana

Situated on the Mokolo River (a tributary of the Limpopo) about 60km from the Botswana border and the Stockpoort border post, this tranquil but prosperous Waterberg town is home to close on 20,000 people, offering excellent game viewing opportunities, and sports tourism, among other activities.

The town was started on the farm known as Waterkloof in 1960 and was named after the original owners of the farm. Lephalale is a hunting mecca and prime eco-tourism area drawing thousands of tourists each year. The mild winter months and moderate summer evenings make this a popular venue for camping and stargazing. The natural beauty of the Waterberg, together with the spectacular sunsets and abundance of game, compose an ideal

holiday destination. The absence of malaria is an added bonus for tourists.

Lephalale forms part of the world-renowned Waterberg Savannah Biosphere

Today Lephalale is well known for its coal-mining industry, which besides tourism, is the economic mainstay of the town. The Kumba Grootgeluk open-cast mine is the largest mine of its kind in South Africa and provides ISCOR in Tshwane with high-grade coal for iron and steel production. The Matimba Power Station - the largest dry-cooled power station in the world - also put Lephalale on the map. Sight seeing trips to the station can be arranged.



LEPHALALE TRAVEL INFO

Beadle craft workshop and shop.

Established in 1998, Beadle is a community upliftment project that currently employs eighteen individuals from the rural farm community. Skills training in leather craft, bead work and embroidery is given in house to an extremely high standard. Many of the staff have now worked with Beadle for nearly 10 years and have become excellent skilled craftsmen and women.

Tel: +27 14 755 4002
www.beadle.co.za

Lehlabile Cultural Tours is run by four elderly women who have opened their Pedistyle homes, and they conduct tours giving visitors a great insight into local lifestyles, food, décor, song and dance and oral history. Tours start with viewing of the community crèche and school, moving through the village and ending with an optional lunch in a traditional Pedi homestead.

Tel: +27 14 755-4000

Mama Tau White Lion breeding Project and Game Lodge

www.mamatau.com
 Tel: +27 14 763 3661



WHERE TO STAY IN LEPHALALE

Bosveld Guest House	+27 65 800 3008	www.bosveldguesthouse.co.za
Madidinkwe Guest Villa	+27 14 763 4002	www.madidinkwe.co.za
Palm Park Hotel	+27 14 763 4385	www.palmpark.co.za
Palala Boutique Game Lodge & Spa	+27 14 940 0088	www.palalaboutiquegamelodge.co.za
Prisatt Boutique Lodge	+27 14 736 2302	www.prisattboutiquehotel.co.za
Machauka Lodge	+27 14 763 5360	www.machaukalodge.co.za
Lephalale Guest House	+27 14 763 1557	www.lephalaleguesthouse.co.za
Sandpatrys Guesthouse	+27 76 818 7999	www.sandpatrys.co.za
Shanyane Guest House	+27 82 497 8875	www.shanyaneguesthouse.co.za
Mosate Lodge	+27 14 763 5186	www.mosate.co.za

D'Nyala Nature reserve

Located 15 km to the south-east of Lephalale, this reserve offers a good combination of game reserve, conference centre and a well-equipped camp. The game reserve is home to the nyala antelope, as well as 60 other mammal species, including white rhino, giraffe, waterbuck, zebra, tsessebe, eland and others.

It also includes a variety of predators such as leopard, brown hyena jackal and smaller cats. Some impressive Nyala Berry and Baobab trees can be encountered here.

Activities: Well-signed game viewing trails, Hides, Hiking trails, Conferencing, Birding, and Horse Trails

015 293 8015
015 293 8428 or 073 308 7472
www.golimpopo.com



Modimolle: "the forefather's spirit has eaten"

Thomas Baines, well-known explorer, naturalist and painter, tells a fascinating story of how the Nyl River received its name. Known to the locals as Mokgalakwena (fierce crocodile) the north-flowing river was mistakenly believed to be the Nile by a group of Voortrekkers known as the " Jerusalem gangers" (Jerusalem Travellers'), who arrived here in 1886.

They believed if they travelled long and far enough, they would find the Holy land and a pyramid-shaped hill nearby strengthened their conviction that they had crossed Africa and reached Egypt. The village of Nylstroom was laid out on a farm in February 1966. Today the town of Nylstroom has been renamed Modimolle after the prominent hill close by which the locals regard as their holy mountain. The town is the commercial centre of the

Waterberg Region and is famous for its export grapes and soft fruits such as peaches and watermelons. Other important products are cattle, game, peanuts and maize.

Regarded as the gateway to the Waterberg, the area is particularly renowned for its variety of outdoor recreation options, ranging from horse safaris, hiking and nature trails to luxury hunting safaris. Bird-watching at the internationally famous Nylsvley Nature Reserve, where up to 400 species are easily spotted in one day, also attracts many visitors to the area.

The pleasant climate with hot summers and moderate winters, makes for an all-year-round holiday destination, a mere one-and-a-half hours' drive from Johannesburg on the N1 route to Zimbabwe.



MODIMOLLE TRAVEL INFO

Nylsvley Nature Reserve

The Limpopo Province Nylsvley Nature Reserve is managed by Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism. Limpopo Tourism Agency is responsible for hospitality.

This 4000 ha reserve is a mosaic of habitats: Acacia, Combretum and broad leaved woodland and grassveld floodplain. It lies between 1080 and 1155 m above sea level and receives an average of 620mm rainfall per annum. Summers are hot, winters mild with occasional very low temperatures.

The reserve supports about 1 000 large mammals including breeding herds of the threatened Roan and Tsessebe. Giraffe, Zebra, Kudu, Waterbuck, Impala, Reed-buck, Warthog, Porcupine, Bush-babies and Ostrich are commonly seen, Bushpig, Leopard, Brown Hyena are resident. Some 58 species of reptiles are present including snakes (always wear sensible shoes!)

Nearly 400 species of birds are known to reside or visit occasionally, including 102 water bird species. About 800 plant species support the biodiversity that makes Nylsvley famous.

Nylsvley is a Ramsar site, a wetland of international importance for the protection of waterfowl.

Reservations: info@golimpopo.com
Tel: 015 293 8015 | 015 293 8428



WHERE TO STAY IN MODIMOLLE

Tsibana Guest House	+27 14 718 4033	www.tsibana.co.za
Koro Creek Bush veld Golf Estate	+27 14 495 0026	www.korocreek.com
Gorgeous Gecko Guesthouse	+27 14 717 4227	ursulasc.wixsite.com/gecko
Nyl Retreat	+27 84 466 1567	www.nylretreat.co.za
Waterberg Guest Home	+27 83 586 9191	waterbergguesthome.co.za
Silver Streams Lodge	+27 14 940 1219	www.silver-streams.co.za
SanRock Resort	+27 14 717 4005	www.silver-streams.co.za
Birdsong Cottages	+27 87 820 5999	www.birdsongcottage.co.za
Monate Lodge	+27 14 718 7000	www.monatelodge.com
Funky Stay Backpackers	+27 87 820 5999	http://www.funkystay.co.za

MODIMOLLE TRAVEL INFO

Thaba Kwena Crocodile Farm

Open seven days a week from 9h00 to 16h00, Thaba Kwena is the largest Crocodile farm open to the public in South Africa. With more than 10 000 crocodiles and fully guided tours by our excellent tour guides, it is definitely an experience not to be missed.

Tel: + 27 14 736 4774. www.tkwenaco.za

Skydive Xtreme

Enjoy the spectacular scenery of Limpopo's Waterberg region by leaping out of a plane and skydiving toward it from thousands of metres in the air.

Tel: +27 83 759 3483

Fly-in Safari

Zebra Crossing Lodge
Fly to a Private Boutique Bush Lodge experience for that very special occasion.

Tel.: +27 11 788 6658
<http://zebracrossing.com>



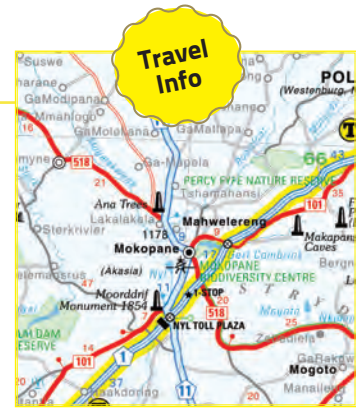
Mokopane named after king Mokopane

A stunning bush veld environment and multi-cultural community and history give Mokopane a unique character. The town and immediate surroundings boast fascinating ancient caves, the 'Big Five', San rock art, curios, typically bush veld food and drink such as biltong and mampoer (a traditional, and potent - African alcoholic beverage distilled from fruit), tropical gardens and traditional dancing. The area is rich in minerals like platinum, diamonds and granite. In the adjacent rural area of Mahwereleng, traditional lifestyles are still maintained. Mokopane also offers a wonderful selection of outdoor activities ranging from hiking, camping and 4x4 trails to birding, angling and game-viewing. Just two hours from Gauteng, the town is the perfect getaway destination and the ideal stopover for travellers en route to Botswana, Zimbabwe, Polokwane and the

Kruger National Park. Mokopane serves a rich agricultural area in which wheat, tobacco, cotton, beef, maize, peanuts and citrus fruit are farmed. The- Zebediela Citrus Estate 55 km to the southeast is one of the largest citrus farms in the southern hemisphere. The bush veld vegetation of the area features many acacia trees and aloes, which are at their best in June and July.

One of the most notable archaeological and historical sites in the country is found at Makapan's Valley, 15 km north of the town. The sediments, fossils, bones and artefacts found in the caves in the valley, preserve a unique record of hominid habitation and evolution dating back 3.3 million years.

Mokopane has several great hiking and MTB trails. Other adventures include bass fishing and birding.



MOKOPANE CULTURE AND HERITAGE ACTIVITIES

The cave of hearths

Visitors to Mokopane should not miss the opportunity of going on a guided tour of Makapan's Valley where extensive cultural and palaeontological deposits have played a crucial role in furthering our understanding of later human evolution and the appearance of modern man. The Cave of Hearths is one of only two Stone Age sites in the world that contain an unbroken sequence of artefacts from the Earlier Stone Age to the Later Stone Age.

Contact the Arend Dieperink Museum in Mokopane for guided tours of the Makapansgat Caves starting at the museum.

Tel: +27 15 491 9735

Percy Fyfe Conservancy

This small bush veld reserve is located between Mokopane and Polokwane and functions as a breeding ranch for roan antelope and disease-free buffalo.

Tel.: +27 15 491 5678 (Percy Fyfe)

Fishing - Doordraai dam

Doordraai is a not very well known, but is a productive venue for decent largemouth bass fishing in a somewhat remote nature reserve not far from the town of Mokopane.

The reserve is also a renowned birding site and the dam a prime angling spot, while the resort is a popular destination for the whole family enjoying various sports.

Tel: +27 15 293 3611/2/3



WHERE TO STAY IN MOKOPANE

Jaagbaan	+27 15 004 2617	https://jaagbaanlodge.co.za
Protea The Park	+27 15 491 3101	http://roundstonelodge.co.za
Tibani Lodge	+27 15 004 2832	
Shikwaru Lodge	+27 15 491 1174	www.shikwaru.co.za
Oasis Lodge	+27 15 491 4124	www.oasishotel.co.za
@Marula	+27 15 491 5236	http://.marula.biz
Mokopane Hotel	+27 15 491 2314	www.mokopanehotel.co.za
Ndegi Ranch	+27 84 440 2730	www.ngediranch.co.za
Phokela Guest House	+27 83 594 0966	
Mokopane Game Breeding Centre	+27 15 491 4314	

MOKOPANE TRAVEL INFO ACTIVITIES

Thabaphaswa Hiking Trails

A network of hiking trails on Thabaphaswa offers the ideal opportunity to enjoy nature at its best and hikers can plot their own route according to personal preferences.

Tel: +27 15 491 4882

Tel: +27 082 389 6631

<http://www.thabaphaswa.co.za/>

Mountain Biking

Roundstone Lodge is located on a 1400ha commercial citrus & game farm in the Limpopo Province.

On the farm there is an extensive network of farm tracks (+/- 45km) & custom made single track mountain biking trails. Three marked routes have been laid out on the farm, consisting of farm tracks and single track.

Email: info@roundstonelodge.co.za

Tel: +27 63 156 3867



Mookgophong:

Situated at the foot of the Swaershoek mountains, this Waterberg town is surrounded by nature reserves and steaming hot springs. The moderate climate and numerous resorts in the area attract many holiday-makers.

The settlement dates back to the late 1800's when it was an outspan area for the Pretoria-Pietersburg mail coach. Although a village eventually developed around a railway station on the farm Naboomspruit, the town owes its growth to the discovery of minerals in the early 1900s.

The discovery of tin deposits on the farm Doornhoek in 1910 turned the village into a boom town of tents, cabaret artists and trading stores. A later discovery of platinum added to the development of the town.

Tin and fluorspar are still mined here. Mookgophong serves a thriving farming industry based on cattle, maize, tobacco, groundnuts and citrus fruit.

The naboom, after which the town was previously named, is the massive candelabra tree that grows in profusion on the banks of a nearby spruit.

The area around Mookgophong boasts numerous trails and opportunities for leisurely walks and hiking tours where lovers of the outdoors can enjoy the unique flora of the beautiful Waterberg.

Anglers will enjoy the Frikkie Geysers Dam and Doorndraai dam Nature Reserve. There are exciting prospects for game viewing and birding in the district.



MOOKGOPHONG TRAVEL INFO

Over the last few years the popularity of the Waterberg mountains as a tourist destination has increased immensely. There are many reasons for this including relative closeness to the business centres of Gauteng and the absence of Malaria. Many excellent hiking trails are available.

Some trails include:

The Vasbyt Hiking Trail - Hiking

Contact Anvie Ventures.

Tel: +27 12 662-0586

Serendipity eco-trails

Hiking, Quad biking, trail running, 4x4

www.serendipitytrails.co.za

Tel: +27 82 553 3266

Hanglipberg Trail

Hanglipberg Trail (formerly known as Boskloof Trail): What used to be called the Boskloof Hiking trail has been reworked and called Hanglipberg after a prominent mountain in this part of the Waterberg range. Call Jacana on +27 86 152-2262

Euphoria Golf Course

The tranquil setting belies the challenging nature of the Annika Sorenstam - signature Euphoria 18-hole Championship Golf Course. Designed with a serious commitment to the preservation of the indigenous fauna and flora, it is the combination of golf and the unsurpassed beauty of the Waterberg landscape that makes Euphoria such a unique golfing experience.

Tel: +27 14 743 5000



WHERE TO STAY IN MOOKGOPHONG

Euphoria Golf Estate & Hydro	+27 14 743 5000	www.euphoriaestate.co.za
Dinonyane Lodge	+27 14 743 6969	http://dinonyane.co.za
Kudu Lodge	+27 82 766 8010	www.kudulodge.co.za
Klipputgat	+27 82 372 8221	www.klipputgat.co.za
Constantia	+27 14 743 0454	constantiacaravanpark.co.za
Mia Casa Guest House	+27 83 650 1430	www.miacasa.za.com
Eden Park Resort	+27 87 820 7240	www.edenpark.co.za
Vilagama Private Game Lodge	+27 12 663 4660	www.vilagama.co.za
Bothania Hills	+27 79 924 0207	www.bothaniahills.com
Die Oog Holiday Resort	+27 14 743 4600	www.dieoogvakansie.co.za

MOOKGOPHONG TRAVEL INFO

Lalele Crocodile Farm

Lalele Crocodile Farm is a beautiful oasis style Croc-Farm located near the town Mookgophong formerly known as Naboomspruit. The farm houses 14,000 Crocs. Experience a Live feeding show on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 14:30
Tel: +27 82 044 7307

Palala Rhino Sanctuary

Nestled in the ancient Waterberg Mountains of South Africa's Limpopo Province. The sanctuary provides a safe haven for Rhino, where they can live and be viewed in their natural habitat.
Tel: +27 82 451-1043

Vaalwater : Heart of the Waterberg

The town of Vaalwater lies in the heart of the Waterberg and was established at the turn of the century.

Vaalwater serves as the gateway to the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and is characterized by vast open spaces and rich biodiversity.

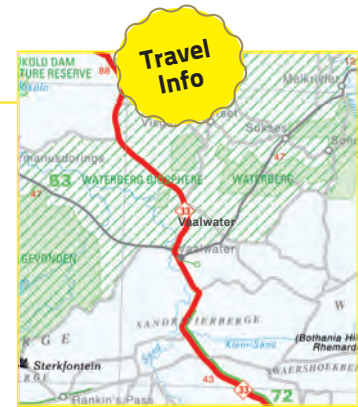
Vaalwater is best known for its game and commercial farms. Vaalwater offers an infinite variety of experiences including hunting, game watching, hiking, horse trails, elephant back safaris and so much more.

Vaalwater has many historical and other interesting buildings including the Church of St John the Baptist. The St John Church is a beautiful stone and thatch building that was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

There are countless self-drive routes to explore and experience a bit of "untamed Africa" in the authentic Waterberg bush.

Vaalwater has much to offer - arts, crafts and gift shops, restaurants and bistros.

Vaalwater is popular as a stop-over for those en-route to Botswana or those entering the Waterberg Region.



VAALWATER & SURROUNDS

Waterberg Events

Liberty Waterberg MTB Encounter
The Liberty Waterberg MTB Encounter, is a three-day, stage encounter which will afford amateur higher net-worth mountain bikers with a passion for the sport the experience of a lifetime.

www.encountermtbseries.co.za/waterbergencounter

Tel: +27 76 830 5578

Lethabile cultural tours

This is a tour hosted by the residents of Boschdraai who have lived and worked on the farm for many years. Have a sneak peak into their traditional houses as well as enjoying a traditional meal.

Kamotso Craft Art

If you're interested in embroidered goods, head to Kamotsogo Craft Art in the village. This is a project that empowers women through skills development. The goods are exquisite and produced right there.

Beadle craft store

Based in the heart of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, South Africa, Beadle manufactures hand crafted leather accessories. The crafters of Beadle make beautiful leather and beaded products at the straw bale workshop on the farm. Here, you can watch how an exquisite pair of beaded sandals or a braided gun case is made from raw.

materials. Tel: +27 14 755 4002

VAALWATER ACCOMMODATION

Lindani Game Lodge	+27 83 631 5579	www.lindani.co.za
Yiwarra Game Farm	+27 82 855 0788	www.YiwarraGameFarm.com
Mashudu Lodge	+27 63 284 8005	www.mashudulodge.com
Wilde Avontuur Lodge	+27 82 852 3092	www.wildeavontuur.co.za
Summerplace	+27 83 302 5123	www.summerplacegamereserve.com





Thabazimbi : Mountain of Iron

Thabazimbi, meaning 'mountain of iron' is the Tswana name for the town and refers to the highly lucrative iron ore reef first discovered here in 1919 and mined since the 1930s when iron and steel production started. The town was proclaimed in 1953 and today the ISCOR Steelworks in Tshwane still draw much of their raw material from Thabazimbi.

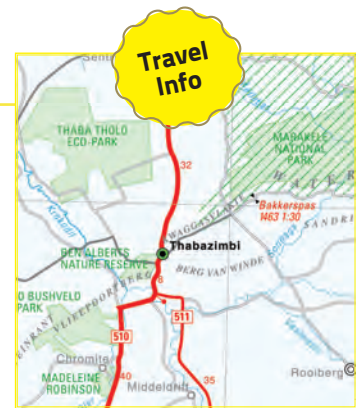
Thabazimbi is also good farming country, particularly for cattle-ranching and game-farming. Nature and eco-tourism activities are equally important and the region is fast becoming a well-known and popular destination for nature-lovers.

The annual Game Festival held in May showcases the hunting potential of the area, while placing emphasis on the importance of nature conservation and eco-

tourism. Exhibitions and a game auction form part of the festival.

The Marakele National Park, just 10 km outside Thabazimbi to the west, is one of the highlights in the area. Meaning 'place of sanctuary' in Tswana, the park is the pulse of the Waterberg Mountains. All the large game-species - from elephant and rhino to the big cats, as well as an amazing variety of birds, including the largest colony of the endangered Cape Vulture (more than eight hundred breeding pairs) in the world - have settled here. The park is also home to an impressive array of plant life.

Located in the transitional zone between the dry western and moister eastern regions of South Africa, the park is characterised by the contrast of imposing



THABAZIMBI TRAVEL INFO Thabazimbi Tourist Information Centre

Tel no: +27 14 777 1062 / 1011
Cell no: 082 328 4586
Email: office@infothabazimbi.co.za
<http://www.infothabazimbi.co.za>

mountainous landscapes, grass-clad hills and deep valleys. Rare finds of yellowwood and cedar trees as well as five-metre-high cycads and tree ferns are some of the plant species found here. The park is situated approximately 250 km from Gauteng and offers modern safari tented accommodation, as well as a rustic bush camp for small groups. Marakele can be explored along various 4x4 routes, but can also be visited in a normal sedan car.

The park is being 'extended eastwards to incorporate the Welgevonden conservancy along the upper reaches of the Sterkstroom river. Accommodation in the general Thabazimbi area provides a wonderful base from which to explore this fascinating region. Activities to be enjoyed include 4x4 trails, cycling, angling, hiking, archery and various other sports.



WHERE TO STAY IN THABAZIMBI

Thaba'Nkwe Bush Lodge	+27 82 926 2693	www.thabankwe.co.za
Marula Cottage Guest Lodge	+27 78 053 3493	www.marula-cottage.com
Deo Volente	+27 82 651 5464	thabazimbiaccommodation.co.za
Thabazimbi Guest House	+27 82 894 9277	thabazimbiaccommodation.com
Iron mountain guest house	+27 79 437 4092	ironmountainguesthouse.co.za
Maroela Guest Lodge	+27 83 650 8081	www.maroela.co.za
Lekker Bly B&B	+27 78 135 5979	lekkerblythabazimbi.weebly.com
Echo Mountain Inn	+27 14 772 2530	www.echomountaininn.co.za
Grootfontein	+27 79 900 4876	www.mygrootfontein.com
Leeupoort Nature Reserve	+27 14 735 0766	leeupoortnaturereserve.co.za

THABAZIMBI TRAVEL INFO MARAKELE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Marakele Predator Centre is situated 9 Km's out of the town of THABAZIMBI in the LIMPOPO region of the Bush veld, surrounded by the beautiful Waterberg Mountains.
Tel: +27 71 597 7752
<http://www.marakeleanimalsanctuary.co.za>

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Marakele Animal Sanctuary volunteer programme is held on a 50 hectare wildlife farm in the malaria free. Thabazimbi area, in the very picturesque Limpopo province, with the Waterberg Mountains as your back drop. At our Animal Sanctuary, we have Lions, most of which are white, Spotted Hyena ,Cheetah, Caracal, Bob Cats, Black Back Jackal, Meerkats, Mongoose, Spotted Genet, Marmoset Monkeys, Squirrel Monkeys, Lemurs , a Spider Monkey and also a wide range of exotic birds.
Tel: +27 71 597 7752
www.marakeleanimalsanctuary.co.za



Marakele

National Park

The Marakele National Park is in the heart of the Waterberg Mountains. Marakele. Tswana name means 'place of sanctuary'. The reserve has an impressive variety of wildlife due to its location in the transitional zone between the dry western and moister eastern regions of South Africa.

MARAKELE BIRDING

Arguably the Park's biggest birding attraction, is the largest colony of Cape Vultures in the world (around 800 breeding pairs).

The park is an excellent place to look for raptors, with many species using the uplift generated off the cliff faces of the Waterberg to ride thermals. Apart from the vultures, visitors should look for African Harrier Hawk (Gymnogone), Jackal Buzzard and several eagle species, including Verreaux's (Black), African Hawk, Black-chested (breasted) Snake and Brown Snake Eagle.

ACCOMMODATION

Marakele is a wilderness area with limited tourism facilities for everyone. Much of the park requires a 4x4 vehicle. The safari tent camp has 10 units, one of which is **accessible to people in wheelchairs**, with an access ramp and adapted ablution facilities (roll-in shower). No accessible facilities are available at the Bush Camp.

4X4 TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Explore the Waterberg Mountain's wilderness areas. The Marakele 4x4 Eco Trail is a 3-day (2 nights) outdoor adventure spanning the wilderness (primitive zone) of Marakele National Park which is the core of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.

FACILITIES AT MARAKELE

The Kwaggasvlakte plains immediately north of the reception/office complex and camping site can be traversed in a normal sedan although certain areas might be a bit challenging. The entrance roads to the safari tent camp and bush camp and the narrow track up to the towers, can also be accessed with a sedan. Most other roads will present difficult terrain.

In an effort to keep the park ecosystem as undisturbed as possible, most facilities are located outside the park in the adjacent town of Thabazimbi.

MARAKELE ACCOMMODATION

Marataba Safari Lodge	+ 27 11 880 9992	www.marataba.co.za
Tlopi Tented Camp	+27 14 777 6928	www.sanparks.org
Bontle Rest Camp	+27 14 777 6928	www.sanparks.org
Griffons Bush Camp	+27 16 366 1610	www.marakelelodge.co.za
Komma Nader Guest House	+27 14 777 1376	www.kommanader.com



WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE

Welgevonden Game Reserve is in the Waterberg Biosphere, declared by UNESCO as the only savannah biosphere in the world. The 38,200ha game reserve is a mountainous area and is one of the most accessible malaria-free reserves in South Africa.

Major game species have been reintroduced into the reserve since 1994.

Welgevonden is now home to over 50 different mammals, including the Big Five. The diversity of habitat leads to a wide range of wildlife with grassy plains abounding with antelope from the largest eland to the diminutive duiker; and cheetah, lion and leopard are regularly seen close by.

There are also numerous rare and unusual species such as brown hyena, aardwolf, pangolin and aardvark – all best seen at night. Over 300 bird species can be seen on the reserve, including rare blue cranes which breed in the southern section early in the year.

For a truly memorable safari experience, Welgevonden is well worth a visit.





Taaibos Valley San Rockart Site

Welgevonden offers guided tours to the bushman paintings at Welgevonden. During this activity you will be informed about the men who went into the trances and painted the paintings, why the paintings are painted in the different ways, how they danced for rain and much more.

Bookings: Call the Welgevonden Office at
Tel: +27 87 813 0501 or
email: info@welgevonden.org.

Stargazing at Welgevonden - this is a winter activity - May - July.

Winter is exceptionally good for viewing the stars. The beautiful Milky Way and Southern Cross are visible whereas they are almost completely hidden in summer.

Bookings: Call the Welgevonden Office at
Tel: +27 87 813 0501 or
email: info@welgevonden.org

The Welgevonden Safari Experience

Welgevonden offers a truly unique safari experience. As if the reserve's beautiful and varied topography and its wealth of wildlife were not enough, the ban on private vehicles within the reserve and the heavily restricted number of guests – combined with the fact that the animals have never been hunted – means you'll have the kind of up close and personal encounters that you will remember for a lifetime.

Most lodges also like to stress that your time in Welgevonden is very much your own to govern; it's not bound by any general itineraries but tailored according to your specific personal requirements and preferences.

All of which makes for game viewing as it really should be.

WELGEVONDEN SAFARI LODGES

Tshwene Lodge	+27 11 327 3910	http://tshwenelodge.co.za
Wild Ivory Eco lodge	+27 11 792 5300	welgevondengamerereserve.org
Pitse Lodge	+27 14 755 4938	http://pitselodge.com
Nungubane Game Lodge	+27 14 755 4928	www.nungubane.co.za
Nedile Lodge	+ 27 82 854 8841	http://nedile.co.za
Mhondoro Game Lodge	+27 87 150 2314	www.mhondoro.com
Makweti Safari Lodge	+27 11 837 6776	www.makweti.com
Jamila Game Lodge	+27 12 342 9130	www.jamilalodge.co.za
Ekuthuleni Lodge	+27 11 327 3910	www.ekuthulenilodge.com
Clifftop Exclusive Safari Hideaway	+27 11 516 4367	clifftoplodge.co.za
Sediba Private Game Lodge	+27 11 958 5110	www.sediba.com
Lebala Game Lodge	+27 87 802 1682	www.lebalalodge.co.za
57 Waterberg Lodge	+27 12 346 5425	http://57waterberg.com



ENTABENI

SAFARI CONSERVANCY

Entabeni Safari Conservancy, also known as "The Place of the Mountain", is situated in the Waterberg Biosphere.

Approximately a three-hour drive north of Johannesburg, this 22 000 hectare malaria-free reserve boasts five ecosystems.

A gravel road leads up to this Big 5 reserve, complemented by five different lodges. Each lodge comprises a unique blend of luxury and African wilderness, perfectly set in different immaculate locations of the reserve.

The upper escarpment offers majestic craggy rock formations and wide-open grass plains. This is separated from the lower plateau by 600m high cliffs. The lower escarpment is approximately three degrees warmer and comprises of "sandveld" vegetation and a series of wetlands. It is a place where the lion still reigns as king and Mother Nature still mesmerises with her power and beauty. Your modern African adventure starts here!

Legend Golf & Safari Resort, also known as the "Home of the Extreme 19th", is one of the world's most renowned resorts.

This unique leisure destination welcomes all travellers, whether it be for a holiday getaway, business trip, golf or safari experience, Legend caters for every need.

We are home to the unique "world-in-one" Signature Course where each of the 18 holes have been designed by a world golfing legend. In addition, you can take the challenge of the world famous Par 3, the Extreme 19th.

ACTIVITIES IN THE ENTABENI GAME RESERVE.

THE BIG FIVE MARATHON

The wildest of them all!
The Big Five Marathon in South Africa is held among the wildlife of the African savannah. Runners from all over the world will meet in one of the most spectacular "Big Five" game reserves in Africa. In these magnificent surroundings, we combine exciting game drives with a challenging marathon route going right through the habitat of the most famous African game: Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Lion and Leopard. No fences, no rivers, nothing at all separates the runners from the African wildlife. <http://big-five-marathon.com/race-info>

GETTING TO ENTABENI:

By air: Entabeni has a private airfield
Size: Up to and including King air 200

By road:

Take N1 North Highway from Johannesburg. Take the Mookgophong (Naboomspruit) R101A offramp/exit. In Mookgophong, take the R101A (29km) till you reach the Sterkrivier (Doorndraai Dam) turnoff. Turn left and continue for 22km till you reach the Haakdoring turnoff. Turn left and continue for a further 3km on gravel road until you reach the traffic circle.

ENTABENI LODGES

Hanglip Mountain Lodge	+27 15 453 9000	http://legendhospitality.co.za
Kingfisher Lodge	+27 15 453 9000	http://legendhospitality.co.za
Lakeside Lodge	+27 15 453 9000	http://legendhospitality.co.za
Ravineside Lodge	+27 15 453 9000	http://legendhospitality.co.za
Wildside Safari Camp	+27 15 453 9000	http://legendhospitality.co.za





MABULA

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Mabula game Reserve is located just two-and-a-half-hours' drive from Johannesburg and a short drive from Bela Bela. The 12000 hectare reserve is located within a malaria-free region in Limpopo.

The Mabula Game reserve is home to over 300 bird species, 60 mammals, the Big Five, Numerous plants, reptile and insect species.

MABULA EXPERIENCES

HORSEBACK SAFARIS

Viewing game on Horseback, gives you a whole new perspective. Mabula Game Reserve offers Horseback safaris by experienced guides.

BALLOON SAFARIS

Bill Harrop's "Original" Balloon Safaris operate game viewing flights giving guests a magnificent aerial view of Mabula Game Lodge and the unique 12000 ha, game reserve.
<http://balloon.co.za/>

BIRDING

Keen birders will enjoy the regular birding drives or walks, spotting such species as the Amur Falcon, Lilac-breasted Roller and Red-crested Korhaan, while guided walks provide the perfect setting in which to follow animal tracks, identify plants and insects and spot some of the area's most beautiful bird-life.

GOLF:

Mabula Game Reserve is in close proximity to the Zebula and Elements golf courses.

GETTING TO MABULA GAME RESERVE

By Air:

For your convenience, the Mabula Game Reserve has its own landing strip.

By Road:

From Johannesburg and Tshwane Take the N1 and drive to the Bela Bela off-ramp . From Bela Bela , take the R 516.

THE MABULA GROUND HORNBILL PROJECT

Launched in 1999, this conservation initiative strives to combat the declining numbers of the endangered and aptly named Thunder Bird, the Southern Ground Hornbill, of which there are only about 1 500 left in South Africa.

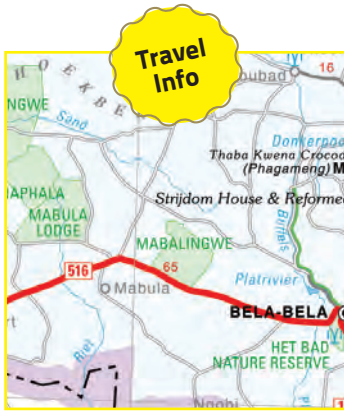
Mabula Game Reserve has been selected as one of the few release and re-introduction sites in South Africa, hosting on-site researchers whose mandate it is to enhance and develop expertise in caring for this endangered species.

CHEETAH RELEASE PROJECT

Mabula Private Game Reserve is the proud home of three cheetah that were released on to the reserve and have been extensively studied to determine how they have adapted to their new home and to what extent they are impacting on their prey species, kudu and impala.

MABULA LODGES

Mabula Game Lodge	+27 11 516 4367	http://mabula.com
Kwafubesi Tented Safari Camp	+27 11 516 4367	http://kwafubesi.com
Langkloof Game Farm	+27 82 887 4763	www.langkloofgamefarm.co.za
Sable Lodge	+27 21 683 7196	www.sablelodge.co.za
Maroela Cottage		www.maroelacottage.co.za
Thandeka Lodge	+27 11 568 2799	www.thandekalodge.com



MABALINGWE

PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

Mabalingwe Nature Reserve, is located 38 km west of Bela Bela, in the Limpopo province of South Africa, and is about 12,000 hectare in area.

Back in the day the Tswana words „mabala a nkwe” were combined to form the name Mabalingwe. True to the character of the resort, the words used to name it have a special meaning... „spots of the leopard”.

MABALINGWE ACTIVITIES

Getting to Mabalingwe by road:

Follow the N1 towards Polokwane;
Take the Bela Bela (Warmbaths) R516 turn off.

Follow Thabazimbi/Rooiberg R516 signs, travel for 27 km's from Bela Bela. The resort is on your right.

Visit the Mabalingwe Lion Enclosure is well worth the experience and is highly recommended.

Mabalingwe Game viewing on horseback.

Mabalingwe is all about getting back to Nature – a spectacular landscape allows you to lose yourself in a true South African Bush veld environment with abundant bird-life, stunning indigenous trees and shrubs and a wide variety of wildlife.

Our passion for providing a holiday destination that has Family at its heart means we care about providing the perfect space for shared quality experiences and celebrating family. You have the perfect setting, you've brought the family and now all that's left is... just have Fun. We invest a great deal of care and thought into ensuring your time with us is just plain Fun!



WHERE TO STAY IN MABALINGWE

Itaga Private Game Lodge	+27 14 736 6900	www.itaga.co.za
Mabalingwe Lodges	+27 14 001 7011	mabalingwenaturereserve.com
Phumelelo Lodge	+27 82 553 0803	ttp://phumelelolodge.co.za
Shakama Private Game Lodge	+27 82 323 2404	www.shakama.com
Ngululu Lodge	+27 82 801 2173	www.ngululu.com



Masebe Nature Reserve

Masebe Nature Reserve is the home of the famous three Bush veld San rock-art sites. It allows its visitors a window to experience, through the rock paintings, how the San tribe lived and hunted game such as elephant and Buffalo in the area. It was here where the legend of the San tribe is safely preserved, untouched and unspoilt.

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<http://www.wildliferesorts.org>

PROVINCIAL GAME AND NATURE RESERVES

D’Nyala Nature Reserve (Lephalale)

Situated 10 km from the town of Lephalale en route to Botswana, this distinctively striking and tranquil resort gets its name from the massive Nyala tree that is characteristic of the area, and is also the southernmost habitat of the famous baobab tree. The game reserve is home to the nyala antelope, as well as 60 other mammal species including white rhino, giraffe, waterbuck, zebra, tsessebe, eland and others.

Animals at D’Nyala freely roam around the area including where the chalets are situated, making game viewing a door step

away. It also hosts a handful of small cats, the brown hyena, black-backed jackal and the leopard. Several bird species, to the tune of 263 have been identified here including the waterfowl attracted to the area by the plains which also offer excellent game viewing opportunities.

Highlights: Game reserve with abundant mammal and bird-life, Hides overlooking the Tambotie River plains, Massive Nyala Berry and Baobab trees.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Tel: +27 15 293 8015

+27 15 293 8428

Nylsvley Birding Lodge

An internationally renowned RAMSAR site, the 4,000-ha Nylsvley Conservancy forms part of South Africa’s largest flood-plain, the 16,000-ha Nyl River Flood-plain that stretches over 70 km from Modimolle to Mokopane. It is close to the N1, South Africa’s primary national road, and only one-and-a-half hours’ drive from Gauteng’s major urban centres.

The conservancy provides sanctuary for some 72 mammal species, including a breeding herd of the rare Roan Antelope. In years of high rainfall as many as eighty thousand migratory water birds converge



Mokolo Dam (Lephalale)

This impressive expanse of diverse African bush is adjacent to the Mokolo Nature Reserve of 4600 hectares and the Mokolo dam the biggest dam in the Limpopo Province and bordering for 6 km on the Mokolo river as it flows out of this dam.

The dammed up Mokolo river winds around beautiful mountains and is sure to calm busy spirits.

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<http://www.wildliferesorts.org>

on the flood-plains, where up to 420 species have been identified.

Of this number, 365 species were identified in the reserve itself. The reserve provides habitat to 37 Red-Data species, hence its significance as a RAMSAR site. Five modern bird-hides are located in the reserve. The prolific bird-life of the area makes it a great attraction for bird-lovers, researchers and tourists alike.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Tel: +27 15 293 8015

+27 15 293 8428

Doorndraai Dam

Nestled contentedly on the foothills of the Waterberg Range, this 7,000-ha nature reserve lies close to Limpopo's major highway, half an hour's drive from Mokopane and Mookgophong. Doorndraai boasts a wide variety of woodland habitats such as acacia, hillside broad-leaved woodland and riverine woodland.

The reserve is also a renowned birding site and the dam a prime angling spot, while the resort is a popular destination for the whole family enjoying various water sports.

Rust De Winter Dam, Nature Reserve.

The reserve is a well known birding destination with 400 species of birds including numerous varieties of water bird. Activities include Angling, boating, picnicking and a number of camping sites with basic ablution facilities are available.

Highlights: Angling, boating, Game Viewing, Birding, Picnicking.

A vibrant display of traditional handcrafted goods. On the left, numerous beaded necklaces and pendants hang vertically, featuring intricate patterns and a variety of colors like red, yellow, blue, and green. In the center and foreground, several large, rounded woven baskets are visible, some with complex geometric patterns in black, white, and brown. To the right, there are dark metal sculptures, including a prominent one of a seated figure. The background shows more woven items and a wooden structure, suggesting a market or workshop setting.

Vhembe
Tourism Region

Vhembe

The Vhembe Region is named after the impressive mountain range that stretches for some 130 km from west to east through the region. The area incorporates endless expanses of undulating indigenous bush, characterised by the remarkable form of the baobab, wonderful wildlife, a profusion of birds and exciting adventure opportunities.

The region boasts one of the most varied natural, geological, archaeological and cultural systems in the world and a fascinating history dating back many centuries when the San roamed the veld and left us their artworks on rocks. These were the times when Arabs and Indians sailed their dhows down south and traded beads and ceramics for the gold and ivory of the ancient African kingdoms ensconced in their fortresses at Mapungubwe and Thulamela.

The Soutpansberg mountain range is a unique wilderness area and has over 500 tree species of which 50 are endemic to either the Soutpansberg mountain range or the Levubu River Valley. As many as 465 species of birds- of which a number is extremely rare – as well numerous mammal, reptile and amphibian species are found in the area. The endemic butterfly, Swanepoel's Widow also occurs in this area.

Two conservancies have been established in this region to conserve our natural heritage. The one is the Western Soutpansberg Mountain Range Conservancy and encompass all the farms on the western side of the mountain range, whilst the other one encompass the Albasini Dam and part of the Levubu River Basin Wetlands and surrounding farms.





Makhado:

Makhado is named after the vhaVenda leader who ruled the area for many years. The town developed from the Voortrekker settlement in the area and was previously named after the leader Louis Trichardt, who moved away from British rule in the Cape and arrived here in 1836. After his death, en route to Lourenco Marques (now Maputo), other Voortrekker groups settled in the area, but left after Chief Makhado defeated the unruly group of ivory hunters and adventurers of Schoemansdal in 1867. Only in 1898 did the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek regain control of the area and establish the town of Louis Trichardt the following year in February 1899.

Several historic buildings in and around Makhado bear testimony to the years of strife which existed in the area in the early years of the settlement.

The Medike rock-art site with its fascinating murals and etchings is one of the most popular sites open to the public in South Africa, LaJuma being another.

Makhado lies at the foot of the densely forested Soutpansberg Mountain Range, conveniently close to the Zimbabwean border and Kruger National Park. Situated in a highly fertile, rapidly growing agricultural area, the town has become one of Limpopo's premier business and tourist destinations and is the perfect springboard from which to visit the Songozwi sacred burial site of the vhaVenda, as well as Makhado's 'office', a secluded cave from where the chief conducted his campaign against the Voortrekkers. Various routes around the town highlight interesting aspects of the area.



MAKHADO CULTURE AND HERITAGE Dancing Fish gallery

Is the multi-faceted, sum total of all the art and craft, heritage and culture exhibited, sold and treasured around the entire lodge – in the rooms and suites, the lounge, on the verandas around the pool and lapa and popping out of the landscape everywhere. „A living and live-in gallery.
<http://madiathavha.com>
Tel: + 27 15 51 60 220

Mukondeni Pottery

Mukhondeni Pottery Village was started by Sarah Munyai who was born in 1921. She started doing pottery at the age of 12 taught by her mother. A group of five women at Mukondeni Village make clay pots at their homes and bring them to Sarah's place for sale. The women make clay pots, which are based on traditional paintings of Venda and Tsonga people and are sold to tourists, businesses and local people. The clay potteries are mainly painted in maroon, grey and brown colours and are very distinctive. Contact Person: Sarah Selapanya
Tel: +27 76 873 5771

Roodewal Nature Reserve

Roodewal Nature Reserve is a birders paradise where you can spot species like African broadbill, narina trogon and the eastern nicator. The reserve is just outside Louis Trichardt and the guide is willing to meet you at your place of residence. Morning, half day and full day trips can be organised with Sam Mulaudzi. Tel: +27 83 662 9960



WHERE TO STAY IN MAKHADO

Villa Grande Lodge	+27 15 516 1161	villag@mweb.co.za
Kone Village Boutique Lodge	+27 15 518 4008	bookings@konevillage.co.za
Masili Boutique Hotel	+27 79 077 5626	info@masiliboutiquehotel.co.za
Porche Villa Hotel & Conference Centre	+27 79 119 8106	louistrichardt@porche-villa.co.za
Cuckoo's Nest	+27 82 498 1173	cuckoosnestgh@gmail.com
Rondy Bosch Lodge	+27 64 899 0810	rondybosch@rblodge.co.za
Zvakanaka Farm Lodge	+27 84 400 4595	gail@zva.co.za
The Ultimate Lodge	+27 15 517 7005	ultimategh@lantic.net
Madi A Thavha Lodge	+27 83 342 4162	info@madiathavha.com
Mount Azimbo Lodge	+27 15 000 1025	mountazimbo@gmail.com
Bhuba Holiday Resort	+27 79 306 1007	eunicete123@webmail.com

MAKHADO TRAVEL INFO

Soutpansberg Golf Club is situated at the foot of the Soutpansberg Mountain in Louis Trichardt. The golf course is a magnificent 9-hole (18-tee), scenic course in the heart of the Bush veld with bentgrass greens and kikuyu fairways.

This is one of the best 9-hole courses in South Africa, if not the best with beautiful trees and kept in excellent condition all year around.

A key fixture on the calendar is the Hanglip 54 Tournament held in July that attracts a selection of local and visiting golfers.
Tel: +27 15 516 0991
<http://www.spbgolfclub.co.za/>

MAKHADO TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

Address: Corner Songozwi and N1 Road, Makhado
Tel: +27 72 150 6879

Musina : "Spoiler"

Musina in the Limpopo Valley is the northernmost town in South Africa. Situated close to the Beit Bridge border post between South Africa and Zimbabwe, it is the main entry point into the country from states north of South Africa.

The town developed around the copper mining industry in the area. Copper was first discovered in prehistoric times by the Musina people who named it 'musina', meaning 'spoiler', because they considered it a poor substitute for iron, which is what they were after.

The mineral was later rediscovered and mined by 20th century miners. Today iron, coal, magnetite, graphite, asbestos, diamonds and copper are mined here.

With fascinating attractions and many game farms in the area, tourism and hunting play an important role in the economy of the town.

The recently declared world heritage site of Mapungubwe (meaning 'Hill of the Jackal') is one of the richest archaeological sites in the country. Botanical highlights of the region include fine specimens of baobab trees and impala lilies, which are both protected species. Agricultural products include citrus, mangoes, tomatoes and dates.



MUSINA TRAVEL INFO

Musina Nature Reserve

The Musina Nature Reserve is a wonderful way to experience at first hand the remarkable baobab tree. The Musina Nature Reserve is some 10km south of the town of Musina, and home to the country's largest collection of baobabs. Hiking and mountain biking is permitted in the nature reserve.
Musina Nature Reserve: 015 534 3235

MUSINA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

Address: N1 Road, Musina
Tel: +27 15 534 3500
Web: www.musina.gov.za

MUSINA ACCOMMODATION

Musina Lodge	015 534 3352	info@musina.lodge.co.za
Munati Lodge	072 949 7890	stay@munatilodge.co.za
Matendele Lodge	065 715 0550	matsidiso@mathendelebushlodge.com
Sand River Resort	015 534 0499	reception@sandriversort.co.za
Mopane Bush Lodge	015 534 7906	bookings@mopanebushlodge.com







Thohoyandou: The Head of the Elephant

Thohoyandou is the capital of the Venda region of the Zoutpansberg. Today it is the commercial, administrative and legislative centre of the vhaVenda' community and the proud heart of the vhaVenda nation. Named after one of their kgosi, Thohoyandou means 'head of the elephant'. The town serves a fertile agricultural area where banana plantations, hectares of subtropical fruit, tobacco and maize fields flourish. Coffee and tea plantations grace the higher slopes. The area is well populated and dotted with many tiny villages.

The Museum of the Drum is the site of the vhaVenda royal village dating back to 1400 AD. At Tshimbubfe iron furnaces dating back to 1250 AD have been found. At Thulamela in the Kruger National Park, evidence has been found of gold smelting as early as 1300 AD.

Some of the natural attractions in the area include the 3000 year old 'Big Tree', the largest baobab in the country with a girth of 43 m near the Sagole Spa. There is also the scenic Nwanedi Nature Reserve, which is well stocked with game and has a fine resort area built around two dams. The Mphaphuli Cycad Reserve near the Makonde Village east of Thohoyandou is also worth visiting. A marked hiking route through the reserve enables visitors to appreciate the vast number of fascinating cycad species available. The Nzhelele Dam and Nature Reserve is reached by turning off from the R523 to Makhado.

One of the most significant sacred sites is the mysterious lake Fundudzi in the Mutale River. This is the only true lake in South Africa, formed in ancient times by a landslide, which blocked the course of the river, and measures 5km by 3km.



THOHOYANDOU CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Mc Vitt Cultural Village - Venda Culture

This cultural experience includes musical instrument performances with indigenous instruments. The community also exhibits arts and cultural artefacts. Visitors are also welcome to view the heritage site dating back to the 16th century.

Tel: +27 84 835 7950

Budo Cultural Clothing - Venda culture

Design and manufacture by Judith Mudau. Traditional shirts, aprons, beaded necklaces, traditional bangles, traditional Venda clothing called minwenda and gwana are available.

Tel: +27 74 715 4194

Fundudzi Camp

The Fundudzi cultural camp is in the heart of the Venda region. This is an ideal place to explore the areas' sacred places and traditional venda arts and crafts.

www.africanivoryroute.co.za

Thohoyandou Cultural Experience

Makwatembani outdoor and lifestyle centre: 072 024 9146
 Florence Masakama Arts: 076 134 9961
 Thulamela Information Centre (Thembi Nwandamutsu)



WHERE TO STAY IN THOHOYANDOU

2Ten Hotel	+27 15 963 0210	www.2tenhotel.com
The Fig Tree Lodge	+27 15 964 1546	http://thefigtreelodge.com
Khoroni Hotel Casino	+27 15 962 4600	www.khoroni.co.za
Vhafamadi Bed And Breakfast	+27 15 963 1659	www.vhafamadibnb.co.za
Naledzi Lodge	+27 15 964 1777	www.naledzilodge.co.za
Kalahari Inn	+27 15 963 3755	www.kalahariinn.co.za
Muofhe Graceland Lodge	+27 15 962 4927	muofhegraceland.co.za
Makwatambani Guest Manor	+27 72 024 9146	makwatambanimanor.co.za
Copacopa Lodge	+27 73 157 3477	www.copacopa.co.za
Avkhom Hotel	+27 15 962 1928	www.avkhomhotel.co.za

Alldays : Place of the Wild Fig

Alldays is a small town that holds a distinct rural charm. Alldays and the villages of Vivo and Dendron serve an extensive area of private game and hunting farms. Prolific game - including the 'Big Five' - excellent accommodation and good hunting facilities attract many domestic and international trophy hunters.

Various interesting tours are available for the spouses and partners of hunters, including a visit to the archaeologically significant Mapungubwe Hill. Citrus farming on the banks of the Limpopo River is also an important economic activity in the district

The Blouberg mountain range has a large surface of protected rock face, where rock

climbers will find good solid rock. Most of the climbing spots are on private land but climbers can make arrangements through the Alldays Mountain Club.

Several giant trees occur in and around Alldays and are a noteworthy feature of the area: a baobab at Bakleikraal, 21 m in circumference; and a wild fig in Alldays itself, larger than the famous Wonder Tree in Polokwane.

The Venetia Diamond Mine in the vicinity is one of De Beers' six diamond-mining operations in South Africa and the only major diamond mine to be developed in South Africa in the last 25 years.



ALLDAYS CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Mogalakwena

The creative hub of Mogalakwena Craft Art Development Foundation, is situated in close proximity to Mogalakwena River Lodge, and opposite the river from the neighbouring villages. The Craft Art Village is within walking distance of the villages under the authority of traditional chief Kibi of Blouberg district.
Tel: +27 72 123 0505

ACTIVITIES:

Lajuma Research Centre

Lajuma has been declared a Natural Heritage Site and forms part of the Luvhondo Nature Reserve within the UNESCO Vhembe Biosphere Reserve. It has beautiful mountain scenery, a variety of veld types including montane forests and grasslands, clear mountain streams with waterfalls, interesting archaeological sites and a remarkable diversity of plants and animals.
Tel: +27 87 910 0450.
www.lajuma.com

Langjan Nature reserve

Lying just north-east of Blouberg Nature Reserve, on the R521 to Alldays, the Langjan Nature Reserve is typified by gorgeous red sand dunes and scrub-acacia Bush veld vegetation. Langjan conserves the last remaining naturally occurring herd of gemsbok (Oryx gazelle) in the Limpopo Province. These beautiful animals tend to roam in herds of 10 to 30.
Tel: +27 15 505 7100

WHERE TO STAY IN ALLDAYS

Mogalakwena Lodge	+27 82 303 4739	www.mogalakwena.com
Platjan Lodge	+27 15 575 1146	http://platjan.com
Ndou Safari Lodge	+27 15 013 0067	http://ndousafaris.co.za
Bivack Bush Safari	+27 60 550 5354	www.bivack.com
Artist's Retreat	+27 72 123 0505	www.mogalakwena.com
Kieuw Game Lodge	+27 82 484 1826	www.kieuw.co.za
Namela Hilltop Lodge	+27 81 257 5186	www.alldays-safaris.co.za
Chinaka Game Lodge	+27 83 448 5820	www.chinaka.co.za
Balerno Bush Lodge	+27 82-772-0307	www.balernobushlodge.co.za

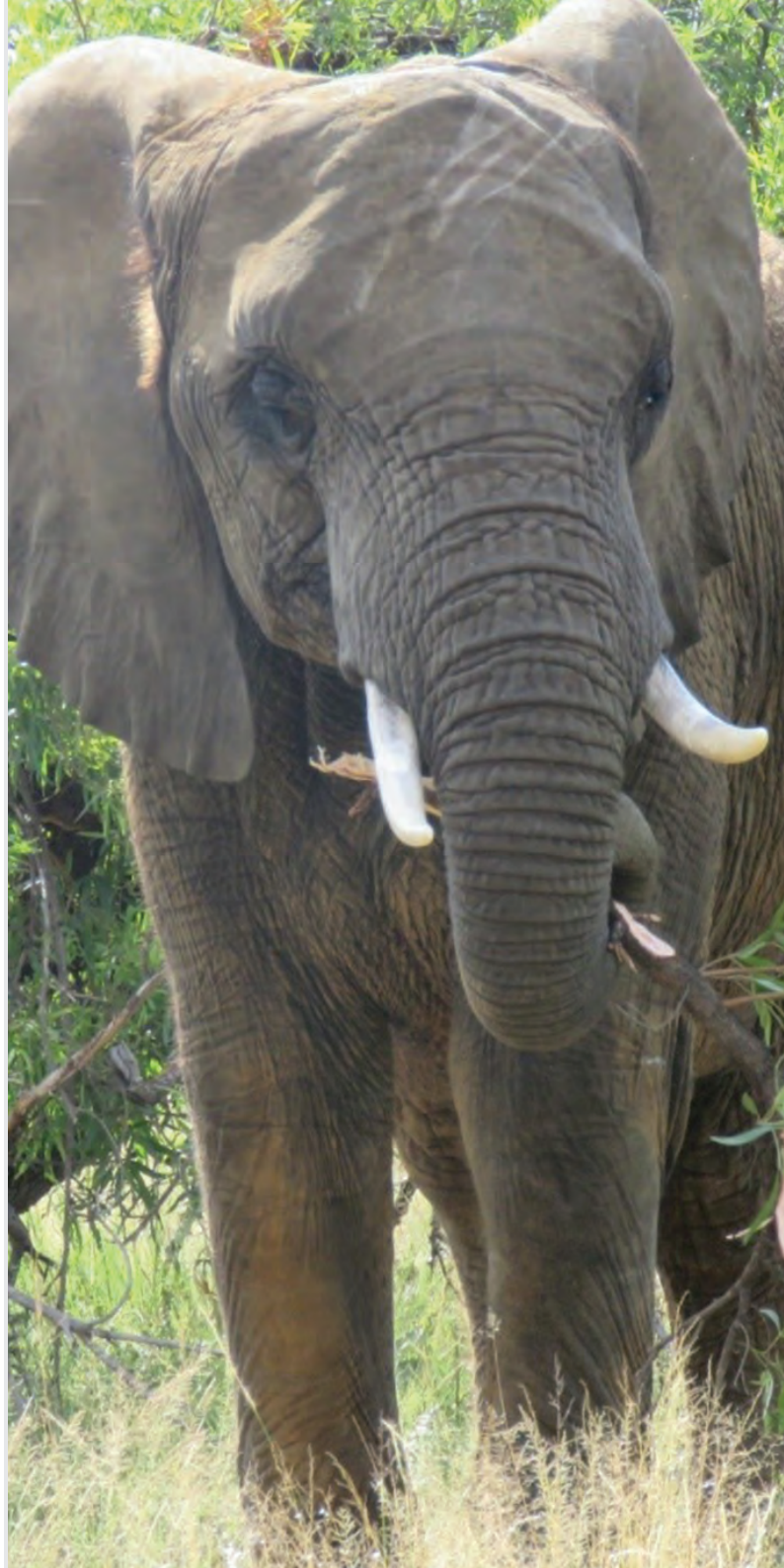


MAPUNGUBWE NATIONAL PARK

Mapungubwe declaration as a World Heritage Site has helped to highlight the significance of cultural heritage within SANParks. The inextricable links between people, biodiversity conservation and cultural heritage have become more evident through Mapungubwe. A number of initiatives have now come up within SANParks to enable a more dedicated focus on cultural heritage and community participation.

The Mapungubwe National Park provides unparalleled opportunities for the development of cultural resources as a sustainable component in the overall park development and management.

As contemporary South Africa increasingly takes interest in, and its inspiration from, the Kingdom of Mapungubwe, there are opportunities for building a national constituency across the country amongst particularly the youth. Significantly, the story of Mapungubwe and its importance in the overall history of the sub-continent has been incorporated into the national schools' curricula. This means that the site itself is increasingly becoming a focus for educational tours, with many primary and secondary schools as well as students from tertiary institutions visiting the park.





How to get to Mapungubwe
 Take N1 North to Polokwane; in Polokwane CBD take R521 to Dendron, about 40km to Vivo to join Alldays, another 23km to the Mapungubwe Entrance and Reception.

MAPUNGUBWE ACTIVITIES

Museum Tour

The Centre which is built near the main gate of the Mapungubwe National Park won the building of the year competition in 2009 and is home to the famous Golden Rhino.

Visit the Confluence

Enjoy a view over the confluence of the Shashe and Limpopo rivers where three countries meet.

Heritage Tours

Visit the elite graveyard at the top of Mapungubwe Hill, view a natural amphitheatre and the entire spectrum of the region, traverse the territory once walked upon by the ancestral Mapungubwe People - now roamed by four of the Big 5.

Game Drives

Sunset drives and night drives gives you the opportunity to search for game outside the normal gate opening times.

Morning Guided Walks

Morning guided walks, which allows for up to eight people, offers guests the chance to immerse themselves in the bush and experience the vast natural and cultural heritage of the Park.

Do the Tree Top Walk

Take a walk among the riverine forest on a raised canopy walk that takes you to a hide overlooking the Limpopo River.

Bush Braais

Experience an unforgettable game drive ends in a dinner in the bush overlooking a dam, surrounded by burning lanterns whilst listening to the sounds of the Bush veld and distant animals calling.



WHERE TO STAY - MAPUNGUBWE

Mapungubwe National Park	+27 15 534 7923	www.sanparks.org
Sandown Game Lodge	+27 73 455 5860	www.sandowngame.co.za
Mopane Bush Lodge	+27 15 534 7906	http://mopanebushlodge.co.za
Kaoxa Bush Camp	+27 72 536 6297	http://kaoxacamp.com



PROVINCIAL GAME AND NATURE RESERVES

Acacia Park

Acacia Park is situated at the heart of Thohoyandou Town, meaning the head of the elephant, in Vhembe Region, Limpopo. It encompasses all that is the charm of Venda, the culture and its people.

Ideally suited for business tourism, Acacia Park is in close proximity to the Venda people's homes. The park offers guests the opportunity to get to know more about Venda people's lifestyles. www.wildliferesorts.co.za

Mphephu

This resort is preferred not only by family and corporate groups but also by party revelers. It is the perfect family getaway destination, with facilities set to please all members of the family.

It has a picnic area, two pools, a colourful playing area for children and a disco quarter for the young and groovy. The natural stone air-conditioned chalets comprise of two beds, television, a kitchenette and a shower.

Tel: +27 15 293 8015

Tel: +27 15 293 8428

Singo Safari Lodge

Singo Safari Lodge is arguably the uncut diamond of the north, with a unique geographical setup. Its luxury tents are tiptoed along the edge of a cliff overlooking the banks of the Luvubu River.

This river forms a natural border between the Makuya Nature Reserve and the Kruger National Park. The setup is a dream for every wildlife enthusiast; it allows an absolutely captivating sunrise, and an even better sunset. In totality, the camp can host up to



16 people divided into the single and family units.

Nwanedi Nature Reserve

This scenic nature and game reserve on the foothills of the Venda mountains is characterised by the varied landscapes and rich diversity of animals.

The landscapes include umbrella thorn savannah, mopani patches and dense Bush veld towards the mountains. The spectacular Tshihovhohovho Falls and the

massive Nwanedi Dam are the scenic highlights of the reserve. Antelopes, giraffe, white rhino and the occasional leopard can be seen.

Highlights: Tshihovhohovho Falls, Nwanedi & Luphephe Dam, Baobab trees

Nwanedi Nature Reserve Accommodation

Eclipse Safari Lodge
Tented Safari Lodges. Adding to the luxury tents is an elegantly decorated dining area on an open deck well equipped with a flat

Nwanedi Resort Self catering & Camping.

The reserve offers self catering accommodation, caravanning & camping and luxury tents in the Eclipse Safari Lodge with a variety of facilities and activities on offer.

Furthermore, the lodge serves as an ideal destination for wedding ceremonies, birthday parties, corporate retreats, team building and stockvel groups getaways.

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Capricorn

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Capricorn

Named after the Tropic of Capricorn, which passes through the northern section of Limpopo, the Capricorn Region stretches lithely from the Ysterberg, along the foothills of the lush Wolkberg Mountains, to the Tropic of Capricorn in the north. It is ideally situated as a stopover between Gauteng and the northern areas of Limpopo and between the north-western areas of the province and the Kruger National Park.

It is also in close proximity to the neighbouring countries of Botswana ,Zimbabwe and Mozambique. The major centres of the Capricorn Region include Polokwane, Dendron, and Zebediela, the last being home to one of the largest citrus farms in Africa.

The fascinating diversity of the region, incorporating grassy plains, Bush veld and misty mountains,as well as a myriad plant and animal species, makes it a veritable treasure chest for the traveller. Forests, cultural villages, dams, art, game reserves and monuments, as well as a fascinating and diverse people. It is the centre for local African culture, to which the numerous towns south of Polokwane and north of Mokopone attest in the coming together of carefully preserved social traditions and indigenous identities





Polokwane

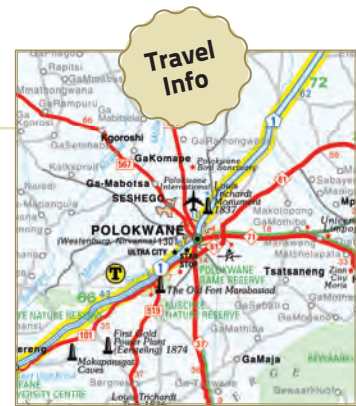
Situated on the Great North road to Zimbabwe, Polokwane is the heart of the Limpopo Province. It's a peaceful, yet progressive city and its name literally means 'place of safety'

The city is also the gateway to the other SADC countries which lie on its border - offering easy access to Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. And, just east of the city, is the world-renowned Kruger National Park and the scenic Magoebaskloof.

Polokwane is rich with a diverse mix of ethnic and cultural groups, such as Pedi, Venda, Tsonga, Ndebele, Afrikaners and English. Yet all embrace and share a common, warm and friendly philosophy of "motho ke motho ka batho" meaning "you are a human being because of other human

beings." The city and its surrounding areas boast the world's largest reserves of platinum metals, chrome and vanadium, as well as copper, nickel, iron ore and titanium. It is also one of South Africa's richest agricultural regions, with vegetables being the most significant crop. All the agricultural commodities produced in the province are sold at affordable prices to the people throughout the city's market places.

For those adverse to winter weather, the climate here, is ideal - with almost year-round sunshine, clear skies and clean air - perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. This pleasant climate and the altitude also make Polokwane a top choice as a soccer base camp and training area. - and for the fans to catch all their favourite soccer 'stars' in action under the stars at the Peter Mokaba stadium.



POLOKWANE TRAVEL INFO CULTURE AND HERITAGE Bakone Malapa Museum

The Bakone Malapa Museum, just outside Polokwane, is a showcase for the BaSotho culture. The village has been reconstructed in a style that was typical about 250 years ago. Run by several BaSotho who live in the village, the centre offers an authentic welcome from people happy to share their current, as well as historic, way of life with you.
Tel: +27 15 295 2432

Polokwane Game Reserve

Polokwane Game Reserve is one of the largest municipal reserves in the South. The reserve protects a comparatively rare vegetation type and is home to the sable antelope. You can explore on horseback or by vehicle.
Tel: +27 76 325 9182

Hugh Exton Photographic Museum

This museum is a display of cameras and 23 000 glass negatives, taken by Hugh Exton from 1892 to 1945. This collection shows the history of technology and the evolution of the town. The museum is housed in the beautiful 1890s Dutch Reformed church. Bookings are essential. Tel: +27 15 290 2186

Polokwane Golf Club

The Polokwane Golf Club, founded in 1863, is rated among the top tourist attractions in Limpopo and golf courses in South Africa. US Open Champion Retief Goosen learned to play here, and springbok golfers Ray Earle and Callie Swart both hail from the club.
Tel: +27 15 295 4118
www.polokwanegolfclub.co.za



WHERE TO STAY IN POLOKWANE

Polokwane Royal	+27 15 297 6634	www.polokwaneroyal.co.za
Polokwane Landmark	+27 15 225 8100	www.marriott.com
Ranch Resort	+27 15 290 5000	www.marriott.com
Eskulaap Hotel & Conference	+27 15 297 3288	www.eskulaap.co.za
Col-John Hotel	+27 15 295 9430	www.col-john.co.za
Masana Lodge	+27 15 291 1625	www.masanalodge.co.za
Fusion Boutique Hotel	+27 15 291 4042	www.fusionboutiquehotel.co.za
Ruby Stone Boutique Hotel	+27 15 296 3503	www.rubystone.co.za
Tuscan Lodge	+27 15 295 7871	www.tuscanlodge.co.za
Dream Hills	+27 73 990 3904	www.dreamhills.co.za

POLOKWANE TRAVEL INFO

SHOPPING EXPERIENCE MALL OF THE NORTH

The Mall of the North in Polokwane has become an icon of Limpopo's thriving capital city. The Mall of the North offers shoppers the largest and most comprehensive selection of shops, restaurants and cinemas under one massive roof.

www.mallofthenorth.co.za

POLOKWANE INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRE

Address: N1 North to Makhado, Polokwane
Tel: +27 15 288 1622

POLOKWANE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

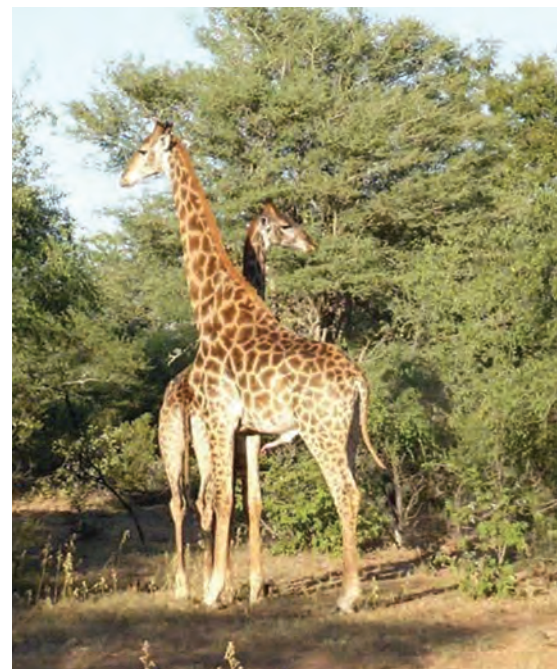
Address: Corner Thabo Mbeki and Church Street, Polokwane
Tel: +27 15 290 2010

Mopani

Tourism Region

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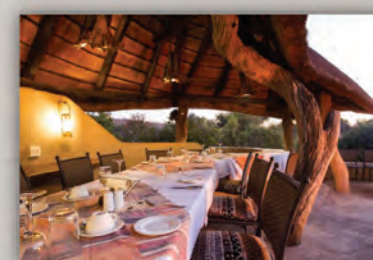
The Mopani region in the Lowveld is one of the last unspoilt corners of Africa - vast, unhurried, timeless.

The Great Olifants River meanders through the Mopani region and with the Kruger National Park forms the southern border of the province. It offers vast expanses that seem untouched by the passage of time and remain unmistakably African.

To conserve and extend this legacy, the Kruger National Park has been incorporated into the Great Limpopo Transfrontier park.

Within the Greater Kruger Park region, the full splendour of Africa's wildlife can be enjoyed. The Olifants Valley is not only rich in wildlife, but offers spectacular scenery of mountains, rivers and dams, a rich history and many cultural attractions. The contrasts in climate, scenery and landscape are both striking and dramatic.

Tour the Amarula Lapa and see how the famous Amarula Liqueur is made; take a day drive into the Kruger National Park; go on a guided tour of Modjadji and the famous rare cycads; see endangered species at the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre; encounter orphaned animals at Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre.





Haenertsburg

Known as the capital of the land of the silver mist. Haenertsburg lies between Polokwane and Tzaneen on the slopes of the Wolkberg. Turn off the R71, 60km from Polokwane in the Haenertsburg village which nestles under the granite massif of the Iron Crown Mountain surrounded by lush plantations and forests. The village offers visitors a rare opportunity to really unwind- a luxury in today's hectic and busy life.

Haenertsburg has a population of about 500. It has three churches – the Mount Carmel Catholic Church, St Paul's Church (inter-denominational) and the Haenertsburg Christian Church. Haenertsburg is fast becoming a hub for food lovers, book lovers, and anybody who wants to experience authentic village life. The shops offer a variety of gifts, antiques, collectibles, second-hand books, Afrikaans, jewellery, and clothing. A good selection of

restaurants and coffee shops will supply refreshments and good food. The village also has a well-stocked grocery store, ATM, post office, bottle store, petrol station, and café for those last-minute purchases. The Berry Festival in February, the Haenertsburg Food, Wine, and Beer Festival at the end of April, and the Spring Festival in September are becoming increasingly popular. Visitors are treated to a rare experience of fun, high-quality goods, and a wonderful festive atmosphere.

For the energetic, the Louis Changuion Hiking Trail offers an exhilarating walk through the unique Haenertsburg Grasslands. The cemetery above the village is also worth a visit. The view of the surrounding area is spectacular and many historic graves can be seen.



THINGS TO DO IN HAENERTSBURG

Haenertsburg Grassland

This is a self-guided route. The Louis Changuion Trail winds through grassland and forest patches for 10km. Visitors may find Red-winged Francolin, Broad-tailed Warbler, Grass Owl, White-necked Raven, Red-winged Francolin, Yellow Bishop, Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, Drakensberg Prinia, Cape Grassbird, Croaking, Cloud, Wailing, Lazy and Wing-snapping Cisticola.

Birding in Haenertsburg/ Magoebaskloof

The Haenertsburg village and Magoebaskloof area is located in the north-eastern escarpment section of the Drakensberg. The area's vegetation originally consisted of an escarpment mist belt and grasslands. The Woodbush State Forest is the main focus of forest birding in Magoebaskloof. Access to Woodbush is via the Forest Drive. The Forest Drive passes through about 9km of Woodbush Forest and ends up at Debeneni Falls and eventually the R71. The Forest Drive, when in good condition, can be tackled by high clearance sedans, best to do the drive from the top. It is usually recommended to drive the Forest Drive.

Agatha Crocodile Ranch

If you have never touched a baby crocodile, or fed a crocodile, now is your chance. Daily feeding tours are available and are offered everyday between 09:00 and 16:00.

Magoebaskloof Canopy Tours

Experience the thrill of sliding through the forest on a 2 ½ hour Tarzan and Jane-style adventure!. +27 83 866 1546



WHERE TO STAY IN HAENERTSBURG

Turaco Farm Cottage	+27 838808787	jon@blueberryheights.co.za
Cheerio Trout Fishing and Holiday Resort	+27 726502366	www.cheerio.co.za
Standford Lake Lodge	+27 795199211	www.standfordlake.co.za
Magoebaskloof Adventures Chalet	+27 838661546	www.magoebaskloofadventures.co.za
The Pennefather Accommodation	+27 784179088	www.magoebasklooftourism.co.za
Sequoia Garden Retreat	+27 725953511	www.sequoistay.com
Lekkerbos Farm stay	+27 676900770	www.airbnb.com/h/lekkerbos
Wisteria Cottage	+27 720900377	lestattersall@gmail.com
Water Wheel Country Retreat	+27 740246519	www.waterwheelretreat.co.za
Cheerio Gardens Cottages	+27 717715152	www.cheeriogardens.co.za

THINGS TO DO IN HAENERTSBURG.

Wegraakbosch Cheese Farm

Nestled in the Magoebaskloof mountains is a family-run farm working with nature and making cheese the traditional way. Bookings essential. +27 723610664

Zwakala Brewery

Proudly brewed in the Magoebaskloof Mountains, Limpopo Province! Open every Fri, Sat & Sunday's 11 am-5 pm. Come closer and taste our award-winning brews. +27 73 874 8651

Silvermist Resort

Guided horse-riding trails through the Magoebaskloof Mountains, along the Broedstroom River, and through the pine plantations visitors might just meet a friendly zebra along the way. Horse riding guided trails R300.00 per hour +27 63 117 2629 (info@silvermistresort.co.za)



Magoebaskloof

Magoebaskloof in Limpopo province, also known as 'The land of the Silver Mist', is the kind of place you can come back to time and again – even if it's just to make sure that it's actually as beautiful as you thought it was when you saw it the first time. With the towering massif of the Wolkberg as backdrop and the pristine beauty of the surrounding grassland Haenertsburg Village will remind you of a Swiss Village, without the snow of course!

Forest Birding

The Haenertsburg village - Magoebaskloof area is located in the north-eastern escarpment section of the Drakensberg, originally made up of grasslands and mist belt forest.

Good birding can be found in areas in which the grassland or forest is largely intact.

The Woodbush Forest Drive winds through pristine afro-montane forests, down into semi-deciduous mixed forest along the lower sections of the drive. Cape Parrot, Black-fronted Bush-Shrike, Orange Ground-Thrush, Brown Scrub-Robin, Grey Cuckooshrike, Yellow-streaked Greenbul and Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher are simply a few of the specials to be seen on this road. Also look out for African Cuckoo Hawk, Crowned Eagle and African Goshawk. Towards the bottom of the Forest Drive, where the telephone lines cross the road, look out for Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, which has been sighted there on a few occasions.



MAGEOBASKLOOF TRAVEL INFO

What to do in Magoebaskloof

- Fish the tranquil waters of Dap Naude Dam or various private waters through HTA.
- Stroll through the beautiful gardens of the Cheerio Valley.
- Take a farm tour and buy fresh produce.
- Cruise on the Ebenzer Dam.
- Drive through Woodbush forest, the second largest indigenous forest in the country (high clearance vehicle required)
- Picnic at Debengeni falls.
- Hike and overnight on the Magoebaskloof Hiking trail or in the Wolkberg Wilderness area.
- Visit two historical sites where the famous Boer Long Toms were destroyed.
- Hike a short route from various establishments through indigenous forest and plantations
- Slide through the Letaba Gorge on the Magoebaskloof Canopy Tour
- Abseil into or tube through the Letaba Gorge
- Experience the scenic country side on a mountain bike or horse
- See the Black-fronted Bush Shrike and the Blue Swallow (endemic to our area) and many others with a professional bird guide
- Buy plants from a nursery and enjoy a cup of tea

Fishing at Magoebaskloof Getaway

There are two beautiful dams at Magoebaskloof Getaway the one having Trout and the other Bass and Kurper. There is no cost to fish for those staying in the cottages except for the catch they want to take home.



WHERE TO STAY IN MAGOEBASKLOOF

Bramasole Guesthouse	+27 15 007 0629	www.bramasole.co.za
Graceland Eco Retreat	+27 83 277 5553	www.gracelandeco.co.za
Magoebaskloof Mountain Lodge	+27 15 305 7906	www.magoebaskloofmountainlodge.co.za
Kuhestan Organic Farm	+27 82 903 7593	www.kuhestan.co.za
Magoebaskloof Hotel	+27 15 590 9910	www.kuhestan.co.za
Magoebaskloof Birders' Cottages	+27 84 402 3709	www.birderscottage.co.za
AfriCamps Magoebaskloof	+27 21 300 5694	www.africamps.com
Magoebaskloof Getaway	+27 83 449 7024	www.magoebaskloofgetaway.co.za
Glenogle Farm	+27 83 2598 321	www.glenogle.co.za
The Herb Cottage	+27 82 335 6803	www.theherbcottage.co.za

MAGOEBASKLOOF TRAVEL INFORMATION

Debengeni Falls:

Situated at the bottom of the 'Kloof' approximately 20km from Haenertsburg. Short walks with picnic spots and swimming. Visitors take note of the information and restrictions as far as swimming is concerned.

Tourism Magoebaskloof

info@magoebasklooftourism.co.za
www.magoebasklooftourism.co.za



Tzaneen: Tropical garden Town

The Tzaneen area is a subtropical paradise filled with indigenous and exotic plants. Tzaneen itself lies peacefully at the foot of the northern Drakensberg Mountains in the heart of a forestry area and in South Africa's richest sub-tropical fruit-farming region. It is an attractive subtropical garden town with a colourful profusion of indigenous and exotic-plants and the 'capital' of the picturesque Letaba district. The valley of Tzaneen, yields Valencia oranges and grapefruit (such as Star Ruby), Bananas and macadamia nuts are also common crops in the area, with the town producing most of the country's mangoes, avocado pears, pawpaw's, tea and coffee. The town also contributes substantially to the total production of timber, citrus and litchis inter alia.

The surrounding mountain slopes are heavily forested with pine and blue gum plantations and close on forty sawmills

operate in the area. Situated below the scenic Magoebaskloof, Tzaneen offers visitors a change of scenery at almost every turn. The mountainous landscape, subtropical climate, lush indigenous vegetation alternating with cultivated plantations and the largely unspoilt natural environment make this lovely area one of the most attractive recreation and tourism areas in South Africa.

There are several game and nature reserves around Tzaneen, including the famous Kruger National Park, which is only an hour's drive away. For the adventurous traveller, boating is available at the Tzaneen Dam, which is accessed via the Hans Merensky Nature Reserve. This reserve, situated on the banks of the Great Letaba River, is a worthwhile stop, accommodating a spa resort with a variety of swimming pools and a hot mineral spring.



THINGS TO DO IN TZANEEN

Tzaneen Museum

The Tzaneen museum is crammed full of artefacts of local Tsonga and Balobedu people's pottery, basketry, beadwork, weapons, sacred drums and numerous other items of ethnological importance. Open weekdays from 08h00am to 16h00pm.

Agatha Crocodile Ranch

Agatha crocodile ranch is a crocodile farm that offers tours to visitors from all over the world. Agatha Crocodile farm is a must see! It would greatly enhance any tourist experience and encounter one of Africa's greatest predator. Contact number: +27 82 562 5004. www.agatha-crocodile.co.za

Tzaneen Lion and Predator Park

Animal exhibition facility, Care, and interaction.
Tel: +27 76 991 1111
Email: info@letabariverlodge.co.za
Web: www.letabariverlodge.co.za

Modjadji Nature Reserve

Modjadji Nature Reserve provides visitors an interesting combination of cultural and natural activities. Visitors at Modjadji Nature Reserve can view the largest concentration of a single cycad species in the world, hiking trails and a picnic site. The cycad is named after the Queens and is called Modjadji Cycad (Encephalartos Transvenosus).

Mopani Regional Tourism Information

Office: +27 72 150 8371
mokotom@golimpopo.com
15 Peace Street, Tzaneen 0850



WHERE TO STAY IN TZANEEN

Kings Walden Garden Manor	+27 15 307 3262	www.kingswalden.co.za
Tzaneen Country Lodge	+27 15 304 3290	www.tznlodge.co.za
Coach House Hotel & Spa	+27 15 590 1198	www.coachhousehotel.co.za
Fairview Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort	+27 15 307 2679	www.fairviewtzaneen.co.za
Lapologa Bed and Breakfast	+27 15 306 0154	www.lapolgbnb.co.za
Letaba River Lodge	+27 76 991 1111	www.letabariverlodge.com
Hotel@tzaneen	+27 15 307 7534	www.hotelsa.co.za
Letaba Junction Lodge	+27 15 004 0873	www.letabajunction.co.za
Eiland Spa	+27 15 386 8000	www.eilandspa.co.za
The Bohemian Guesthouse	+27 83 782 8855	www.thebohemian.co.za

TZANEEN TOURISM INFORMATION

Modjadji Nature Reserve:

Modjadji Cultural Camp provides visitors an interesting combination of cultural and natural activities. Visit the ancient cycad forest. Called the Modjadji Palm, visitors can view the largest concentration of a single cycad species in the world. There is a cycad nursery, picnic sites, trails through the forest and an information centre.

Traditionally this area was considered the garden of the Rain Queen – the matriarchal leader of the Lobedu dynasty. Visitors to Modjadji can arrange a visit to the Royal Kraal, and for those visiting the area during the spring, attending the Rain Making festivals of the locals Indunas can be a fascinating experience.
www.africanivoryroute.co.za

Tzaneen Tourist Information;

Email : marketing@iinfo.co.za
 Address : Old Gravelotte Road, Limpopo, Manorvlei Farm Extension 8, Tzaneen, 0850.



Giyani: A place where people dance

Giyani, the Tsonga word meaning 'a place where people dance'. It is the land of "the friendly people" and was established in 1969. It is the administrative and commercial centre of the Mopani district and also the former capital of Gazankulu Banstustan.

In many ways it still resembles a friendly traditional village and the people of Giyani are known for colourful folklore, which includes two recorded folk tales, along with 1900 proverbs. Giyani is also rich in cultural history, with royal families dating as far back as 1822.

Baleni Sacred Salt

This traditional harvesting of salt is done from the sacred site of Mukhulu, a

geo-thermal hot spring on the banks of the Klein Letaba River near African Ivory Route's Baleni Camp.

The geothermal water's salt deposits into the soil of this Natural Heritage Site provide the raw material from which the traditional salt is harvested.

The local community also shares their other traditional crafts and skills with tourists. Visitors can combine a salt harvesting experience with dancing and cooking lessons, instruction in beading and basic language lessons – a true immersion into current Tsonga traditional life, as practiced by the people who live around Baleni in the Giyani district.



GIYANI CULTURE AND HERITAGE EXPERIENCES

Makomba Ndlela Traditional Dancing

The Makomba Ndlela Traditional Dancing group specializes in authentic and unique traditional songs and dancing which they write and compose.

Contact: Mr MJ Maswanganyi
Tel: +27 83 366 5777

Baleni Sacred Salt (Available during winter months)

Salt harvesting at Baleni starts by leaving a gift at the foot of the leadwood tree (called Motswairi).

Thomo Heritage Park

Thomo Heritage Park offers accommodation in Iron Age huts. Visitors can indulge in traditional Tsonga cuisine and experience cultural events. There are also hiking trails in the area and guests can visit the Living Heritage Museum for interesting history on the area and its people.
Contact: Rich Mabunda +27 835257666
thomo@live.co.za

Tsonga Culinary Experience

Visit Xisaka Guest house for delicious Tsonga traditional food.

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GIYANI TRAVEL INFO

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

Soutpansberg Birding Route:

Nsami dam near Giyani is one of the best sites for summer waders in the Soutpansberg-Limpopo Birding Route. The Riverine bush of the Letaba river running through Giyani also provides interesting birding.

Email: contactus@limpopobirding.com

Web: www.limpopobirding.com

Giyani Tourism Information Office:

Address: Kremetart, R81 close to Sunduza bridge, Giyani.

Contact: 0791 229864

The centre provides information for travellers in and Giyani.

The centre provides information for travellers in and around Giyani. You may purchase local art and crafts from the region. Also available in the centre also is the variety of traditional foods of the Tsonga and Shangaan people, which you can taste and buy.

Getting to Giyani

The easiest way to visit Giyani, is by car. Travel by car along the N1 to Polokwane. Take the N81 from Polokwane and travel 157km to Giyani.

WHERE TO STAY IN GIYANI

Mashamba Country House	+27 15 811 8808	info@mashamba.co.za
Xisaka Guest House	+27 15 812 3986	www.xisaka.co.za
Tihosi Guest House	+ 27 84 747 6873	www.airbnb.co.za
Mopani Bed & Breakfast	+ 27 15 812 2978	www.mopaniguest.co.za
Vahlavi Guest House	+27 76 880 0312	www.vahlaviguesthouse.co.za
Vakhusi Boutique Hotel	+27 82 5558 196	www.vakhusi.co.za
Letaba Boutique Hotel and Spa	+27 786054284	www.letababoutique.co.za
Xilumani Hotel	+27 15 151 0593	ankuweni@gmail.com
Kulani Country Lodge	+27 15 814 0023	www.kulanicountrylodge.co.za
One Resort	+27 72 902 0478	Onegroup058@gmail.com
Ankuweni Guesthouse	+27 72 911 1125	ankuweni@gmail.com



Maruleng: Place of the Marula

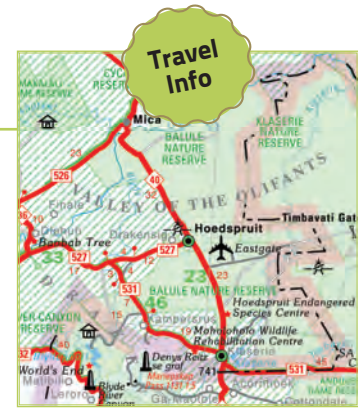
Bordering on the Kruger National Park, Hoedspruit lies in the heart of the central Lowveld and is conveniently situated to explore the many game lodges, game reserves and other attractions in the vicinity. Here, towering cliffs meet endless expanses of bush veld, where vast plains of marula, acacia, combretum and mopane woodlands accommodate a wealth of wildlife and stretch as far as the eye can see.

It is said that Hoedspruit ('hat creek') acquired its name when, after a long and tedious trek over the mountains and into the heat of the Lowveld, one of the pioneers removed his hat' and threw it into the cool waters of the Sandspruit River, declaring his decision to settle there. Visitors to the Maruleng area can choose to stay in exclusive private game reserves or in various other game lodges, chalets,

holiday resorts, bed-and-breakfasts or secluded camping sites.

Many of the reserves bordering on the Kruger National Park have had their fences removed and now form part of the Greater Kruger National Park, resulting in huge traversing areas of unspoilt wilderness. The area offers outstanding wildlife experiences and excellent game-viewing in the tranquillity and natural beauty of the inimitable African bush.

Just outside Maruleng, in the eastern reaches of South Africa's Limpopo Province lies the Hoedspruit Airport, your gateway to the heartland of the country's abundant wildlife in private game reserves, the world-famous Kruger National Park, and the towns of Tzaneen and Ba-Phalaborwa.



MARULENG CULTURE & HERITAGE EXPERIENCES Nyani Cultural Village

Tour a traditional Shangaan village where architectural and agricultural background is learnt. Shangaan history, family duties, customs and culture is also experienced. You can even experience a traditional Shangaan meal!
www.nyaniculturalvillage.com
Contact: Maureen Lahoud,
Tel: +27 83 785 5354

Khamai Reptile Park

Take a break from spotting the "Big 5" and appreciate some of the smaller creatures in South Africa. Khamai Reptile Park has a wide range indigenous and exotic reptiles and arachnids. www.kinyonga.net
Tel: +27 15 795 5203
www.hoedspruitreptilecentre.com

Sun Catchers Hot Air Ballooning

Experience the magic of lighter-than-air flight near the foot of the Drakensberg Escarpment. We offer one-hour long flights over the scenic, Lowveld section of the Blyde River, 15 km West of Hoedspruit.
Tel: +27 87 806 2079
www.suncatchers.co.za

Scenic Flights

Flying safaris are offered to allow you to experience flying in a Bantam microlight and view the Big Five from above. Flights of 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 60 minutes and 90 minutes are available.
Kyle Kraidy: 0832782849
rowena@lefssa.com



MARULENG TRAVEL INFO

Jessica Hippo

Visit World famous "Jessica the Hippo"
 Jessica was rescued as a baby hippo during a flood by a family living on the banks of the Blyde River. She has now grown into a 1 Ton hippo that had befriended this family and visits their riverside home daily for feeding and a bit of loving attention. You too can have an awesome opportunity to get up close and personal with a hippo!

Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre

Situated in the shadow of the majestic " Mariepskop" which forms part of the mighty Drakensberg mountains, our unique Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is a home to many of South Africa's abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife. Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is extremely proud of its efforts in wildlife education in South Africa.

<http://www.moholoholo.co.za>

Tel: +27 15 795 5236

Hoedspruit Endangered Species Center

The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Center is a unique African wildlife facility focusing on conservation and the sustainability of rare, vulnerable and threatened species. Founded on passion, the centre has adopted a holistic approach to its conservation activities, such as the educating of surrounding communities, tourism, breeding, rehabilitation and anti-poaching, to name a few.

Booking is essential.

Adults R600pp, Pensioners R500pp, Children 6-12years R300pp and Children under 6 no charge.

+27 157931633

office@hesc.co.za, www.hesc.co.za

African Dream Horse Safari

African Dream Horse Safari offer horse out-rides on the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate with excellent viewing of game. On a hot day, a swim in the dam with the horses is usually part of the program.

+27 845825442

trails@africandreamhorsesafari.co.za

WHERE TO STAY IN MARULENG (HOEDSPRUIT)

Tshukudu Game Reserve	+27 15 793 2476	www.tshukudulodge.co.za
Khaya Ndlovu Manor House	+27 73 301 1913	www.khayandlovu.co.za
Blyde Mountain Country House	+27 72 480 1334	www.blydemountainhouse.com
Tomo Safari Lodge	+27 62 670 0421	www.kwenga.co.za
Loerie Guesthouse	+27 15 793 3990	www.loerieguesthouse.co.za
Buffaloland Safaris	+27 82 461 4007	www.buffalolandsafaris.co.za
The Baobab Bush Lodge	+27 69 100 9832	www.thebaobabbushlodge.com
Lindiwe Safari Losge	+27 65 878 2311	www.lindiwe-safari-lodge.com
Unembeza Boutique Lodge & Spa	+27 15 013 0274	www.unembeza.com
Leadwood Tree Safari Lodge	+27 82467 4927	www.leadwoodlodge.co.za



Ba-Phalaborwa: Better than the South

Gateway to the Kruger National Park and Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park.

Dubbed the 'town of two summers' because it never really gets cold in this subtropical town of mild winters and warm summers, Ba-Phalaborwa enjoys average day temperatures of 23°C and is the idea year-round holiday destination.

Tourism and wildlife play a dominant role in the life of this town. Surrounded by game farms and lodges, game sanctuaries and nature reserves, tourists are never more than half an hour's drive away from unforgettable destinations and memories.

Situated within walking distance of the Ba-Phalaborwa gate to the Kruger National Park, the town is an ideal base from which

to explore the world's most famous game reserve and the many scenic attractions of the Lowveld.

Ba-Phalaborwa is also home to the famous Amarula Cream Liqueur and offers a variety of sporting activities. The most popular among tourists is "golfing in the wild" at the Hans Merensky Golf Club.

Ba-Phalaborwa was established in 1958 after the discovery of huge mineral deposits, and is the central gateway to the Kruger National Park via the Ba-Phalaborwa Gate.

Today it supports a thriving mining industry, supplying vital minerals to the country, as well as a flourishing export industry. The town also boasts one of the world's largest open-cast mines, which has become a unique tourist attraction.



BA-PHALABORWA CULTURE AND HERITAGE EXPERIENCES

Masorini Cultural Village

The Masorini Village offers a fascinating insight into a stone-age hunter-gathering society, long before the arrival of Europeans in South Africa, and is situated only 11 km from the Ba-Phalaborwa entrance gate on the way to Letaba Camp, within Kruger National Park.

<http://sanparks.org>

Njombo Community Project

The Njombo Community Project started off with 15 unemployed women that do sewing and embroidery. They received training in sewing and embroidery and now train each other. They make various products including duvet covers and curtains. They currently receive help from the Department of Welfare.

Contact: Nkhensani Maluleke

Tel: +27 72 328 2691

Afrikania Pottery

Afrikania is a pottery business based in Ba-Phalaborwa. The products they make are unique to the area as they only make use of heritage elements of the area. They are a BEE, (Black Economic Empowerment) company that has already seen much success. Some of their work has been exhibited in Japan and one of their pots was featured on a SA postal stamp in 2003.

Contact Person: Tom Joubert

Tel: +27 15 781 1139



BA-PHALABORWA TRAVEL INFO

Letaba Elephant Hall

The museum covers elephant evolution, biology, behaviour, ecology and research. It also showcases the ivory of eight of Kruger's greatest tuskers (including six of the Magnificent Seven). This site introduces you to these, and some of Kruger's other big tuskers. It also has fun and games for kids and information for schools and educators. Check out our recommended reading for some excellent elephant publications, or our links page to access other useful sources of information on elephants.

www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/elephants

BOLLANOTO TOURISM CENTRE

Address: Corner Hendrick Vaneck and President Steyn Street, Ba-Phalaborwa
Tel: +27 15 780 6347 / 6316

WHERE TO STAY IN BA-PHALABORWA

Sunbird Lodge	+27 15 781 5559	www.sunbirdlodge.com
Royal Game Guest House	+27 15 781 3158	www.royalgamestay.co.za
La Lechere Guest House	+27 72 605 3398	www.lalechere.co.za
Casart Game Lodge	+27 73787 7924	www.casartgamelodge.com
Antares Bush Camp & Umgede Hide	+27 83286 8281	www.antare.co.za
Norman Safari Lodge	+27 72418 7286	www.normannsafari.com
Sefapane Lodge & Safaris	+27 15780 6700	www.sefapane.co.za
Bushveld Terrace-Hotel on Kruger	+27 15781 3447	www.bushveldterracehotel.co.za
CU guesthouse	+27 15781 1136	www.cuguesthouse.co.za
Cajori Hotel	+27 15781 3156	www.cajorihotel.co.za

MAKALALI KARONGWE GAME RESERVE

Karongwe Private Game Reserve

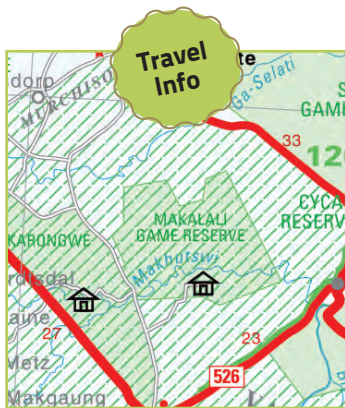
Karongwe Private Game Reserve, overlooking the majestic Drakensberg mountain range in the Limpopo Province, is set apart from similar properties by the extraordinary lengths we are willing to go to in order to ensure that your stay with us is a memorable experience. It is our people that create the magic of Karongwe and our dedicated and professional team are with us not simply because they want to work on one of the best natural game reserves in the world, they are here because they genuinely care about their work and their environment – elements which they carry out with passion.

The Greater Makalali Reserve is a vast Big 5 nature reserve covering an area of 25000 hectares. Situated in the Lowveld area, the home of nature conservation in South Africa.

Considered one of the leading pioneers in eco-tourism in South Africa, Makalali Private Game Reserve, represents a conservation mission to expand South Africa's green frontier by re-establishing the ancient traditional wildlife migration routes that linked the famous Kruger Park in the east to lush Drakensberg Mountains in the west.

In the process lion, cheetah, leopard, and breeding herds of elephant, rhino, and the rare sable antelope have all been reintroduced to the wild.





MAKALALI CONSERVANCY LODGES

Makalali Private Game Lodge	+27 10 442 5888	www.makalali.co.za
Garonga Safari Camp	+27 87 057 4504	www.garonga.com
Little Garonga	+27 87 057 4504	www.garonga.com

KARONGWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Kuname Lodge	+27 11 817 5560	www.karongwe.com
Kuname Manor House	+27 11 817 5560	www.karongwe.com
Chisomo Safari Camp	+27 11 817 5560	www.karongwe.com
Shiduli Lodge	+27 11 817 5560	www.karongwe.com
Karongwe River Lodge	+27 11 817 5560	www.karongwe.com

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS - KARONGWE

Game drives:

Traversing over the 9000 hectares of supreme African Bush veld, Karongwe is home to the Big Five (Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, Rhino and Elephant) as well as a wealth of other creatures. Our open vehicle game drives are perfect for game viewing. Enjoy a sundowner while the sun sets over the magnificent Drakensberg Mountains.

Photographic safaris

The magnificent game viewing makes for perfect photographic opportunities; enjoy the view of the Lowveld from a "kopje" amid the lush vegetation, huge variety of trees and over 365 different bird species. Game drives are conducted with our qualified game rangers and Shangaan trackers – who will share their vast experience of the African Bush and a chance to view Cheetah on foot.

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS - MAKALALI ECO & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Green actions at Garonga - Makalali game reserve

Below are some areas where we at Garonga try and make a difference:

1. Solar Power - around 30% of Garonga's energy requirements are met through solar energy.
2. Heater pumps reduce electrical power usage by 80%
3. A Bio-gas system allows staff to cook with natural gas.
4. A grey water system supplies water to the camp waterhole.
5. A vegetable garden supplies fresh vegetables to the safari camps.





KLASERIE GAME RESERVE

This reserve lies to the west of the Timbavati and Kruger National Park, covering 60,000 ha on either side of the Klaserie River. Hot and dry for most of the year, the bush is sparse but soon recovers when the summer rains arrive. Game wanders freely over vast areas and visitors are likely to see all the usual animals of the African bush, such as lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and many species of antelope.

The private nature of this wilderness sanctuary enables visitors to embrace the African Bush veld in their own time - to take in the sounds, sights and smells that make the Bush veld a unique experience. Safaris in this untamed region of the Greater Kruger National Park focus on the bush and its ecosystems, with the added excitement of getting involved in the tracking of Africa's big game.



KLASERIE SAFARI LODGES

nThambo Tree Camp	+27 21 203 5173	www.nthambo.com
Africa on Foot	+27 21 203 5173	www.africaonfoot.com
nDzuti Safari Camp	+27 83 382 5098	www.ndzutisafaricamp.com
AM Lodge	+27 11 205 0182	www.amluxury.co.za
Baobab Ridge Lodge	+27 73 926 4724	www.africansafaris.com
Klaserie Camps	+27 82 727 7766	www.klaseriecamps.com
Makumu Private Game Lodge	+27 87 057 4512	www.makumu.com
Senalala Luxury Safari Camp	+27 87 151 1739	www.senalala.com
Xanatseni Private Camp	+27 15 004 0803	www.xanatseni.co.za

TIMBAVATI & UMBABAT

GAME RESERVE

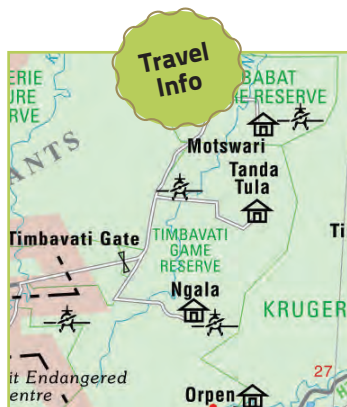
In 1956, a group of conservation minded landowners formed the Timbavati Association with the aim to reclaim the land for the benefit of all. They had come together after witnessing the degradation of a once pristine wilderness area.

Since the formation of the Timbavati Association, every landowner in the area has been encouraged to join in the conservation effort. Today there are over 50 members who have succeeded in restoring the land to its former glory, with diverse and rare wildlife species making the Timbavati their home

In 1993, in recognition of the importance of the area, the fences between the Kruger National Park and the Timbavati Reserve were removed to encourage natural species migration.

Man's incursions into this part of the Lowveld have always been temporary and brief, from early stone age down to the early 20th century. In point of fact, large tracts of land in the northern portion of the Lowveld were never permanently settled by man. The lands now comprising the Timbavati were barely touched, and are still only lightly inhabited. This part of South Africa's Bush veld region may therefore be regarded as truly unspoiled and deserves recognition as genuine wild land, as opposed to the „restored“ and „restocked“ lands commonly found elsewhere.





Luxury Safari experience

Makanyi is a luxury safari lodge that opened its doors in June 2015. Located in the Timbavati and open to the Kruger National Park, we traverse approximately 6,000 hectares, offering a fantastic game viewing experience of the Big 5, the legendary and extremely rare white lions and a multitude of other wildlife, including over 350 bird species.



EXPERIENCE TIMBAVATI

Romantic Safari experience

Kings Camp offers gracious hospitality in a unique romantic ambience. Kings Camp is dedicated to a gracious style of hospitality from a bygone era, combined with a flexibility that puts the comfort and requests of our guests first.

A rustic, but still exclusive Safari experience

Umlani's philosophy of simplistic luxury and 'getting back to nature' is enhanced by the romance of operating without electricity, so each hut and the entire camp is lit by candlelight and oil lamps, providing a warm and romantic atmosphere.

An affordable Safari experience

Shindzela is an authentic tented bush camp, set within the Timbavati Private Game Reserve (Big 5), part of the greater Kruger National Park, South Africa. We bring you an affordable wildlife safari, where you can explore the African wilderness on game drives in open Landrover vehicles and on foot during bush walks.

Glamping Safari experience

Tanda Tula Safari Camp. As one of South Africa's most luxurious tented Bush veld bushcamps, they offer guests an unforgettable experience in game viewing, warm hospitality and award-winning cuisine.

Family Safari experience

An intimate and child friendly camp, Simbavati River Lodge places emphasis on relaxation. Tents and chalets are comfortably furnished complete with air conditioning, further enhancing your tranquil African Bush experience.

Group Safari experience

In the heart of the African Bush, you will find a lodge designed for your exclusive use - welcome to Masungulo Lodge. Masungulo only caters for small groups, which makes us the perfect choice to reconnect with family and friends or even corporate getaways, as you will have exclusive use of the lodge and all its facilities.

TIMBAVATI SAFARI LODGES

Kings Camps	+27 13 751 1621	www.kingscamp.com
Kambaku Lodges	+ 27 15 004 0817	www.kambakulodge.com
Masungulo Lodge	+ 27 15 793 9048	www.timbavati.co.za
Makanyi Private Game Lodge	+ 27 15 793 2663	www.makanyilodge.com
Umlani Bushcamp	+27 21 785 5547	www.umlani.com
Shindzela Tented Camp	+ 27 82 307 9493	www.shindzela.co.za
Simbavati River Lodges	+ 27 87 151 4520	www.simbavati.com
Tanda Tula Safari Camp	+ 27 15 793 3191	www.tandatula.com
Motswari Private Game Lodge	+ 27 15 793 1718	www.newmarkhotels.com

BALULE

NATURE RESERVE

In the early 1990's various landowners in the present Balule Nature Reserve came to appreciate the need to drop fences between their properties.

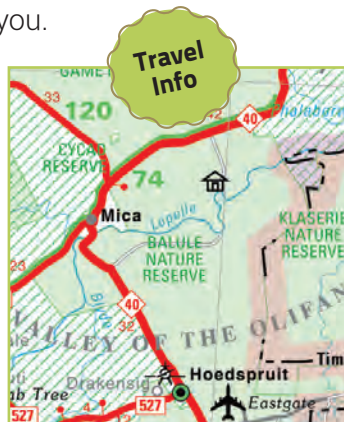
By the end of the decade, almost all the landowners had voluntarily joined in this venture. The hunting was curtailed and the animals became less skittish.

As a result of the fences being dropped, large numbers of lion, cheetah, leopard as well elephant, buffalo and rhino now move freely between Balule and the western border of the Kruger Park. More than 250 bird species occur in the area.

Accommodation:

Balule offers world-class, award-winning safari lodge accommodation.

Balule Private Nature Reserve lodges are family friendly. The lodges pride themselves on their exceptional service and hospitality and some of them are willing to tailor make a schedule of activities to suit you.





BALULE SAFARI LODGES

Baluleni Safari Lodge	+27 71 105 7703	www.balulenisafarilodge.com
Ezulwini River Lodge	+27 21 203 5173	www.ezulwini-river-lodge.co.za
Ezulwini Billy's Lodge	+27 21 203 5173	www.ezulwini-billys-lodge.co.za
Greenfire Game Lodge	+27 63 855 8780	www.greenfire.co.za
Masodini Game Lodge	+27 82 363 3323	www.masodini.co.za
Mohlabetsi Safari Lodge	+27 82 503 8863	www.mohlabetsi.co.za
Naledi Game Lodges	+27 15 001 7092	www.naledigamelodge.com
Pondoro Game Lodge	+27 31 764 5049	www.sausagetree.co.za
Toro Yaka Bush Lodge	+27 82 495 6974	www.toroyaka.co.za
Rio Dos Elefantes River Camp	+27 82 677 1179	www.riodos.co.za
Maninghi Lodge	+27 60 525 8571	www.maninghi.co.za

Spa and Wellness:

Serenity Spa at Pondoro Game Lodge offers an indulgent escape from the wild, where one is surrounded by elegant décor and cascading waterfalls to create a relaxing ambient environment.

Revitalize your mind, body and soul with classic Southern African spa treatments. Our exclusive personal approach incorporates innovative and authentic spa and face treatments which range from a glass covered steam room, a spa bath under the wide African sky to a massage in the privacy of your room.

Glamping:

Remember the old-style safari and sleeping under canvas? Well there truly is nothing like it! The sounds of the night are closer, the smells are stronger, and the feeling of actually being in the bush is so much more intense.

Sausage tree camp offers African safari-styled tents which are nestled in between Marula, Knobthorn Acacia and Sausage Trees.

Mohlabetsi family lodges

These units follow the style and form of our Rondawels and are perfect for families. Comprising two rooms, separated by an inter-leading door, each room has its own facilities and an al fresco shower. Fully insect proofed, they have been appointed with your comfort and pleasure in mind.

Getting to Balule:

By road:

Drive to Maruleng. Take the R40 toward Ba-Phalaborwa.

Balule is around 17km from Maruleng.

By Air

Fly to Eastgate Airport in Maruleng (Hoedspruit). Most lodges will arrange for you to be picked up.

KAPAMA

GAME RESERVE

Kapama Private Game Reserve comprises 13 000 hectares of Wilderness area. Along with the Kapama River, the languid Klaserie River also flows through the reserve. These serve as natural water sources for the resident wildlife, which are regularly seen on guided game drives and walks.

Kapama Private Game Reserve is one of Africa's premiere ecotourism destinations. Kapama Private Game Reserve is owner-managed by the Roode family and is the largest private game reserve owned by a single family in the area. In addition to luxury game lodge accommodation across four establishments - each with a unique personality - the Roode family also manages the world-renowned Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species. On a visit here, rare wildlife - including king cheetah, wild dog, serval and nocturnal black-footed cat - can be seen up close.

Kapama offers a complete safari experience. River Lodge, Kapama Karula, Buffalo Camp and Southern Camp, seamlessly complement each other and together offer a diverse range of luxury game lodge accommodation, along with luxury African spa.





KAPAMA SAFARI LODGES

Kapama River Lodge	+27 15 793 8700	www.kapama.com
Kapama Southern Camp	+27 74 150 7153	www.kapama.com
Kapama Buffalo Camp	+27 74 126 4529	www.kapama.com
Kapama Karula	+27 74 172 4253	www.kapama.com
Jabulani Safari	+27 63 355 4562	www.jabulanisafari.com



KAPAMA ACTIVITIES

Elephant interaction

The elephant interaction offered by Kapama, is a unique opportunity for guests to get extremely close to the world's largest land animals. As an additional add-on to the luxury safari experience guests can expect at Kapama, this activity offers visitors the chance to learn about African elephants, both wild and habituated, as they interact and feed these gentle giants.

Kapama Karula Spa

To find peace in paradise look no further than the ultra-luxurious Kapama Karula Lodge and Spa, where tranquillity resides. Surrounded by glass, this stunning newly built spa has an intimate connection with the Bush veld scenery. Impalas can often be seen grazing beyond the glistening glass. As the flagship spa, every aspect of the spectacular design and décor invites you to pamper yourself.

Bush walks

Feel Africa underfoot on a guided bush walk with a highly trained game ranger. The experience offers an intimate encounter with nature and wildlife, and medicinal and other plants are identified en route.

Rangers also teach walkers to track wildlife in the traditional way, using animal footprints and scat. Expert trackers are able to tell the gender of many animals just from their footprints. A bush walk through Kapama Private Game Reserve is a truly memorable and authentic encounter.

Romantic sleep-out

The Kapama Romantic Sleep-out offers a million-star overnight experience. Sleeping in the open air on the reserve, elevated high above the ground under the African night sky, is a uniquely romantic experience. A raised platform is evocatively furnished with an oversized bed festooned in white linen and billowing mosquito netting. It's completely safe, while being surrounded by only wilderness and wildlife. The experience is guaranteed to take your breath away.

THORNYBUSH

GAME RESERVE

The Thornybush Collection of Lodge offerings consist of twelve Lodges, eleven of which are located in the Thornybush Private Nature Reserve and one in the Northern part of the Sabi Sand.

A well-known destination for local and international visitors Thornybush has earned its reputation as one of the country's finest bush experiences. Situated within 14 000 hectares of pristine wilderness, adjacent to the Kruger National Park, the Thornybush Nature Reserve is a true escape from the madness of city life. This haven, which is just over 5 hours' drive from Johannesburg has scooped numerous world firsts, both for conservation and hospitality. Thornybush has evolved over the years into a visitor's paradise, „our collection of Lodges offers something for everyone. Bush lovers can saturate themselves, not only in the big five, but also in the remarkable fauna and flora," while less than enthusiastic bush goers can recoup their sanity relaxing in the luxurious surrounds, enjoying delicious cuisine and pampering themselves at one of the spas. Whatever your preference you never leave Thornybush the same as when you arrived. Testimony to this are the numerous visitor comments, the message is clear once you've experienced Thornybush it changes you profoundly. Each Lodge has been carefully selected to provide a variety of differing experiences and designed to meet the varying pockets of discerning travellers.





THORNYBUSH SAFARI LODGES

Nkelenga Tented Camp	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.co.za
Thornybush Collection	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.co.za
Shumbalala Game Lodge	+27 21 2030111	www.shumbalala.co.za
Jackalberry Lodge	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.co.za
Saseka Teneted Camp	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.co.za
Simbabili Game Lodge	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.com
Tangala Safari Camp	+27 73 349 8142	www.tangalasafaricamp.co.za
Kamara House	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.com
Thornybush River Lodge	+27 11 253 6500	www.thornybush.com
Monwana Game Lodge	+27 11 880 9992	www.more.co.za

THORNYBUSH SPA & WELLNESS

This multi award-winning spa group has revolutionised traditional spa treatments and taken beauty beyond skin-deep. Amani's focus is on complimentary health designed and customised for the individual. Amani African Spas offer some unique therapies are designed to bring balance to the physical, emotional and mental well-being, as well as preserve and enhance youthfulness.

Thornybush welcomes families

Thornybush Luxury Game Lodge Collection prides itself on actively welcoming children of all ages at Thornybush Game Lodge, Thornybush Waterside Lodge, Serondella Game Lodge, Monwana Lodge and Jackalberry Lodge. The other smaller lodges will accept children provided that the family book sole use of the camp.

Thornybush and the community

The Thornybush Luxury Game Lodge Collection created The Thornybush Community Projects, a non-profit organisation established with the objective of nurturing and uplifting our surrounding local community. Thornybush are currently supporting a primary school and a high school, we assist an agricultural business that successfully supplies surrounding lodges and shops with fresh quality produce, we initiated and nurture a vegetable garden at the primary school and we support a local NGO that focuses on medical care for farm workers and child support for their kids, while also successfully operating an agricultural component

Thornybush Weddings and Honeymoons

Imagine exchanging your vows in an African dry river bed at sunset, the bridge being serenaded in by African dancers amidst tribal song. This is just one of the ways weddings can be catered for at many of the Thornybush Nature Reserve lodges or at Simbabili Game Lodge.

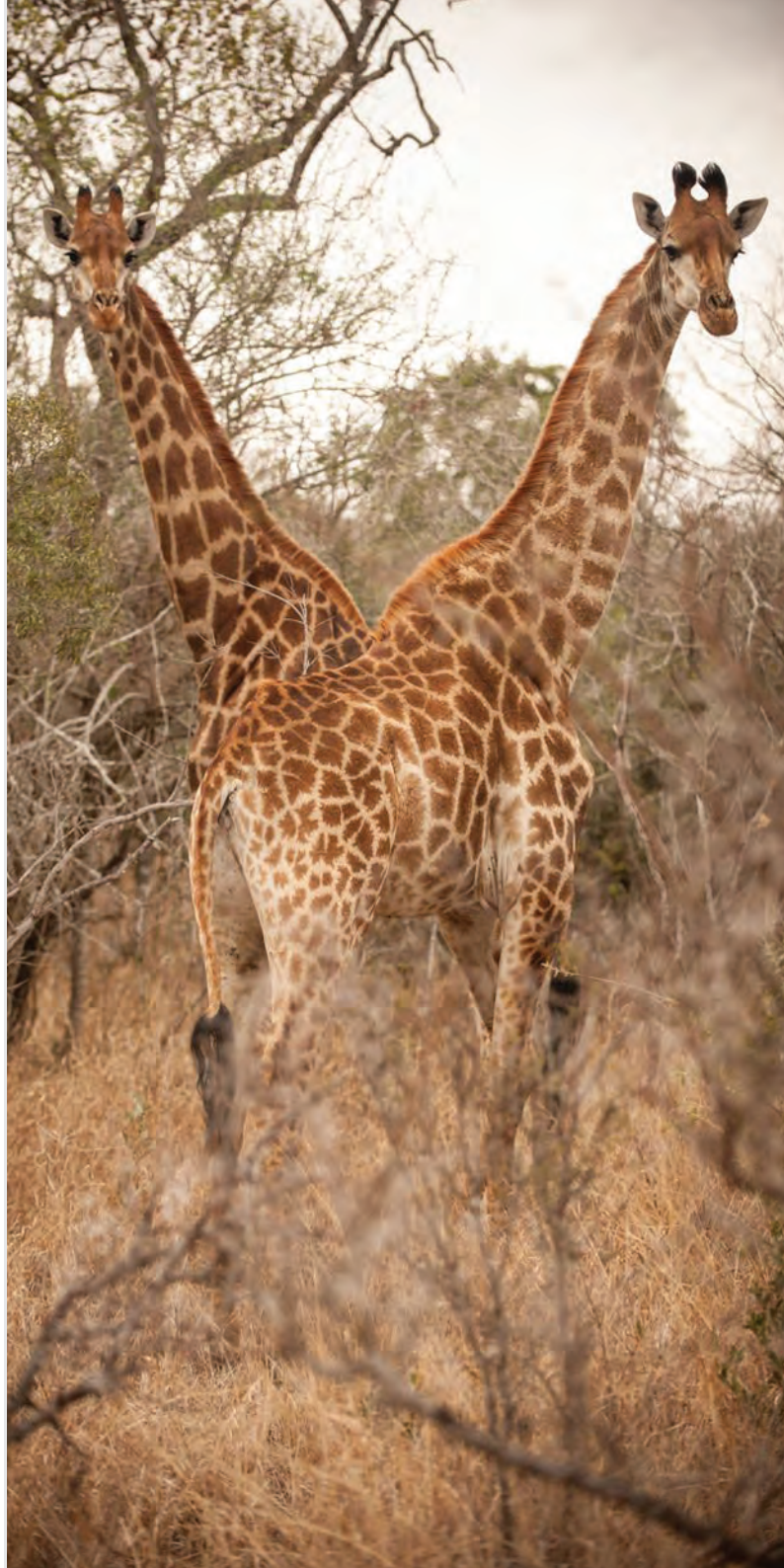
GUERNSEY / MODITLO

NATURE RESERVES

Moditlo Private Game Reserve

Moditlo River Lodge sits at the heart of the Blue Canyon Conservancy, a stretch of protected land in close proximity to the world-renowned Greater Kruger National Park and is home to an astonishing array of fauna and flora. Named for the gentle beast of the Bush veld, Moditlo means 'place of the elephant', and the quiet grace of this extraordinary creature echoes throughout the lodge and its surroundings.

The Guernsey Private Nature reserve, shares its borders with the renowned Thornybush and neighbouring the famous Kruger National Park.





SAFARI LODGES

Moditlo River Lodge	+27 15 793 7200	www.moditlo.com
Pezulu Tree House Lodge	+27 15 000 6583	www.pezulu.co.za
Panzi Bushcamp	+27 60 526 5297	www.panzilodge.com
Raptor Retreat Lodge	+27 82 495 0387	www.raptorretreatlodge.co.za
Ku Sungula Safari Lodge	+27 65 941 5581	www.kusungula.com
Ngama Tented Camp	+27 74 587 8351	www.ngamalodge.co.za
Mbizi Bush Lodge	+27 71 974 8617	www.mbizibushlodge.com

Eco Safari Experience

Cheetah Paw Eco Lodge – Safari in style, in an Eco-friendly environment

Our team is dedicated to nature conservancy and the surroundings of the main lodge and the luxurious tented accommodations are kept as natural as possible. Indigenous plants and trees grow all over the property and our animals find their way to our natural waterhole while peacefully grazing around the lodge in the bushes and on the natural greens. A big variety of birds and insects can be found around Cheetah Paw Eco Lodge and we not only take care of the big but also the small creatures. With guided walks on the Guernsey Private Nature Reserve our guests get inside knowledge about nature and animals and our beautiful Bushveld.

Tree House Safari Experience

Pezulu is a small, exclusive tree house game lodge. The Lodge comprises of ten unique tree houses, accommodating a maximum of thirty guests. Each unit has been built to blend with the environment whilst maintaining an element of luxury. The units have been built around the trees, resulting in huge branches which are still growing, passing through the tree houses.

Bush Walk experience at Ngama

Ngama's knowledgeable guides are at hand to help you explore the natural wonders and discover the abundance of wildlife in Guernsey Private Nature Reserve. Early morning bush walks are the perfect way to take in all the fascinating small things, wonderful variety of bird-life or spot some animals.

Explore and experience the area

- Go on a day trip to The Kruger National Park (in an open safari vehicle and with a qualified ranger)
- Drive up to Mpumalanga for the panorama route (full day trip)
- Visit the Moholoholo Rehabilitation Center (www.moholoholo.co.za)
- Visit the Cheetah Breeding Project (www.hesc.co.za)
- Khamai Reptile Park (www.khamai.co.za)
- Go on a Cultural Village Tour
- Or a boat trip over Blyde River or Olifants

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

This enormous and magnificent park is one of the most popular public-entry game parks in the world. Its density of permanent game is unrivalled with hundreds of different species; 507 birds, 336 trees, 147 mammals, 114 reptiles, 49 fish and 34 amphibians!

Few visitors leave South Africa without visiting the Kruger National Park or one of the private reserves along its borders but it is also frequented by locals in their own vehicles, as you can drive yourself around and stay overnight in one of the many public rest camps. There are also a few exclusive private lodges that have been granted concessions within the Kruger National Park.

The far north of the park is the wildest and most difficult area to access and because of this, it has alluring qualities for the real adventurer.

With greater ecological co-operation across African borders, several countries bordering South Africa have agreed to take down some fences, and those between Kruger and Mozambique's Limpopo National Park and Zimbabwe's Gonarezhou, have been demolished to create the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park. This unique political innovation is creating a colossal wilderness area.

The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa.





KRUGER NATIONAL PARK FACTS

Did you know?

The surface area of Kruger National Park is 7,580 miles² (19,633 km²).

The park was first proclaimed in 1898 as the Sabie Game Reserve by the then president of the Transvaal Republic, Paul Kruger. He first proposed the need to protect the animals of the Lowveld in 1884, but his revolutionary vision took another 12 years to be realised when the area between the Sabie and Crocodile Rivers was set aside for restricted hunting.

James Stevenson-Hamilton (born in 1867) was appointed the park's first warden on 1 July 1902.

On 31 May 1926 the National Parks Act was proclaimed and with it the merging of the Sabie and Shingwedzi Game Reserves into the Kruger National Park.

The first motorists entered the park in 1927 for a fee of one pound.

Many accounts of the park's early days can be found in the Stevenson-Hamilton Memorial Library.

There are almost 254 known cultural heritage sites in the Kruger National Park, including nearly 130 recorded rock art sites.

There is ample evidence that prehistoric man – Homo erectus roamed the area between 500 000 and 100 000 years ago. Cultural artefacts of Stone Age man have been found for the period 100 000 to 30 000 years ago.

More than 300 archaeological sites of Stone Age man have been found.

Evidence of Bushman Folk (San) and Iron Age people from about 1500 years ago is also in great evidence.

KRUGER PARK ACCOMMODATION

Punda Maria Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6873	www.sanparks.org
Satara Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6306	www.sanparks.org
Roodewal Bush Lodge	+27 13 735 6306	www.sanparks.org
Sirheni Bush veld Camp	+27 13 735 6860	www.sanparks.org
Shingwedzi Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6806	www.sanparks.org
Bateleur Camp	+27 13 735-6843	www.sanparks.org
Mopani Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6535	www.sanparks.org
Boulders Bush Lodge	+27 13 735 6535	www.sanparks.org
Shipandani Sleepover Hide	+27 13 735 6535	www.sanparks.org
Shimuwini Bush veld Camp	+27 13 735-6683	www.sanparks.org
Tsendze Camp Site	+27 13 735 6535	www.sanparks.org





Letaba Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6636	www.sanparks.org
Sable Sleepover Hide	+27 13 735 3547	www.sanparks.org
Olifants Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6606	www.sanparks.org
Balule wilderness Camp	+27 13 735 6606	www.sanparks.org
Orpen Rest Camp	+27 13 735 6355	www.sanparks.org
Maroela Caravanning/Camping	+27 13 735 6355	www.sanparks.org
Tamboti tented camp	+27 13 735 6355	www.sanparks.org
Shimuwini Bush veld Camp	+27 13 735 6683	www.sanparks.org
Baobab Hill Bush House	+27 11 646 1391	www.returnafrica.com
Parfuri Camp	+27 11 646 1391	www.returnafrica.com
The Outpost	+27 11 327 3910	www.seasonsinafrica.com
Tshulu Wilderness Camp	+27 82 223 7605	www.tshulutrust.org
Dumela Wilderness Safaris	+27 76 298 9595	http://pafurimoz.co.za

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK FACTS...cont

There are also many historical tales of the presence of Nguni people and European explorers and settlers in the Kruger area.

There are significant archaeological ruins at Thulamela and Masorini.

There are numerous examples of San Art scattered throughout the park.

Accessible Activities & Facilities

Most Kruger Park destinations offer good general access and people with mobility challenges do make frequent use of the park.

There are a variety of accessible boardwalks, trails, hides, museums, picnic sites and other visitor destinations throughout the park and readers are encouraged to view the individual rest camp profiles or the summary of gates, hides and picnic sites to get an idea of what destinations are suitable.



Hans Merensky Nature Reserve
This Lowveld bush veld reserve offers two well-signed hiking trails, game viewing from your car and an informative educational centre. Wildlife includes sable antelope and all the Lowveld species other than the Big Five.

The reserve is also home to the Tsonga Kraal Museum which gives visitors the opportunity to get a glimpse of the fascinating Tsonga culture and to visit the crafts workshop.

Eiland Spa with its steaming hot waters is also located in the Hans Merensky Nature Reserve.

PROVINCIAL GAME AND NATURE RESERVES

Letaba Ranch

Situated a few kilometres north of Ba-Phalaborwa, Letaba Ranch covers just over 42 000ha.

Incorporated into the Greater Kruger National Park Conservation Area, Letaba Ranch is well known for its large herds of elephants and buffaloes. Here travellers can also view hippos and crocodiles on the banks of the mighty Letaba River.

The African Ivory Route tented bush camp Mtomeni is on Letaba

Ranch, but the game reserve is also open to day visitors for game drives in open vehicles. The gates are open daily from 6:00 to 18:00.

Shona Langa Resort

Shona Langa Resort is situated on the banks of the Olifants River 12km outside Ba-Phalaborwa "The Town of Two Summers" where a variety of game can be sighted.

Sightings range from elephant, leopard, lion, hippo, crocodile, giraffe, buffalo, impala and waterbuck, to mention but a few.

Guests might have the unexpected surprise to find an elephant or buffalo roaming around in the resort during the day or night.

Enjoy birds and game viewing from the banks of the Olifants River and the tranquility of the Bush veld in the evenings.

Lekgalameetse Provincial Park

The Lekgalameetse Provincial Park is part of the Drakensberg mountain range and is characterised by grassy hills, lush kloofs and indigenous forests.



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This breezy resort capitalizes on the striking correlation between its waters, rocks and tall trees that overshadow the beautiful wooden chalets neatly tucked alongside the river bank. The overflowing sound of water persuades its visitors to unwind and ease tension. It is a place where pure natural crystal-clear swimming pools form and waterfalls break the silence.

As in its name Lekgalameetse, 'The Place of water', hosts and generates water for most of the

prominent rivers in the Lowveld, and has water flowing through it all year round.

Lekgalameetse is equipped with four accommodation sites, in the form of seven wooden chalets, one guest house and one youth camp. All in all the reserve can host up to 43 guests.

Man'Ombe Provincial Park
Just about 6km from Giyani lies Man'Ombe Provincial Park covering an area of 1352 hectares. The reserve has three hiking trails.

Modjadji Cycad Reserve
The unique Modjadji Cycad Reserve is named after the successive rain-making queens who have inhabited the area since the 16th century, guarding the ancient cycads.

Close to Modjadjikloof, the 305-ha reserve features the world's largest concentration of a single-species cycad, also known as the 'Modjadji palm'.

The cycad nursery, picnic sites, day trails through the forest and information centre make this reserve a highlight on any tour of the Modjadji kingdom.

Tzaneen Dam Resort's
Tzaneen Dam Resort's camping site. Tzaneen dam lies in good birding area with more than 350 bird species.

Thabina Nature Reserve
The Wolkberg Wilderness Area is the largest wilderness area open to the general public in South Africa and there are many opportunities to fish, hike, climb the hills, canoe on the dam or mountain-bike through the neighbouring countryside and Thabina Dam.



Sekhukhune Tourism Region

SEKHUKHUNE

This region is named after King Sekhukhune, a king of the Marota (commonly known as the Bapedi) in Sekhukhune land during the 18th century. Sekhukhune is a cross-boarder municipality between Limpopo and Mpumalanga Province.

The region is endowed with mineral resources like chrome, platinum and diamond deposits. Places of interest include the Lebowa Platinum Mines, Potlake Game Reserve, Mona Meetse spring water, Ledingwe Cultural Village, Echo Stone at Phahlamanoge and Lenao la Modimo (God's Footprint). Schuinsdraai is a popular water-recreation destination where anglers can relax on the shores of Boshielo Dam.

The **Kamoka Open Africa Route** is a self-drive route that takes you to graves and battle sites, cultural villages and heritage sites. The name Kamoka is a Pedi word meaning 'together' and the route is characterized by an interesting mix of two cultures and two provinces, Limpopo and Mpumalanga.

At **Ledingwe Cultural Village**, you can go on a guided tour that reveals the history and heritage of the Ndebele people. Visit the ancestral kraal of the ancient Ndebele king, King Mayhisha III; visit traditional homesteads and meet artists in their studios, find out about the fascinating folklore and mythology of the Ndebele.

Take a tour of **Tjate**. This is a heritage site that commemorates the cultural heritage of the Bapedi people.

The region offers hunting safaris, adventure and culture and heritage experiences.

Town and municipal areas include:

Municipalities:

Fetakgomo tubatse local municipality
Makhuduthamaga local municipality
Elias Motsoaledi local municipality and
Ephraim Mogale local municipality

Towns: Grobersdal, Marble Hall





Groblersdal

Groblersdal is located on a farm, Klipbank, and named after its owner, WJ Grobler.

The town is the centre of the irrigation scheme of the Loskop Dam, and became the second-largest irrigation settlement in South Africa. The dam has an extensive network system, with the man-made floodplain producing cotton, citrus, tobacco, wheat, and maize, to name but a few of the many crops it feeds.

Groblersdal is also known for its abundant private game reserves, which brings the tourists back every year. Groblersdal is a popular hunting area. There is also some great bream and carp angling spots. These are only a few of the activities and attractions that Groblersdal offers. Others include birding, horseback safaris and hiking trails.

Mbidi Resort & Animal Sanctuary

Beginning with the first lion Mufasa, Mbidi Animal Sanctuary has made its mission the compassionate care of captive, injured and abandoned animals.

Education through interaction, Mbidi works with the public to ensure and secure awareness for the humane treatment of all animals worldwide and the longevity of some of the planet's most awe-inspiring species.

Tel: +27 (0) 79-887-9366
www.ramelaranch.co.za

Fishing & Hunting

Fishing enthusiasts can look forward to some exciting Catfish, Carp, and black bass fishing at Bloempoort. Also available at Bloempoort, is seasonal bow hunting.
<http://bloempoortjagenhengel.co.za>



GROBLERSDAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE EXPERIENCES

Zwelabo Cultural Village:

What can you experience at Zwelabo?
 The Ndebele Traditional Dance (performed by the youth in the village aged seven to twenty eight years old);
 Tasting of the traditional food, Arts and crafts
 Story telling, and Touring around the village
 Contact Person: Zodwa Mahlangu
 Mobile Number:
 Tel: +27 72 122 1405

Ndebele Cultural Village

Groblersdal is well-known for its Ndebele culture. Visit a Ndebele cultural village where you will learn about Ndebele Culture, heritage, food and tradition, beautifully painted houses, bead work and other crafts.

Sailthrough Ceramics.

Sailthru was started in November 1991 as a hobby for the ladies on the family farm. But it wasn't long before the beautiful earthenware products were impressing locals and foreign tourists alike. As a result, Sailthru is now a booming ceramics factory providing employment to locals, with their wares gracing shops throughout the country.

The factory is based on a farm, just outside Groblersdal.
 Tel: + 27 13 262 2331/ 2704
www.sailthru.co.za



WHERE TO STAY IN GROBLERSDAL

Ya Rena Guest House	+27 84 288 9761	info@yarenaguesthouse.co.za
Loskop Valley	+27 82 552 4186	lvl@loskop.co.za
Isibayeni Lodge	+27 76 599 0115	Isibayeni4cj@gmail.com
KBv Guesthouse	+27 72 186 6897	reservations@kbguesthpuse.co.za
Kingdoms Lodge	+27 83 235 7449	info@kingdomslodge.co.za
Guinea Feather Guesthouse	+27 71 696 1030	bookings@guineafewather.co.za
Guest House 52	+27 13 262 3136	gert@guesthouse52.co.za
Ruby River Resort	+27 83 673 3067	rubyriverrresort@telkomsa.net
Villa Cottessa Guesthouse	+27 82 781 0620	petrolluntzis@gmail.com
Goedgedatch Guesthouse	+27 82 492 7388	luiseb@loskop.co.za

GROBLERSDAL TRAVEL INFO SCHUINSDRAAI NATURE RESERVE

North of Groblersdal lies the Schuinsdraai ecosystem. The Schuinsdraai dam provides an ideal environment for the large crocodile population that inhabits the area. Other game that can be spotted at Schuinsdraai Nature Reserve includes kudu, impala, eland, warthog and rare roan antelope.

Stay around the dam and enjoy the presence of beautiful water birds. The reserve is a popular destination for anglers and other water recreation.
Tel: +27 15 288-0099

GETTING TO GROBLERSDAL

By Road:

Take the N12 from Johannesburg. Then take the R25 to Groblersdal. The route is approximately 206 km and will take 2h 24 min.

Marble Hall :

Marble Hall is a small town situated in the Sekhukhune region of the Limpopo Province in South Africa. This town is located approximately 26km from Groblersdal.

Marble mining takes place at the Marble Lime Mine which is situated here. Although a small town there is a wide variety of accommodation options from Bed and Breakfasts, guest houses to game farms.

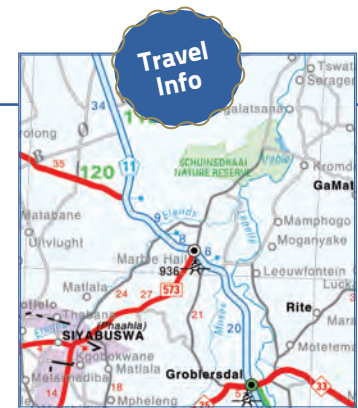
There are many activities and attractions in and around Marble Hall including hiking, biking, hunting, bow hunting and educational tours. Tourists are encouraged to visit the game and hunting farms that are part of the Loskop Game Association. The Cilabi Ostrich Ranch offers visitors tours and there is a curio shop on site with ostrich leather products and other souvenirs.

King Mayitjha III Kraal

The Royal Kraal of King Mayitjha is where one can learn more about the Ndebele people. King Mayitjha II was instrumental

in establishing a Ndebele Traditional Village, now known as 'Kghodwana Cultural Village' and a museum to preserve the heritage of his people.

Tel: +27 13 930 7046



MARBLE HALL CULTURE AND HERITAGE ACTIVITIES.

Bondesio Arts

Andries Bondesio specializes in wildlife scenes, as well as bushman paintings. He currently resides in Marble Hall from where he supplies his paintings to the Kruger National Park, Golden Gate, the Drakensburg area and the scenic Mpumalanga region. His works have also been sold in Greece, Italy, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands as well as in New York, Las Vegas and Hollywood in the USA.

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Simunye Corner House

Simunye Corner House is painted in traditional Ndebele colours and designs. Tourists visiting the area make a point of visiting the house to admire the beautiful artwork.

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Garekopaneng Art and Craft

The project was started in 2001 by a number of Pedi speaking traditional women who wanted to instil the Pedi culture into the youth of today. These young people are trained on how to design and produce calabashes and candles and they have full skills and certificates from training institutes qualifying them to do the work. They have already had much success in marketing and selling their products, and are invited to participate at various exhibitions in and around the area.

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MARBLE HALL ACCOMMODATION

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Burgersfort : Tubatse Municipality

Sunrise over Tubatse is marked with an amazing view of the fast booming town of Burgersfort, one of the many major areas of interest and tourism attractions.

Looking out over the valleys that underlie this beautiful and amazing piece of untarnished land and all the economical activities that are currently taking place, you can't help but to realise the hidden and yet undiscovered wealth and tranquility that has been lying underneath this great municipality.

Burgersfort is located in the valley of the Spekboom River at the edge of the Bushveld Complex in the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality, near the border of the two provinces Limpopo and Mpumalanga.

Burgersfort is well known for its wild flowers and the Aloe burgersfortensis Reynolds is endemic to Burgersfort. During autumn the Magaba tree or Bergsering makes a spectacular display



ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND BURGERSFORT

Tubatse Chrome Club

Tubatse Chrome Golf Course is currently rated as one of the Top 10 nine-hole courses in Limpopo.

A well-stocked Pro Shop is available for your golfing needs and they also operate the driving range.

Accommodation is now available at the Tubatse Chrome Club, as well as a restaurant and conference facilities.

Tel: +27 13 236 5112
<http://tubatseclub.co.za>

Rootz Boutique Spa

Treat yourself to a day at the spa at the Thaba Moshate Hotel, Casino and Convention resort.
www.thabamoshate.co.za
Tel: +27 13 045 0450

HOW TO GET TO BURGERSFORT BY ROAD

Take the N12 from Johannesburg to Emalahleni. Then take the R555 (Meyer st) in Emalahleni and drive to Burgersfort.
Route distance: 340km

BURGERSFORT ACCOMMODATION

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Ohrigstad :

Ohrigstad is a small village near the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains. Ohrigstad is an ideal weekend breakaway for the whole family. Fly-fishing, game viewing, horse riding, hiking and many other exciting activities are available.

Relics of Iron- and Stone Age civilizations are found in the area and indicate that the Pedi and San groups lived here thousands of years ago.

Another ecological site not to be missed, is the Echo Caves. These are some of the oldest caves in the world and were declared a Historical Monument. Ohrigstad boasts stunning natural scenery, a moderate climate and a tranquil environment..

Today, Ohrigstad is mostly a farming community where a diverse range of crops are produced. The region offers great possibilities and opportunities concerning business, tourism, agriculture and local communities.



OHRIGSTAD ACTIVITIES.

The Alpha Omega Cave- Wheelchair-friendly

Spiritually inspired local artist Doctor Ron van Zyl built the Alpha Omega Cave. In the cave you will see his unusual sculpted vision of angels and demons. Guided tours are given daily.
<http://theshoe.org/>

Old Shoe

The childhood story of Old Mother Hubbard who lived in a shoe with so many children is brought to life at the Old Shoe. An artist and his family live here, allowing visitors inside for a small donation. It also contains the artworks of Ron van Zyl and artifacts from the Iron Age. Visit the curio shop and grab a burger at the tea garden afterwards.

Echo Caves


The Echo Caves is situated in Limpopo, South Africa in the Northern region of the Drakensberg range. The Caves are 15km West of the Strydom Tunnel (Abel Erasmus pass) and 26km North of Ohrigstad on the Lydenburg/Tzaneen road.
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Getting to Ohrigstad by road.

From Johannesburg, take the N12. At Belfast, take the the R540 towards Dullstroom. Pass Dullstroom and Lydenburg on the way to Ohrigstad. This is a great stopover if you are enroute to the Kruger national park and to explore the Blyde River Canyon, God's Window and Potholes.
Distance: 363km

OHRIGSTAD ACCOMMODATION

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