





Bee-eaters



Kwa Maritane Lodge



Wild Dog



Lioness

Safari

North West

Madikwe Game Reserve undoubtedly offers some of the best ‘malaria free’ Big Five game viewing in Africa, whilst in the fascinating **Waterberg** guests of all ages can enjoy the thrill of a more ‘active’ safari on horseback or foot. **Pilanesberg National Park**, only a few hours from Johannesburg, also offers an affordable and accessible safari option.

Big Five game viewing - Riding Safaris - Hot air ballooning - Game walks

Activities and Attractions

Pilanesberg is located a 2 - 3 hour drive from Johannesburg, adjacent to Sun City, and therefore ideal for travelers wishing to combine a Big Five Safari with fun attractions. Originally formed by volcanic eruptions, this scenically beautiful Park provides a wide variety of rich habitats. It is possible to self-drive here, due to its manageable size, and yet the concentration of game provides a realistic chance of seeing big game. Guests staying at one of the lodges can also view animals from an open 4 x 4, hot air balloon or elephant-back!

Madikwe Game Reserve, on the Botswana border, a 3 – 4 hour road journey or one hour flight from Johannesburg, is a unique partnership between government, community and private enterprise. This stunning conservancy of over 75,000 hectares was established in 1991 after a feasibility study determined that the best use of the land to create an income for the community was wildlife-based tourism. Operation PHEONIX saw the largest re-introduction of game ever undertaken in Africa, including entire breeding herds of elephant from war-

tom Zimbabwe and other species such as buffalo, lion, cheetah and leopard. There are also several packs of the rare wild dog. Although it is run by the Parks Board, visitors must stay in one of the wide selection of private lodges and cannot self-drive, ensuring uncrowded sightings.

We highly recommend combining a trip to Madikwe with a stay in the Waterberg, situated several hours from the Reserve and 3 hours from Johannesburg. Here you will find a selection of luxurious ‘Bush Homes’, located on their own private game reserves, many of which are booked on an ‘exclusive use’ basis, ensuring total flexibility. The reserves are home to a wide and diverse variety of wildlife, such as wilderbeest, white rhino and giraffe, but not dangerous predators or elephants. Therefore, in addition to taking drives, it is safe for guests of all ages to explore on horseback or by foot ensuring some close encounters!

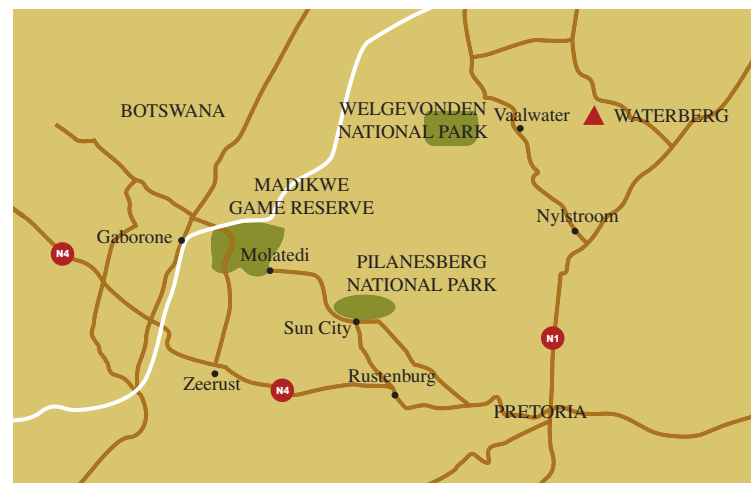
In between game viewing, children can join in with the daily activities, from changing a tyre to rounding up rhino, whilst adults relax with a good book!

Accommodation

Accommodation varies from comfortable in Pilanesberg to exceptionally luxurious at some of the private lodges in Madikwe and the Waterberg. By simply staying in Madikwe you will be supporting the community, as staff are employed from the area and a percentage of room rates and gate fees are distributed to local projects.



Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min temp °C	19	18	16	12	7	3	2	6	11	15	16	18
Max temp °C	32	31	30	27	25	22	22	26	28	30	31	31
Rainfall (mm)	78	71	58	38	6	12	3	5	25	57	61	105



North West Safari

Accommodation



The Ant Collection ★★★★★ 🏠

Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill are two exceptional bush homes situated on private game reserves in the beautiful Waterberg. For 2010 Ant's will also be offering a Bush Camp and additional homesteads. The diverse topography and vegetation ranges from wide-open plains to mountainous areas and supports a wide variety of game including sable, zebra, giraffe, buffalo, white rhino and well over 300 species of resident and migrant birds. Ant and Tessa Baber offer a warm welcome to their guests and focus on creating a bespoke safari experience.

Activities

Game Drives: Guided drives in a 4 x 4 Land Cruiser in the morning or afternoon as well as during the evening in search of elusive nocturnal animals.

Horse Riding: Ant's is home to an extensive stable of horses suitable for riders of all abilities. Your horseback adventure will enable you to view game from exceptionally close quarters, an unforgettable experience.

Bush Walks: Whether you are seeking a gentle stroll or an energetic hike you can explore the bushveld on foot, enabling you to gain in-depth knowledge of the flora and fauna.

Ant's Nest 🏠

Lying in a natural amphitheatre, the original but extended homestead has a classic African atmosphere and now offers 6 luxurious en-suite rooms accommodating a maximum of 12 guests. Deep verandahs surround the expansive heated pool which blends naturally into the surroundings.

Heated pool - Spacious guest areas - Boma



Family

During the school holidays, Nest is sold on a sole-use basis offering the ideal venue for an exclusive family safari, especially for those also travelling with relatives or friends.

Ant's Hill 🏠

Built on the edge of a gorge, the Lodge offers breathtaking views from spacious rooms with vast folding doors. Brightly coloured African fabrics and features such as an infinity pool, four-poster beds and sunken baths creates a sophisticated yet relaxed setting for a maximum of 12 guests

Heated pool - Spacious guest areas - Boma



Family

A Family Suite with 3 bedrooms, private sitting room and deck, as well as a Family Room, is available year round.

Please note this lodge is not recommended for toddlers because of open balustrades.

“The Lodge was amazing, stylish and beautiful,
we enjoyed every minute of our time here”

Ant's Hill



Jembisa Lodge ★★★★★ 🏠 📍

Jembisa, an idyllic country house built of local stone and thatch in the Waterberg, is still owned by the family for whom it was built as a home, giving it a wonderful atmosphere of relaxation and comfort. The 6-bedroomed lodge is booked on an exclusive basis, offering a totally flexible safari experience for a family or group of friends. Activities on the private game reserve, home to species including white rhino, zebra, giraffe and hippo include bush walks and game drives as well as visits to bushman paintings and archaeological sites. Visits to a rhino sanctuary, in addition to elephant and horse-back riding, can also be arranged locally. Excellent meals are accompanied by fine wines served in a variety of magical locations, the icing on the cake!

Heated pool - Tennis Court - Spacious guest areas - Boma

Family

As all the bedrooms are situated within the main lodge, the accommodation is ideal for those travelling with children. The addition of a playroom is also welcomed by younger guests after they return from exploring the reserve or extensive gardens.



Bakubung & Kwa Maritane Lodges ★★★★★

Situated in picturesque Pilanesburg National Park, the Lodges occupy extensive fenced grounds. 76/90 comfortable rooms at Bakubung/Kwa Maritane are equipped with air-conditioning, satellite TV and tea & coffee making stations. Each Lodge benefits from:

Pool - Tennis & Volleyball courts - Buffet-style Restaurant - Boma



Family

Up to 2 children under 18 share free with parents at Bakubung in a second double bed, whilst some Family Rooms at Kwa Maritane can accommodate a third child on an additional sofa bed at a charge

Madikwe Safari Lodge ★★★★★ 📍

This luxurious lodge sits on a gentle slope with a breathtaking outlook over the game-filled plains of Madikwe. Three exclusive, intimate camps incorporate just 20 spacious air-conditioned suites all with French doors opening on to wooden decks featuring private plunge pools and outdoor showers.

Dining area / Lounge - Boma



Family

Up to 2 children under 12 can be accommodated on a sofa bed sharing with parents. Children can also join in &Beyond's special 'Planet Manager' programme. **Please note** the lodge is not fenced.

North West Safari

Accommodation



Jaci's Lodges ★★★★★ 🏠

Situated in Madikwe Game Reserve, bordering the Groot Marico River, these exceptional Lodges are managed by an outstanding line-up, led by Jaci and Jan. Having pioneered the establishment of private camps in the Reserve, the experience of this team shines through. From the unique accommodation options fenced together along the river bank, to the in-depth knowledge of your skilled ranger, a stay at one of these special lodges will delight.

Activities

Game Drives: Morning and afternoon guided drives to explore the 75,000 hectares of Big Five territory. You can also expect to see extensive plains game and search for the rare wild dog.

Bush Walks (min age of 16): To walk in a Reserve of this quality is an exhilarating experience. Away from vehicle noise you can appreciate bird song or the warning bark of a kudu, whilst learning more about the unique properties of bush vegetation and how to track game such as rhino.

Jaci's Safari Lodge 🏠

Built around an ancient termite mound, 8 rooms incorporate a unique mix of stone, shaggy thatched roofs and canvas walls, creating the excitement of a 'tented' experience. The Safari Suite boasts its own plunge pool and several bedrooms.

2 Pools - Gym - Dining area/Lounge - Boma 12+ only



Family

Up to 3 children under 12 can share with their parents on stretcher beds and younger guests will enjoy the fun play area.

The Nare Suite 🏠

The Nare comes complete with 2 en-suite bedrooms, private deck with plunge pool, loft bedroom and sole-use safari 4 x 4, providing the ideal solution for those seeking exclusive privacy. Guests can also utilize the facilities of Safari Lodge.

Pool - Gym - Dining area / Lounge



Family

Offering spacious accommodation, The Nare is perfect for families with younger children who can join all game drives in the private vehicle.

Jaci's Tree Lodge 🏠

Spectacular 'tree houses', formed from a fusion of glass, timber and thatch and boasting decks with outside showers, perch on stilts up to 6 metres high. Raised wooden walkways then meander through the forest canopy, linking guests to the main camp.

Pool - Gym - Dining area / Lounge - Boma 12+ only



Family

Up to 3 children under 12 can share with parents. **Please note** we generally recommend Safari Lodge for toddlers due to open balustrades.

“This was, without doubt, the best aspect of the trip. Every detail is taken care of and our game ranger, Patience, was unbelievable!”
Thakadu River Camp



Thakadu River Camp ★★★★★ 🏠 📍

Thakadu is a unique lodge, wholly-owned and staffed by the local community, creating a very special atmosphere. 12 tented, yet fully appointed suites nestle in the tree canopy, with glass sliding doors leading to private decks overlooking the Marico River, often frequented by thirsty elephants.

Pool - Dining area / Lounge - Boma



Family

Up to 2 children under 12 can share with parents on a sofa bed in this un-fenced camp. Little Thakadu accommodates up to 8 adults and 4 children with private facilities including game drive vehicle.

Tuningi Safari Lodge ★★★★★ 📍

Hidden in a verdant valley, Tuningi’s guest areas overlook a waterhole and include a stunning boma sheltered by an ancient fig tree. Fortunate guests are accommodated in 8 luxurious suites with al fresco showers and large private verandahs overlooking the African bushveldt.

Gym - Pool - Dining area / Lounge Boma



Family

1 child can share with parents whilst family suites with 2 bedrooms can sleep up to 6 in this fenced camp. Little Tuningi can accommodate up to 6 adults and 3 children with private pool and 4 x 4 vehicle.



Madikwe River Lodge ★★★★★ 📍

This traditional style Lodge benefits from a delightful river bank setting. Guests are warmly welcomed by a friendly and enthusiastic team before being shown to one of 16 split-level chalets with mini-bar and private viewing deck.

2 Pools - Dining area / Lounge - Boma 12+ only



Family

Up to 2 children under 12 can share with parents on a sofa bed or adjacent rooms can be booked within this fenced camp. Younger guests also receive a nature activity book to complete during their stay.

Madikwe Hills ★★★★★ 📍

For ultimate luxury, Madikwe Hills caters to the needs of even the most discerning traveller. Expansive air-conditioned suites include private plunge pools, providing a welcome respite from the African sun before you enjoy fine dining.

Pool - Gym - Spa - Dining area / Lounge - Boma



Family

Families are accommodated at Little Madikwe, a spectacular exclusive use villa with 2 en-suite bedrooms, personal chef and private vehicle. Children age 10 plus are also welcome in the main Lodge.