

# FACT SHEET



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## INTRODUCTION

Bundox Safari Lodge is stylish and simple overnight safari accommodation in a private reserve in the Greater Kruger area. On the doorstep of South Africa's most visited wildlife region, Bundox has the Kruger National Park, Panorama Route, and the Blyde River Canyon within arm's reach.

There is luxury tented accommodation, as well as self-catering chalets, and a family-friendly safari tents, all en suite, and situated among the natural trees and bush characterising the property. This is the ideal destination for visitors wanting a quiet nature retreat with the option of indulging in safari activities with the family.

There is a wide variety of birds making their homes in the trees in the reserve, while the surrounding Big 5 game reserves are home to lions, leopard, and hyena, which are heard frequently calling through the night. Sit back and enjoy the bush at this relaxing safari lodge.

## AT A GLANCE

- 7-Bedroom safari lodge located in the Greater Kruger area about 40km from Hoedspruit
- 3 Types of accommodation ranging from luxury tents, self-catering chalets, and safari bush camp
- Private fenced property in a nature reserve surrounded by Greater Kruger's Big 5 game reserves
- Family-friendly and safe to walk through camp between rooms and lodge
- Perfect overnight accommodation or base for self-drive activities in South African Lowveld
- Arranges for Big 5 game drives in surrounding private game reserves
- Located 30km from Hoedspruit airport, and easily accessible by self-drivers from Johannesburg
- A wide variety of activities on offer in the

area, from full day Kruger National Park trips (Orpen Gate access), boat cruises, bush walks, panorama route tour, endangered species centre visits

- Inviting bush-breakaway for those just wanting time out and an opportunity to relax in nature
- WiFi is available for those needing to stay connected
- Swimming pool, viewing decks, lounges, open-air boma, and outdoor dining facilities
- Wildlife on the property: duiker, wildebeest, bush buck, nyala

## FACILITIES

- 2 Luxury tents: exclusively located among the trees, optional self-catering, private bomas, en suite tented bathroom with bath and outdoor shower, king size bed, wooden flooring, and outside deck
- 2 Chalets: Rhino chalet sleeping a maximum of 3 people (one bedroom) and Buffalo chalet sleeping a maximum of 5 (two bedrooms)
- Chalets are self catering, both have shaded outdoor areas with private fireplace/braai unit, and en suite bathroom (shower only)
- 3 Bush Camp safari tents: Meru-style canvas safari tents with wooden decks and floors, en suite bush bathroom with outside shower, double bed, clothing storage
- Guest amenities and bathroom products are supplied
- Reception area, swimming pool and outdoor lounge area with WiFi
- The tented bush camp has various places to relax including viewing decks, an outdoor lounge and bar, open-air boma and fireplace, and two dining areas
- Guest bathrooms at the bush camp

## ACTIVITIES

- Activities available in the area include tours of the Kruger Park, Panorama route, and other



- sought after South African Lowveld attractions
- Big 5 game drives in surrounding private game reserves
- Cultural village tours
- Visits to Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
- Hot-air balloon excursions near Hoedspruit
- Boat cruises on the Blyde and Olifants Rivers
- Panoramic tours
- Kruger National Park day trips
- Morning and afternoon game drives, as well as night drives
- Birdwatching
- Sundowners at various scenic locations
- Bush walks
- Horseback safaris

## TYPICAL DAY AT BUNDOX SAFARI LODGE

Daily schedules change according to what guests have planned or pre-booked for the duration of their stay. A typical day will include an early breakfast at the lodge followed by a scheduled activity. A leisurely day spent surrounded by nature at the lodge may go as follows:

- **08h30:** Breakfast is served followed by leisure time spent at the pool or on your deck
- **13h00:** Lunch is served followed by time out for a relaxing afternoon
- **18h00:** Order a drink from the bar and enjoy the campfire before dinner
- **19h30:** Dinner is served followed by a comfortable night's sleep

## LOCATION

Bundox Safari Lodge is located in a private reserve about 40km from Hoedspruit in the prestigious Greater Kruger area. Surrounded by exclusive Big 5 game reserves, such as Thornybush and Kapama, and having the sought after Kruger National Park on its doorstep, Bundox is in the perfect location

for a safari getaway. Hoedspruit's Eastgate Airport is a short 30-minute drive away, making it easily accessible for fly-in guests, while many might choose to self-drive from Johannesburg, which is a scenic 5-hour drive away.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Bundox Safari Lodge is a fantastic safari lodge destination in the Greater Kruger area, and is easily accessible for self-driving guests. Directions as follows:

### From Hoedspruit:

Exit Hoedspruit on the R40 in a southerly direction (towards Hazyview/White River). About 3,6km out of town, turn left at a sign for Timbavati/Eastgate Airport. As you turn, Kapama Game Reserve will be on your right. Pass through control gates and continue straight down the tar road (Argyle Road). You will pass Eastgate Airport on your left – continue straight for 7km until you turn right onto the Guernsey Road (dirt road). Continue on the Guernsey Road for about 15km before turning right and then heading on for an additional +/- 5km until reaching Bundox Safari Lodge on the right.

### From Johannesburg:

From Johannesburg / Pretoria continue on to the N4 Highway. Continue to follow N4 for 191 km. Take the exit toward R33. Continue onto R540 from Belfast to Dullstroom. Turn left onto R36 (Lydenburg). Continue to follow R36 to Ohrigstad for 102 km. Turn right at the Khamai Reptile Centre onto R531 towards White River/Orpen for 29.4 km. Turn left on Klaserie Rd R40 (to Hoedspruit / Phalaborwa) for 1.1 km. Turn right on Guernsey Road for 7.4 km. Where the gravel (dirt) road starts, only 200m on left is the entrance to Bundox Safari Lodge.

## CHILD POLICY

Children are welcome at Bundox Safari Lodge, and parents are reminded to supervise their children at all times.





## GENERAL TRAVEL INFO:

### **Weather**

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring during mid-summer (November - February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, very seldom lasting longer than a few hours. The average maximum temperatures range from 24°C in July to 31°C in January with the average minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.

### **Wildlife**

In Bundox private property, there are a handful of nyala, a pair of wildebeest, and a couple of impala, while the birdlife is prolific. The lack of predators in the reserve makes it safe to enjoy a walk within the property, while the lions and hyenas in the surrounding Thornybush and Kapama game reserves can be heard through the night.

Kruger National Park's Orpen Gate is a mere 25-minute drive away, and within the borders lies some of Southern Africa's best game viewing. Full day trips into the Kruger result in fantastic Big 5 sightings.

During the dry season the vegetation is sparse and wildlife congregates around watering holes, and in the wet season the vegetation is dense and wildlife is more dispersed, making the safari experience different depending on the season

### **Malaria**

Before travelling, guests are encouraged to consult their local doctors on anti-malarial medication and preparation, however a repellent stick or spray is effective and should be utilised. All rooms have mosquito nets as an extra repellent.

## WHAT TO PACK

The climate in the Kruger lowveld brings hot summer months between October and April when the rainfall is high, and so is the temperature, reaching over 40 degrees Celsius. The dry winter months begin in May and carry on until October/November, during which time the weather is mild during the day with temperatures averaging mid-high 20s, while very cold in the evenings and early mornings.

- Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves
- Bring sun protection in the form of sunblock, sun hats, and glasses.
- Scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early mornings on game drive, especially in winter.
- Comfortable walking shoes as well as open sandals for when the weather is hot.
- Bring along cameras, binoculars and recording gadgets to keep a record of the many wildlife sightings.