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INTRODUCTION

Umkumbe Safari Lodge is ideally located in the heart of the Sabi Sand Reserve in the Greater Kruger. The Sabi Sand is considered by many to be the premier reserve within South Africa due to large concentrations of wildlife and in particular, leopard. Animals roam freely throughout as there are no fences between the Kruger National Park and the private game reserves.

Umkumbe overlooks the Sand River which attracts a plethora of wildlife to its banks on a regular basis, and offers standard and superior accommodation for couples as well as families with children over 5 years old. Game drives take place twice a day, and are always an exciting adventure, and dinner times are a celebration in the traditional boma under the starry skies.

AT A GLANCE

- Affordable safari lodge situated in the heart of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve.
- Located on the banks of the Sand River where wildlife roams regularly.
- Family friendly accommodation for children over the age of 5.
- Owner-managed and authentic hospitality.
- Diversity of wildlife, with a particular emphasis on good leopard sightings.
- Easily accessible via self-drive from Johannesburg, or via flights to Nelspruit airport.
- Wifi available for a fee between 09h30 and 16h00.

FACILITIES

- Sleeps 20 guests at maximum capacity.
- 7 Superior suites
- 3 Standard rooms
- All rooms are air-conditioned, while some have river-facing views
- Wifi is available at the lodge between 09h30 and 16h00 for a fee

ACTIVITIES

- Morning and evening Big Five game drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching
- Traditional boma dinner outdoors around a campfire
- Optional morning bush walk after breakfast
- Night game drives





A TYPICAL DAY AT UMKUMBE SAFARI LODGE

The below is a typical day on safari. The schedule is flexible and, depending on the number of guests, can be tailored to suit your safari needs.

- 05h30 Wake-up call
- 06h00 Coffee and a light breakfast
- 06h30 Depart on morning game drive
- 09h00 to 10h00 Return to lodge
- 10h30 Breakfast/Brunch
- 11h00 Optional bushwalk
- 15h00 Tea and a light lunch
- 16h00 Depart on afternoon game drive and night drive
- 19h00 to 20h00 Return to camp and drinks at the bar
- 20h00 Dinner
- 21h00 Drinks, coffee or tea around the camp fire

LOCATION

Umkumbe Safari Lodge is located on the Sand River in the heart of the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve.

The GPS co-ordinates are:
 S 24°52.346'
 E 31°32.716'

HOW TO GET THERE

Guests have the below options:

- 1) Self-drive to the camp.
- 2) Fly from Johannesburg, Durban or Cape Town to Nelspruit Airport and then arrange a road transfer to the camp through our reservations office.

DISTANCE TABLE

Location	Travel Time	Distance Km's	Miles
Oliver Tambo Airport, Johannesburg	5 hours	490 km	306 miles
Phalaborwa Airport	3 hours	223 km	140 miles
Hoedspruit Airport	2 hours 15 min	160 km	99 miles
KMI Airport, Mbombela	1 hours 45 min	110 km	68.3 miles
Hazyview	1 hour	67 km	41.6 miles
Paul Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park	45 min	32 km	19.88 miles
Skukuza Airport, Kruger National Park	25 min	12 km	7.45 miles





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 mean average maximum temperatures range from 24.5°C in July to 31.5°C in January with the mean monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.

Wildlife

During the dry season the vegetation is sparse and wildlife congregates around watering holes. During the wet season the vegetation is dense and wildlife is more dispersed. Expect to see the Big Five, in particular leopard.

In addition to the **Big Five** animals that are regularly sighted include giraffe, zebra, warthog, spotted hyena, baboon, hippo, impala, kudu, vervet monkey, waterbuck, wildebeest, bushbaby, mongoose, duiker and steenbok. You might also see wild dog, cheetah, honey badger, porcupine, armadillo, civet, caracal and serval. Birds that are regularly seen are vultures, owls, bee-eaters, rollers, eagles, bustards, hornbills, starlings and shrikes.

Game Drive Vehicles

On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. This enables you to get within five to 10 metres of the large animals - and safely! All game drives are conducted in open 4 x 4 Landrovers. This allows for panoramic views.

Malaria

The Sabi Sand region is a low risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Mefloquine. Mosquitos are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

What to Pack

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May - Oct)
- Beanie and gloves - the mornings are cold during winter