

# FACT SHEET



AFRICAN RETREATS

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## INTRODUCTION

Bundox Safari Lodge is stylish 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 classic meru style tents and chalets, all en suite, and situated amongst 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 found here on the reserve, bush buck roam the camp and the monkeys climb above; watch the wildlife pass by from the comfort of your room. Being surrounded by Big 5 game reserves we often hear the lions, leopards, and hyenas calling throughout the night. Sit back and enjoy the bush at this relaxing safari lodge.

## AT A GLANCE

- 9-Bedroom safari lodge located in the Greater Kruger area about 27km from Hoedspruit
- 3 Types of accommodation ranging from Luxury Meru tents, Superior tents, chalets and 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 a private concession in the Balule.

- 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 and 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 (reception area)
- Swimming pool, viewing decks, lounges, open-air boma, and outdoor dining facilities
- Wildlife on the property: A wide variety of birds, duiker, wildebeest, bush buck, nyala, impala, warthog and monkeys.

## FACILITIES

- 4 Meru Style Tents - exclusively located among the trees, en suite tented king size bed, wooden flooring, and outside deck. (twin beds also available)
- 2 chalets: Rhino chalet sleeping a maximum of 2 adults (one bedroom) & Buffalo chalet sleeping a maximum of 4 (two bedrooms)
- Chalets both have shaded outdoor areas with private fireplace and en suite bathroom (shower only)
- bush camp which has 10 safari dome tents, braai area with shared bathroom & kitchen facilities.
- Guest amenities and bathroom products are supplied
- Reception area, swimming pool and outdoor



lounge area with WiFi to relax including viewing decks, an outdoor lounge and bar, open-air boma and fireplace. Two dining areas including; romantic/special occasion dining up on the treehouse deck.

## ACTIVITIES

- **Private Game Drive** – A 3hour morning/afternoon safari in a Big 5 private concession in Balule Game Reserve, which forms part of the Greater Kruger. Learn about the flora and fauna of the African bush. Early morning's and late evening's are the best time for game viewing. Stop for morning coffee or an evening sundowner during your safari drive.
- **Kruger National Park Day-Trip** – Experience a full day-trip to the world renowned Kruger National Park with a private safari guide. The game viewing and the birdlife in the park is typically exceptional. Leave the lodge in the early morning with a packed-breakfast and spend the entire day exploring the park and searching for many of South Africa's iconic animals before returning to camp for dinner.
- **Cultural Village** – A visit to this traditional Shangaan village is a must-do experience while visiting the Lowveld. Get an incite into their daily lives and learn about everything; from their traditions, beliefs and history to their beading techniques, tribal dances and ancient stories.
- **Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre | Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**  
– Get up close to Africa's wildlife here at these rehabilitation centres. Both focus on creating awareness, the conservation and rehabilitation of vulnerable species here in South Africa as well as injured wildlife and birds.

- **Hot-air balloon** – Take to the African skies as you embark on your hot-air balloon ride over the Lowveld, look down at the vast orange groves, wildlife reserves and vast Drakensberg mountain range.
- **Boat cruises** – Experience and learn about the third largest canyon in the world (also the only green one) as you cruise the Blyde Dam. Learn about the wildlife that call this natural wonder home as well as the history of the canyon itself.
- **Private Panoramic day-trips** – One of the most scenic drives in South Africa. Take a day to explore the views of this dramatic landscape, stopping off at the many viewpoints along this picturesque journey.
- **Bush Walks & Birdwatching** – Step into nature and experience the African bush on foot. Walking allows you get up close to the flora and fauna and learn the tracks and signs left behind from the bushvelds animals. Also listen and look out for many of the bird species found here in the Lowveld. According to BLSA there are over 839 species of birds found here in South Africa. Head out into the bush with your guide for a morning walk and learn about the nature around you.
- **Bush Dinner, Sundowners & Scenic Locations**  
– After a sunset game drive out in the bush, experience a true taste of South Africa with a bush braai & sunset drinks around a roaring boma fire out here in the wild.
- **\*Coming Soon\*** | Spa & Wellness Centre

## 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:

- **07h00 - 10h00:** Breakfast is served followed by leisure time spent at the pool or on your deck
- **13h00:** Optional Lunch is served followed by time out for a relaxing afternoon
- **18h00:** Order a drink from the bar and enjoy the campfire before dinner
- **19h00:** Dinner is served followed by a comfortable night's sleep

## LOCATION

Bundox Safari Lodge is located in a private reserve about 27km 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). Continue on this road - you will past Kapama Game reserve on your left. Continue straight until you see a sign indicating the Guernsey road - turn left onto the Guernsey road.

Continue on the Guernsey road for about 7.4km. Where the gravel (dirt) road starts, only 200m on the left is the entrance to the Bundox Safari Lodge.

### **From Johannesburg:**

From Johannesburg / Pretoria continue on to the N4 Highway. Continue to follow N4 for 191km. Take the exit toward R33. Continue onto R540 from Belfast to Dullstroom. Turn left onto R36 (Lydenburg). Continue to follow R36 to Ohrigstad for 102km. Turn right at the Khamai Reptile centre onto R531 towards White River/Orpen for 29.4km.

Turn left on Klaserie Road R40 (to Hoedspruit/Phalaborwa) for 1.1km. Turn right on Guernsey Road for 7.4km. 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**

Here at Bundox, Nyala and Bushbuck are often seen wandering the camp grounds, wildebeest, impala, monkeys and a wide variety of birds can also be seen throughout the camp's grounds. The lack of



predators in the reserve makes it safe to enjoy a bush-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 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. 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.
- Cameras & Binoculars for the many wildlife sightings and day-trips on your visit to South Africa