

# FACT SHEET





## INTRODUCTION

Nsala Safari Camp is located in a game-rich private game reserve sharing unfenced borders with the world-renowned Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve and the popular Kruger National Park. Nsala is an intimate and rustic bush camp hugged by marula and leadwood trees, and is perched on the banks of a dry riverbed overlooking a gentle s-bend in the meandering river.

The 5000 hectare traverse comprises mixed mopane bushveld, bushwillow and low-lying shrubbery typical of the Kruger savannah. Dry riverbeds shrouded in vegetation cut through the terrain, and provide the perfect hideaway for leopards and other predators to den their young. Nsala offers an unrivalled game viewing experience in a concession considered a sanctuary for wildlife, and is also home to the big 5.

The design of the camp is simple in its structure and offers all the charm of a bygone era while not compromising on modern comforts. Nsala maintains a standard of comfortable luxury while simultaneously offering a completely eco-aware, off the grid experience for those seeking a safari that reduces their carbon footprint.

The camp sits on an elevated area guarded by a high-reaching thatched roof. 3 chalets flow out from the main section housing a swimming pool, lounge/dining area, and boma. Each of the chalets is fully-enclosed and has a wooden glass sliding door. Decor is unobtrusive with a light colour palette carried throughout - there's plenty of crisp, white linen adorning the beds.

Decor in the main area is a flood of muted khakis, a mix of wood grains and terracotta colour furnishings that add warmth. The colours reflect the natural hues of the bushveld in a simple and subdued way.

Nsala Safari Camp is the perfect hideaway for a simple

safari experience where the focus is on game viewing and experiencing the Kruger in its entirety.

## AT A GLANCE

- Wildlife frequents the waterhole in front of camp, particularly in the dry season
- The camp is named after the monkey orange plant, found in abundance within the reserve
- Splash pool at camp that sees plenty of elephant activity
- Located within a 5000 ha traverse with a network of dry riverbeds
- Eco-friendly and an ideal safari escape for those seeking to reduce their carbon footprint
- Located in a big 5 reserve
- Shares 20 km of unfenced borders with the Kruger National Park
- 3 enclosed chalets surrounding the main area
- Plenty of outdoor relaxation areas
- Easy self-drive routes from major areas to the actual camp

## FACILITIES

- WiFi (radio link)
- Outdoor lounge area on wooden decking
- Swimming pool
- Private boma area with fire pit for campfires
- Second fire pit with seating in the main area
- Safari dining section with table and chairs
- Waterhole in front of camp
- Solar power
- Water is supplied by the windmill in front of camp and heated by traditional wood fired donkey boilers
- 3 stand alone, rounded thatched chalets leading off from the main area of camp
- Camp accommodates 6 people, with 2 in each chalet.
- The maximum capacity of the camp is 9 people (one single stretch bed in each room for children)
- Chalets can either be configured in a twin-bed or



king set-up

- En suite bathrooms with expansive showers
- All bathroom amenities supplied
- Hanging space and plenty of storage space for luggage and clothes
- Conservation levy is R250.00 per person per stay and is payable in camp on arrival only

## ACTIVITIES

- Daily game drives (morning and evening) in the Nsala Private Game Reserve
- Sundowner set-ups in special locations on the reserve
- Birdwatching from the lodge
- Evening drinks in the boma

## A TYPICAL DAY AT NSALA SAFARI CAMP

In most private safari lodges, the day begins with a game drive. This is to take advantage of the time of day when predators are active. A typical day starts with an early morning wake-up call and an activity.

**During the winter months morning game drives begin later and evening drives start a little earlier.** In between the morning and evening activities there will be more than enough time for rest and relaxation.

Here is an idea of how a typical day on safari is structured:

- **05h30:** Wake up for quick coffee before morning game drive
- **06h00 - 06h30:** Morning game drive departs. Drive is roughly 3 hours.
- **09h00:** Return to camp and spend the day relaxing
- **15h30 - 16:30:** Depart for afternoon game drive, including sundowners. Drive is roughly 3 hours.
- **19h30:** Return to camp with ready-made campfire in the boma, and a typical safari dinner set-up.

## LOCATION

Nsala Safari Camp is located in a prime wildlife area, and is cocooned by the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve and the Kruger National Park.

The Greater Kruger is a collection of private, unfenced nature reserves situated on the western border of the Kruger National Park. All game moves freely throughout the region, but the reserves in the Greater Kruger are private meaning. This means that the guests get an unbeatable safari experience with knowledgeable guides teaching them about the wild.

The camp is located about 60 km drive from Hoedspruit/ Eastgate Airport and is an easy self-drive from Johannesburg. Guests access the camp via the Timbavati/Klaserie (Enkhulu Gate) Gate.

GPS **S24°09'11,3" E31°26'14,1"**

## HOW TO GET THERE

There are 3 options for getting to camp. For detailed driving directions please consult the driving directions document.

- 1) Self-drive to the camp. Once in Hoedspruit, head through the Timbavati Control gate, and make your way passed the Eastgate Airport and towards the Timbavati/Klaserie Enkhulu Gate. Sign in and drive straight until the end of the tarred road. It is roughly 45 km until the end of the tarred road. Follow the Nsala signs for approximately 3 km on a dirt road until you reach the camp.
- 2) Fly from Johannesburg, Durban or Cape Town to either of Hoedspruit or Nelspruit Airports and then arrange a road transfer to the camp through our reservations office.
- 3) There is a daily shuttle service from Pretoria/ Johannesburg/OR Tambo that departs approx 6am



and arrives at the Timbavati Gate at approx 1pm. Return shuttle also available and both transfers can be booked through our reservations office.

## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

### 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

#### Mammals

Some of the world's largest mammals find their home in South Africa, where elephant, giraffe, hippo, buffalo, and rhino reside in the wild Kruger Park. Game drives in this reserve lead to unforgettable sightings of these large species, in addition to general game, such as zebra, impala, kudu, gnu, waterbuck, bushbuck, duiker, and steenbok. There is an abundance of elephant in the area and they often approach the camp to drink from the swimming pool. Both buffalo and elephant congregate at the small waterhole in front of camp.

#### Predators

Following in the footsteps of the herbivorous mammals are the carnivorous species of the South African bush. Lion, leopard, hyena, cheetah, African wild dog, and the Nile crocodile are some of the prominent predators residing in the Kruger region. Smaller predators include jackal, mongoose, civet, and genet, among others. With the numerous riverbeds in the area, it means plenty of den sites for big cats.

### Birdlife

The habitat accommodates a complete smorgasbord of birder's delights. Water birds such as herons, storks, plovers, spoonbills, and sandpipers are common along dam edges; kingfishers, orioles, robins, chats, larks, cisticolas, and coucals are some of the veld and woodland birds around; while birds of prey are seen and heard throughout the day.

### Malaria

Prior to 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. The camp will provide the necessary insect repellent.

## WHAT TO PACK

Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves. Guests should pack sun protection in the form of sunblock, sun hats, and glasses, while scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early morning game drive in winter.

Bring along cameras, binoculars and recording gadgets to keep a record of the many wildlife sightings. Guests should bring specific books and travel games for entertainment.

## 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 to you to get within five to 10 metres of the large animals - and safely! All game drives are conducted in open 4 x 4 Land Rovers.