



# ROAM

PRIVATE GAME  
RESERVE

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MANOR HOUSE • SAFARI LODGE • EXPLORER CAMP



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Roam Private Game Reserve is located on 5000 hectares of scrubveld in the Great Karoo, an ancient and endless semi-desert landscape covering 400 000 square kilometres in its entirety. The looming Swartberg Mountains form the backdrop to Roam, while the surrounding archetypal landscapes of flat-topped koppies, deep rock-filled valleys, dry riverbeds littered with shell fragments and blankets of acacia scrub define the endless landscape.

The Great Karoo is a geological and archaeological marvel and has over a million years worth of human history dotted across its basin, with evidence of Stone Age tools being discovered in certain sub-regions. Archeologists and Palaeontologists find the Great Karoo an area of fascination, and the region is actually one of the oldest Stone Age sites in Africa.

The Great Karoo was once an expansive inland sea and is now millions of years worth of silt and other matter making up the Karoo system. As a result, traces of petrified bones and expansive fossil beds can be found scattered throughout the reserve.

This is the region where the original inhabitants, the San people, called home. Fragments of tools and their lifestyle can be discovered in hidden corners of the reserve, while their stories and mysterious are retold by locals in the area. Not only does the Karoo house a unique history, but is also a spectacular and unique biome home to fauna and flora that have had to adapt and

survive to harsh desert conditions. Renosterveld, fynbos, dwarf-bulbs, succulents, geophytes and a wealth of desert flowers have learnt to survive in the contrasting temperatures of extreme heat and cold. And it's not only the flora that has adapted to this hardy arid environment. There are numerous desert dwelling species to spot while traversing Roam's low-lying plains, which include jackal, bat-eared foxes, giraffe, springbok, caracal, civets, meerkats, reptiles, snakes; and over 240 species of bird.

Roam is a sanctuary for wildlife and continues to provide a true eco-aware wildlife experience with a focus on preserving and restoring the fauna and flora of an area previously tainted by over grazing and over farming. There are buffalo that have been introduced onto the traverse, and more recently the reserve has provided a safe-haven for cheetah. The Great Karoo is the land of mystery, wonder and the cradle of history - it is the essence of our beginnings.

It's an unassuming and humble expanse of wonder that offers an unsurpassed natural experience in one of the most fascinating regions in Africa. It's the place where the stark daylight skies will engulf your senses and the star-spangled night skies hypnotise your mind. Combine an exploratory trip along the famous tourist Route 62, and end your journey with discovering the natural wonders of Roam Private Game Reserve, the place of conservation and rehabilitation of indigenous fauna and flora.



**Accommodation Options:** Roam Manor House, Roam Safari Lodge and Roam Explorer Camp

## ROAM MANOR HOUSE



Roam Manor House is an exclusive use Karoo country villa that provides the ideal escape for families. Surrounded by pristine Karoo wilderness, and flanked by the Swartberg Mountains, the manor is the perfect inland getaway for those seeking a self-catering experience in natural surrounds.

Situated in a section of reserve where there is no dangerous game means that the landscape is ideal for lengthy walks, trail running and mountain biking.

The manor has a modern rectangular swimming pool with wooden decking, sun loungers and an umbrella resting on rolling green lawns. There is a huge patio housing a selection of patio

furniture, a braai area and a modern fire pit surrounded by a seating area.

Step inside the manor and you will find an open-plan kitchen leading into a dining area and communal lounge with TV. There are 3 bedrooms in the manor, with the main bedroom housing a King size bed, en suite bathroom with large bath and shower. The western themed room has a double bed and en suite bathroom with shower. The eastern themed room has an en suite bathroom with a deep bath and shower.

There is room for additional beds to accommodate young children. Your stay at the manor house is completely at your pace, and there are options to indulge in game drives and bush walks at an extra cost.

Roam Manor House is the perfect place to stay for guests wanting to explore the Cango Caves, Route 62 and the Karoo National Park. It's a true luxurious oasis in the midst of the arid surrounds.

### At a Glance:

- Exclusive use Karoo manor house
- Rolling lawns with modern swimming pool and decking area
- Unique fire pit with seating area overlooking stretches of arid landscape
- Guided game drives and bush walks available at extra cost
- Ideal area for trail running, walks and mountain biking
- Pet and child-friendly destination
- Home to cheetah conservation project
- Opportunity to spot a meerkat colony on a guided walk
- Wide open spaces and vast horizons ideal for landscape photography



## ROAM SAFARI LODGE



Roam Safari Lodge offers its visitors a touch of country luxury in the heart of the arid Karoo region. The lodge has panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, and even has its own waterhole that attracts a plethora of game. The lodge has that classic Karoo country feel, where simplicity and comfort provide an escape from the semi-desert environment cocooning the accommodation.

3 adjoining thatched roof houses surround a massive courtyard that cascades down to the lawns, wooden decked swimming pool area and small waterhole. The main area is perfect for relaxation, and even has a secluded lounge complete with fireplace. There's a second lounge and dining area that flows out onto the patio, where you'll find a braai, dining table and seating area under the awning.



There are 4 twin/double rooms with en suite bathrooms and showers. For guests seeking something extra luxurious there is a suite with a King size bed, and en suite bathroom with a free standing bath and shower.

The lodge is furnished in deep brown leathers and natural colours that don't detract from the surrounds. Artefacts and relics adorn the walls, and furnishings are refined and simple.

Roam Safari Lodge is the perfect place to enjoy a classic Karoo experience where a daily game drive and guided walk is included in the stay. This is classic, country Karoo at its finest.

### At a Glance:

- Quintessential Karoo lodge with a classic country atmosphere
- Small waterhole in front of lodge
- Open-plan main area with plenty of patio space
- Secluded lounge with fireplace - ideal for the cold Karoo months
- Splash pool surrounded by wooden decking adorned with sun loungers
- Expansive lawns and large courtyard with views extending down to the pool and waterhole
- Game drive and bush walk included
- Focus on eco-tourism and conservation, with volunteer opportunities available
- Daily walks and game drives in 5000 hectares of pristine Karoo bushveld
- Home to cheetah conservation project
- Learn about the history of the Karoo while out on game drive
- Wide open spaces and vast horizons ideal for landscape photography

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## ROAM EXPLORER CAMP



Roam Explorer Camp is bound to appeal to the adventurous spirit seeking the ultimate wilderness camping experience in the midst of the expansive terrain of the Greater Karoo. The camp allows you to immerse yourself in the wild, while still enjoying the creature comforts of home. It is a permanent, fully-set up camp in a dry riverbed with incredible views of the surrounding wilderness. Your entire stay is hosted by a team that will ensure all of your needs are met.

Accommodation is in the form of dome tents constructed from sturdy canvas resting on raised wooden platforms under a canopy of trees.

The 5 explorer tents are dotted around a central area housing a fire pit and dining/seating area. Roam Explorer Camp can accommodate 10 people in a twin bed configuration. Each tent



has stretcher beds fully kitted out with comfortable linen and soft-glow lanterns for added light.

Tents have their own wooden deck complete with camping chairs for relaxation. Tents are interlinked via cleared pathways and easily accessible from the main area.

There is a central flush toilet and bucket shower set apart from the main camp, catering for men and women. A bucket shower and wash basin ensures an extra level of comfort to your Karoo adventure!

You will be looked after by experienced guides and hosts who will serve your meals and share their knowledge of the Karoo. The campfire area is where you will relax after a day exploring the spoils of the Great Karoo. This is the time to swap stories around the campfire in true African style!

### At a Glance:

- Non-participatory camping experience in a permanent camp
- Located in a dry riverbed
- Game drive and bush walk included
- 10 sleeper tented camp in 5 dome tents
- Focus on eco-tourism and conservation, with volunteer opportunities available
- Daily walks and game drives in 5000 hectares of pristine Karoo bushveld
- Home to cheetah conservation project
- Learn about the history of the Karoo while out on game drive
- Wide open spaces and vast horizons ideal for landscape photography
- Lantern lined pathways linking tents

## ACTIVITIES

- Bird watching
- Game drives, cheetah observation and guided bush walks
- Star gazing
- Mountain biking (Manor House)
- Walks (Manor House)
- Trail running (Manor House)

## GAME VIEWING

There are over 240 species of bird in the Great Karoo. A few of these species include the pale chanting goshawk, Karoo lark, cinnamon-breasted warbler, kestrels and Verreaux's eagle owls.

Roam is home to plenty of species of game including buffalo, giraffe and zebra. There are 13 species of antelope, one of which is the famous springbok. Smaller predators that thrive in their natural habitat include colonies of meerkat; black-backed jackal, caracal, Cape fox, bat-eared fox and civet. Roam has also just recently introduced rescued cheetah into the reserve as part of a conservation project.

## LOCATION

Located about 5 - 6 hours outside of Cape Town in the Great Karoo, Roam is the ideal wilderness destination for those seeking to explore the famous tourist route called "Route 62" and combine it with a nature and big game experience. Roam is malaria free and is located close to Cape Town, Oudtshoorn and the N2 Garden Route.

## GETTING THERE

The most popular and scenic route is from Cape Town via Route 62. Although this is a popular tourist route, it is not the quickest way of getting to Roam. The quickest route to Roam should take 5hr15 min.



Take the N1 north bound (Paarl, Worcester, Laingsburg), 84km outside of Laingsburg turn right on the R407 toward Prince Albert. Upon reaching Prince Albert continue through the town and turn left onto Pastorie Str immediately after the PEP store (signage says Bush Pub). After 55km on the dirt road you will meet the N12 at a t-junction, turn left onto the N12 direction Beaufort West.

From this turn it is 22km to the Roam turn off. The dirt road to Roam is sign boarded with a large blue sign on the left hand side. Turn left at the sign and continue 3km to the electric gate, travel another 3km to the reserve gate where a representative will meet you.

GPS: co-ordinates: S 32.91834' E 022.54525'



## GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

### What to Pack

Throughout the year, lightweight neutral-coloured clothing is recommended, as well as suitable walking shoes. Remember to pack cameras, chargers, binoculars, and other gadgets that might be useful on the trip. You will need sunscreen and hats to protect you from the searing African heat. During the winter months it can get bitterly cold. We recommend an assortment of beanies, fleeces and jackets.

### Weather

Roam has extremes in temperature, with winter bringing in bitterly cold weather and summer bringing in searing temperatures. Winter is a time of relative drought, and the nights tend to be extremely cold with frost covering the ground first thing in the morning. The winter days are mild during the day, but certainly aren't hot. Summer temperatures can peak to 40°C, but generally hover around the 30°C mark.



*"It is the vision at Roam to continue on this path and work tirelessly with conservationists and specialists in their various fields to continue the rehabilitation of veld and flora, and introduce various endangered species in the coming years."*

