

FACT SHEET



TAMBUZI
BAOBAB CAMP



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INTRODUCTION

Tambuzi Baobab Camp is a rustic yet comfortable retreat in the Maseke Game Reserve. The reserve stretches over 8 000 hectares in the Greater Kruger area, and shares open borders with neighbouring reserves and the Kruger National Park. Wildlife abounds around Tambuzi, but the camp itself is fenced, making it ideal for families with smaller children.

Accommodation is offered in a choice of a centrally located garden cottage or dome style tents along the perimeter. A baobab tree (hence the camp name) in the middle of the lawn towers over the fever trees, while a handful of mopanis also offer some shade. Elephants frequent the little stream that trickles past the perimeter fence, providing ample opportunity to spot these pachyderms from a safe distance.

The garden cottage has a thatched roof and is tiled throughout, giving it a cool and serene feel. The three canvas tents exude a typical safari-feel and each has their own outdoor shower. Nature is the focus, but the minimalist décor coupled crisp white linen does give the accommodation a touch of elegance. The garden cottage has a raised outdoor seating area ideal for avid birders who can enjoy the abundant birdlife from the comfortable vantage point.

Tambuzi can cater to guests' preferences with fully catered or self-catering options available. There is an inside and outside kitchen, with the outside kitchen also catering for those staying in the dome style tents. There is no indoor dining room as all meals are served under the canopy of trees. The boma area is facing outwards onto the lawn and has a great view onto the surrounding bush.

Tambuzi Baobab Camp offers its visitors hours of up close and personal game viewing opportunities, coupled

with the most beautiful landscapes in the Maseke Game Reserve. The unfenced border shared with the Kruger National Park allows for the free movement of the big five and regular sightings of a whole host of other wildlife critters.

AT A GLANCE

- Located in the Maseke Game Reserve in the Limpopo Province, close to the Kruger National Park
- Basic yet comfortable accommodation for families
- Fenced perimeter, which means it's safe for children
- Inside and outside cooking facilities
- Self-catering and fully catered options available
- Large trees provide a canopy over a rustic boma area
- Game drives offered within the reserve while external activities can be arranged
- Visiting elephants to stream just outside fence
- Two types of accommodation sleeping up to 12 people
- Electricity as well as solar power
- WiFi

FACILITIES

- Garden cottage: Four guests in two bedrooms, with two stretchers available for children to accommodate six people; bathroom with shower and toilet as well as separate toilet; and air conditioning.
- Three dome style tents: Each tent sleeps two people; each tent has an en-suite shower; solar lamps; and pedestal fans.
- Two fully operational kitchens - inside and outside.
- Boma area with seating under a tree.
- Outside dining facilities.
- Raised platform under cover with facilities to charge electrical devices.
- Perimeter fence around camp to ensure children's safety.
- Credit card payment facilities (conservation levy of R250 needs to be paid in cash)

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ACTIVITIES

- Morning and evening game drives in the Maseke Game Reserve
- Birdwatching
- Day game drives into the Kruger National Park
- Tailor-made experiences upon request
- Outside dining under the stars
- Evening drinks in the boma
- Panorama route and Blyde River tours

A TYPICAL DAY

A typical day at Tambuzi Baobab Camp 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. Alternatively other activities can be arranged upon request.

LOCATION

Tambuzi Baobab Camp is ideally located in the Maseke Game Reserve, a completely off-the-beaten track private reserve teeming with wildlife. Explore untouched landscapes with rocky outcrops, diverse vegetation and the Olifants River. This is a big five reserve bordering the Kruger National Park. The bonus? It is a relatively unknown reserve but doesn't lack in terms of sightings. Less people, more wildlife!

GETTING THERE

Tambuzi Baobab Camp is easily accessible for fly-ins and self-drivers. There are a few ways of getting to Tambuzi.

- Fly into Phalaborwa (Hendrick van Eck Airport) and either self-drive or road transfer to camp, which is about 20-30km away. Tambuzi is located on the Grietjie road (D2263) which is on the R40.
- Fly into Hoedspruit (Eastgate Airport) and either

self-drive or transfer to camp. The distance is roughly 50km from Hoedspruit centre. Follow the R40 until you reach the Grietjie turn-off (D2263).

- Fly into Johannesburg (OR Tambo International Airport) and self-drive, or arrange a road transfer when making your reservation at reservations@african-retreats.co.za. Driving time is roughly 6-7 hours.
- There is a conservation levy of R250, payable in cash at the camp.

GPS COORDINATES

24 ° 03'34.2"S

31 ° 01'25.5"E



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GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Weather

The average rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most occurring during mid-summer (November-February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced and very seldom lasts longer than a few hours. The average maximum temperatures range from 24.5 degrees C in July to 31.5 degrees C in January with the average monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5 degrees 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 over the course of a couple of nights' stay. In addition to the big five that are regularly sighted, other sightings include giraffe, zebra, warthog, spotted hyena, baboon, hippo, impala, vervet monkey, waterbuck, wildebeest, bushbaby, mongoose, duiker and steenbok. You may also see wild dog, cheetah, honey badger, porcupine, aardvark, civet, caracal and serval. Birds that are regularly seen are vultures, owls, bee-eaters, bustards, eagles, hornbills, starlings and shrikes.

Malaria

The Maseke 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 Melfloquine. Mosquitoes are more prevalent in the wet, warmer seasons. 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, 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

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