

# iRHINO SAFARI

Lapalala Game Reserve
Johannesburg
Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park
Phinda Private Game Reserve

**11 Days / 10 Nights**

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# THE RHINO STORY

“2013 had hardly begun, and by January 31, 57 rhino had already been poached in South Africa. By the end of February the number was over 100. By April it was 203. Come the first week of June and the figure was around 350, the majority of them in the country’s conservation flagship, the Kruger National Park. The final figure for 2013 was 1004, eclipsing the already mind-numbing 2012 total of 668. As of May 14, official figures show 376 rhino to have been killed in South Africa alone.”

This was the situation in the country with the largest number of rhino in the world.

This excerpt from the introduction to Angus Begg’s multimedia iBook, ‘iRhino’, lays the foundation for why he created an itinerary dedicated to seeing rhinos around the country in their various habitats.

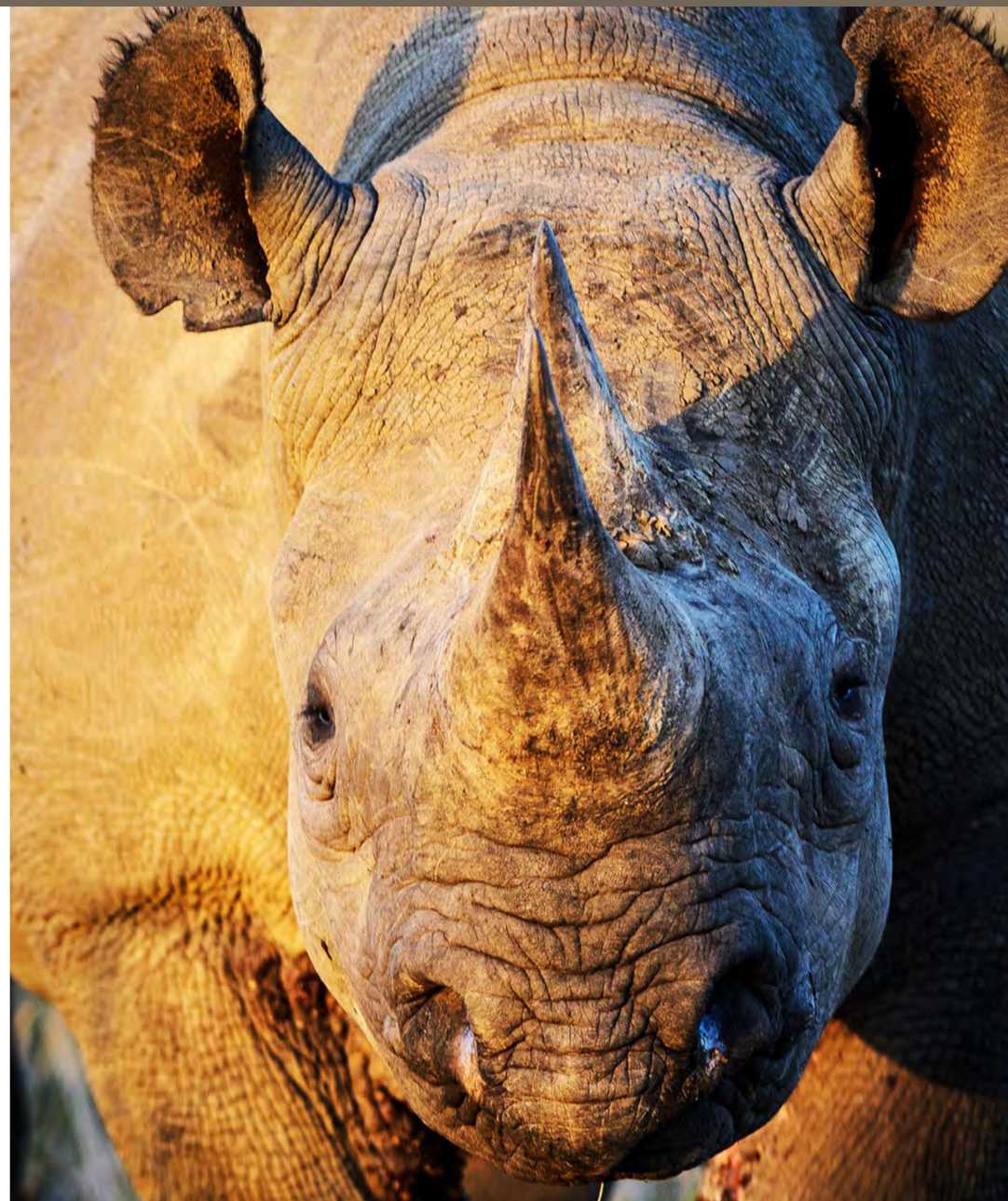
Now in 2024, the true figure of how many rhino are left, how many are being poached, is hard to ascertain. Taking official figures from government and the private sector into account, it is estimated that around 500 rhinos were poached across the country in 2023. All that changes is the poachers’ location of choice.

Word on the ground has it that our iconic Kruger National Park has less than 1200 left.

One thing we know for sure is that, although the poaching syndicates are sophisticated, using local informants and modern technology to get their horns back to the east, the more eyes on the ground – in the game reserves - the more difficult it is for the poachers, and the better for the rhino.

There are many areas to see rhino. We could add Tswalu Private Game Reserve (where the cover image was shot) in the arid northern Cape, to see the desert black rhino, bicornis bicornis, in all its magnificence. Or Sanbona Private Game Reserve in the Little Karoo, or Damaraland in Namibia.

But we hope you like the destinations we’ve chose for you, just for starters.



# ANGUS & AFRICAN STORYBOOK TRAVEL

Angus Begg is a CNN award-winning TV producer and photojournalist turned private safari guide.

Angus has been telling stories for decades since his days as a novice journalist covering Nelson Mandela's release, subjects covered ranging from politics and current affairs to conservation and travel. Working for the national broadcaster in South Africa during the early to mid-1990's - covering the conflict in Somalia, the genocide in Rwanda and his country's first democratic elections - cemented his enthusiasm for and curiosity in the narratives to be found in the wildlife tourism and conservation industry. During this period, in which he visited most of the national parks and game reserves in Southern Africa, he and the safari industry discovered each other.

Over the next roughly 20 years, Angus pursued almost parallel, related careers – one as a current affairs and conservation television producer and the other as a travel-writer and photojournalist. With various commendations in his back pocket, Angus used his experience and talents to start his next career – that of private guide and safari itinerary designer.

He loves little better than sharing his passion for the bush, southern Africa's cultures, rhinos, fynbos and conservation, using his many, diverse experiences to inform his second career as a private guide and public speaker – entertaining his guests with stories of his travels across sub-Saharan Africa.

Together, Angus & Hartley's Safaris plan unique itineraries, each with its own story line, a specific narrative, an element of the "road less travelled", pioneering an unusual destination that we see belongs on a "bucket list".

Every itinerary is planned with a specific purpose and African story in mind - with one of the greatest story tellers to bring it all together!



AFRICAN STORYBOOK



# IRHINO - ANGUS' WAY...

As a child I read a book called 'Game Ranger on Horseback', by one of KwaZulu-Natal's legendary rangers and conservationists. I loved horse-riding, and our early family holidays were spent in the mountains and game reserves of what is today known as KZN province. Those early days shaped my thinking, interest and career, as a photojournalist and TV producer focusing on conservation.

I've been lucky to meet and interview amongst South and southern Africa's most significant characters in conservation, which ultimately led me into the world of travel and private guiding – because where there's a safari lodge, there is inevitably a conservation mindset. I wrote a multimedia iBook called iRhino in 2013, in which - amongst other aspects like the status of the rest of the world's rhinos - I dive deep into the ongoing poaching crisis.

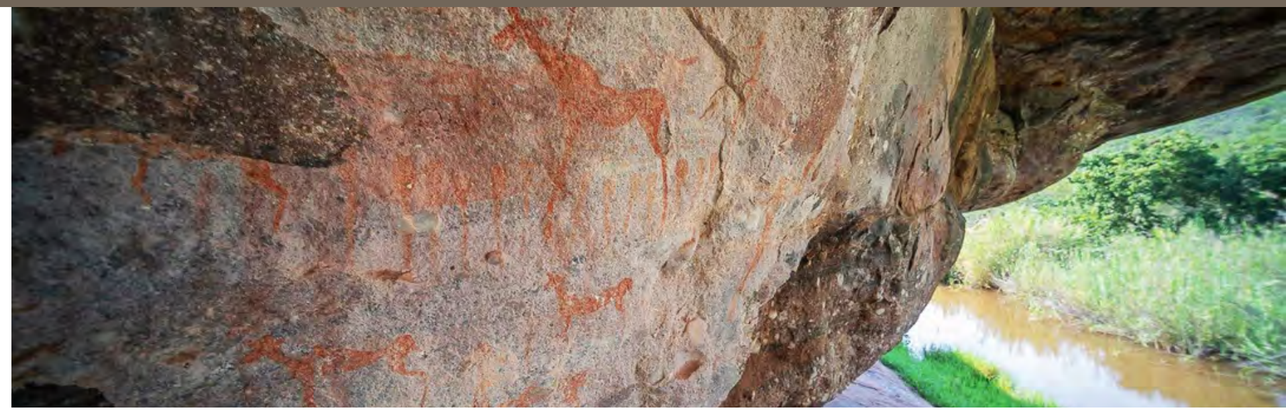
And then a few years after I started guiding and hosting interested travellers on safaris, learning about interest and tastes, I thought a rhino safari was needed. So here we are, introducing this beautiful, endangered species, tracing the narrative of the rise and fall in their numbers for the past 100 years, in some of the most beautiful landscapes in Africa, residing in amongst its most beautiful lodges.

LAPALALA GAME RESERVE, HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK, PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



# HIGHLIGHTS





## Lapalala Game Reserve

- Game drives
- Guided bush walks
- Boating safari
- Fishing
- Iron Age site visit
- Rock art site visit
- Lapalala Wilderness School visit

## Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park

- Game drives
- Guided bush walks
- Isibindi Foundation
- Mphembeni Community visit

## Phinda Private Game Reserve

- Game drives
- Interpretive bush walks

# SUMMARY INFORMATION

All accommodation in the itinerary is based on visiting wilderness areas that are unique in their own right, where conservation and research projects are at the core of the lodge ethos.

Accommodation is selected to be comfortable and representative of the unique destinations you will be visiting. Your itinerary is tailored to ensure ease of travel from one destination to another.

All transportation is taken care of from the time of arrival in South Africa until departure. Along with relevant road transfers, the package quote will include the domestic flights required.

An overnight stay in Johannesburg is included to ensure comfortable flight connectivity after your stay in the Limpopo province with your visit to KwaZulu Natal province. Enjoy the buzz of one of the city's trendiest suburbs with restaurants to match.

Our experienced Journey Specialist will ensure that all aspects of the trip are taken care for the duration of your visit, from the moment you arrive until your departure.

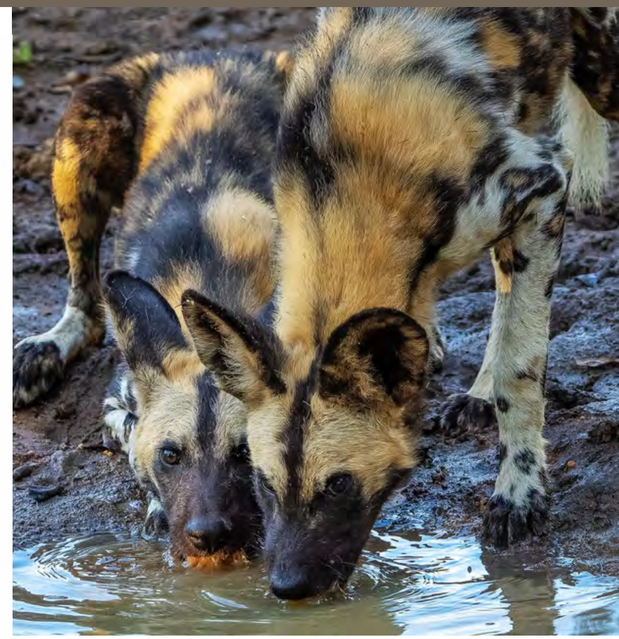
## CORE ITINERARY
## 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

**3 Nights Noka Camp, Lapalala Game Reserve, Waterberg**
This unique, non-for-profit luxury lodge is the perfect start to your safari in South Africa and with many conservation projects and research throughout South Africa, this is a fitting introduction with various conservation projects over many decades in the Lapalala Wilderness.

**1 Night at Voco Johannesburg, Rosebank**
An overnight stay in the City of Gold, enjoying the vibrancy of this cosmopolitan city.

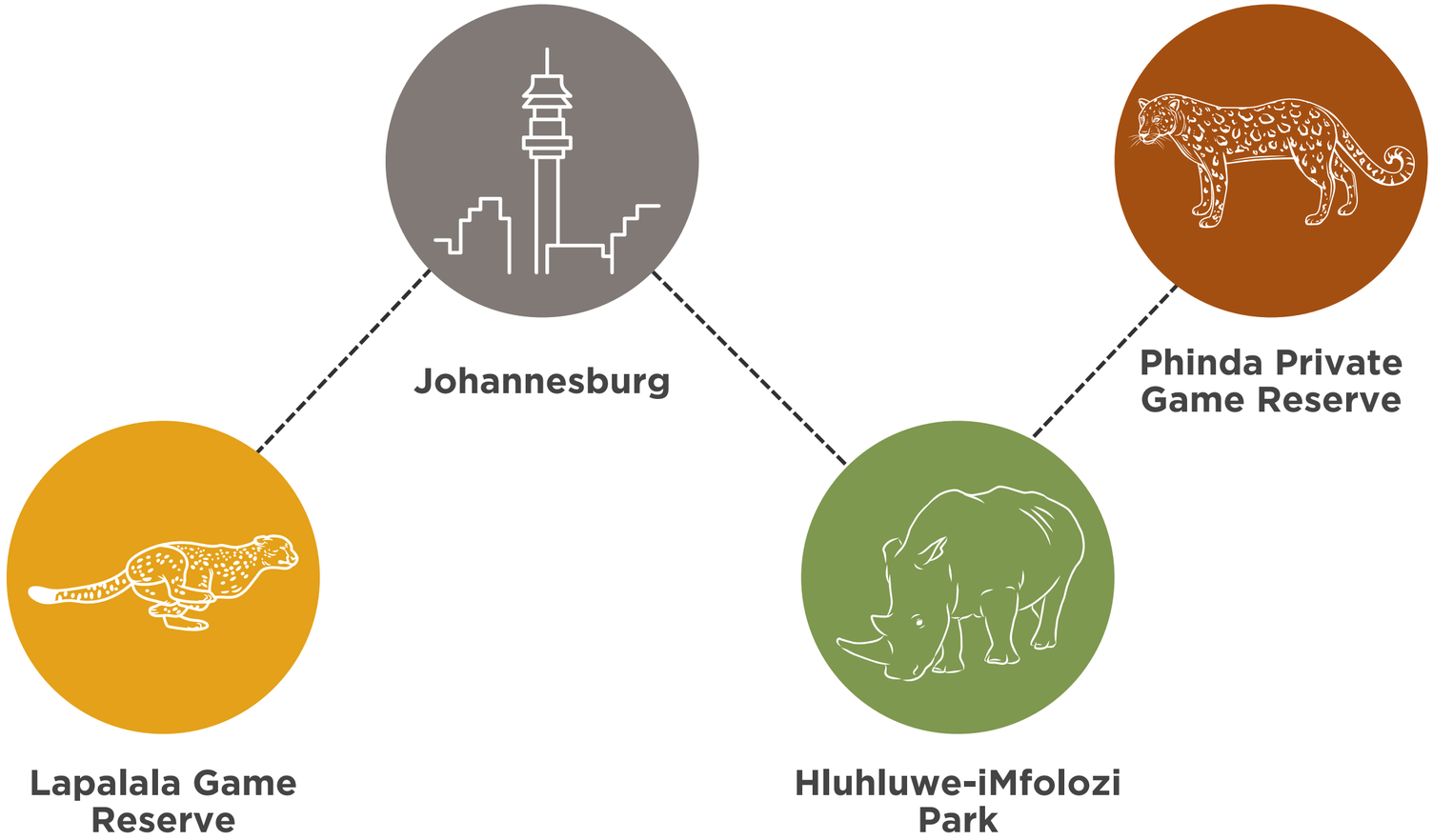
**3 Nights at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park**
This game reserve is the "home of the white rhino conservation" and at Rhino Ridge you will learn about the many conservation efforts in this historical but, often, underrated reserve.

**3 Nights at Phinda Forest Lodge, Phinda Private Game Reserve**
The newly refurbished luxury lodge is a special base from which to explore this amazing game reserve and learn about ongoing research projects or, possibly, take part in one of the various conservation experiences.





# DESTINATIONS




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# LAPALALA GAME RESERVE



This is the unsung hero in the rhino story. Found in the Waterberg mountains, the rugged, last area to be settled in South Africa, it was only proclaimed as a protected wilderness in 1985 – thanks to two legendary South African conservationists.

Clive Walker remembers shooting small wildlife on a family friend's farm as a schoolboy. He grew up to be one of South Africa's eminent conservationists, co-founder of the (now defunct) Rhino & Elephant Foundation, with conservation of the rhino being his almost singular passion. When his paths crossed with philanthropist Dale Parker, who's passion was conserving riverine systems and the biodiversity within, Lapalala Wilderness was born.

A small reserve with 5000 hectares when it started, Lapalala now has over 50 000 hectares - about 500 square kilometres - under conservation. It boasts possibly the country's finest anti-poaching operation and the legendary Lapalala Wilderness School – both of which can be visited.

The presence of the 'Big Five' is just a by-product of Lapalala's growth - with more land added it made financial sense to return game like elephant, increasing the appeal for tourists and the establishment of a couple of high-end lodges. At the time of writing it has just one lodge, which represents a serious level of exclusivity.

Angus interviewed Walker frequently as a radio journalist in the 1990s, and checked in on him last year. Although wildlife art is his key focus these days, and now advanced in years, a meeting with Lapalala's co-founder is a possibility.

# NOKA CAMP







Perched near a cliff's edge overlooking the signature Palala river, Noka offers a unique location in the magnificent Lapalala Wilderness, a standout project in South Africa's conservation story.

Unique in that there is no other lodge on the river. Fairly unique in that it is one of only lodges in Lapalala's 50 000 hectares of malaria free wilderness.
Noka is fully off-grid, with an extremely light environmental footprint. It embraces sustainable technologies and contributes to the land and its people (ask when you get there).

Proud to own South Africa's first solar walkway, only 1% of the Noka build touches the ground. The facilities are exceptional, offering heated plunge-pools, underfloor heating, and sensor lighting in the bathrooms.

The lodge blurb speaks of 'unparalleled luxury', as do so many other lodge brochures. But luxurious it is, framed by its stunning position above the winding Palala River, with vistas that might make you cry. Luxury and sustainability comfortably co-exist here.

No detail is overlooked for the four, luxury villas and
one family villa with their ensuite bathrooms and outdoor showers. Guest can enjoy a Sky Bed experience at each villa.

Experience guides take guests on 4x4 game drives, guided bush walks, a boat cruise and may visit the Iron Age rock art site.

Depending on research projects and requirements at the time, the Conservation Vet Experiences can be life changing events.

Your stay at Noka Camp, a 100% non-for-profit lodge, will contribute to a conservation legacy for future generations.

# DAY 1-3:  LAPALALA GAME RESERVE



## NOKA CAMP

### ITINERARY

**Travel Logistics**

- Arrive at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg
- You will be met by your host and transferred by road to Lapalala Game Reserve, Waterberg (3.5 hours)
- Check in to Noka Camp for 3 nights

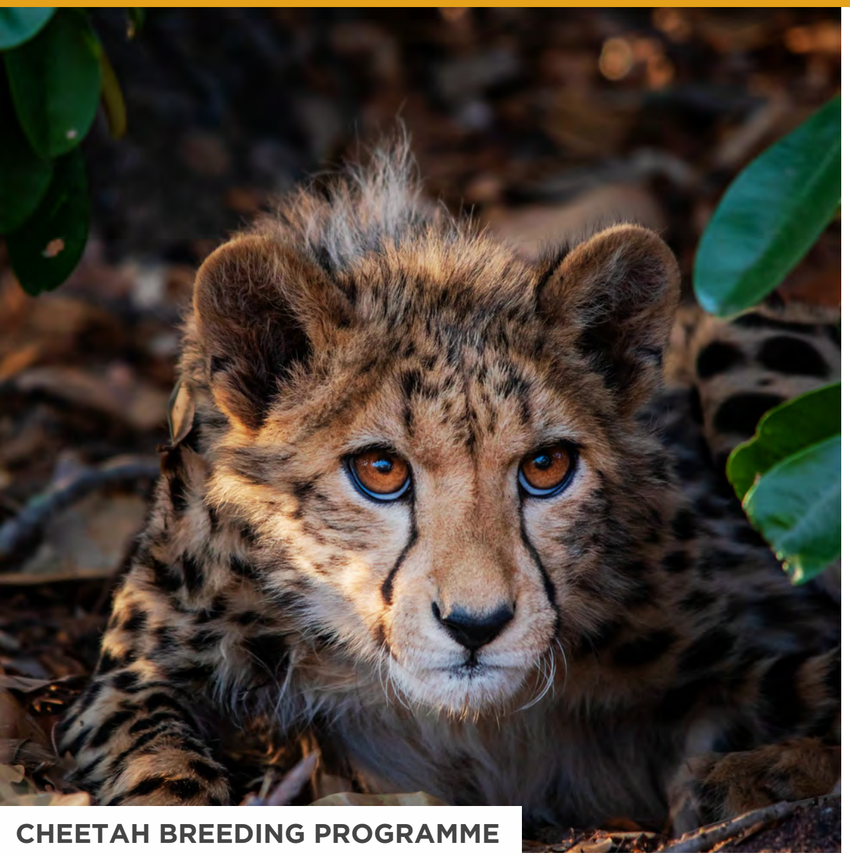
### DAILY PROGRAMME

- All meals are served at Noka Camp
- Daily activities include
  - Morning and afternoon 4x4 game drives
  - Guided bush walks
  - Boating safaris
  - Fishing
  - Visit to the Lapalala Wilderness School
  - Visit an Iron Age site
  - Rock Art paintings
  - Meet the Anti-Poaching Team (advance bookings required)

### EXPERIENCES

- Conservation Veterinary Experience (Elephant or Rhino)
- Yoga
- Spa Treatments

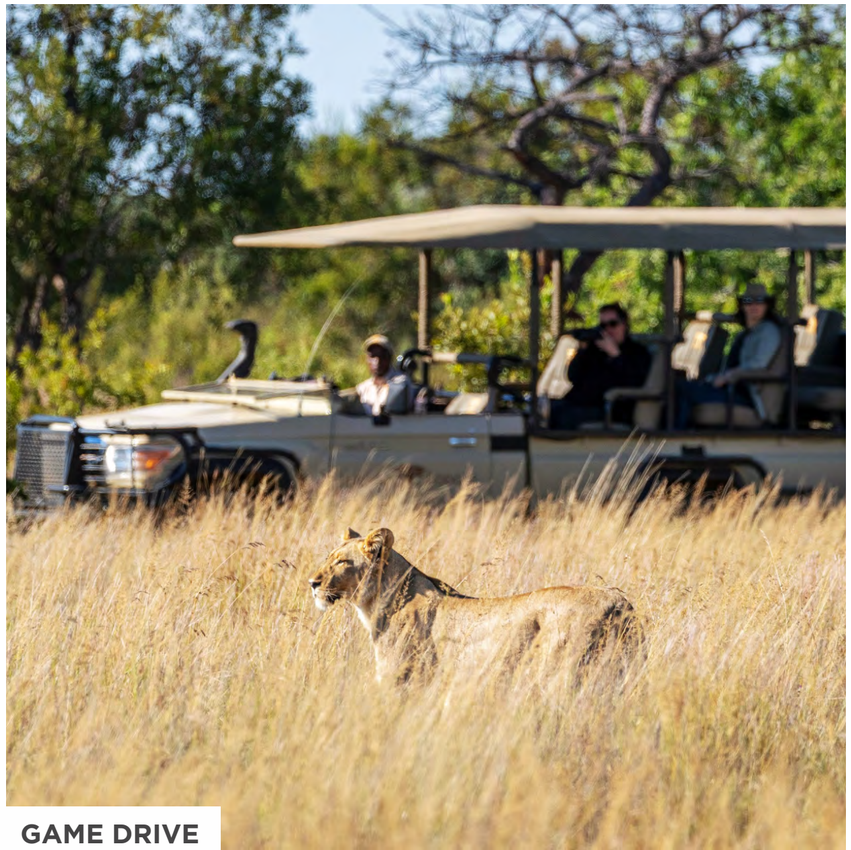
# LAPALALA WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES



CHEETAH BREEDING PROGRAMME



ROCK ART



GAME DRIVE



BOAT SAFARIS



RHINO CONSERVATION PROJECT

# EGOLI – CITY OF GOLD



## JOHANNESBURG - SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg is one of Africa's largest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic powerhouse of South Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. The city was founded with the discovery of gold in the 19th century and today is one of the 50 largest urban areas by population in the world. It is also the world's largest city not situated on a river, lake, or coastline. It is considered to be world's largest man-made urban forest with more than 10 million trees.

The bustling city offers a wide range of activities, iconic heritage sites and attractions – there is plenty to do in and around the city, including nearby Pretoria. There are excellent art galleries and organised tours of historical and political interest. It is renowned for the large shopping malls and markets. Downtown is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, museums, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultra-modern skyscrapers. The nearby township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.

# VOCO JOHANNESBURG








Playful, charming, and spacious, the VOCO Johannesburg is the ideal place to lay your head in Jozi.

Relaxed and unstuffy, this VOCO experience takes sophistication and artistry to the next level, with an enviable collection of original local artwork and thoughtful touches. Proud Mary Modern Eatery and Wine bar offers innovative dishes with a bespoke wine list and is definitely the place to be seen with one of their signature cocktails at hand.

The hotel is only a 2 minutes' walk from the Gautrain (Metro Express). Taking shopping to the next level with three prime shopping centres located right next to the hotel with signature shops, entertainment, movies and much more located right next to voco Johannesburg Rosebank

Beautifully appointed rooms and suites in shades of flamingo or navy and brilliant illumination create a sanctuary in the trendy hub of Rosebank. Floor-to-ceiling windows, high-speed Wi-Fi and a large-screen smart TV complete the upscale offer. Sink into comfy beds, spending some well-deserved "me time" in your luxurious surrounds.

Expect the warmest of welcomes and a personalised guest journey that combines all those familiar comforts and the indulgences of your favourite hotel.

# DAY 4:  JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA



## VOCO JOHANNESBURG

ITINERARY
DAILY PROGRAMME

- Breakfast at Noka Camp
- Road transfer to Johannesburg (3.5 hours)
- Check in to VOCO Johannesburg, Rosebank for 1 night

# HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK



Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park is pretty much the birthplace of rhino conservation in south and southern Africa.  Formerly Hluhluwe–Umfolozi Game Reserve, it was established in 1895 – making it the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa.

Comprising 960 km$^2$ (96,000 ha), the park is a combination of two game reserves: the Umfolozi (or iMfolozi) in the southern section of the park, and Hluhluwe in the north. Together these 2 reserves form one ecosystem with significant fauna and flora. It is the only provincial-run park in KwaZulu-Natal where each of the Big 5 can be found, including the elusive Cheetah and African Wild dog.

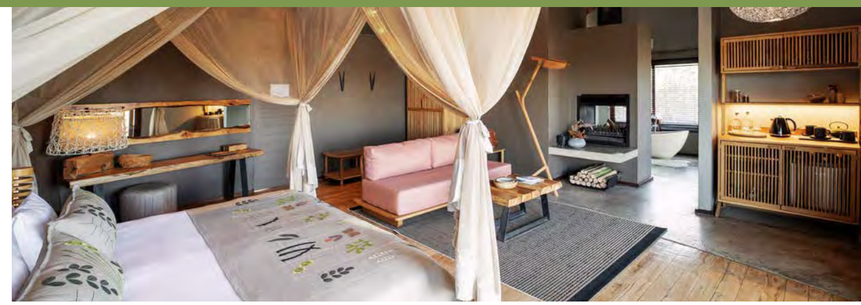
It is here that the southern white rhino was saved from absolute extinction when less than 100 rhinos were roaming the planet by the mid-20th century. Operation Rhino, led by famed conservationist, Dr Ian Player, was to become one of the greatest conservation successes of all time achieving a 1000% growth rate by the 1960s, in so doing saving the species from extinction. It was a ground-breaking capture and translocation operation that took an endangered population and managed to grow the species throughout Africa. Every southern white rhino alive today originated from this small crash* of rhino.

Today the park is home to one of the densest black and white rhino populations on the African continent, one of the world's last strongholds of wild rhino conservation, an area on which poachers focused in 2023. A number of private sector wildlife and conservation initiatives, working in harmony with a selected number of the Park's dedicated rangers, represent the front line in protecting this remarkable, prehistoric species.

Operated by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and, in partnership with the Peace Parks Foundation, the HiP Smart Park project was implemented which facilitates the integration of systems, including drone technology, for early detection and rapid response of anti-poaching reaction units. The Centenary Capture Centre is setting exceptional standards for animal capture and sustainable utilization in Africa. The park is within close proximity (an hour drive) from the extraordinary iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa's very first UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a haven of biodiversity.

# RHINO RIDGE SAFARI LODGE







Built in 2015, Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge is the only private lodge in the Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park. Guests enjoy exceptional safari experiences in the heart of Big 5 territory.

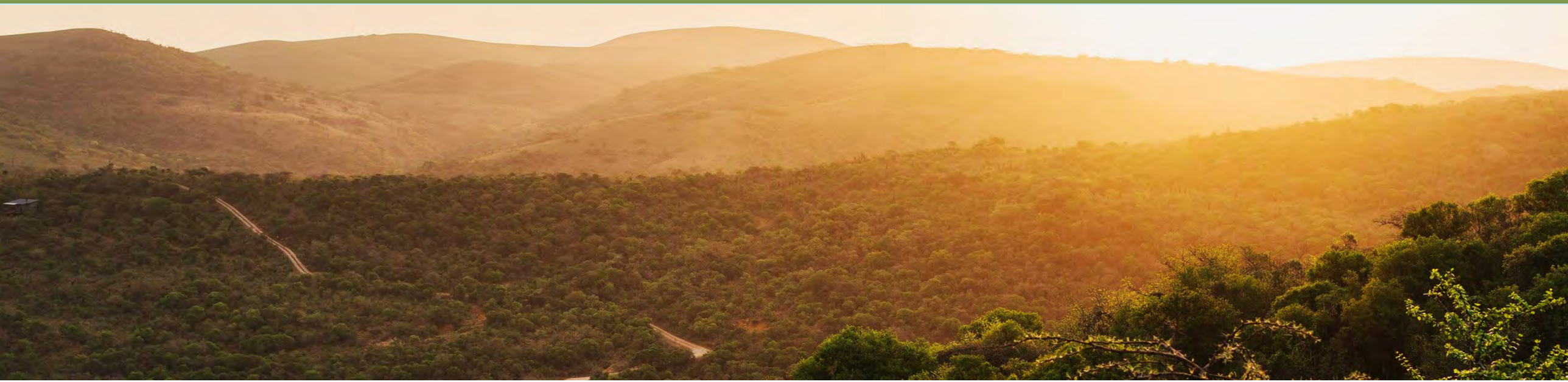
The lodge is designed in a contemporary style with overtones of organic forms utilising natural finishes and materials with 18 well appointed, air-conditioned rooms nestling on a ridge, each with their own private deck giving expansive and uninterrupted views of the reserve. The Day Spa has been designed to ensure that guests can soak in the sights and sounds of Africa, positioned to take advantage of the magnificent views of game grazing across the reserve.

Twice daily game drives are conducted to explore the magnificent hills and valleys of the reserve. A guided tour, conducted by a member of the Isibindi Foundation, takes guests to the Mphembeni Community as well as in-depth introduction to the foundation, focusing on the contribution by the foundation to rhino conversation. Guests can enjoy guided walks lasting 3-4 hours inside the park in Big 5 territory as an optional activity.

Isibindi Africa, which owns and runs Rhino Ridge lodge in partnership with the local community, runs a number of significant conservation and community projects in the park (and other destinations where it operates).

* ‘Crash’ is the collective name for a group of rhino.

# DAY 5-8: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK



## RHINO RIDGE SAFARI LODGE

### ITINERARY

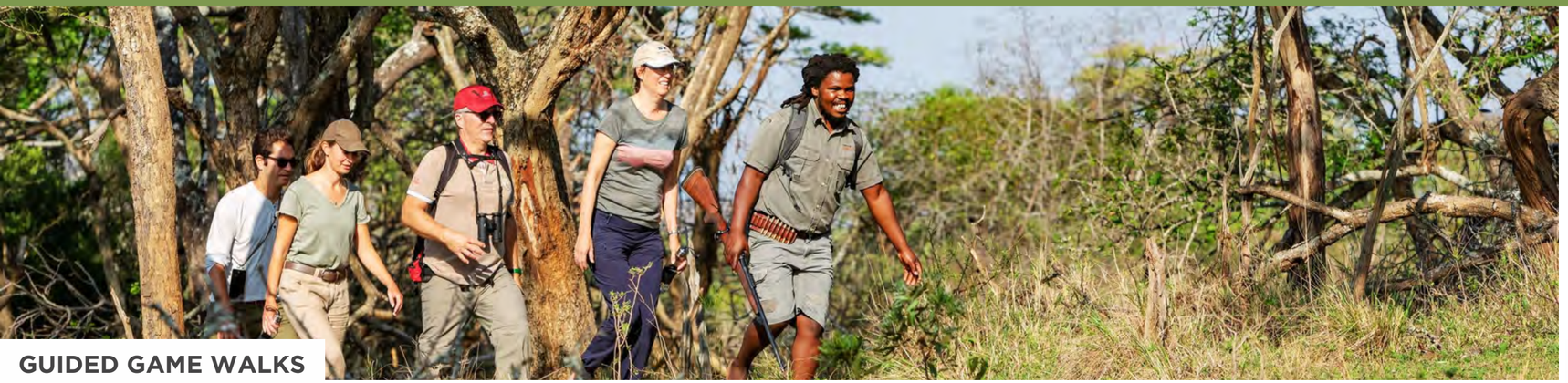
**Travel Logistics**

- Breakfast at VOCO Johannesburg
- Road transfer to OR Tambo International Airport for the scheduled flight bound for Richards Bay Airport
- Road transfer to Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park (2 hours)
- Check in to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge for 3 nights

### DAILY PROGRAMME

- All meals are served at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge
- Twice daily morning and afternoon game drives
- Guided bush walks
- Visit the Mphembeni Community
- Introduction to the Isibindi Foundation projects by a member of the Foundation

# HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI EXPERIENCES



GUIDED GAME WALKS



COMMUNITY CENTRE (ISIBINDI FOUNDATION)



GAME DRIVE



COMMUNITY TOURS



# PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



Phinda is one of your journalist-guide Angus' favourite game reserves.

With seven ecosystems, ocean to wetland, montane woodland and sand-forest - and all the specific species of birds and wildlife that occupy them in-between – this Zululand reserve is must-visit for any wildlife and Africa enthusiast.

He remembers being at its launch as a young journalist in about 1992 (possibly having been given too much to drink by the owners of the founding company). There to produce a radio documentary on the positive role tourism and wildlife could play in the lives of surrounding, rural communities, the experience was to influence his thinking on the role of national parks and game reserves.

Phinda has changed the lives of the nearby Mduku, Mnqobokazi and Nibela communities. Clinics, creches and primary and secondary schools have been built, their residents employed and careers shaped.

Phinda is a birder's paradise with nearly 440 recorded species inhabiting its 7 diverse habitats. The reserve is one of South Africa's three best birding destinations along with Pafuri in the northern region of the Kruger National Park and Ndumo Game Rerver in northern KwaZulu Natal.

And then there are the rhino, cheetah, lion, bird specials and elephant waiting to be found, and AndBeyond's legendary cuisine to be enjoyed after the game drives.

To think that prior to this metamorphosis, this was a devastated landscape, a cattle farm and hunting concession, in that order. One of southern Africa's great wildlife rehabilitation stories.

# PHINDA FOREST LODGE







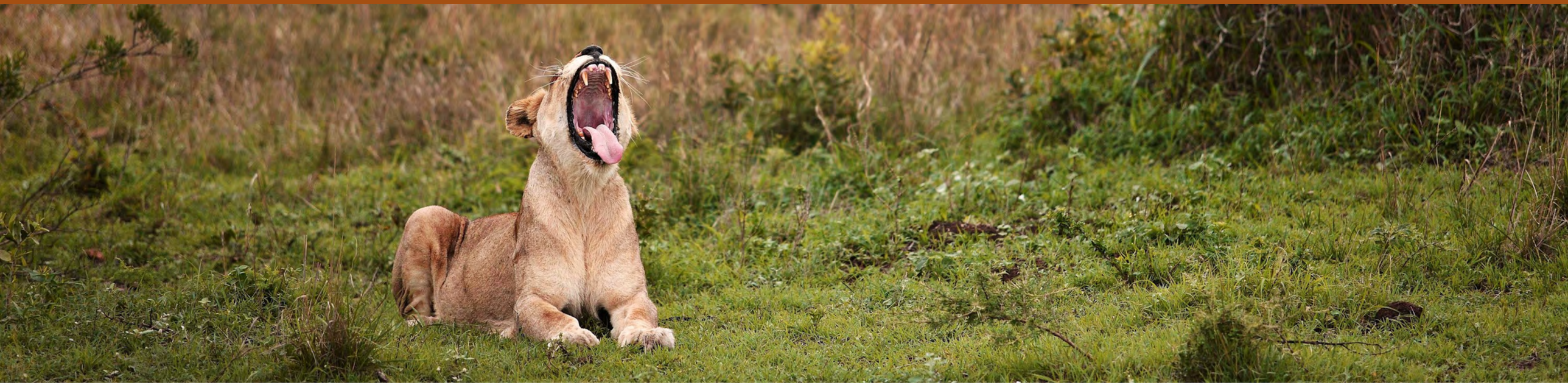
Built in perfect harmony with the existing flow of the intensely canopied rare Sand Forest, &Beyond Phinda Forest Lodge‘s exquisite suites, seemingly floating between the forest floor and the towering torchwood trees.

Set deep in the heart of a rare and beautiful dry sand forest, the lodge fuses spectacular design with the ultimate in conservation principles. 16 handcrafted, minimalist, glass-encased suites - ‘Zulu-zen’ concept - are all built on stilts among the trees and was constructed without removing any trees. The suites boast luxurious en-suite bathrooms and viewing decks where guests can take in the sight of graceful nyala and duiker in the shade of the forest.

Game drives are conducted in the morning and afternoon, continuing into the evening. Interpretive nature walks are offered around the lodge to teach guests about the intricacies of the African bush as well as big game viewing walks, subject to the availability of a qualified guide. Tracking the endangered rhino on foot is an exhilarating experience.

Several optional activities such conservation and community experiences as well as ocean safaris are available to guests during their stay.

# DAY 8-11: PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



## PHINDA FOREST LODGE

### ITINERARY

**Travel Logistics**

- Breakfast at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge
- Road transfer to Phinda Private Game Reserve (2.5 hours)
- Check in to Phinda Forest Lodge for 3 nights

### DAILY PROGRAMME

- All meals are served at Phinda Forest Lodge
- Twice daily morning and afternoon game drives
- Interpretive guided bush walks

### ITINERARY - FINAL DAY

**Travel Logistics**

- Breakfast at Phinda Forest Lodge
- Road transfer to Richards Bay Airport (2.5 hours) in time for your scheduled flight bound for OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
- Continue with your own arrangements

### EXPERIENCES

- Big game guided walk
- Rhino tracking on foot
- Turtle Nesting Adventure (seasonal)
- Rhino Conservation Experience
- Elephant Conservation Experience
- Pangolin Conservation Experience (seasonal)
- Maputoland Beach Adventure
- Ocean Safari
- Indian Ocean Scuba Safari
- Village & Community Tour

# PHINDA EXPERIENCES



GUIDED WALKS



TURTLE NESTING



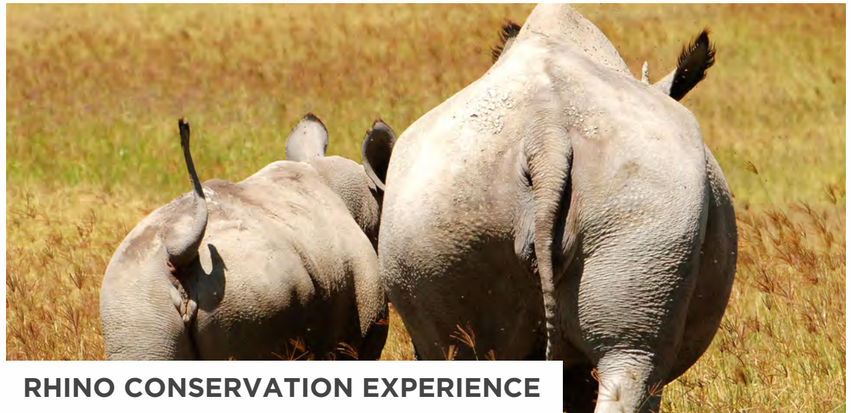
LEOPARD RESEARCH PROJECT



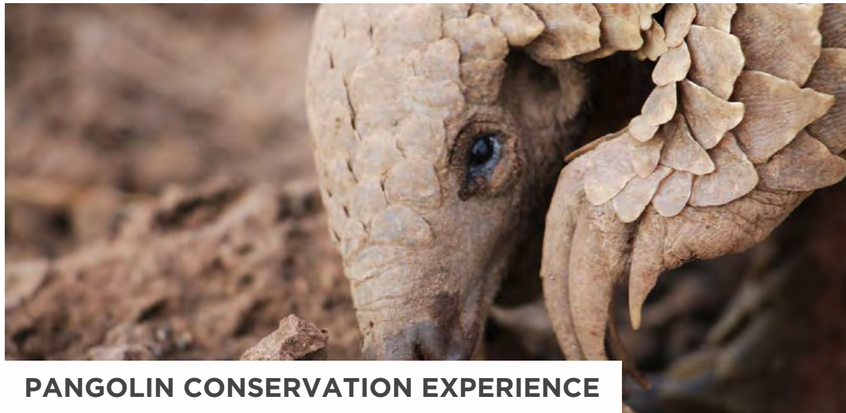

GAME DRIVE



BLACK RHINO TRACKING



RHINO CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE



PANGOLIN CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

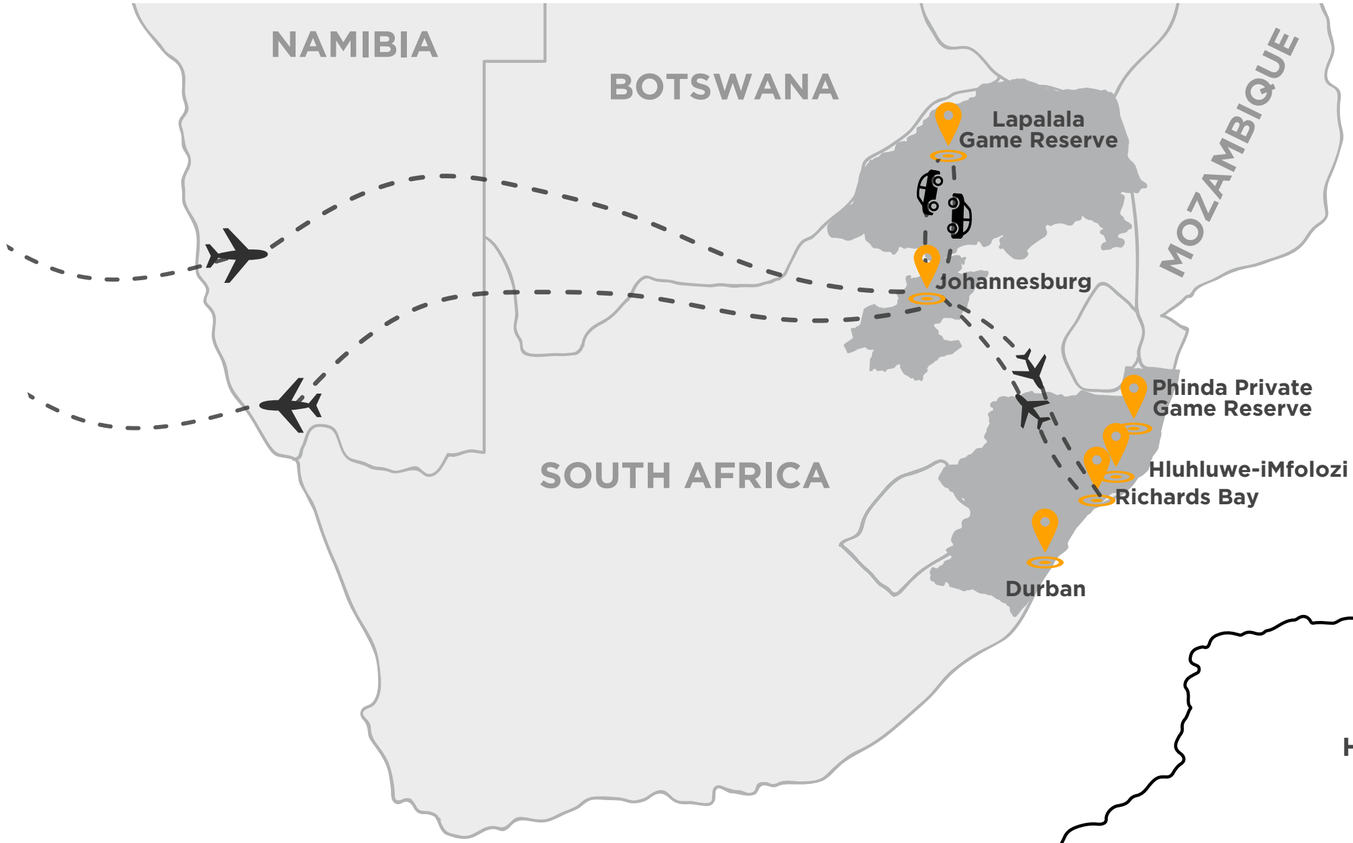
# FLIGHTS

**International Flights**

- Daily direct flights to South Africa are available from all countries across Europe depending on the airline of your choice.
- Non-European airlines may require a stop-over en route.

**Domestic Flights**

- The itinerary will require the following domestic flights:
  - Johannesburg to Richards Bay
  - Richards Bay to Johannesburg
- Final prices will be determined at the time of making the booking.






# PACKAGE INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

The inclusions & exclusions for this itinerary are listed below. The final pricing is subject to many variables such as: travel dates, seasonal rates, number of people travelling, your final selection of the optional extra activities, whether the group is accompanied by Angus and prices of flights at the time of booking.

## INCLUDED

**Accommodation (10 Nights)**

- 3 Nights at Noka Camp (Lapalala Game Reserve)
- 1 Night at VOCO Johannesburg (Rosebank)
- 3 Nights at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge (Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park)
- 3 Nights Phinda Forest Lodge (Phinda Private Game Reserve)

**Transport**

- Road transfers
  - Johannesburg to Noka Camp & return
  - VOCO Johannesburg to OR Tambo International Airport
  - Richards Bay Airport to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge
  - Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge to Phinda Forest Lodge
  - Phinda Forest Lodge to Richards Bay Airport
- Domestic scheduled flights – Johannesburg to Richards Bay / Richards Bay to Johannesburg

**Meals, Activities & Fees**

- English breakfast at VOCO Johannesburg
- All meals at Noka Camp, Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, Phinda Forest Lodge
- Morning and afternoon game drives at Noka Camp, Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, Phinda Forest Lodge
- Guided bush walks at Noka Camp, Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge
- Interpretive 1-hour bush walks at Phinda Forest Lodge
- Boat safari at Noka Camp
- Introduction to the Isibindi Foundation at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge
- Community tour at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge
- Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic local brand drinks at Noka Camp, Phinda Forest Lodge
- Laundry at Phinda Forest Lodge
- Conservation levies & Park entrance fees at all lodges

## EXCLUDED

**Flights**

- International scheduled flights to & from South Africa

**Meals, Activities & Transfers**

- Any activities and relevant transfers & fees not listed in the inclusions
- Lunch & Dinners not specified

**Other**

- Alcoholic & Non-alcoholic beverages at Rhino Post Safari Lodge
- Imported & Premium brand drinks at Noka Camp, Phinda Forest Lodge
- Items of personal nature (e.g. shopping, telephone calls, spa treatments)
- Optional staff gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Visa costs



# BUDGET



**Package Costs**
**Contact us for a personalised quotation based on your preferred travel dates**

**General**

- Availability for this tour is limited to 6 persons with a guide or 8 persons without a guide (sharing or single rooms).
- Itinerary and costs are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Family Travel
  - Age restrictions at Dwyka Tented Lodge does not allow for children 15 years and younger
  - An alternative accommodation option is available at Sanbona Wildlife Reserve for families
  - Rates are on request
- Final package costs will be based on selected travel dates during 2024.
- A reduction in the number of guests travelling may have an impact on the budgeted costs due to services such as internal air and helicopter transfers.

**Payment Terms**

Land arrangements:
Payable in 3 instalments as outlined
25% Deposit (non-refundable) within 30 days to secure the reservation
25% 4 months (120 days) before travel
50% 2 months (60 days) before travel
Flights:
100% on booking confirmation to secure the seats

# PRE AND / OR POST SAFARIS





## BOTSWANA

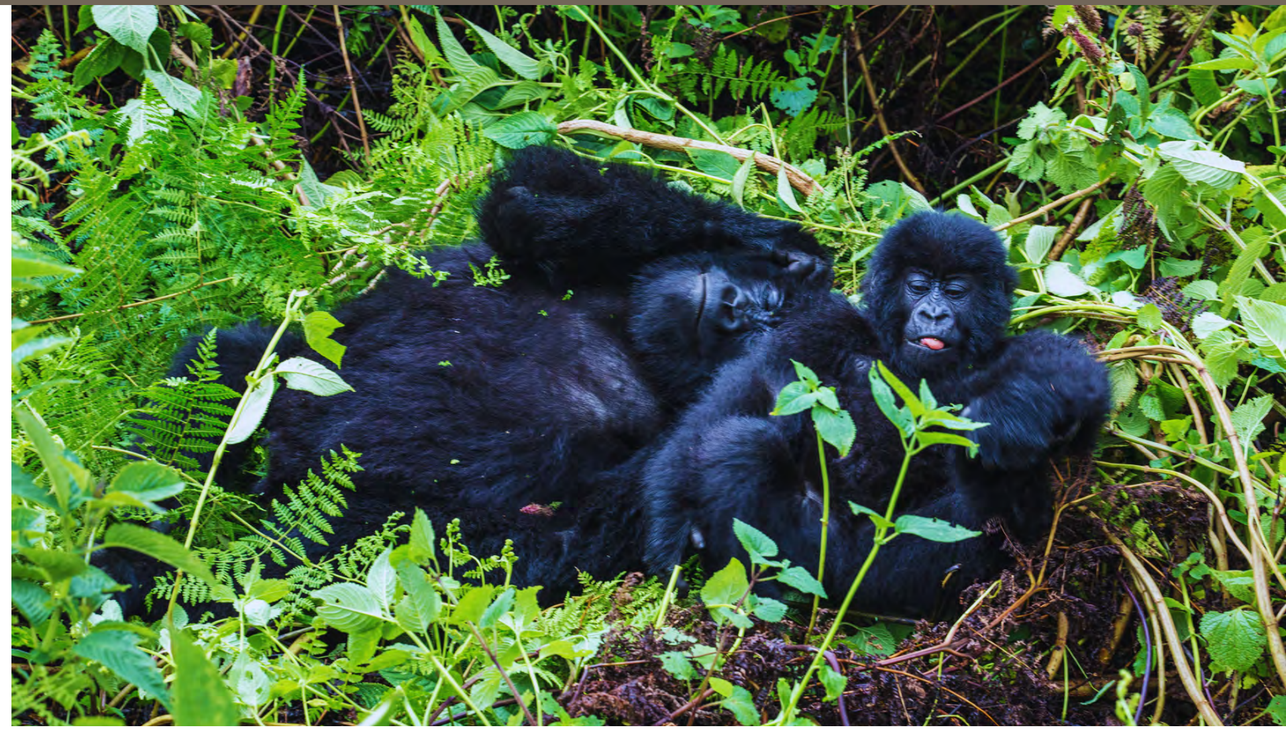
Experience a true wilderness in the wildlife rich, bucket-list Botswana, with safari offerings that matches every interest. Enjoy the exquisitely scenic Okavango Delta on foot, gliding on the river in a traditional dugout canoe (mokoro) or get up close on horse-back. The Savuti, Moremi and Chobe regions offer some of the best game viewing in Southern Africa. Home to the largest elephant population in Africa, a river cruise on the Chobe River will be unforgettable. The vastness of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pan is best experienced on horse-back, quad bike or sleeping under the stars.

## NAMIBIA

Namibia is the driest country in sub-Saharan Africa with the Namib Desert, the world's oldest desert, devoid of surface water but bisected by many dry riverbeds. Shifting sand dunes, gravel plains, and rugged mountains make up this extremely arid ecoregion. Enjoy game viewing in Etosha, track the desert lion and climb some of the highest sand dunes in the world at Sossusvlei. It has the largest population of free roaming cheetah in the world and is home to one of the largest San (Bushman) rock art concentrations in Africa. The Fish River Canyon is not only the 2nd largest canyon in the world it is the oldest and the Skeleton Coast is the world’s biggest gravesite for sailors and ships.
This is definitely a special interest, bucket-list destination.

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**For those who have the Africa bug and would like to extend their safari, Angus (African Storybook Travel) & Hartley's Safaris can assist with any pre or post planning.**

## GARDEN ROUTE

The Garden Route is a familiar term to Africa travellers. It is a delightful, serendipitous combination of world-class beaches and wine farms, lagoons, and indigenous forests with a scenic, ocean-hugging highway. Travelling Route 62, a winding valley road that reveals the magnificence of the Little Karoo with its vineyards and scenic mountain passes on either side, is a must-do as an extension to your stay along the coast.

Adrenaline junkie fun fact - at 216m, the region is home to the highest (Kiwi inspired) bungee jump in the world on the Bloukrans bridge.

## RWANDA

Gorilla trekking is a bucket list experience for many and, visiting the endangered mountain gorillas near Volcanoes National Park, will be a life-changing experience. This national park offers many activities such as, to name but a few, Golden Monkey trekking, hiking Mount Karisimbi, hiking Mount Bisoke, visiting the Iby'wacu cultural centre, exploring the Twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo, the Dian Fossey Hike. Combine this with chimpanzee trekking at Nyungwe Forest National Park and your next safari is planned.

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