



A quieter safari above the Sabie River

Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

MORE
COLLECTION

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An invitation to be nurtured

Set among the ancient trees of the Lion Sands Game Reserve and overlooking the Sabie River, Narina Lodge invites you to slow down and reconnect with the quieter rhythms of the wild. Here, nine stilted suites offer peaceful seclusion above the river, surrounded by birdsong, dappled light and the sounds of the wilderness.

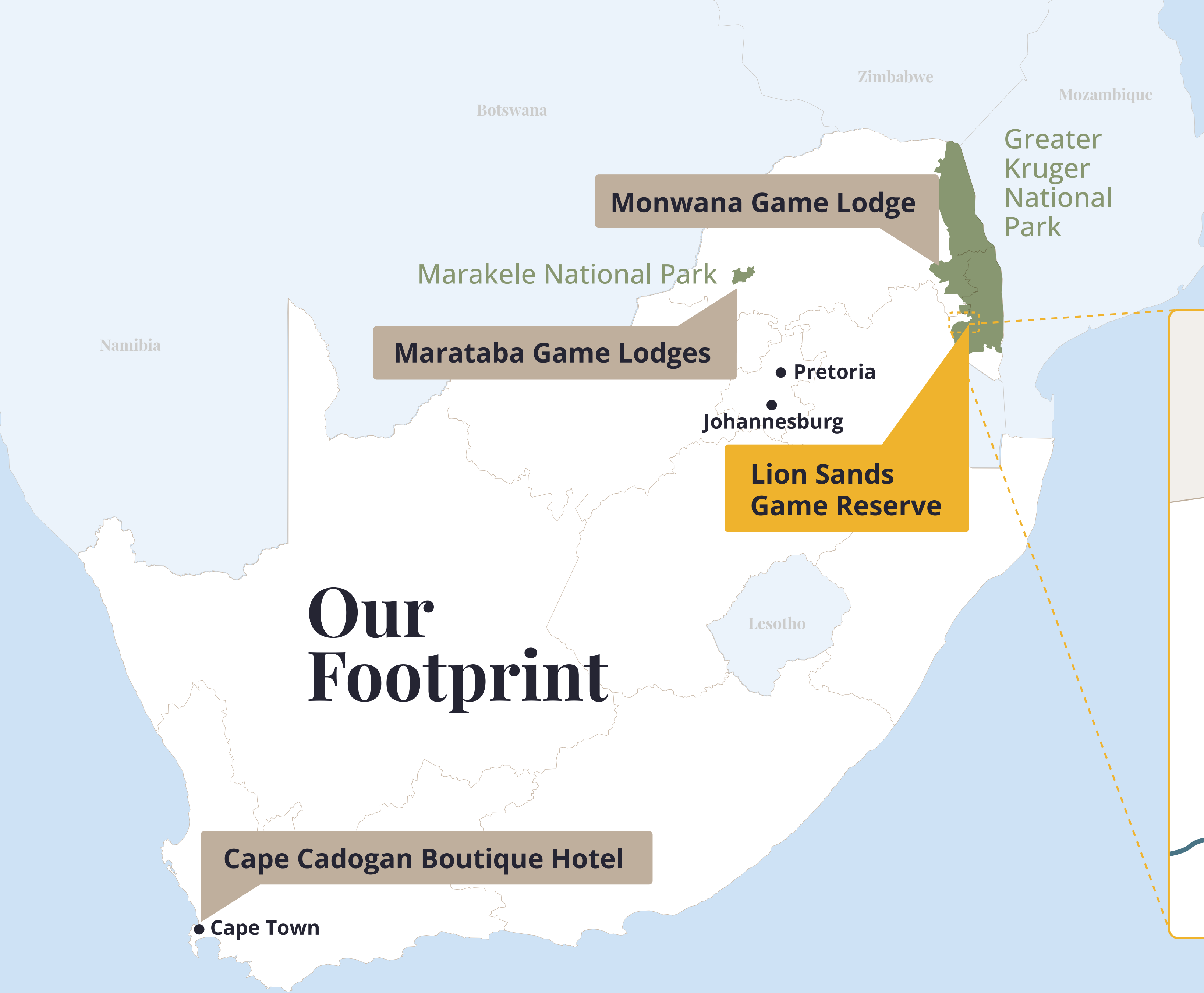
At Narina Lodge, the pace naturally begins to slow. Enjoy your morning coffee as bushbuck move quietly below, relax in your private plunge pool as fish eagles call overhead, or simply rest on your deck and take in the view. Days unfold at your pace, with restorative spa treatments, art that inspires reflection, and game drives that reveal the remarkable wildlife of Lion Sands.

Here, the slower pace of safari creates space to reconnect with nature and appreciate the moments between adventures.



Where to Find Us

Our Footprint



**For those seeking balance, beauty,
and gentle restoration**

Lion Sands is the only private reserve spanning both Sabi Sand Nature Reserve and Kruger National Park. Shaped by the Sabie River, this remarkable landscape offers exceptional game viewing, extraordinary biodiversity and an ever-changing safari experience throughout the year.

Narina Lodge offers a quieter perspective on this extraordinary landscape. Raised above the Sabie River beneath a canopy of ancient trees, nine stilted suites provide privacy, generous space and uninterrupted views into the riverine forest. Each suite features a private plunge pool, expansive viewing deck and lounge, where birdsong, shifting light and the movement of wildlife become part of everyday life.

Life at Narina follows the natural rhythm of safari. Time spent exploring the bush is balanced by moments beside the river, afternoons in the spa or gallery, and evenings watching the landscape change as wildlife gathers below.

*Here, the setting encourages guests
to pause, look a little longer, and
experience Lion Sands from a
different perspective.*

What makes Lion Sands so unique?

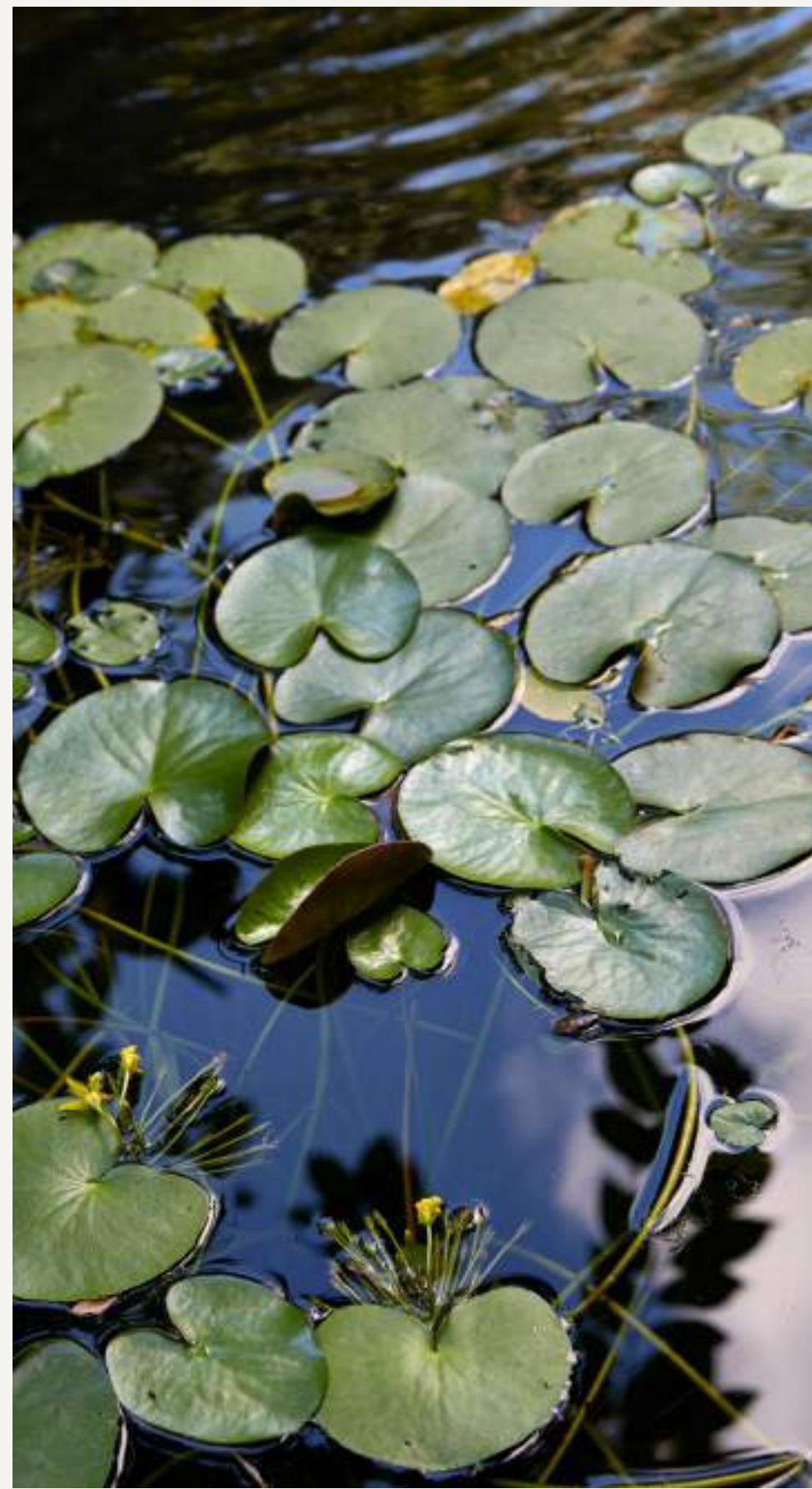


Our Environmental Commitment

TREADING LIGHTLY, LIVING FULLY

Lion Sands Game Reserve is shaped by a deep respect for the landscape it calls home. Every aspect of the reserve is carefully managed to protect the integrity of this remarkable wilderness, allowing guests to experience an authentic safari while treading lightly.

From considered resource use and responsible sourcing to ongoing conservation, this long-term approach forms part of MORE Collection's commitment to caring for the landscapes, people, and communities connected to our properties.





Remarkable wildlife

Lion Sands Game Reserve forms part of the Greater Kruger, with a landscape shaped by the Sabie River.

Encompassing 30 600 acres (12 400 hectares) of bushveld, the reserve supports a high density and diversity of wildlife. The perennial Sabie River draws animals to its banks year-round, creating consistent wildlife activity along its length.

BIG FIVE

- Elephant
- Rhino (black and white)
- Buffalo
- Lion
- Leopard

NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT SPECIES

- African Wild dog
- Cheetah
- Spotted hyena
- Giraffe
- Zebra
- Wildebeest
- Various antelope (kudu, nyala, waterbuck, sable)
- Hippo
- “**Secret Seven**” nocturnal rarities: pangolin, aardvark, serval, African wildcat, porcupine, civet, genet
- 500 recorded bird species

Experiences and adventures



GAME DRIVES

Twice daily, field guide-led game drives depart at sunrise and late afternoon in open safari vehicles. Lion Sands is renowned for high concentrations of wildlife and exceptional leopard sightings. With never more than six guests per vehicle, drives are shaped by the moment, allowing time to pause at sightings, observe animal behaviour, and stop for coffee or sundowners in the bush.



BUSH WALKS

After breakfast, step off the vehicle and experience the bush on foot. Your field guide tailors each walk to guest interests, whether tracking wildlife, observing birdlife, exploring botanicals, or discovering the smaller details of the landscape. All five senses are engaged as you move quietly through the veld.

STARGAZING

Evening drives and bush dinners reveal a sky free from city lights. Field guides share stories of the southern constellations and planets that change with the seasons, offering another perspective on the wilderness after dark.

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TREEHOUSE SLEEP-OUT

Spend a night in Tinyeleti Treehouse, an open-air bush bedroom overlooking the Sabie River. Arrive at sunset for a picnic dinner before falling asleep beneath the stars, with radio contact to your field guide throughout the night. (Available when booked in conjunction with your lodge stay.)

SPA AND WELLNESS

Between safari activities, retreat to the tranquillity of the Narina Spa. A selection of massages, facials and body treatments using ethically sourced TheraNaka botanicals provides an opportunity to unwind, while the peaceful setting of the lodge encourages relaxation at your own pace.



ARTIST RESIDENCY

Throughout the year, Narina Lodge welcomes contemporary artists to live and work in residence, drawing inspiration from the surrounding wilderness. Guests may have the opportunity to meet the resident artist, learn about their creative process, and see works taking shape during their stay.

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HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Experience the Greater Kruger from above, taking in the Blyde River Canyon, waterfalls and dramatic landscapes from a different perspective. Scenic flights are available by prior arrangement, subject to weather and availability.



LOCAL COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

Guided by the More Community Foundation, visits to the communities of Huntington and Justicia B offer an opportunity to learn about daily life, local education and community initiatives while gaining a deeper understanding of the people connected to this landscape.

DINING

Dining at Narina Lodge reflects the lodge's quieter character, with seasonal ingredients and South African flavours served in intimate settings throughout the day. Whether enjoying coffee in the bush, lunch overlooking the river, or dinner beneath the stars, each meal is thoughtfully prepared and shaped by the rhythm of safari.





Accommodation

**Nine stilted suites – your peaceful
hideaway in the trees, with plenty of
space, light, and the Sabie River below.**



2 guests per suite



King-sized bed



Outdoor shower



Private deck with a plunge pool



Expansive private lounge and seating area



En-suite bathroom with bath and indoor shower



Air conditioning



Hairdryer, personal bar, in-room safe, Wi-Fi



Daily housekeeping and laundry service



Guests aged 16+ welcome

Practical information

GETTING HERE



BY AIR

- Scheduled flights to Skukuza Airport (SZK) or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (MQP)
- Private charters directly to Skukuza or Sabi Sand airstrips
- Helipad available at Skukuza Airport for helicopter arrivals.



TRANSFERS

- 10–15 minutes from Skukuza Airport by open safari vehicle or private transfer



BY ROAD

- +/-6 hour (500km/310 miles) drive from Johannesburg via well-maintained roads



WHAT TO PACK

- Neutral-coloured clothing for game drives and bush walks
- Warm layers for mornings and evenings, even in summer
- Comfortable closed shoes
- Swimwear for the main pool or private pool
- Sun protection: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Camera and binoculars
- Lightweight casual attire for evenings

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Narina Lodge is in a moderate-risk malaria area (reduced risk from May–September); please consult your doctor about prophylaxis before visiting
- Closest hospital: Skukuza Clinic (1 hour), or further medical facilities in Hazyview/Nelspruit

CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
- Mobile coverage is fair (may be intermittent in some areas)
- International power outlets and USB charging points in all rooms and suites





Weather and seasonal highlights

Lion Sands Game Reserve is a year-round safari destination with distinct seasonal changes shaped by rainfall and river flow.

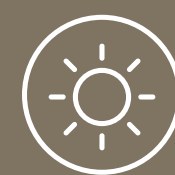
Temperatures range from 24°C (75°F, July average maximum) to 33°C (90°F, January average maximum), with the lowest minimum of 8°C (46°F) in July. Most of the region's 350mm (14in) of rainfall falls between October and April.

Each season promises its own signature moments.



SPRING (September – November)

- **Temperature:** 59–81°F | 15–27°C
- **Rainfall:** 1.2in | 30mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Predator activity intensifies with the arrival of newborn impala, wildebeest, and zebra; migrant birds return.
- **Landscape:** Transition from dry bushveld to early green as rains begin.
- **Seasonal appeal:** Excellent for birders and those seeking dramatic light and colour.



SUMMER (December – February)

- **Temperature:** 63–91°F | 17–33°C
- **Rainfall:** 4.7in | 120mm average per month
- **Wildlife highlights:** Calving season for many species; young animals frequent the riverbanks; birdlife at its peak.
- **Landscape:** Lush plains, dramatic skies, colourful flower displays.
- **Seasonal appeal:** Lively, abundant game, spectacular sunsets, vibrant bushveld.



AUTUMN (March – May)

- **Temperature:** 57–86°F | 14–30°C
- **Rainfall:** 1.6in | 40mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Vegetation begins to thin, making wildlife easier to spot, with increased activity along the Sabie River.
- **Landscape:** Golden light, cooling nights, clear visibility for photography.
- **Seasonal appeal:** Comfortable for game drives, clear views of the river.



WINTER (June – August)

- **Temperature:** 46–77°F | 8–25°C
- **Rainfall:** 0.2in | 6mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Consistent sightings of predators as vegetation thins and animals gather near water.
- **Landscape:** Clear, crisp mornings; stargazing.
- **Seasonal appeal:** Prime time for uninterrupted game viewing, cosy evenings by the fire.



A rustic living room with a large stone fireplace in the background, where a fire is burning. The room features wooden floors and walls. In the foreground, there are two light blue sofas with white and patterned cushions, and a light blue blanket draped over each. A wooden stool is in the lower left, and a green ceramic stool is next to it. In the background, there is a bar area with wooden stools and shelves of bottles.

Suggested Itinerary

Day One

ARRIVAL AT NARINA LODGE

- Scheduled flight to Skukuza Airport, where you'll be met on arrival
- Open safari vehicle transfer to Narina Lodge
- Welcome drink and introduction to the lodge
- Settle into your stilted suite overlooking the Sabie River
- Light lunch on the main deck
- Meet your field guide and tracker
- Late afternoon game drive
- Sundowners in the bush, returning to the lodge as dusk settles
- Dinner under the stars

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Day Two

DISCOVER THE RHYTHM OF SAFARI

- Wake to tea or coffee and light morning snacks in the main lodge
- Morning game drive
- Special coffee stop in the bush
- Return to the lodge for a fresh breakfast
- Time at leisure to enjoy your private plunge pool, unwind with a spa treatment, or visit the Artist Residency
- Lunch on the deck or in the privacy of your suite
- Afternoon game drive
- Sundowner in the bush
- Boma dinner at the lodge
- End your day with fireside storytelling or quiet stargazing

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Day Three

BEYOND THE GAME DRIVE

- Wake to tea or coffee and light morning snacks in the main lodge
- Morning game drive
- Bush breakfast or breakfast at the lodge
- Optional guided bush walk or community visit with the More Community Foundation
- Lunch on the deck
- Optional scenic helicopter flight over the Blyde River Canyon
- Afternoon game drive
- Optional overnight in Tinyeleti Treehouse (pre-booking required and additional charges apply)
- For those staying at the lodge, enjoy a final Narina dinner and soak up the peaceful river night



Day Four

DEPARTURE DAY

- Early morning game drive
- Breakfast at the lodge
- Last chance for wildlife viewing or one final wellness session
- Easy check-out and open vehicle transfer to Skukuza Airport



Impact that ripples

**COLLECTIVELY CREATING
POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL,
AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**

Through the MORE Collection Impact Fund, every guest stay contributes to four key areas: Health and Wellbeing, Resource Sustainability, Education and Training, and Investing in Local Communities.

Across Lion Sands Game Reserve, this work includes local employment, responsible sourcing, conservation initiatives, and long-term investment in the people and communities connected to the reserve.

A multi-level wooden treehouse is built around a large, gnarled tree. The structure features several decks and a staircase, all illuminated with warm, glowing lights. Two people are standing on the top deck, looking out over a vast, dark landscape under a sunset sky. The treehouse is surrounded by dense, dark foliage.

MORE Collection



MORE Collection, led by custodian and CEO Robert More, is a fourth-generation family business with roots dating back to 1933.

What began with one family's connection to the Sabie River has grown into a collection of safari lodges, a boutique hotel, and private villas across South Africa - from the Sabi Sand and Greater Kruger to the Waterberg and Cape Town.

Although the collection has grown over time, it remains grounded in the relationships, places and the care that have shaped it from the beginning.

Wherever you join us, you'll find thoughtful hospitality, a deep sense of belonging, and people who genuinely care about making every stay feel personal.

We look forward to sharing these remarkable parts of South Africa with you.



Robert More
CUSTODIAN AND CEO

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY WITH
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Discovering *South Africa*



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IVORY LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
Refined safari living shaped by the Sabie River



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RIVER LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
For those who crave a wilder kind of luxury



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TINGA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A classic safari shaped by connection, discovery and the Sabie River



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BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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An unhurried safari experience shaped by stillness and connection



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