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A private safari home for families

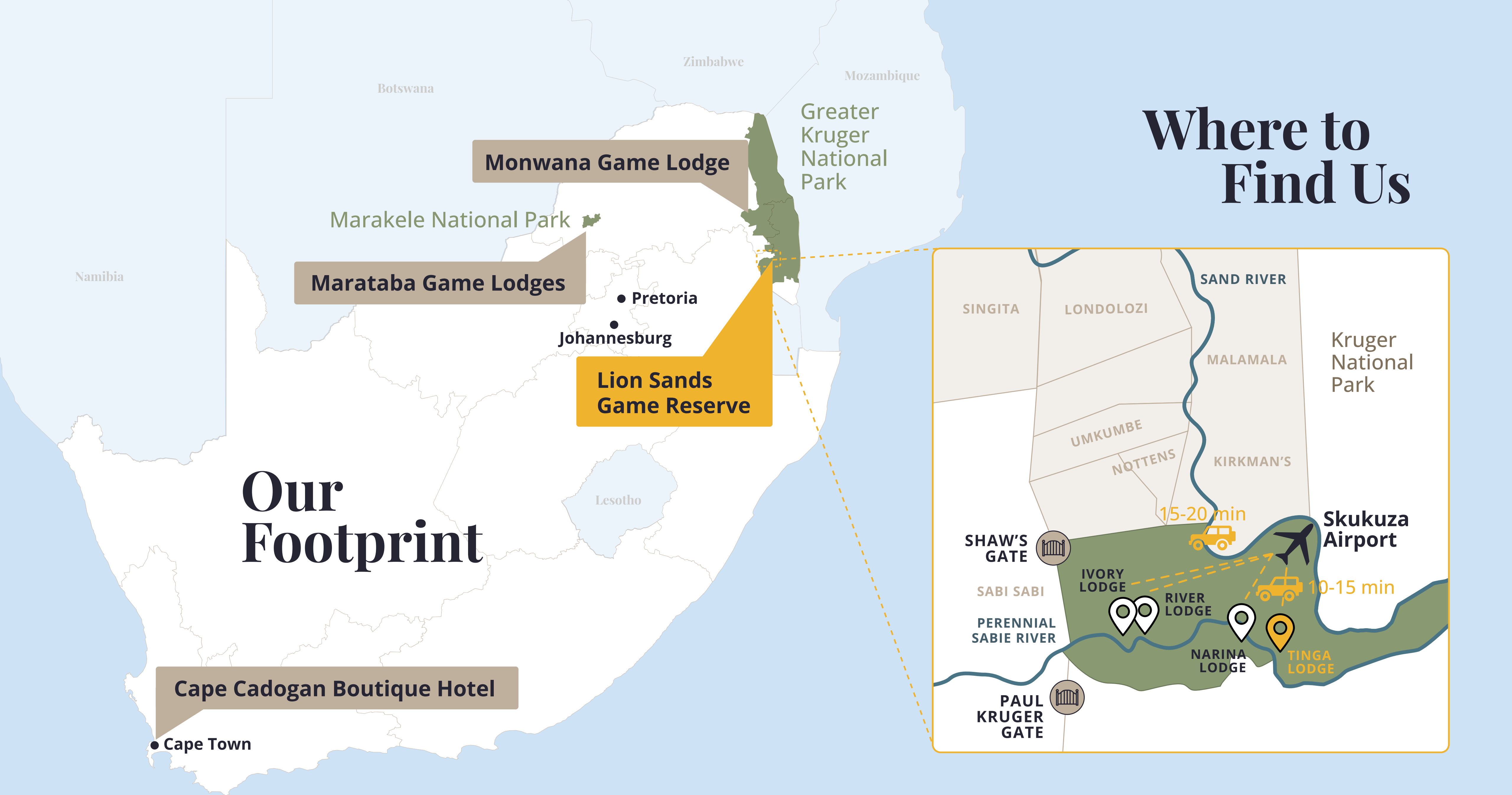
Lion Sands is the only private reserve spanning both the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve and Kruger National Park. Connected by 10.5 kilometres of the Sabie River, this remarkable wilderness offers exceptional game viewing and an extraordinary diversity of wildlife throughout the year.

Hinkwenu Villa offers families the freedom of an exclusive-use safari home within this wild setting. Spacious indoor and outdoor living areas, a private pool and flexible dining create an easy, relaxed base between adventures, while your private field guide and tracker shape each safari around your family's interests.

With a dedicated chef, butler and support team looking after the details, days can move easily between private game drives, time together at the villa and the wider experiences of Lion Sands.

Where to Find Us

Our Footprint





What makes Lion Sands so unique?

A private safari designed around your family

Lion Sands is the only private reserve spanning both the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve and the Kruger National Park, giving guests access to two remarkable wilderness areas connected by 10.5 kilometres of the Sabie River.

Hinkwenu Villa offers families the freedom of an exclusive-use safari home, with a private chef, butler, field guide, tracker and dedicated support team. Spacious indoor and outdoor living areas, a private pool and flexible dining create an easy, relaxed setting where every generation can enjoy safari together.

Whether exploring the bush, spending time at the villa or enjoying the experiences of nearby Tingo Lodge, every stay is shaped around your family's interests and pace.



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 is the only private reserve spanning both the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve and the Kruger National Park, creating access to two remarkable wilderness areas connected by 10.5 kilometres of the Sabie River.

Encompassing 12 400 hectares (30 600 acres) of diverse bushveld, the reserve supports an exceptional variety of wildlife. The perennial Sabie River sustains life throughout the year, making it one of South Africa's most rewarding safari destinations.

BIG FIVE

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

NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT SPECIES

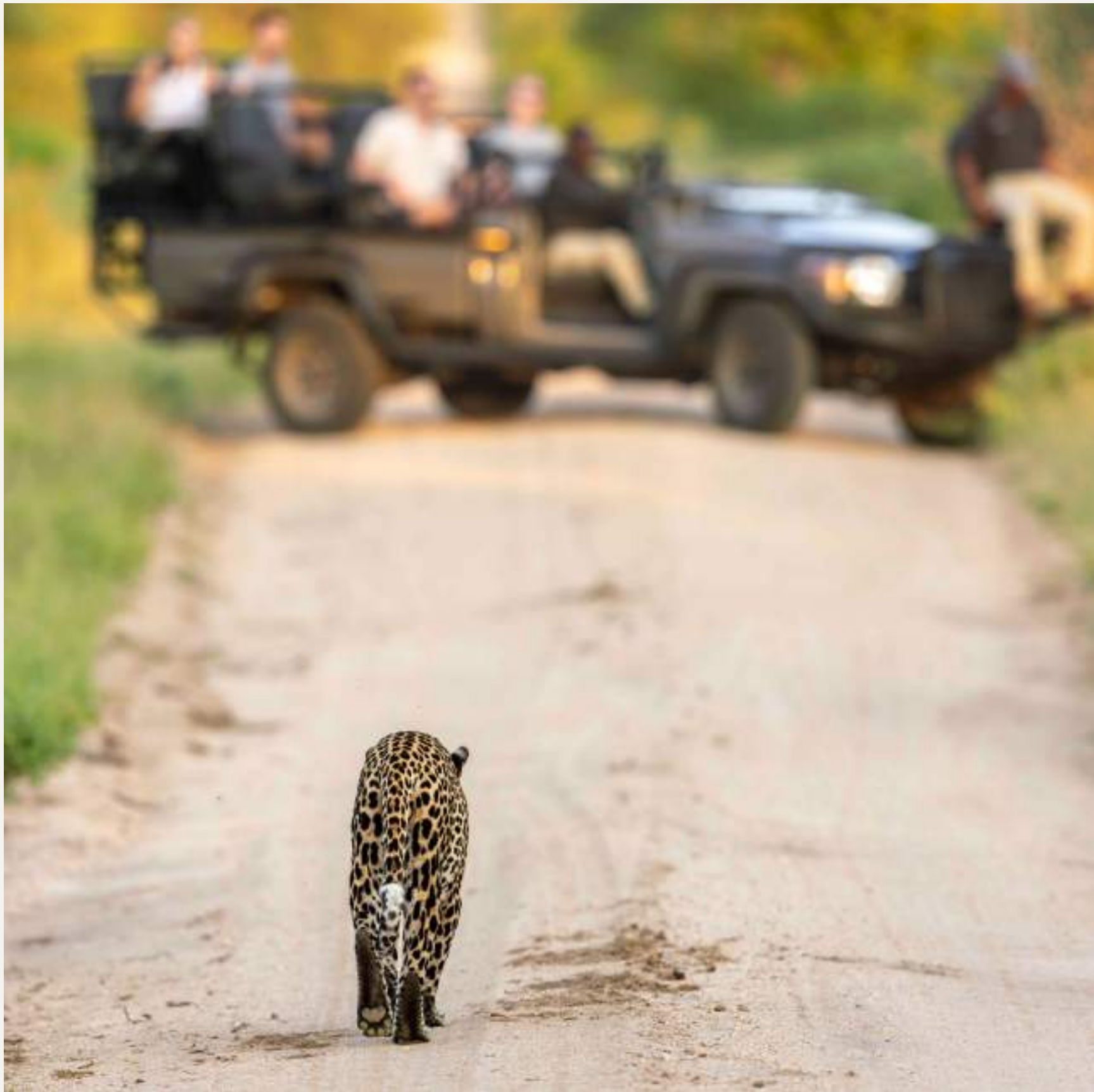
- African Wild dog
- Cheetah
- Spotted hyena
- Giraffe
- Zebra
- Wildebeest
- Various antelope (kudu, nyala, waterbuck, sable)
- Hippo
- “**Secret Seven**” nocturnal rarities: pangolin, armadillo, serval, African wildcat, porcupine, civet, genet
- 500 recorded bird species



Experiences and adventures

PRIVATE GAME DRIVES

Explore Lion Sands with your private field guide and tracker in your own open safari vehicle. Every drive is shaped around your family's interests and pace, with time for coffee stops, memorable sightings and evening sundowners in the bush.



PRIVATE BUSH WALKS

Explore the bush on foot with your field guide and discover the smaller details often missed from a vehicle, from tracks and birdlife to ancient trees and fascinating plant life.
(For guests 16 and older.)

MACK & MADI KIDS' SAFARI CLUB

Younger guests can discover the bush through the Mack & Madi Kids' Safari Club. Nature treasure hunts, spoor casting, creative activities and scavenger hunts encourage children to explore while flexible childminding gives parents time to relax.

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STARGAZING

Gather around the fire or enjoy the stars from your private deck. Away from city lights, the night sky comes alive, while your field guide shares stories of the southern constellations.

TREEHOUSE SLEEP-OUT

Spend a night beneath the stars in Tinyeleti Treehouse, perched above the Sabie River. This unforgettable open-air sleep-out includes dinner, breakfast and radio contact with your field guide. (Must be arranged in advance; suitable for two adults or two adults and two children aged 10–15 years.)



SPA AND WELLNESS

Unwind with a wellness treatment at the spa at nearby Tinga Lodge. Unlimited massages and beauty therapies offers the perfect opportunity to relax between safari activities.

CREATIVE LAB

Capture the magic of your safari and transform your photography into cherished keepsakes in Tinga’s Creative Lab. Rent equipment, print favourite images, or book a private session to expand your creativity with expert guidance.



LOCAL COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

Visit the neighbouring communities of Huntington and Justicia B with the MORE Community Foundation for insight into local life and the partnerships supporting education, conservation and community development.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

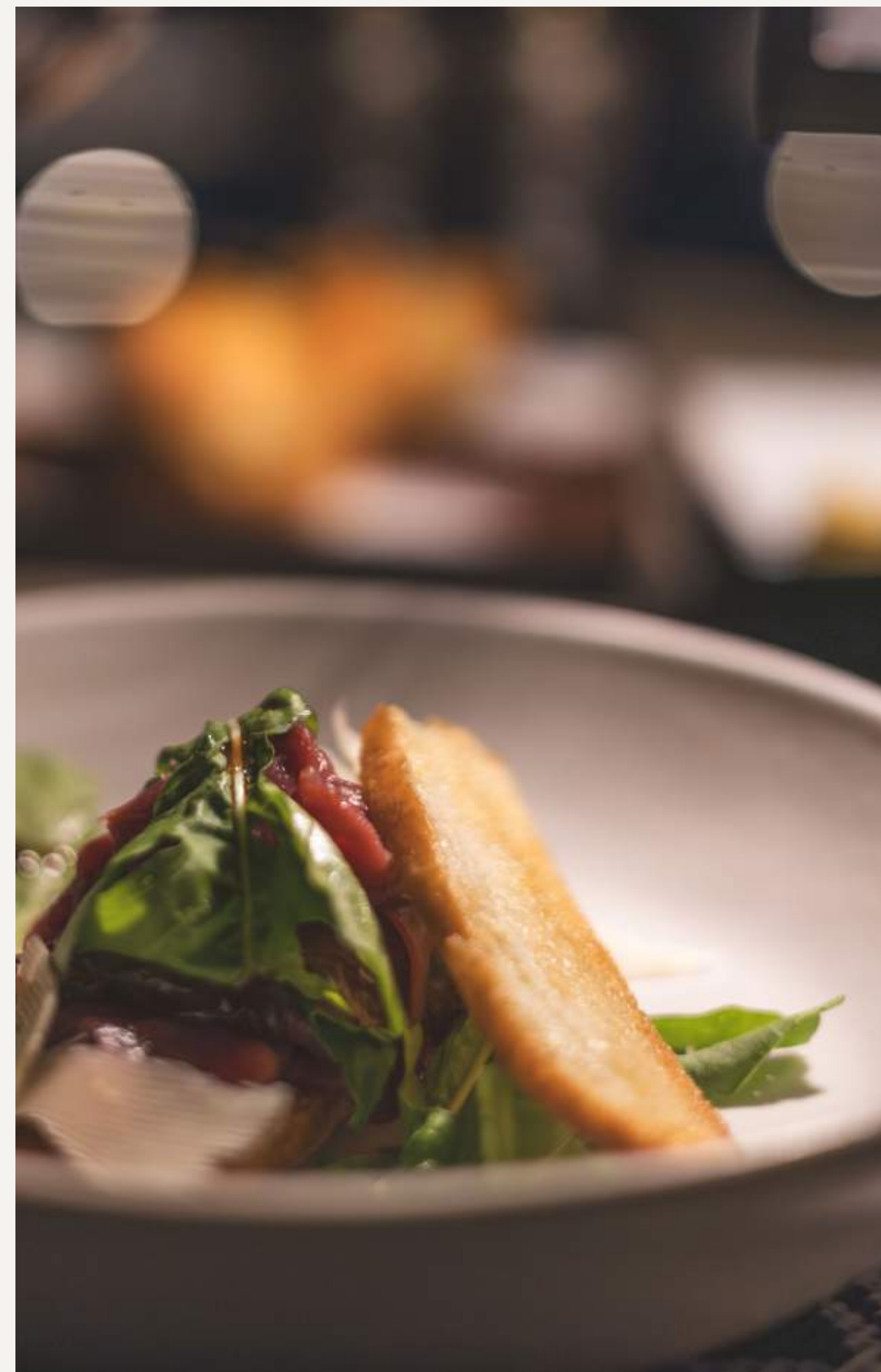
Take to the skies on a scenic helicopter flight over Blyde River Canyon, the Three Rondavels and the surrounding escarpment. Subject to weather and availability.

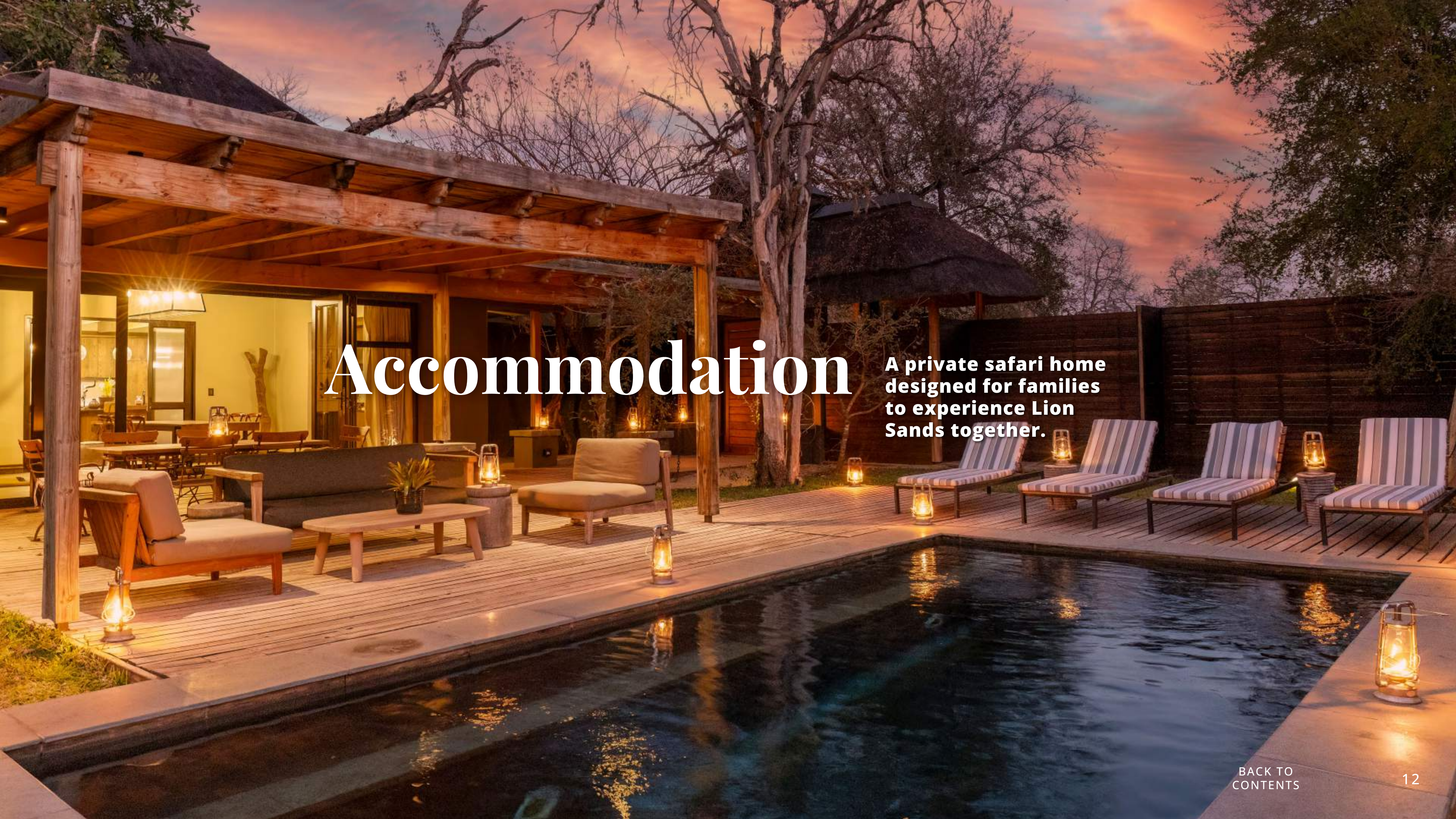


DINING

With your own private chef, dining at Hinkwenu Villa is tailored entirely to your group. Menus are shaped around your preferences, with meals served privately at the villa or in special settings around the lodge and reserve.

A fully stocked pantry keeps refreshments and favourite snacks close at hand, giving you the freedom to enjoy them whenever you choose.



A private safari home at dusk. The scene features a large wooden pergola structure on the left, housing a dining area with a table and chairs. In the foreground, a wooden deck is furnished with a sofa, armchairs, and a coffee table. To the right, a swimming pool is visible, with several lounge chairs and lanterns along its edge. The background shows a thatched-roof building and trees under a colorful sunset sky.

Accommodation

**A private safari home
designed for families
to experience Lion
Sands together.**



6 guests (4 adults, 2 children)



Two spacious en-suite bedrooms



Expansive indoor lounge and dining area



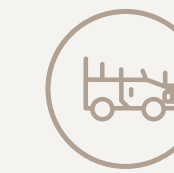
Private pool and deck



Fully equipped kitchen, premium bar, and stocked pantry



Dedicated concierge, chef, butler, and housekeeper



Private safari vehicle and field guiding team



Mack & Madi kids' programme for your explorers



All ages welcome



Unlimited wellness and beauty treatments



Gratuities included

Practical information

GETTING HERE



BY AIR

- Scheduled flights to Skukuza Airport (SZK) or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (MQP)
- Private charters directly to Skukuza or nearby airstrips
- Helipad available at Narina Lodge for helicopter arrivals (by prior arrangement)



TRANSFERS

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



BY ROAD

- A ±6-hour (310 miles/500km) 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 your suite's private plunge pool
- Sun protection: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Camera and binoculars
- Yoga mat (available on request)
- Lightweight, relaxed attire for evenings

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Hinkwenu Villa is in a moderate-risk malaria area (reduced risk May–September); please consult your doctor about prophylaxis before visiting
- **Closest hospital:** Skukuza Clinic (approx. 1 hour), or advanced care in Hazyview/Nelspruit

CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the lodge and suites
- Mobile coverage is fair (intermittent in some wild areas)
- International power outlets and USB charging points in every suite





Weather and seasonal highlights

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

Lion Sands Game Reserve is a year-round safari destination in the Mpumalanga Lowveld. 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.

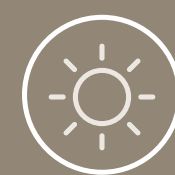
Each season promises its own signature moments.



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 large herd of African elephants is gathered at a watering hole in a savanna landscape. Some elephants are standing on the sandy bank, while others are partially submerged in the water. The background is filled with dense green trees and a clear blue sky with light clouds. The text "Suggested Itinerary" is overlaid in the center in a white serif font.

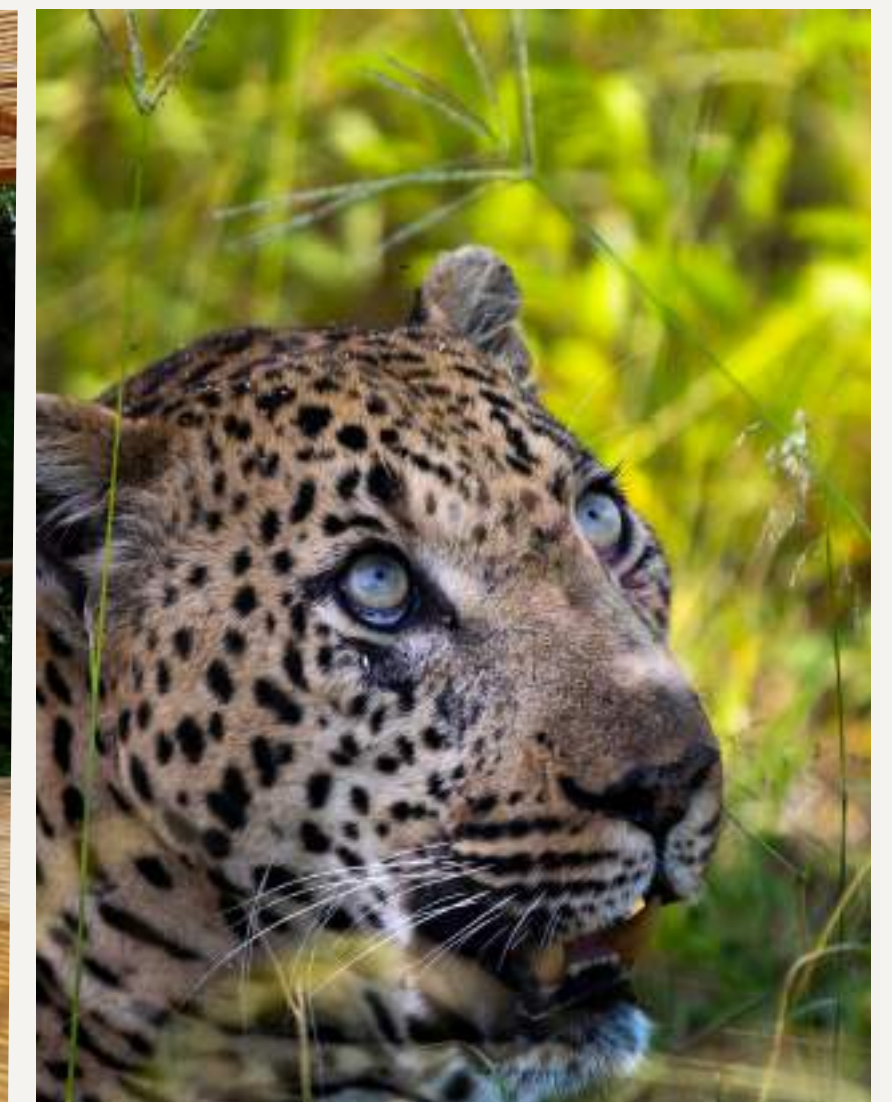
Suggested Itinerary

Day One

ARRIVAL AT HINKWENU VILLA

- Scheduled flight to Skukuza Airport, where you'll be met on arrival
- Open safari vehicle transfer to Hinkwenu Villa
- Welcome refreshments and introduction to your private safari home
- Light lunch overlooking the bush
- Meet your private field guide and tracker
- Late afternoon family game drive
- Sundowners in the bush
- Return to your villa for dinner prepared by your private chef

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Day Two

CLASSIC SAFARI, YOUR WAY

- Wake to tea or coffee and light morning snacks
- Morning game drive
- Coffee stop in the bush
- Bush breakfast or breakfast at your villa
- Time at leisure to enjoy the pool, or younger guests can join the Mack & Madi Kids' Safari Club
- Lunch by the pool or in the comfort of your dining area
- Optional community experience with the MORE Community Foundation or scenic helicopter flight over Blyde River Canyon
- Afternoon game drive
- Sundowners, then dinner tailored to your family's rhythms: indoors, outside or by the fire
- Stargaze as a family or enjoy a fireside dessert together

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Day Three

BEYOND THE GAME DRIVE

- Wake to tea or coffee and light morning snacks
- Morning game drive
- Bush breakfast or breakfast at the villa
- Time at leisure, or an optional guided bush walk (guests aged 16 years and older)
- Lunch at the villa
- Afternoon game drive
- Optional overnight in Tinyeleti Treehouse (pre-booking required; additional charges apply)
- Guests remaining at the villa enjoy a relaxed final dinner together



Day Four

FAREWELL AND ONWARD JOURNEY

- Early morning game drive
- Final relaxed breakfast at home
- Time to enjoy the surroundings before departure
- Open safari vehicle transfer to Skukuza Airport

Your stay at Hinkwenu Residence is guided by your pace. The team is always on hand to help you find the connection or seclusion you desire.





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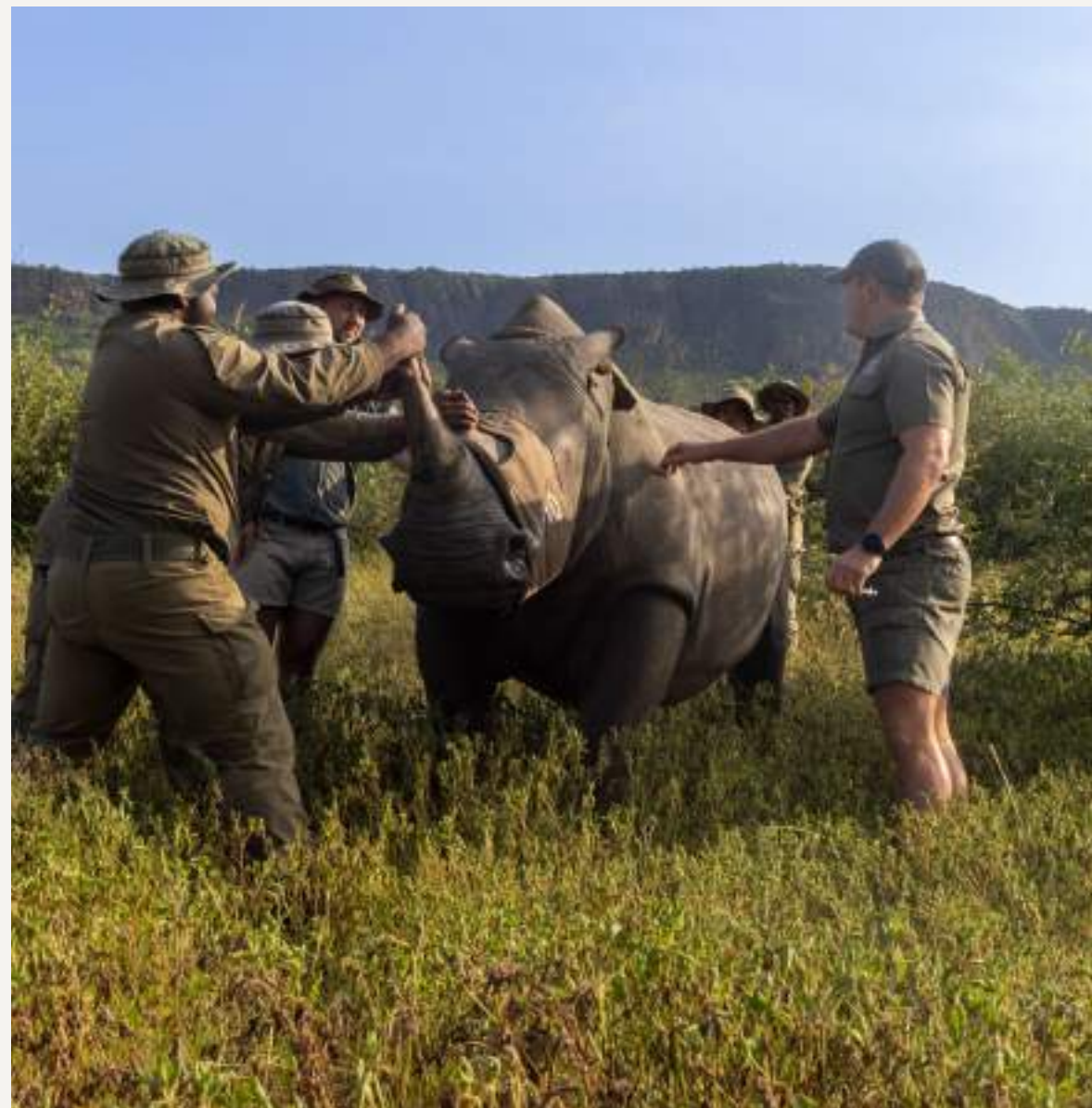
**COLLECTIVELY CREATING
POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL,
AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**

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 large, multi-level wooden treehouse is built around a massive, gnarled tree trunk. The structure features multiple decks, stairs, and railings, all illuminated with warm, glowing lights. Two people are standing on the uppermost deck, looking out over a vast, dark landscape under a twilight sky with soft orange and blue hues. 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

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RIVER LODGE

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NARINA LODGE

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A quieter safari experience in the trees above the Sabie River



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