



Where the wild follows the water

Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

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COLLECTION

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Perched on the banks of the Sabie River, where ancient trees fringe wide water and wildlife follows its timeless path, Lion Sands Ivory Lodge is the invitation to slow down and look deeper.

Here, eight spacious suites open onto light and river life, with a team that knows instinctively when to delight and when to step back so the wilderness can work its quiet magic.

Ivory Lodge sits in Big Five country, rich in leopard, elephant, and the softer wonders that fill the space between. At Lion Sands, the wild outside dictates every detail of your stay.

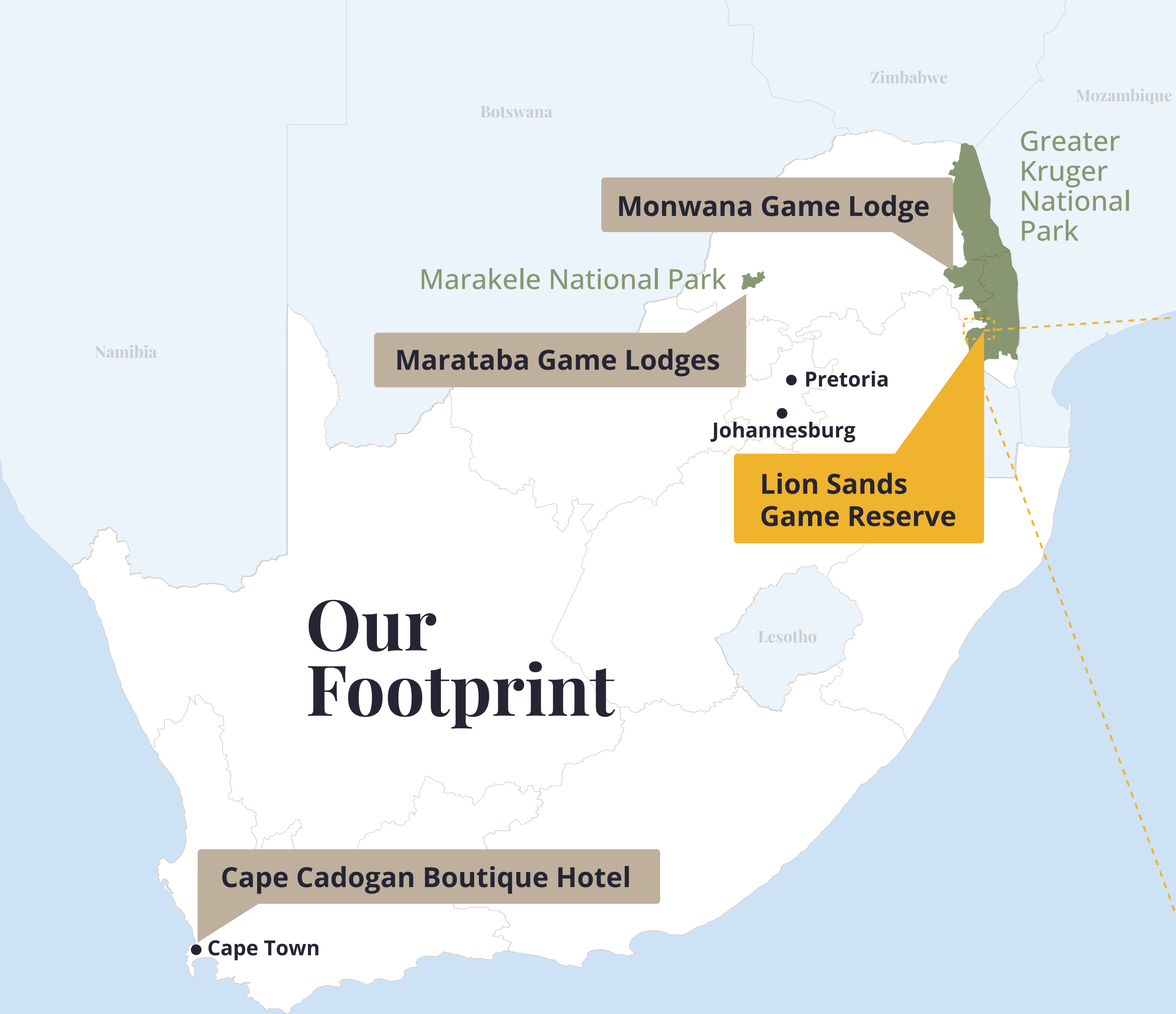
Moments stretch, connections deepen, and real rest is possible – and abundant.

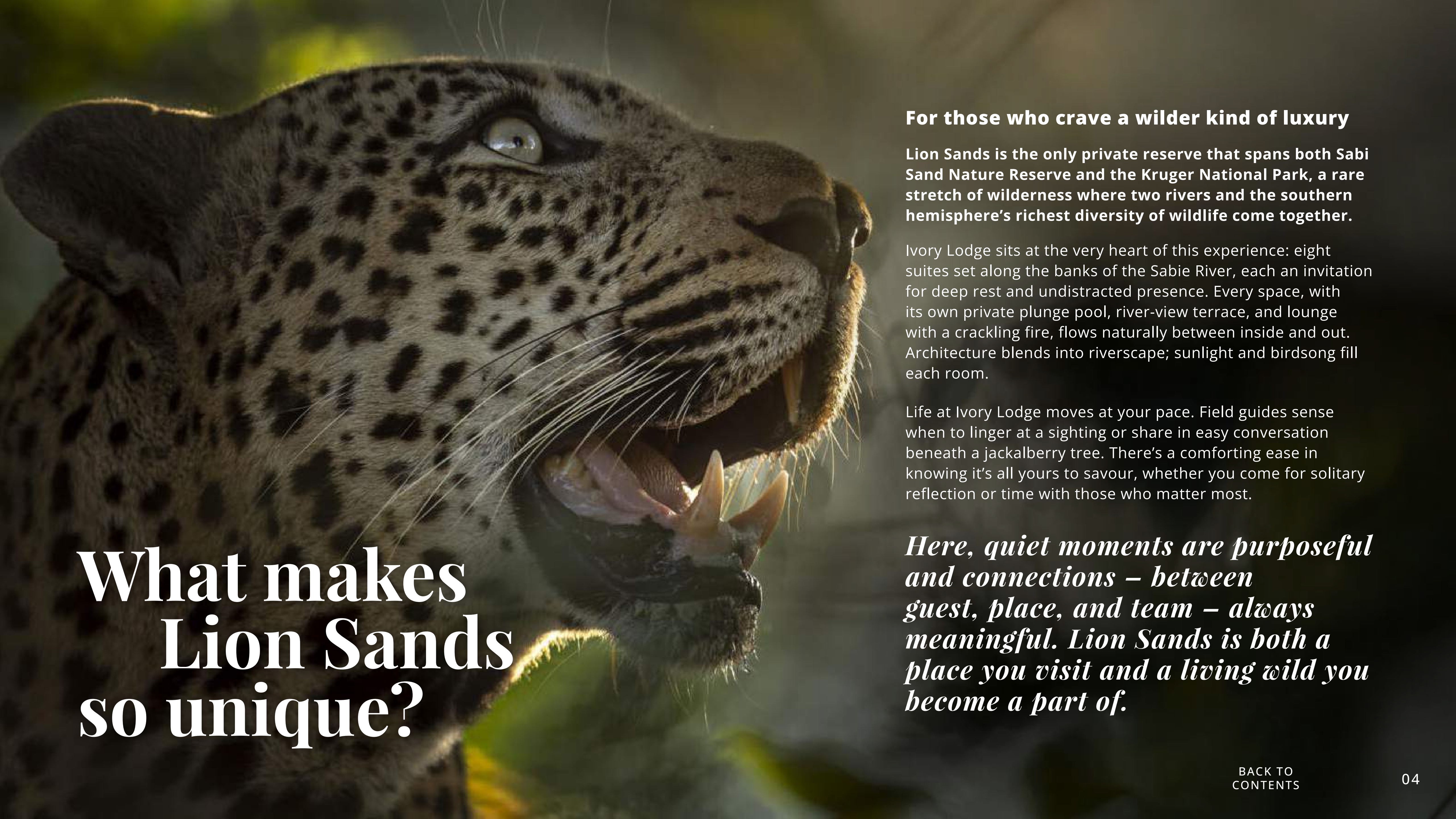


An invitation to the extraordinary

Where to Find Us

Our Footprint





What makes Lion Sands so unique?

For those who crave a wilder kind of luxury

Lion Sands is the only private reserve that spans both Sabi Sand Nature Reserve and the Kruger National Park, a rare stretch of wilderness where two rivers and the southern hemisphere's richest diversity of wildlife come together.

Ivory Lodge sits at the very heart of this experience: eight suites set along the banks of the Sabie River, each an invitation for deep rest and undistracted presence. Every space, with its own private plunge pool, river-view terrace, and lounge with a crackling fire, flows naturally between inside and out. Architecture blends into riverscape; sunlight and birdsong fill each room.

Life at Ivory Lodge moves at your pace. Field guides sense when to linger at a sighting or share in easy conversation beneath a jackalberry tree. There's a comforting ease in knowing it's all yours to savour, whether you come for solitary reflection or time with those who matter most.

Here, quiet moments are purposeful and connections – between guest, place, and team – always meaningful. Lion Sands is both a place you visit and a living wild you become a part of.

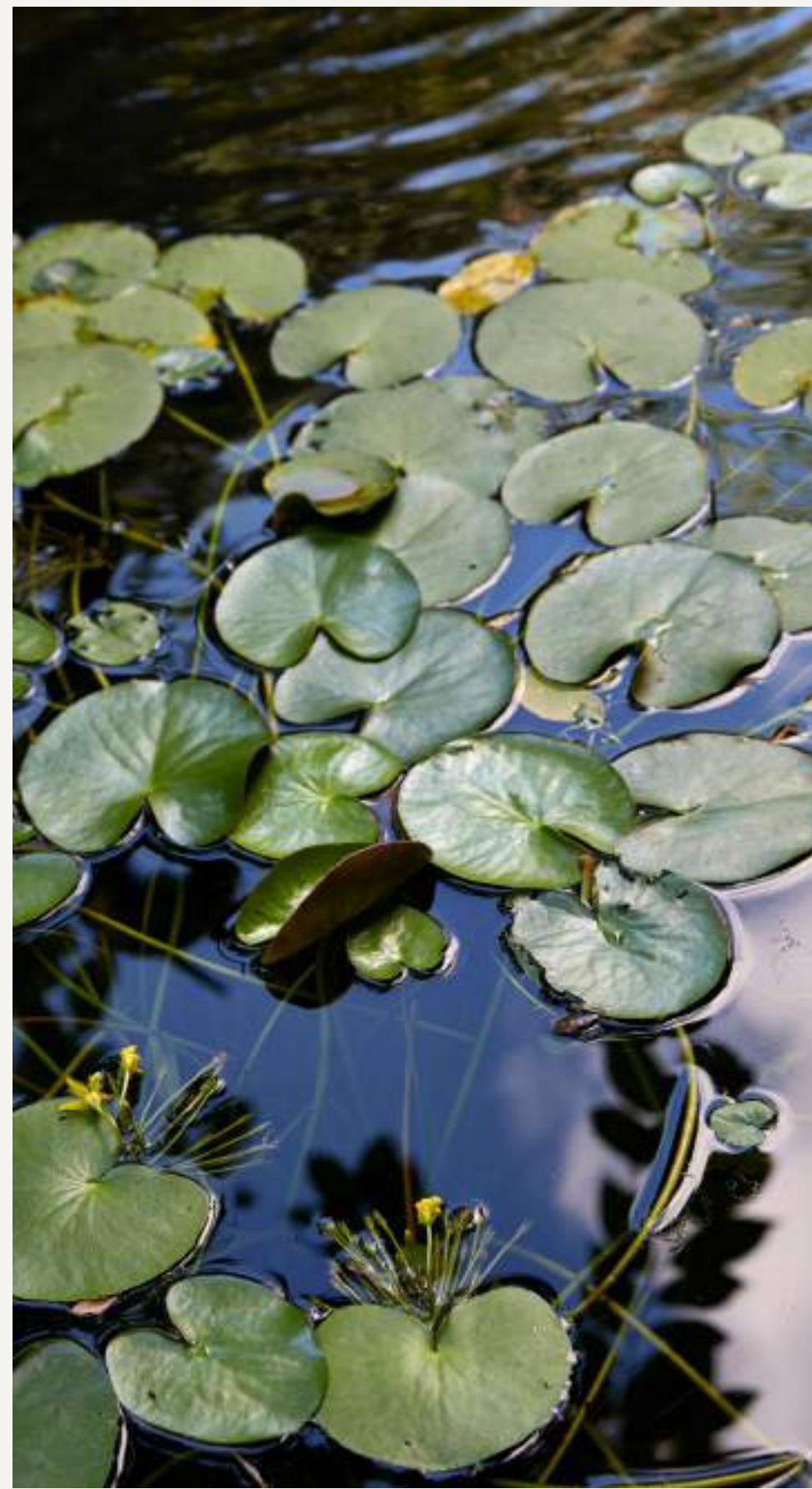


Our Environmental Commitment

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, armadillo, 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, game drives are unrushed and shaped by the moment, allowing for extended time at sightings and close observation of natural animal behaviours. Pauses for coffee or sundowners in scenic spots complete each journey. (Children aged 10+ are welcome.)



BUSH WALKS

After breakfast, step off the vehicle to experience the bush on foot. Your field guide tailors each walk to guest interests, be it tracks, birdlife, botanicals, or geology. All five senses are engaged as you move quietly through the veld, feeling the crunch of earth and seeing the wild up close. (For guests 16 and over.)

MACK & MADI KIDS' SAFARI CLUB

Designed for young explorers, the Mack & Madi Kids' Safari Club encourages children to engage more deeply with the bush through age-appropriate activities, wildlife discovery, outdoor adventures, and creative experiences inspired by their surroundings.

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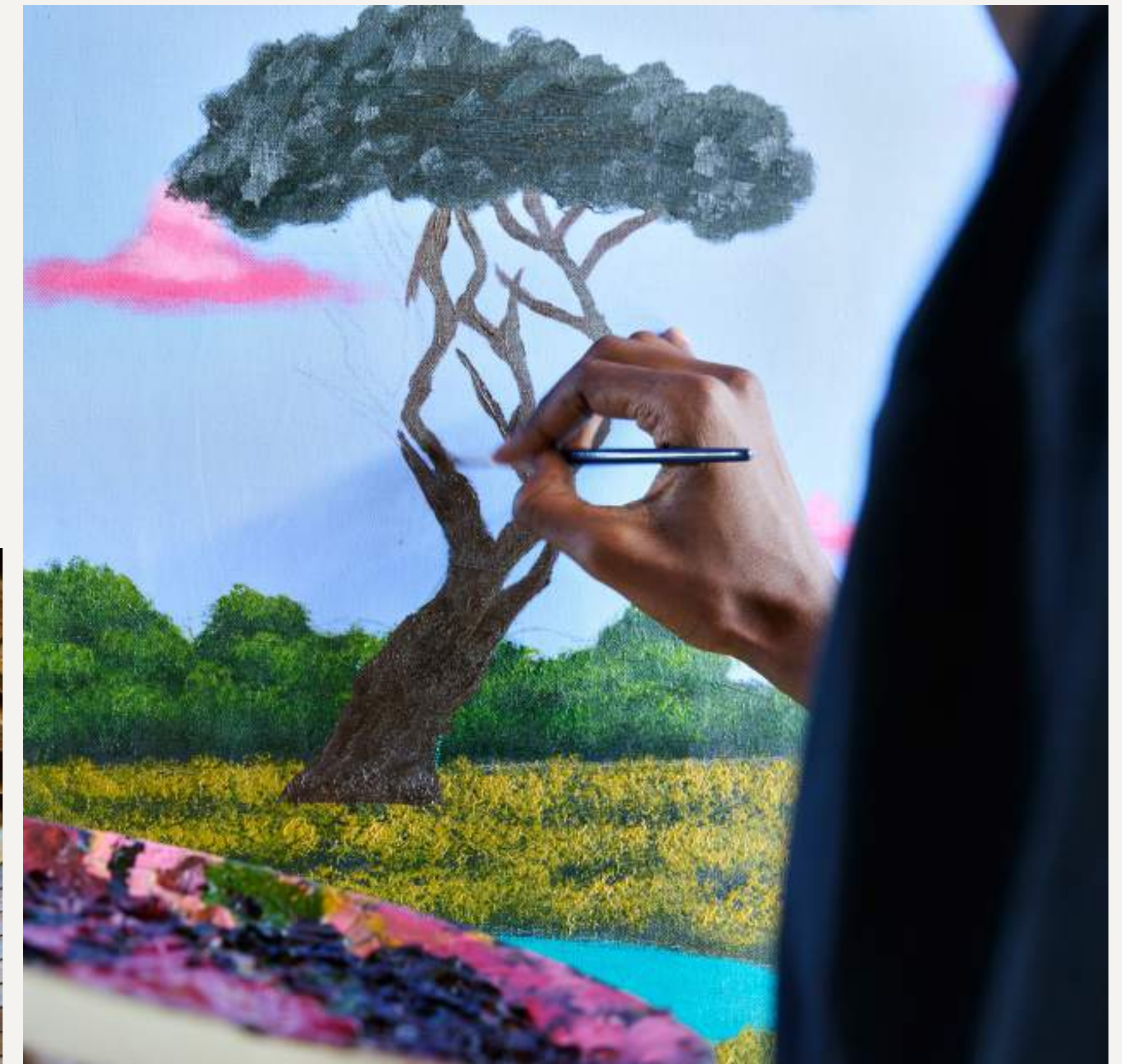


A NIGHT IN A TREEHOUSE

Spend a night in the Chalkley or Kingston Treehouse – open-air, solar-powered and with fully kitted-out bush bedrooms built for romance and soul-stirring adventure. Arrive at sunset for a sundowner and picnic dinner then fall asleep under the stars. A field guide is a radio call away for peace of mind. (Treehouse stays must be booked in conjunction with your lodge suite; Chalkley is suitable for two adults, while Kingston accommodates two adults plus two children from 10–15 years.)

SPA AND WELLNESS

Take time between safaris to unwind in the quiet retreat of the lodge’s spa. Choose from indulgent massages, facials, and wellness therapies using ethically sourced TheraNaka™ botanicals. Fitness centre and yoga spaces are available for those seeking active restoration.



ARTIST RESIDENCY

Visit the Artist Residency, where contemporary artists create work on site – inspired by the surrounding wildlife and landscape. Guests may encounter the artist in residence or commission a piece inspired by their stay.

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HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Experience the Lowveld from above on a private helicopter flight, taking in gorges and waterfalls with an unmatched perspective. Scenic flights to Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondavels, and more are available, with advance arrangement, weather, and availability permitting.



LOCAL COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

Guided by the More Community Foundation, visits to the rural communities of Huntington and Justicia B offer connections that go far beyond the lodge. Learn about daily life, local education and community initiatives, while gaining a deeper understanding of the people connected to this landscape.

CREATIVE LAB

Continue your safari through photography at the Creative Lab, located at nearby Lion Sands River Lodge. Whether you're editing your favourite images, printing keepsakes, or looking for guidance from a photography specialist to improve your wildlife photography, the space offers another way to engage with your time in the bush.

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DINING

Dining at Ivory Lodge is shaped by the rhythm of each day, from leisurely breakfasts overlooking the Sabie River to long lunches and fireside dinners beneath the stars. Menus celebrate seasonal, locally sourced ingredients, thoughtfully prepared and paired with the surrounding landscape.

At the heart of the lodge, The Larder offers a theatrical culinary experience, where house-made preserves, cured meats, artisan cheeses and freshly baked breads are displayed alongside seasonal produce. Guests are invited to sample, explore and discover new flavours, while the adjoining Wine Room showcases a carefully curated collection of South African wines, from celebrated estates to rare, cellared vintages.





Accommodation

**Eight riverfront
suites, designed for
privacy, comfort and
uninterrupted views
of the Sabie River.**



-  2 guests per suite
-  King-sized bed
-  Private terrace with plunge pool
-  Outdoor shower
-  Private lounge with fireplace
-  En-suite bathroom with indoor bath and shower
-  Air conditioning
-  In-room safe, personal bar, hairdryer, Wi-Fi
-  Daily housekeeping
-  **10>** Children aged 10+ welcome



Fish Eagle Villa

A private riverside hideaway on the Ivory Lodge property, built for families and friends wanting a safari holiday at their own pace and comfort.



-  Exclusive-use home for 8 guests (6 adults, 2 children)
-  Three en-suite bedrooms with river views
-  Expansive living area and shaded deck
-  Private 10-metre lap pool and outdoor fire deck
-  Dedicated concierge, chef, butler, and housekeeper
-  Private safari vehicle and field guiding team
-  Fully stocked pantry and wine room
-  Mack & Madi kids' programme for young explorers
-  6,350ft² indoor and outdoor living space

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
- Helipads available at Ivory Lodge for helicopter arrivals by arrangement



TRANSFERS

- 15 – 20 minutes from Skukuza Airport by open safari vehicle or private transfer to Ivory Lodge



BY ROAD

- A 6-hour (310 mile/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

- Ivory Lodge is in a moderate-risk malaria area (reduced risk from May – September); we urge guests to consult their doctors 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.

Temperatures range from 75°F | 24°C, July average maximum) to 90°F | 33°C , January average maximum) with rainfall mainly between October and April.

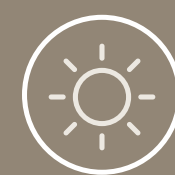
Each season promises its own signature moments.



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.

Suggested Itinerary

Day One

ARRIVAL AT IVORY LODGE

- Scheduled flight to Skukuza Airport, meet and greet on arrival
- Transfer by open safari vehicle (approx. 15 – 20 minutes)
- Welcome refreshment and orientation at Ivory Lodge
- Settle into your suite overlooking the Sabie River
- Light lunch on the river deck
- Meet your dedicated field guide and tracker
- Afternoon game drive, tracking lions, elephants, and (with luck) the renowned Sabi Sand leopards
- Sundowner drinks in a scenic bush location
- Return to lodge; evenings ease into dinner and fireside connection

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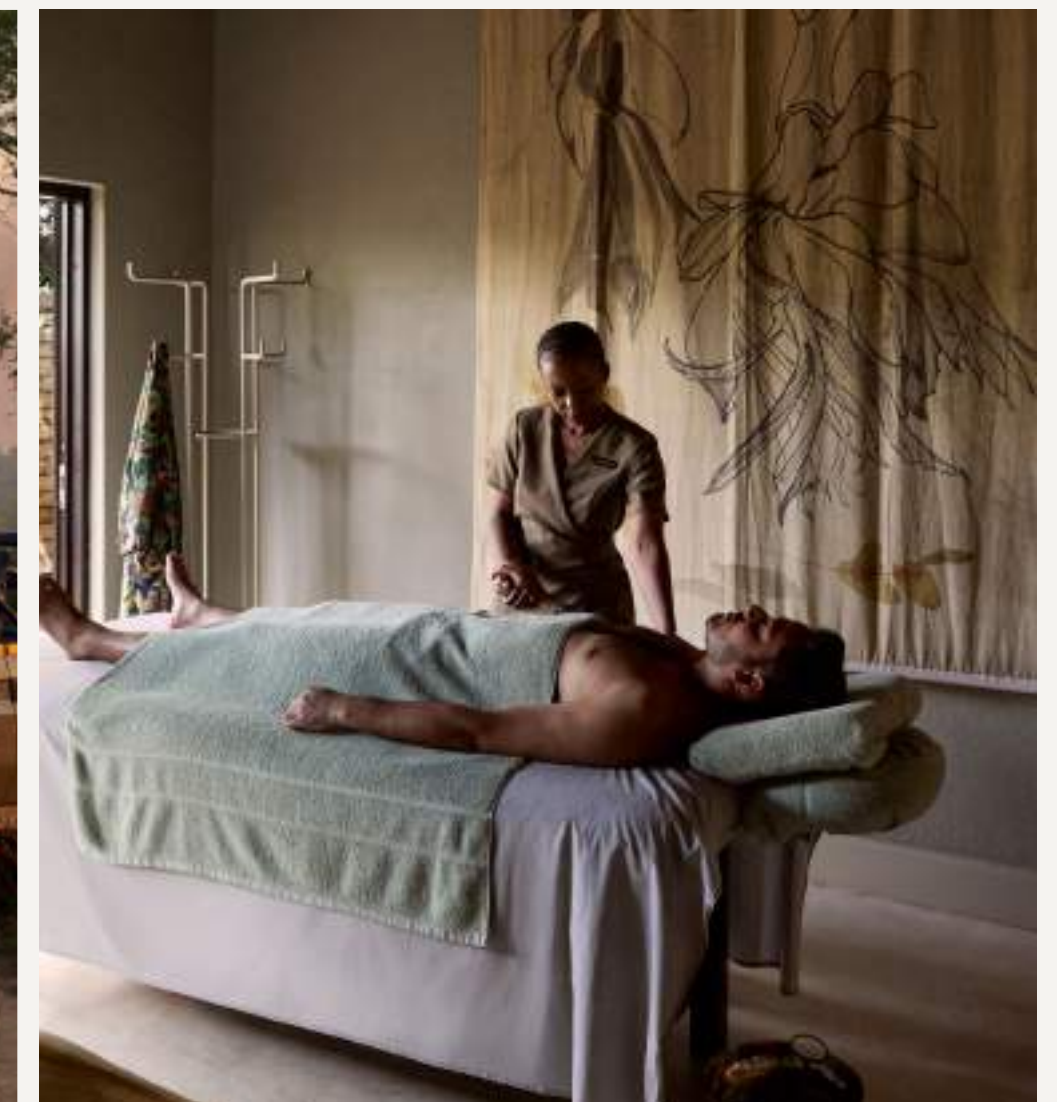


Day Two

CONNECTIONS TO RIVER AND WILD

- Wake to tea or coffee and light morning snacks in the main lodge
- Morning game drive with expert field guide interpretation
- Hot drinks and snacks in the bush
- Return to lodge for a hearty brunch
- At leisure: unwind in your private plunge pool, book a riverside spa treatment
- Lunch served in the main lodge or on your private deck
- Optional community village tour or scenic helicopter flight
- Afternoon tea with light bites
- Late afternoon game drive, sundowners beneath glowing skies
- Dinner at the lodge, followed by stargazing with your field guide

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Day Three

UNHURRIED ADVENTURE AND A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

- Early morning game drive
- Bush breakfast experience or return to lodge for main meal
- Time for wellness: a private yoga session or fitness centre visit
- Spend time in The Artist Residency, exploring contemporary art and the stories behind it
- Browse the larder and wine room, sampling seasonal produce or enjoying a relaxed lunch
- Afternoon game drive, pausing for sunset cocktails
- Option: Transfer to Chalkley or Kingston Treehouse for a night under the stars



Day Four

DEPARTURE AND ONWARD JOURNEY

- Sunrise game drive – last chances for memorable sightings
- Breakfast and check-out at leisure
- Transfer to Skukuza Airport for onward flight





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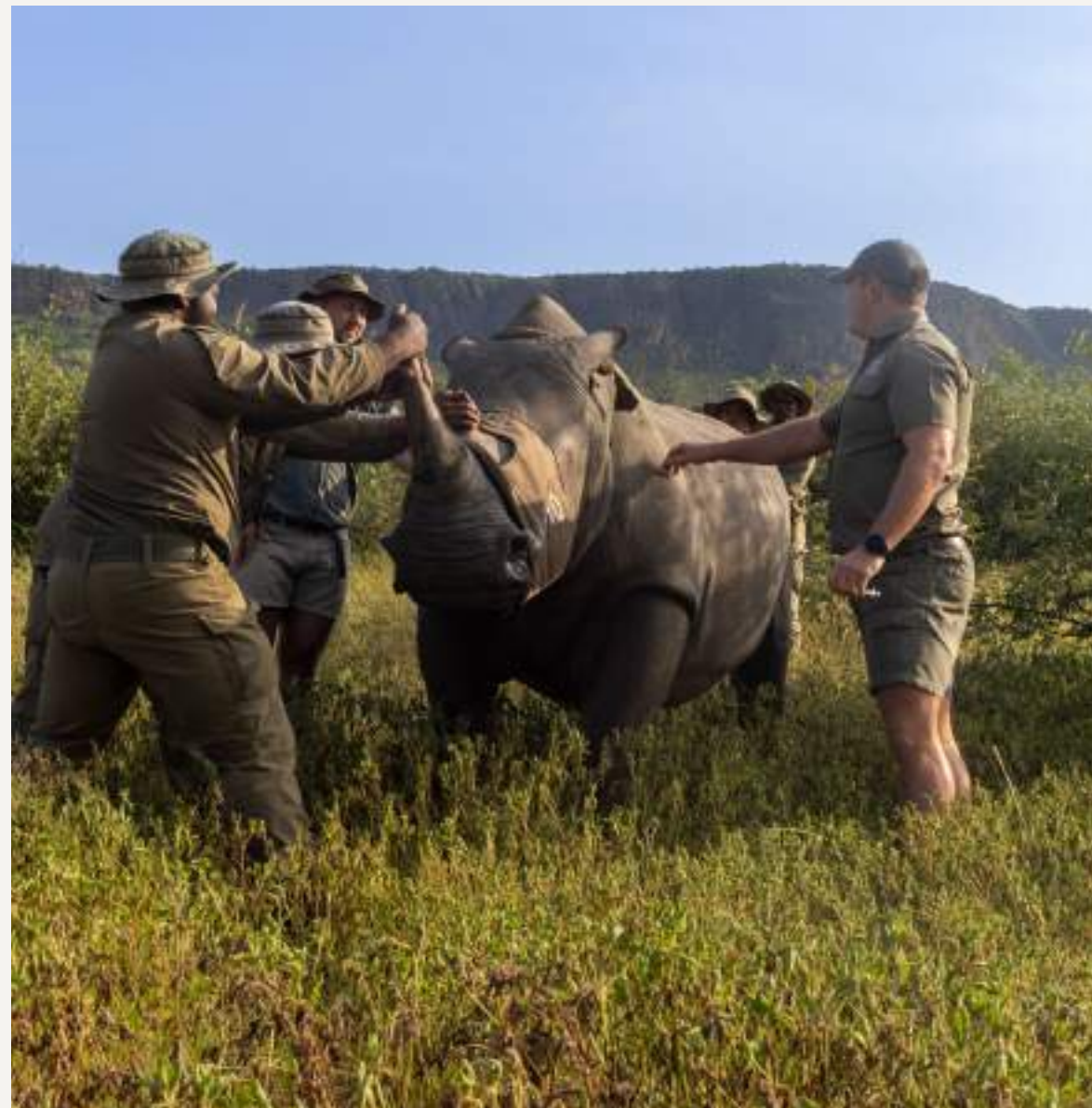
COLLECTIVELY CREATING POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL, AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

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 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

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RIVER LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A safari lodge connected to the rhythm of the Sabie River



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NARINA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A quieter safari experience in the trees above the Sabie River



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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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