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MOPANE BUSH LODGE AND MASHATU TENT CAMP

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE



Day 1: Guests make their own way to Mopane Bush Lodge – an easy five to six hour drive from Johannesburg.

Day 1 – Day 3: Spend two nights at Mopane Bush Lodge, including a trip to the Mapungubwe World Heritage Site.

Day 3: Depart to Mashatu Game Reserve via the Pont Drift Border Post.

Day 3 – Day 5: Spend two nights at Mashatu Game Reserve.

Day 5: Depart from Mashatu Game Reserve.

End of Arrangements

Rates

TOTAL COST PER PERSON SHARING

Valid from 01 January 2009 until 31 December 2009: Mopane Bush Lodge & Mashatu Tent Camp
ZAR 6 600.00 Single supplement: ZAR 2 415.00

Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at Mopane Bush Lodge in a luxury chalet inclusive of all meals
- Visits to Mapungubwe National Park and Mapungubwe Hill in the World Heritage Site
- 2 nights accommodation at Mashatu Tent Camp in a twin bedded tent inclusive of all meals and game activities

Exclusions:

- All items of a personal nature i.e. curio shop purchases, gratuities, laundry, portorage, telephone calls, bar purchases etc
- Cable car taxes at Mashatu Game Reserve if applicable
- Ad hoc adventure activities, such as mountain biking, horse riding, ivory drives (elephant drives), predator drives, walking safaris.
- Travel costs to and from Mopane Bush Lodge and Mashatu Game Reserve

The Small Print

PLEASE NOTE:

These rates are based on a package price per person sharing with a minimum of 2 persons and are subject to change due to hotel rate increases, entrance fees increase, currency exchange fluctuations and any other unforeseen circumstances, without prior notice.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Full payment required no later than 30 days before travel.

Contact Details

Should you wish to make a reservation, or enquire about availability, please contact:

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Mopane Bush Lodge, a tranquil bush retreat, nestles in the mopane bushveld on a 6000ha private game farm, adjacent to the new Mapungubwe National Park & World Heritage Site. The lodge is designed to provide simple luxury ensuring guests relax in quiet exclusivity, with attentive personal service. Mopane Bush Lodge has accommodation for 16 in 8 secluded, twin bedded, en-suite thatched chalets with an additional outdoor shower. Each chalet has an uninterrupted view to the horizon from the verandahs.

Included at Mopane Bush Lodge:

- A trip to the Mapungubwe World Heritage Site, where the first Southern African kingdom was established in the 13th century. Professional guides will intrigue visitors with tales of royalty, gold and mysterious artefacts. This is the area where the first black tribes settled in South Africa in the 9th Century, the area having been occupied before by the San Bushmen, who left their art on many sites all over the landscape.
- A visit to view a baobab tree with a circumference of 25 meters - estimated to be over 2000 years old.
- Exploration of the beauty of the Mapungubwe National Park. This Park is situated along the southern bank of the Limpopo River. This region is one of great diversity, where besides the rich cultural heritage of the area, most of the continent's big game roams. There is also an incredible variety of plant, bird and animal life. The focus is on breath-taking vistas and landscapes that speak of an ancient Africa almost forgotten in the mists of time. View the confluence of the Limpopo & Shashe Rivers, where three countries meet, and walk in the treetops on the elevated boardwalk to the Limpopo River.



It's from any towering vantage point on Mmamagwa Hill that the great, primal stillness of Africa knocks you for six. For down in the valley, to the north and south, east and west, lies the flattened and sweltering Mopane plains of Mashatu, 'Land of Giants'. For 360 degrees these sweeping wilds spread out, steadily and spartanly, but awesomely so, and merge into clean horizons. This land is lovelier than any imagining of it and to those who stand on Mmamagwa Hill, also resoundingly silent – for the 'Land of Giants' is an utterly unpeopled wilderness in eastern Botswana, at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers.

Mashatu, 'Land of Giants' takes its name from the locally-revered Mashatu tree and the giants that roam this prodigious land. **As the largest private game reserve in southern Africa**, Mashatu is, at 33 000 ha (75 000 acres), a fitting setting for the world's largest land mammal – the elephant; and the world's tallest mammal, the giraffe. Mashatu also provides a sanctuary to the world's largest antelope, the eland; the world's largest bird, the ostrich and of course, the world's largest flying bird: the noisy kori bustard. Add the lion, the king of the beasts and the iconic baobab and you have Africa's Big Seven. At over 700 individuals, one will also find Africa's largest elephant population on private land!

This special spot under the African sun proudly boasts an ecological diversity uncommon in other reserves. Complementing three members of the Big Five – leopard, lion and elephant – are some of the more surprising species, including the aardwolf, bat-eared fox, African wild cat, honey badger and black-backed jackal. True to form, Mashatu is also an ornithological paradise, and plays host to 350 bird species, including the enchanting lilac-breasted roller, whose plumage features no fewer than seven different shades of blue!

Set out, at dawn or dusk, on a 4x4 safari guided by dedicated and experienced Tswana rangers and trackers. Or brave an adventure safari that strays from the traditional format offered by other southern African lodges: go bushwhacking on foot, gallop through verdant Mopane plains on horseback or confront Mashatu's unforgiving terrain on a mountain bike.

Tucked away in the remote northern area of the reserve lies **Mashatu Tent Camp**. With never more than 16 guests, this idyllic getaway provides accommodation in the form of 8 twin tents. Although rustic in character, every facility is catered for. The tents are insect-proofed, have comfortable beds and each has an en-suite shower and W.C. facility. There is an open-sided thatch deck where meals are served, as well as a traditional boma for intimate campfire dinners. This camp also contains a plunge pool – a welcome luxury after a day of adventure activities.