



MalaMala Game Reserve



Mount Anderson Ranch



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THE RATTRAY CLASSIC SAFARI

Including:
**MASHATU GAME RESERVE, MOUNT ANDERSON RANCH AND
 MALAMALA GAME RESERVE**

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE



The Classic Safari offers a combination of the three Rattray Portfolio properties – Mashatu Game Reserve in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve of Botswana, Mount Anderson Ranch, high up in the mountains of the Drakensberg escarpment above Lydenberg and MalaMala Game Reserve adjacent to the Kruger National Park.

Branded with the trademark excellence of the Rattray Family, this combination itinerary promises service excellence, a unique and exciting wildlife experience and the breath-taking beauty of the exclusive mountain hideaway of Mount Anderson Ranch.

This is the ideal itinerary to experience on a self-drive. The route is very easy and beautiful – encouraging exploration and discovery of three of Africa’s most diverse areas – the Northern Tuli Game Reserve in Botswana, the Limpopo Province and the Mpumalanga Province.

Driving times for self drive itinerary:

- Johannesburg to Pont Drift Border post = approximately 5 hours
- Pont Drift Border post to Mount Anderson Ranch = approximately 6 hours
- Mount Anderson Ranch to MalaMala Game Reserve = approximately 3 hours
- MalaMala Game Reserve to Johannesburg = approximately 5 ½ hours

*Please note this itinerary is also available on a fully escorted basis with a driver guide and including flights between Johannesburg and Polokwane and Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport – see below for details.

Rates

Self-drive clientele

<u>Rates</u> – per person sharing {please take note of the single supplement}	Effective 01/01/10 until 31/12/10
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp, 2 nights MalaMala Main Camp & 2 nights Mount Anderson Single Supplement BASED ON 2 PEOPLE TRAVELLING	ZAR 28 035.00 ZAR 7 620.00
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp, 2 nights MalaMala Main Camp & 2 nights Mount Anderson Single Supplement BASED ON 4 PEOPLE TRAVELLING	ZAR 21 635.00 ZAR 7 620.00
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp, 2 nights MalaMala Main Camp & 2 nights Mount Anderson Single Supplement BASED ON 6 PEOPLE TRAVELLING	ZAR 19 500.00 ZAR 7 620.00

Inclusions:

- Accommodation, meals, snacks and game drives at Mashatu Game Reserve, Mount Anderson Ranch & MalaMala Main Camp
- Activities at Mount Anderson Ranch : Game drives in a 4-wheel drive vehicle, horse riding, trout fishing (including the necessary equipment) and game walks accompanied by an experienced ranger

Exclusions:

- Bar purchases, communication costs, any applicable airport taxes and entrance fees at Mashatu Reserve, MalaMala Main Camp and Mount Anderson Ranch
- Cable car taxes, laundry, ad hoc adventure activities (such as mountain biking, horse riding and walking safaris) at Mashatu Game Reserve.
- Clay Pigeon Shooting at Mount Anderson Ranch

The Small Print

Car Rental rates are available on request

For a fully escorted itinerary

<u>Rates</u> – per person sharing {please take note of the single supplement}	Effective 01/01/10 until 31/12/10
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp, 2 nights MalaMala Main Camp and 2 nights Mount Anderson Single Supplement BASED ON 2 GUESTS TRAVELLING	ZAR 42 905.00 ZAR 7 140.00
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp, 2 nights MalaMala Main Camp and 2 nights Mount Anderson Single Supplement BASED ON 4 GUESTS TRAVELLING	ZAR 31 770.00 ZAR 7 140.00
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp, 2 nights MalaMala Main Camp and 2 nights Mount Anderson Single Supplement BASED ON 6 GUESTS TRAVELLING	ZAR 29 045.00 ZAR 7 140.00

Inclusions:

- Scheduled flight Johannesburg / Polokwane and Kruger Mpumalanga / Johannesburg
- Accommodation, meals, snacks and game drives at Mashatu Game Reserve, MalaMala Main Camp and Mount Anderson Ranch.
- Road transfers:
Polokwane / Mashatu Game Reserve
MalaMala Game Reserve / Mount Anderson Ranch
Mount Anderson Ranch/ Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport
- Scheduled light aircraft transfer:
- Mashatu Game Reserve /MalaMala Game Reserve
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Another good idea for clients who wish to experience something different is for a helicopter transfer from MalaMala Game Reserve to Mount Anderson Ranch:

- A 4-seater Bell Jetranger Helicopter is available for transfers to Mount Anderson Ranch (which has a helipad) from the private game reserves in the Mpumalanga lowveld.
- The helicopter transfer includes views of the Drakensberg Escarpment, the historic town of Sabie, the Mac Mac gorge with its magnificent waterfalls which are inaccessible by foot or road, Gods Window, Lisbon Falls, the Blyde River Canyon, Blyde Dam where the Three Rondavels can be clearly seen and Pilgrims Rest, before flying above the mountains of the Long Tom Pass and on to Mount Anderson Ranch.
- The luggage is limited to soft luggage only.
- Contact us for a quotation or for further information.

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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.

Mashatu Main Camp exemplifies pure bushveld luxury and comfort, morphing harmoniously into the surrounding game-lands that throng with diverse wildlife.

Accommodation at Mashatu Main Camp includes 14 insect-proofed luxury suites, each with an ample and fully equipped en-suite bathroom. Sliding doors open onto the African bush where guests can sample the effervescent sights and sounds from their own suites. Two large beds complete well-appointed rooms. Mashatu Main Camp offers a stunning viewing deck directly off the bar, together with an elevated lounge overlooking the waterhole.

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.



Like the gossamer fog that wafts around its haunting peaks, or the ghostly shadow of a black wildebeest galloping through its mountain mist, Mount Anderson Ranch contains a thing of beauty, something so other, that it's almost impossible to define. But for certain is its seclusion: Set in Mpumalanga near the Kruger National Park, Mount Anderson Ranch is a solace from the madding crowd, a refuge within the Drakensberg ('Dragon Mountains'), where memories of city life are as ethereal as wind rushing through tall grass, or a rainbow trout rupturing a smooth, glassy sheet of water.

In fact, those hankering after solitude in pristine nature would be hard-pressed to find a South African retreat more private – and exquisite – than Mount Anderson Ranch. Here no more than six pampered guests enjoy exclusive use of Golden Cottage – the ranch's single homestead – its 8 000 ha (20 000 acres) of African bushveld and 2 500 m (7 500 ft) Mount Anderson Peak. Painstakingly crafted from hand-hewn rose shale, Golden Cottage is a rambling farmhouse with graceful rooms, tall ceilings and airy windows. At Golden Cottage guests never need encouragement to kick off their city shoes: during frosty winter nights they sip sherry before a roaring fire. On summer evenings they unwind on the terrace overlooking crystalline trout ponds and soak up the raw sienna sunsets for which the Highveld is so famous.

Proclaimed in 1990 as South Africa's first ever private water catchment reserve, Mount Anderson Ranch is also a classic conservation success story. Once overgrazed cattle country, it has been fully restored to its original ecological splendour. Today it protects not only the major river catchments that are the lifeblood of the Kruger National Park but also conserves unusual antelope such as eland and black wildebeest and charismatic predators like leopard, brown hyena and aardwolf too. It's also an important sanctuary for threatened mammals like the oribi and pangolin and for critically endangered species like the tiny, rough-haired golden mole.

Explore the ranch's rare wildlife on horseback or brave a 4x4 safari through rolling, sap-green grasslands with a personal ranger. Cast a line in any of our immaculate weirs and rivers and try your hand at fishing for trout. Or hark back to the hell-raisin', pistol-totin' gold rush days of highway robbers and bawdy barmaids by exploring our 19th century miners' village; or delve into our rich primordial excavations: a San Bushmen rock art site and ancient Indian ruins built to mirror the heavenly constellations.

So, what makes Mount Anderson Ranch so unique is crystal-clear: Unequaled exclusivity and solitude in 8 000 ha (20 000 acres) of dramatic mountain landscapes, which provide access to rare and endangered wildlife in South Africa's first private water catchment reserve. And incidentally, the largest nugget of gold ever found in South Africa – at 5.5 pounds – was unearthed on Golden Hill, bang in the heart of Mount Anderson Ranch!

Please note, in the interests of personal safety, no children under the age of 12 are accepted at Mount Anderson Ranch.



MalaMala was once at the heart of the rip-roaring gold rush transport route on which fortune-seekers hauled their goods, often at tragic cost. And if the mosquitoes didn't get them there were the vultures, hyenas and lions that circled just beyond the flickering campfire. The transport route may now be a romantic memory but today's visitor to MalaMala is just as likely to encounter Africa's big game as those 19th century gold-diggers were.

At a mammoth 13 200 ha (33 000 acres), MalaMala lies sandwiched between the Sabi Sand Game Reserve and the world famous Kruger National Park. The 19 km (12 mile) unfenced border with this massive wildlife conservancy provides unimpeded access to wildlife. Of great appeal to such wildlife is the vast array of MalaMala's habitat type - ranging from open savannah to dense riparian zones and granite outcrops. But perhaps the strongest allure to wildlife is the perennial Sand River of which 13 km (8 miles) flow through the reserve.

It's this habitat diversity – and sound conservation management – that has earned MalaMala a reputation as the foremost game viewing destination in the world.

While it's become the exception rather than the rule for all members of the Big Five not to be seen on a single day, MalaMala's certainly not just about the big and hairy. CEO and owner, Michael Rattray, has been closely associated with the MalaMala area for almost 70 years and his formidable conservation expertise ensures that smaller beasties like dung beetles have right of way! Indeed, MalaMala is a sanctuary for rare and endangered wildlife where nature lovers may see threatened animals such as cheetahs, pangolins and the wild dog – Africa's second most endangered carnivore! The variety of birdlife in the reserve regularly rewards even the most seasoned ornithologist with surprising finds: the martial eagle and ground hornbill for instance.

Activities range from walking safaris to 4x4 safaris which may include sumptuous bush breakfasts, picnic lunches and the opportunity to quaff sundowners as the sun sets behind the dusty horizon. Outdoor activities are led by highly qualified rangers, most of who have university degrees in the natural sciences and are thoroughly conversant with all aspects of bushveld ecology. To optimise the guests' game viewing experience, trackers from the Shangaan tribe collaborate closely with their rangers. These Shangaan trackers have a fabled understanding of the bushveld passed down through the ages by their fathers and their fathers' fathers.

MalaMala's accommodation is the Rattray trademark incarnate: discreet, classic and elegant African opulence. The ochre-coloured buildings of **MalaMala Main Camp** are clustered amid shady trees and manicured lawns overlooking the Sand River. The individually decorated, spacious and comfortable rooms under traditional thatching offer spectacular views of the river and the wild- and bird life that are attracted to the water for refreshment and refuge from the hot African sun. The rooms are equipped with 'his-and-hers' bathrooms, 24 hour temperature control, insect proofing, direct dial telephones, a mini-bar and a mini-safe. Despite the comfort offered, MalaMala retains an authentic bushveld camp atmosphere, where the attention to detail for which MalaMala is world-famous shines through.