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# The Sabi Sand Nature Reserve





# An exclusive safari haven



The Sabi Sand Nature Reserve is one of the most prestigious private game reserves in South Africa, and is famous for its incredible leopard sightings. The reserve shares an unfenced boundary with the 2-million hectare Kruger National Park, and is home to one of the richest wildlife populations in the country.



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# Why visit the Sabi Sand?

Adjacent to the world-renowned Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve is not only famed for its intimate wildlife encounters, but also for its elite luxurious lodges and exclusive experiences.



# 1

### PRISTINE LOCATION

Sharing an unfenced border with the world-renowned Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve is famed for its intimate wildlife encounters, particularly leopard viewing and the Big Five. The uniqueness of the &Beyond lodges are their ideal positioning on the Sand River with exclusive access to the riverbed.

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# 2

### ICONIC WILDLIFE

In addition to incredible leopard viewing, and the famous Big Five, discover a vast variety of plant and animal species that share 2-million hectares of unfenced terrain with the Kruger National Park. Encounter a few of the over 500 bird species, 145 animal species, 110 reptile species and 45 fish species, that call this vast landscape home.

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# 3

### FINEST GUIDES AND SAFARIS

Highly-knowledgeable &Beyond-trained guides can offer you night drives as well as specialist safaris, such as walking, tracking, photography or birding. All safaris can be tailor-made for private groups, families or specialist interests.

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# 4

### EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY

&Beyond has exclusive traversing rights on 10 500 hectares (26 000 acres) of wilderness land, which means you can explore the reserve on-foot, free from the constraints of roads and vehicles, go on a night drive, or sensitively go off-road enabling closer wildlife interactions.

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# Why travel with &Beyond?

## 1 TRAVEL WITH HEART

Our core ethos of "Care of the Land, Wildlife & People" drives all that we do. When you travel with us you make a meaningful contribution to the preservation of our world's cultures and wildlife and leave with an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in some of our conservation and community initiatives.

## 2 IN OUR HANDS

We are on call 24/7 to assist you throughout your journey. Over 2 000 &Beyonders, including guides and ground logistic teams on three continents, means that you are in our hands from the moment you arrive to the moment you leave. Additionally, we offer a personal concierge service that is only a phone call away should you require any assistance at any point during your trip.

## 3 FINEST GUIDES

We operate three ranger training schools and are renowned for having the most highly-trained, professional and knowledgeable guides, rangers, naturalists and trackers, who offer cultural insights as well as interpretive wildlife experiences.

## 4 TRAVEL EXPERTS

Big or small we are all about tailoring trips around your specific interests and expectations. Our expert travel specialists are able to personalise a range of experiences for individual travellers, groups, families, wedding parties, and special interest groups.

## 5 PERFECT MOMENTS

With journeys lovingly crafted of perfect moments, you will return from an &Beyond adventure feeling that nothing will take your breath away quite like this ever again. Our collection of signature experiences are often exclusive to &Beyond, ensuring a unique adventure.



The staff were excellent, the food delicious,  
the accommodation beautiful, the camp  
perfect and the sightings off the charts. ”

&BEYOND GUEST

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# Travel South Africa and beyond

South Africa has an excellent travel network that makes it easy to reach any destination, by air or road.



## GETTING TO THE SABI SAND

Airlink offers daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg to Skukuza airport, which is followed by an easy 20-minute drive to the lodges.

Connect Sabi Sand Nature Reserve to Johannesburg, Cape Town, &Beyond Ngala Private Game Reserve, or the northern Sabi Sand Nature Reserve (Londolozi and Ulusaba). All flights route through either Nelspruit or Skukuza, where layovers vary.

Private charters from anywhere in South Africa can be arranged to the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve.

It is five-hour drive from Johannesburg on good roads in a two-wheel drive vehicle.

### TRAVEL TIMES

#### JOHANNESBURG

	5hrs 18mins (466.3 km) 2hrs 10mins (45mins layover)*	KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - NGALA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE			
	5hrs 22mins (452.1 km) 50mins*	2hrs 4mins (89.4 km) 45mins*	SABI SAND - SOUTH (SKUKUZA AIRPORT) - KIRKMAN'S AND TENGILE		
	6hrs 11mins (488.1 km) 2hrs 15mins*	1hr 18mins (46.8 km) 45mins*	1hr 51mins (80 km) Not available	SABI SAND - NORTH	
	6hrs 35mins (533.8 km) 3hrs 25mins (1hr 25mins layover)*	8hrs 48mins (657 km) 2hrs 10mins (20mins layover)*	7hrs 34mins (590 km) 3hrs 20mins (50mins layover)*	8hrs 40mins (636 km) 4hrs 45mins*	PHINDA
	14hrs 14mins (1 397.8 km) 2hrs 10mins*	19hrs 59mins (1 907 km) 3hrs 35mins*	19hrs 33mins (1 849 km) 4hrs*	20hrs 53mins (1 890 km) 4hrs*	20hrs 31mins (1 830 km) 4hrs 35mins (45mins layover)*
					CAPE TOWN

\*Airlink flights may include layovers ranging from 20-minutes to 2-hours depending on routing. Return flight times may differ for this reason.

## &BEYOND LODGES

- KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**  
Ngala Safari Lodge  
Ngala Tented Camp
- SABI SAND NATURE RESERVE**  
Kirkman's Kamp  
Tengile River Lodge
- PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**  
Phinda Mountain Lodge  
Phinda Forest Lodge  
Phinda Rock Lodge  
Phinda Vlei Lodge  
Phinda Zuka Lodge  
Phinda Homestead



# Explore Sabi Sand Nature Reserve

## VEGETATION ZONES

- Riparian
- Marula / Bushwillow woodland
- Terminalia woodland
- Guarri thickets



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# Regional information

Altitude	423 m (1 388 ft) above sea level.
Malaria area	The reserve is situated in a malaria area and necessary precautions should be taken.
Airstrip / Helipad	&Beyond Kirkman's Kamp and Tengile River Lodge are both served by Skukuza Airport.
GPS coordinates	24°56.088'S 031°33.559'E
Best time to travel	All year-round, with optimum game viewing from March to October.
Weather	Summer months (November to March) are hot and humid. Temperatures start to cool slightly in April, with the winter months (May to June) seeing warm days with cold nights. July to September is very dry, with cold night and early morning / late afternoon temperatures. Spring (September to October) is very dry, with hot winds.
Rainfall	The rain typically begins end of October. November to March may experience some rain, usually in the form of afternoon thundershowers. The rain begins to lessen from April.
Temperature averages	Summer: 12°C to 38°C / 55°F to 100°F   Winter: 3°C to 32°C / 32°F to 90°F

Impossible to fault our stay. We were incredibly lucky to see the Big Five and and the birding was exceptional. ”

&BEYOND GUEST







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# Adventures of a lifetime

Encounter iconic wildlife on an &Beyond  
African safari, and enjoy an array of private  
and specialist experiences.





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Adventures of a Lifetime

# Experiences and highlights

In between your twice-daily game drives, why not take a nature walk with your guide, or indulge in a luxurious wellness treatment.



# 1

## SAFARI GAME DRIVES

Enjoy twice-daily game drives that set off early in the morning or late in the afternoon (continuing after nightfall) in the company of expert safari guides and local trackers who will do their best to ensure that all your wishes are met. In addition to the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo), each safari features an iconic set of wildlife and an opportunity to encounter the famous Sabi Sand leopard.



# 2

## NATURE WALKS

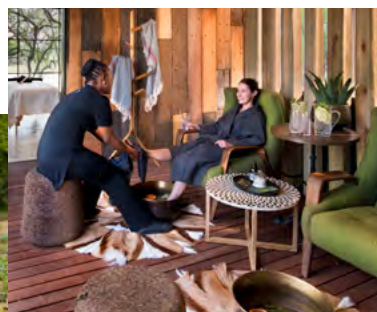
Experience a range of natural wonders in the company of your experienced professional guide on a nature walk. Learn how to track, seeing how close you can come to smaller game, such as impala and zebra, without them being aware of your presence. Each bush walk is accompanied by an expertly-trained and qualified guide, who follows strict protocols to ensure your safety and comfort.



# 3

## LOCAL COMMUNITY VISITS

A community visit provides a first-hand experience of the projects Wild Impact\*, our long-standing community and conservation development partner, is facilitating and supporting to enable future leaders, healthy ecosystems, future foundations and thriving communities. Visit projects in the Huntingdon and Justicia communities, such as the Happy Homes Preschool or nearby Madilika Craft Centre.



# 4

## WELLNESS TREATMENTS\*\*

After a safari-filled day indulge in the pleasures of a Healing Earth wellness treatment either in-room or in your lodge's tranquil spa or massage sala. &Beyond has partnered with Healing Earth, a leading natural, holistic spa and skincare company, to produce a truly authentic African spa experience for the mind, body and soul.



# 5

## WEDDINGS\*\*

From a classic safari wedding in the open bush to a sunset ceremony overlooking a spectacular view or a walk down the aisle in the dry bed of an African river, our meticulous wedding planners can put together a celebration filled with breathtaking moments and joyful surprises that will pamper and delight any couple.

\*Formerly Africa Foundation

\*\*These experiences and highlights are at an additional cost and subject to availability.

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# Specialist safaris and trips

When booking a private vehicle and specialist guide, our safaris can be tailor-made to suit a wide range of interests.



# 1

## SHANGAAN VILLAGE TOUR

Visit a Shangaan community, situated just outside Sabi Sand Nature Reserve, and interact with the friendly people of Mpumalanga. A Bantu tribal group, the Shangaan are the dominant group in the northeast of South Africa. A local guide will escort you through the village, sharing interesting insights and narratives about Shangaan culture, including its fascinating customs, beliefs and traditions.



# 2

## PRIVATE GAME DRIVES

A private safari game drive allows you to explore the concession at your own pace while focusing on your special interests. With your own dedicated ranger and tracker team, in your own private 4x4 safari vehicle, &Beyond's exclusive private safaris let you create your very own tailor-made wildlife adventure.



# 3

## FAMILY SAFARIS

The Sabi Sand Nature Reserve welcomes all ages, and is the ideal reserve for nature-loving families wishing to spend some much-needed quality time in the African bush. Tailor your safari experience to suit the whole family. Both &Beyond Kirkman's Kamp and Tengile River Lodge also feature a spacious Family Cottage and Family Suite respectively.



# 4

## BIRDING SAFARIS

Birding safaris are just one of &Beyond's many unrivalled specialist safaris that can be personalised for any small group. Accompanied by one of &Beyond's specialist birding guides, set out in search of over 300 bird species that inhabit the Sabi Sand, notable ones including the bateleur, black-bellied bustard and comb duck.



# 5

## WALKING SAFARIS

Dependant on the availability of a specialist guide, your ranger and tracker will tailor your walking experience to suit your personal requirements and preferences. Whether it be to follow a specific animal, unravelling the details of its daily life, or to spend the whole day exploring, a walking safari offers the opportunity to experience Africa at its wildest and most personal.



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# Year-round activities

- ✓ Big Five game viewing
- ✓ Private game drives\*
- ✓ Night drives\*
- ✓ Nature walks\*
- ✓ Specialist walking safaris\*
- ✓ Specialist family safaris\*
- ✓ Specialist birding safaris\*
- ✓ Local community visits
- ✓ Shangaan village tour
- ✓ Boma dinners\*
- ✓ Bush-dining\*
- ✓ Sundowners\*
- ✓ Wellness treatments
- ✓ Safari Shop
- ✓ Weddings

*\*Subject to availability of a private vehicle, specialist guide or tracker, or are weather dependent*



**In terms of game viewing - dreams came true and we got stunning sightings of all the Big Five and mostly importantly the elusive leopard. ”**

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# Timing is everything

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Tracking or walking safaris:</b> Winter – cooler walking conditions during the day					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>Photography:</b> Summer – landscapes are lush and green with full watering holes and lots of animals	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Night drives:</b> Summer – although offered year-round, the summer months are best as evenings are warmer	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Baby animals:</b> Summer – typically at the start of the rainy season	✓	✓									✓	✓
<b>Game viewing:</b> Winter to early spring – animals are known to gather around waterholes and are easier to spot in the thinned-out bush					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Birding:</b> Year-round – however, if you'd like to see lots of birds then summer is best when the migrant birds return	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓







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DISCOVER THE SABI SAND GAME RESERVE

# Lodge overview

Our two lodges in the Sabi Sand are perfectly positioned on a crest of the Sand River.



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Accommodation Overview

# Our lodges in the Sabi Sand

Guests staying with &Beyond in the Sabi Sand have the privilege of traversing 10 500 hectares (26 000 acres) of exclusive-use land that is home to two magnificent safari lodges.

### &BEYOND KIRKMAN'S KAMP

Located high on a ridge of the reserve, overlooking the picturesque Sand River, lies Kirkman's Kamp. A lodge with a rich history, Kirkman's expertly maintains the classical safari ambience of the original 1920s homestead that once stood on the very same spot. Boasting spectacular views of the unspoiled landscape that surrounds the Sand River, the lodge features 12 Cottages, including a Family Cottage. Here, old meets new; with classic-styled decor seamlessly blending with modern comforts, while sweeping verandas, rolling lawns and inviting spaces create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Kirkman's Kamp welcomes large groups and families, offering a special WILDchild programme for children aged 3 – 12 years.

### &BEYOND TENGILE RIVER LODGE

Situated in a perfect position on the banks of the Sand River, with panoramic river views from every vantage point, lies Tengile River Lodge. Meaning 'tranquil' in the local language, the lodge certainly has an advantage over all others in the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve. This spectacular lodge features nine enormous, air-conditioned, secluded Suites (including a Family Suite); sensitively nestled, unlike any other lodge in the Sabi Sand, within the riverine forest offering unparalleled close views of the Sand River. In addition to a master bedroom, bathroom and outdoor shower in each Suite, there is a lounge, dining area, fully-stocked bar, coffee station and outdoor seating and dining area that is guaranteed to take your breath away. A private lap pool on your spacious private deck comes complete with sunken outdoor lounge looking out onto the famed Sand River.





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# Lodge comparison

A quick reference comparing Kirkman's Kamp  
and Tengile River Lodge - each with their own  
unique personality.



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Lodge Comparison

# Lodge comparison

OVERVIEW	KIRKMAN'S KAMP	TENGILE RIVER LODGE
Lodge experience	A historic family-friendly lodge with an intimate feel	An exclusive and luxurious, high-end lodge with a peaceful feel
Maximum number of guests	25	18
Number of rooms	12	9
Family accommodation	Children of all ages are welcome 1 triple cottage (for children 16-years and younger only) 1 interconnected Family Cottage (max. 2 adults and 2 children)	1 interconnected Family Suite with covered passageway (max. 2 adults and 2 children – 12-years and older only)
WILDchild programme	Yes	No
Room types	12 Cottages, including 1 Family Cottage	Nine Suites, including 1 Family Suite
Distance between rooms	3 to 6 m (9.8 to 19.6 ft) between cottages Each cottage is adjoined to one other cottage	10 to 30 m (32 to 98 ft) between suites The Family Suite is separated by 12 m (39 ft)
FACILITIES		
Power	220v AC	220v AC
Internet access	Yes, Wi-Fi in suites and guest area	Yes, Wi-Fi in suites and guest area
Wine store or cellar	Wine store	Wine store
Boma	Yes	Yes
Interactive kitchen	No	Yes
Lodge swimming pool	Yes	Yes
Private pools	No	Yes
Wellness offering	Healing earth treatments offered in-room and in the lodge spa	Healing Earth treatments offered in-room or in the massage sala
Fitness options	Gym-in-a-basket available	Well-equipped gym
Conference facilities	No	No
Weddings and blessings	Yes	Yes
Wheelchair accessibility	Yes, with assistance, but not recommended	Yes, with assistance - golf carts are available for guests with mobility issues
Complimentary laundry service	Yes	Yes
BEYOND Safari Shop	Yes	Yes



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Lodge Comparison

# Accommodation comparison

	KIRKMAN'S KAMP	TENGILE RIVER LODGE
Room size (square meters)	Approx. 34 m² (111.5 ft²)	Approx. 204 m² (669 ft²)
Room configuration	Each Cottage consists of one bedroom with an ensuite bathroom and private veranda	Each Suite consists of one bedroom with ensuite bathroom (indoor and outdoor shower), personal indoor lounge, bar, private pool, and sunken outdoor lounge
Private veranda	Yes	Yes
Private plunge pool	No	Yes
Personal bar	Yes	Yes
Personal coffee station	Yes	Yes
Air conditioning / heating	Yes	Yes
Overhead fans	Yes	Yes
Mosquito nets	No, sealed room	No, sealed room
Bath	No	Yes
Shower	Yes, indoor shower only	Indoor and outdoor shower
Seperate WC	Yes	Yes
Telephone	Yes	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes	Yes
Internet access	Yes	Yes
In-room safe	Yes	Yes
Plug type	220V AC Plug Type C, D, M, N Adapters available	220V AC Plug Type C, D, M, N Adapters available
Triple bed option	1 triple cottage (for children 16-years and younger only)	No
Twin bed option	Yes	Yes, however, beds are within the same bedframe
Double bed option	Yes	Yes
Family suite	Yes	Yes

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# Sustainability initiatives

In partnership with Wild Impact\*, our long-standing community and conservation development partner.



### CARE OF Land

- 53 362 Plastic water bottles eliminated per year by &Beyond Mpumalanga\*\* lodges as a result of on-site bottling plants
- 40 000 Litres, daily average reuse of wastewater by our Sabi Sand lodges
- 100% of our &Beyond Mpumalanga lodges have advanced wastewater treatment plants
- 5.4 Kg CO<sub>2</sub> per head reduction annually in our Mpumalanga region since 2018
- 98% Achieved by &Beyond Ngala Private Game Reserve in an environmental audit conducted by the specialist Rhengu Environmental Services
- 18% improvement in &Beyond Mpumalanga sustainability audit scores since 2016, highlighting a progressive reduction of our direct carbon footprint through a system of &Beyond Group goals



### CARE OF Wildlife

- 64 Learners and teachers received conservation lessons in 2019, with the aim not only to educate, but also develop an understanding of the interdependence of conservation and community empowerment
- 25 200 Hectares of rich biodiversity significantly influenced by &Beyond Ngala Private Game Reserve (14 700 Ha) and Sabi Sand Game Reserve (10 500 Ha)
- 414 000 ZAR contributed in annual park fees, July 2019 – March 2020
- 984 Leopard sightings documented by &Beyond Sabi Sand guides in 2018 in collaboration with Panthera's regional leopard research programme



### CARE OF People

- 29 Years of compounded positive impact, across 23 local communities
- 50 Million ZAR annual disbursements to Mpumalanga communities, 2018 - 2020
- 55 % Local community staff to total employees at our &Beyond Mpumalanga lodges
- 272 CLEF tertiary education bursaries granted to 206 young Mpumalanga leaders through this legacy-building Wild Impact programme
- 28 Million ZAR local-procurement spend by &Beyond Mpumalanga, 2018 - 2020
- 17 Million ZAR social infrastructure investment in collaborative, community-led projects
- 3.2 Million ZAR donor funding for Bilton High School, Thlvekisa, close to &Beyond Ngala Private Game Reserve, in a community project spanning 7 years





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