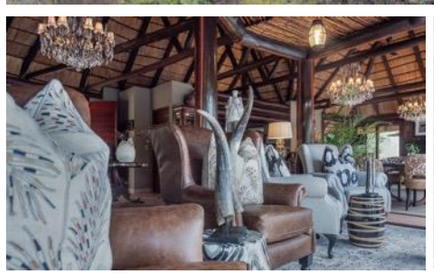
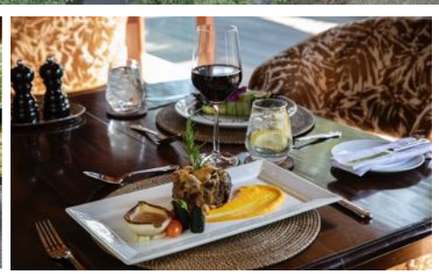
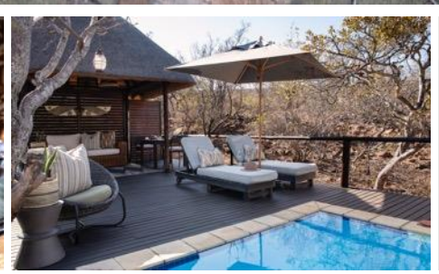
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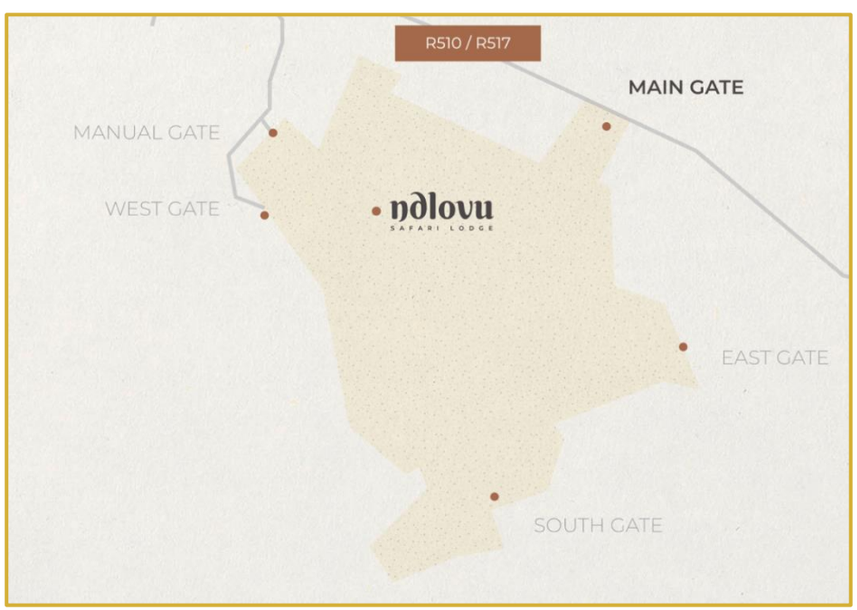


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Directions





HOW TO GET HERE

From **O.R. Tambo International Airport**, take the R21 to Pretoria. Take exit 134 onto the N1 North towards Polokwane. When reaching the Kranskop Toll Plaza keep to the very left lane onto the R33 towards Modimolle. Drive past Vaalwater, where the R33 becomes the R517. **The Main Gate of Welgevonden Game Reserve** is 26km from Vaalwater, on the R517 towards Thabazimbi. The distance is approximately 270km and should take about approximately **2 hours & 45 minutes**.

The road is fully tarred and easy to drive on—there's no need for a four-wheel drive.

ARRIVAL

For the safety of our guests and to preserve the pristine environment of Welgevonden Game Reserve, private vehicles are not permitted within the reserve itself.

Upon arrival at the **Welgevonden Main Gate** , guests will be required to park their vehicle in the secure, designated guest parking area. From here, your guide from Ndlovu Safari Lodge will meet you between 12h30 and 13h00 and assist with your luggage before transferring you to the lodge in an open safari vehicle.

This transfer typically takes 60 minutes and is a scenic drive that often includes exciting wildlife sightings. Your safari experience begins the moment you enter the reserve!

FLIGHT

- There is a helipad on site. Which will take approx. 1 hour from O.R Tambo
- The reserve also has two airstrips, the closest one only being 15 minutes away from the lodge.

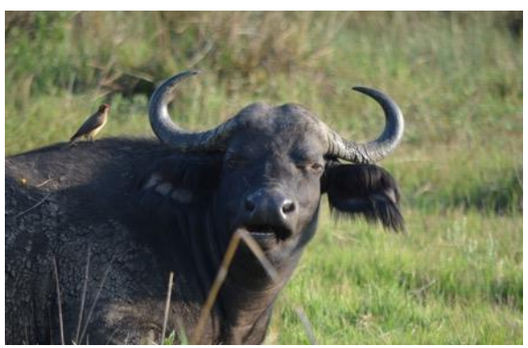
Our Reservations Team will be able to assist you with more information.

Welgevonden Game Reserve











THE RESERVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Malaria Free
- 36.000 Hectares
- Big Five Reserve
- UNESCO Protected
- Maximum of 4 cars at every sighting
- Two Airstrips
- Access is limited to authorized vehicles only; no self-drive allowed.

RHINO PROTECTION

Welgevonden is one of the few reserves in South Africa where rhinos are not dehorned. Thanks to strong security measures, there hasn't been a poaching incident in over a decade.

Lodge





IN SHORT

Ndlovu Safari Lodge is a 5-star graded property set in a secluded valley within Welgevonden Game Reserve. The lodge is situated along a year-round river, offering a peaceful and scenic setting. It features just five spacious and private villas, designed with a warm, classical style accented by subtle African influences. The intimate scale of the lodge ensures privacy and personalised service, making it ideal travellers seeking a refined and private safari experience.

LOCATION WITHIN THE RESERVE

Ndlovu Safari Lodge is centrally located in Welgevonden Game Reserve, with some of the reserve's main wildlife hotspots just a short drive away, making game viewing especially rewarding.

ALL INCLUSIVE

The lodge operates on an all-inclusive basis, with all meals, game drives, and selected beverages included in the stay.

CHILD POLICY

We welcome guests aged 12 years and older. Children under 12 are only permitted when the entire lodge is booked exclusively. This policy helps us maintain a peaceful and relaxing environment for all our guests.

Main Lodge









FACILITIES

At the heart of Ndlovu Safari Lodge is the main lodge, where guests can unwind in several comfortable lounge areas with fireplaces. Meals are served in a dedicated dining room, and there's a well-stocked bar for refreshments throughout the day.

One of the standout features is the expansive viewing deck, overlooking a year-round river and open plains where animals often wander by, offering some of the best on-site wildlife viewing in the reserve.

Other facilities include an outdoor dining area, a Lapa with multiple seating options and its own fireplace, a firepit circle for evenings under the stars, and a heated swimming pool for year-round use.

- Lounge areas with fireplaces
- Dining room
- Bar
- Expansive wine list
- Viewing deck overlooking river and plains
- Spacious outdoor dining area & lounge area's
- Firepit circle
- Heated swimming pool
- All-inclusive
- Boma
- Spa & Treatment room (Theranaka)
- Gym (Technogym)
- Helicopter landing pad on site
- Reception and activities

Villa’s









Each of Ndlovu’s five villas offers a private and spacious retreat, designed with classical warmth and subtle African accents. Large sliding doors open onto a generous wooden deck with a heated plunge pool and uninterrupted views into the surrounding bush. Privacy walls at the back ensure complete seclusion, making each villa feel like its own hideaway in nature.

While the villas vary slightly in layout and size, they average around 50 square meters indoors and 110 square meters outdoors, giving every guest a comfortable mix of indoor and outdoor living.

Facilities:

- King size extra length beds
- Air-conditioner and fan
- Coffee and tea station with Nespresso coffee machine (compostable capsules)
- In-room mini bar with soft drinks and complimentary gin & sherry
- Lounge area with gas fireplace
- Indoor bath and outdoor bath
- Indoor shower and outdoor shower
- Private extensive wooden decks with pool loungers and dining area
- Private heated plunge pools
- Amenities from Cape Island

Villa’s



Villa 4/5 are interconnected, making them a practical option for families or friends traveling together. Both rooms include the same high-quality amenities as the other villas and share a generous outdoor deck and plunge pool, with views into the bush. Room 4 is slightly more compact and does not include its own lounge area with a fireplace or a private outdoor bath or shower. This configuration offers an ideal mix of privacy and togetherness.
Please note: Villa 4 and 5 form one combined villa with two rooms. If Villa 5 is booked by only 2 PAX, Villa 4 will automatically be blocked to ensure exclusive use of the shared spaces.



Villa 2 is our designated honeymoon suite, offering the most expansive outdoor deck at the lodge. While it doesn’t include an indoor lounge or fireplace (like Room 4) it features a private outdoor Lapa with its own fireplace, ideal for cozy evenings. The suite also boasts the largest outdoor bath and shower area, making it a perfect choice for couples seeking space and privacy.

Villa’s Sizes





Each of Ndlovu’s five villas offers a private and spacious retreat:

Villa Sizes (in square meters)

Villa 1
- Indoor: 53 m²
- Outdoor: 110 m²
- Total: 163 m²
- Max Pax: 4 Adults

Villa 2
- Indoor: 36 m²
- Outdoor: 124 m²
- Total: 160 m²
- Max Pax: 2 Adults

Villa 3
- Indoor: 53 m²
- Outdoor: 115 m²
- Total: 168 m²
- Max Pax: 3 Adults

Villa 4
- Indoor: 34 m²
- Outdoor: 63 m²
- Total: 97 m²
- Max Pax: 2 Adults

Villa 5
- Indoor: 53 m²
- Outdoor: 160 m²
- Total: 213 m²
- Max Pax: 4 Adults

Each room is furnished with an extra-length king-size bed suitable for two guests. If more than two guests are staying in a room, we’ll add a full-sized single bed for each additional person.

Spa & Fitness



Our spa offers a tranquil escape surrounded by the sights and sounds of the bush. Using locally inspired Theranaka products and treatments, our therapist trained by Theranaka provide deeply relaxing experiences. Guests can enjoy individual or couple massages while taking in peaceful views of the wilderness from the comfort of the spa.



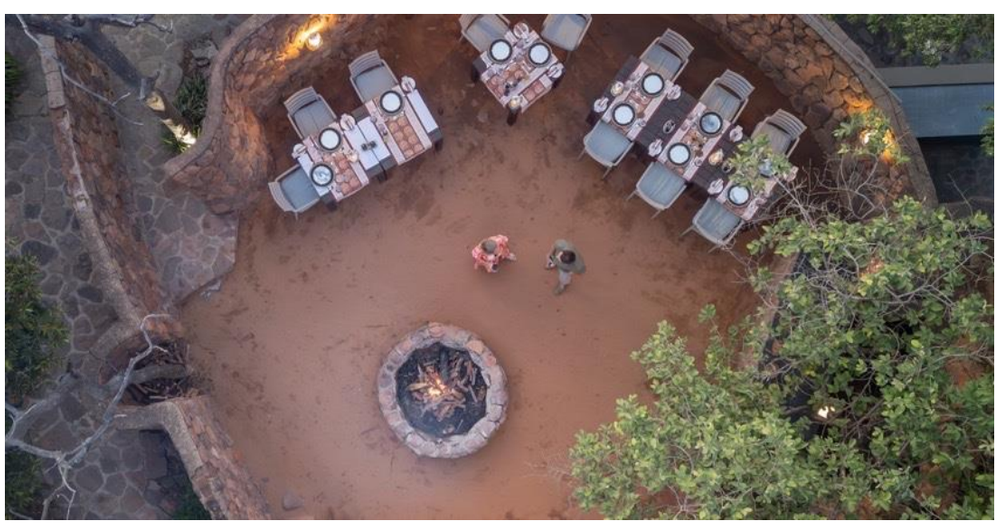
Our fitness area is equipped with premium Technogym equipment, including an elliptical trainer, stationary bike, rowing machine, treadmill, and a weight bench. The space features padded flooring for comfort and safety during workouts. Large windows open up to views of the surrounding bush, allowing you to exercise while staying connected to nature.

Experiences









Included Experiences

- Daily game drives: morning and afternoon.

Guests enjoy two guided game drives each day. With no more than four vehicles allowed at any sighting, the wildlife viewing experience remains intimate and respectful. We also do our best to ensure that every guest has a window seat.

Experiences subject to availability (no additional cost)

We usually try to offer at least one of the following experiences for our guests, although some activities depend on the weather and the number of guests staying with us

- Bush Breakfasts
- Boma dinner
- High Tea
- Private dining
- Proposals
- Birthday/Anniversary Cakes

Additional Experiences

Subject to availability, advance notice required and at additional costs

- Bushwalks
- Wine Tasting/Pairing
- Spa (no advance notice required)
- Private Safari Vehicle:

We always aim to give every guest on a game vehicle a window seat, which means there are seven spots available. If we have more than seven guests staying, we arrange an extra safari vehicle and ranger at no extra cost to any guest.

Sustainability

- Local Sourcing & Community Support
  - 100% of our staff are drawn from the local community
  - We source 100% of fresh fruit and vegetables locally
  - We source the majority (>90%) of curios by local artisans
- Energy
  - All lighting has been replaced with energy-efficient LED bulbs
  - The heated pool is switched off by default and only heated on guest request, reducing energy use
  - Planned: solar energy panels (future initiative — not yet installed)
- Upcycled & Sustainable Design
  - We aim to use upcycled and second-hand furniture and lanterns in our décor
- Waste Reduction
  - We aim to reduce single-use plastic through reusable alternatives
  - Filtered, refillable water stations for guests and staff; every guest receives a complimentary refillable water bottle
  - Guests are asked whether they'd like towels laundered, reducing unnecessary water and energy use
  - We use composting to support a more self-sufficient kitchen garden
- Conservation
  - Anti-poaching and reserve security are managed by Welgevonden Reaction NPC, and wildlife is monitored by Welgevonden's dedicated Biomonitoring team
  - A conservation levy is applied to every stay, contributing directly to these reserve-wide efforts

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Legend

- Gravel Road
- Paved Paths
- Outdoor Deck
- Privacy Walls

