

TRAVEL AGENT FACT SHEET



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SAWUBONA AND WELCOME TO BABANANGO GAME RESERVE

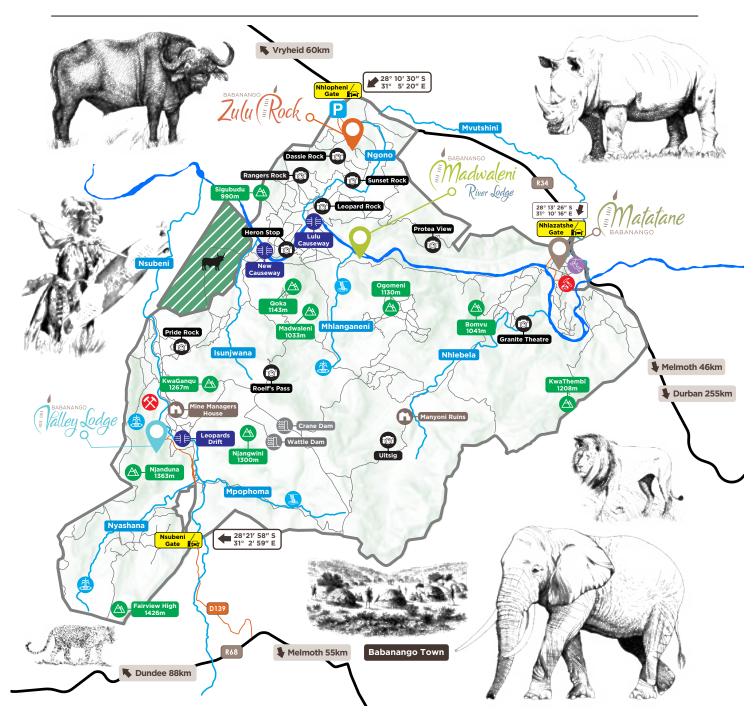
Babanango Game Reserve, located in the heart of Zululand, KwaZulu Natal, is a showcase for one of the most ambitious rewilding projects in Southern Africa in recent years. Set among the breathtaking topography of the upper White Umfolozi River Valley, the reserve occupies a vast wilderness area of over 20,000 hectares that is steeped in Zulu history and layered upon geological features that date back to the beginning of time. The rugged mountains and valleys provide refuge for an extraordinary diversity of birds, plants, insects, reptiles, and mammals, including the elusive aardvark and aardwolf. With the recent return of the African elephant, Babanango Game Reserve is Big Five. With highly knowledgeable guides and a range of activities to choose from, visitors to Babanango Game Reserve can be assured of an unrivalled safari experience. Significant historical battle sites, such as Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, are located close by, providing guests with an opportunity to absorb the region's fascinating past while immersing themselves in an authentic wilderness experience in a part of Africa that has been lost in time.



CONNECTING CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY

Babanango Game Reserve is the legacy of a unique partnership between forward-thinking local communities with land-ownership rights and committed philanthropic investors who recognized the importance of sustainable conservation practices in support of both people and planet. The land, now under formal conservation stewardship, was previously under severe duress following decades of intensive cattle grazing and illicit hunting. Following a landmark agreement with local communities, a major infrastructural investment and rewilding programme commenced and today the reserve is well on track to being returned to its natural state. Nearly 74% of the total reserve area has been contributed by the surrounding community trusts namely, Emcakwini, Esibongweni and KwaNgono, bringing the community land ownership into the core of this conservation project. The lease income generated by the community trusts from Babanango Game Reserve accrues to the beneficiaries to enhance their collective quality of life. The real value for local communities has come from the wealth of new jobs. with 60% of the approximately 220 permanent positions being filled by staff drawn from local communities. The project is fully committed to skills development, upliftment, and vocational training and all around the reserve a new 'wildlife-economy' is beginning to take root as entrepreneurship emerges in the neighbouring communities.

OUR LOCATION



MAP KEY

- Entrance Gates
- P Reception & Parking
- Zulu Rock
- Madwaleni River Lodge
- Valley Lodge
- Matatane Camp
- Fence Line
- Community Cattle Grazing Concession

- R34 Provincial Routes
- Main Roads
- Roads to Lodges
- Other Roads
- White Umfolozi River
- Other Rivers
- Coppermine
- Matural Springs

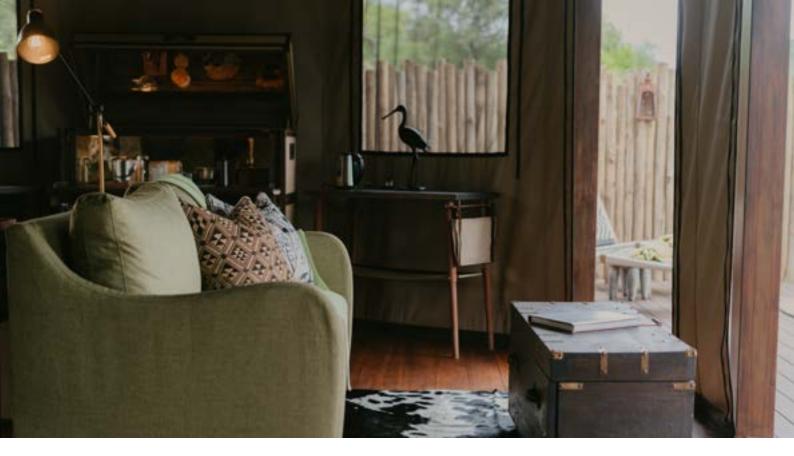
- Mountains
- Waterfalls
- Zipline Course
- Geological Site
- Causeway
- View Points
- Ruin Site
- Dam



MADWALENI RIVER LODGE

Nestled along the southern bank of the White Umfolozi River, Madwaleni River Lodge offers an exclusive retreat with its luxurious safari tents arranged around a central gathering area housing a restaurant, lounge, and captivating library. The lodge takes its name from the isiZulu phrase meaning "The place of the rock," paying homage to the picturesque granoliths mountains found in the reserve. With a fusion of sophistication and wilderness, this ultra-luxury tented camp promises a truly remarkable experience.

Madwaleni River Lodge is an unfenced, allowing guests to fully immerse themselves in the surrounding natural beauty. The lodge features twelve luxury tents, accommodating a total of 24 guests. Each tent is renowned for its unique design and has received award-winning distinction, offering unrivaled comfort and style.



TENT AMENITIES

- Each tent has WiFi connection
- Hair dryer & cosmetic mirror
- Heated towel racks
- Ceiling fan & air-conditioning
- Mosquito nets
- Guest amenities
- Bathrobes, wardrobes & hangers
- Towels and pool towels
- Spare blankets
- Laundry facilities
- Tea & coffee station
- Drinking water

- Insecticide & mosquito repellent
- Desk & chair
- Lounge area
- Private deck with table & chairs
- Private heated plunge pool
- Notepad & pen
- Standard USB charging points
- Electronic safe with instructions
- Plug points for South Africa, Europe, and the United Kingdom
- Emergency torch
- Emergency airhorn

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

- Shoe mitts
- Dental & shaving kit
- Sewing kit
- Vanity kit

- Universal adapters
- Iron & ironing board
- Additional blankets & pillows



LODGE FACILITIES & AMENITIES

At Madwaleni River Lodge, we offer a range of exceptional amenities designed to elevate your stay. Alongside our state-of-the-art gym and impressive 1,600 wine cellar, guests can also enjoy the tranquil ambiance of our charming library, perfect for those seeking solace with a captivating book. Additionally, our refreshing pool provides a serene oasis for relaxation and rejuvenation, while our boma overlooking the magnificent White Umfolozi River offers an authentic African bushveld experience. Gather around the crackling fire, savor delicious meals prepared by our talented chefs, and create lasting memories under the starlit sky. With these diverse offerings, Madwaleni River Lodge ensures an unforgettable stay where you can indulge in relaxation, exploration, and connection with nature.

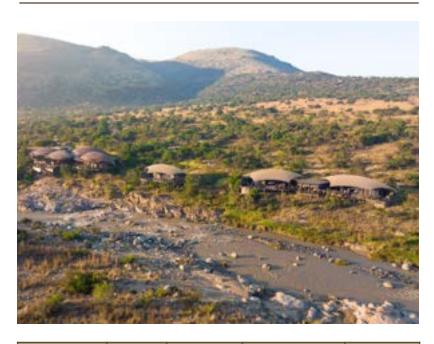
ADDITIONAL AMENITIES FOR LUXURY FAMILY TENT

- Private interconnected lounge area between family tents 4 and 5, and family tents 7 and 8 only
- Sleeper couches available for children under 12 years old

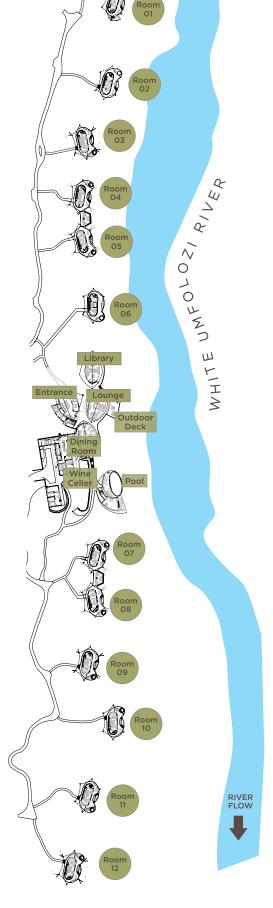
ADDITIONAL AMENITIES FOR LUXURY ROMANCE TENT

Private outdoor bath and shower

LODGE LAYOUT



ROOM	NO. SLEEPS	INTERNAL ROOM SIZE	TOTAL SIZE (INCLUDING PRIVATE USE OF OUTSIDE SPACES)	BED TYPE	
ROOM 01 LUXURY ROMANCE TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	192m²]]	
ROOM 02 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		
ROOM 03 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		
ROOM 04 LUXURY FAMILY TENT	2 ADULTS	ROOM = 68m ² FAMILY LINK = 57m ²	200m²		Interconnected
ROOM 05 LUXURY FAMILY TENT	2 ADULTS	ROOM = 68m ² FAMILY LINK = 57m ²	200m²		Intercol
ROOM 06 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		
ROOM 07 LUXURY FAMILY TENT	2 ADULTS	ROOM = 68m ² FAMILY LINK = 57m ²	200m²		Interconnected
ROOM 08 LUXURY FAMILY TENT	2 ADULTS	ROOM = 68m ² FAMILY LINK = 57m ²	200m²		Intercor
ROOM 09 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		
ROOM 10 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		
ROOM 11 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		
ROOM 12 LUXURY TENT	2 ADULTS	68m²	179m²		



PLEASE NOTE: OUR LUXURY FAMILY TENTS ARE INTERCONNECTED BY A TERRACE AND DINING AREA



ZULU ROCK LODGE

Perched on a high point of the reserve, Zulu Rock Lodge captivates guests with its breathtaking views across the expansive landscape from the edge of a mountain cliff. This exclusive lodge features six luxurious free-standing villa-style suites and one family villa, beckoning to couples in search of a private safari getaway. Immerse yourself in indulgence with in-room service or unwind on the deck beside the elevated pool, while observing the wildlife gracefully roaming the valley below.

Designed for those desiring an intimate and serene retreat, Zulu Rock Lodge can accommodate a maximum of 16 guests, ensuring a personalized and exclusive experience. With no fences to hinder the connection with nature, guests at Zulu Rock Lodge are invited to fully immerse themselves in the stunning natural surroundings, embracing a true sense of oneness. At Zulu Rock Lodge, every moment is crafted to inspire awe and tranquility. From the panoramic views that greet you each morning to the magical encounters with wildlife, this sanctuary provides an unparalleled opportunity to reconnect with the beauty of the natural world.



ROOM AMENITIES

- Each room has WiFi connection
- Hair dryer
- Cosmetic mirror
- Underfloor heating & heated
 Towel racks (in the bathroom)
- Standing fans & air-conditioning
- Guest amenities
- Towels and pool towels
- Spare blankets
- Laundry facilities
- Tea & coffee station

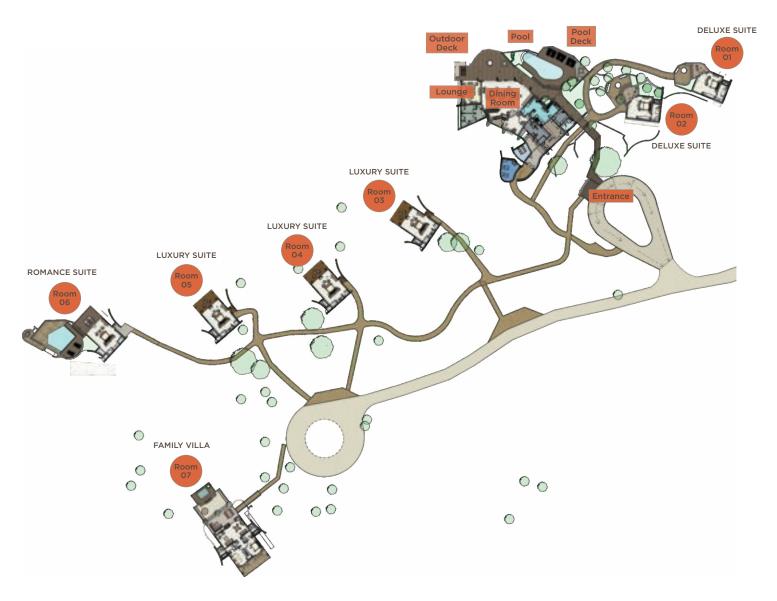
- Drinking water
- Indoor fireplace
- Insecticide & mosquito repellent
- Desk & chair
- Notepad & pen
- Standard USB charging points
- Electronic safe with instructions
- Plug points for South Africa, Europe, and the United Kingdom
- Hangers
- Emergency torch & airhorn

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

- Shoe mitts
- Dental & shaving kit
- Sewing kit
- Vanity kit

- Universal adapters
- Iron & ironing board
- Additional blankets & pillows

LODGE LAYOUT

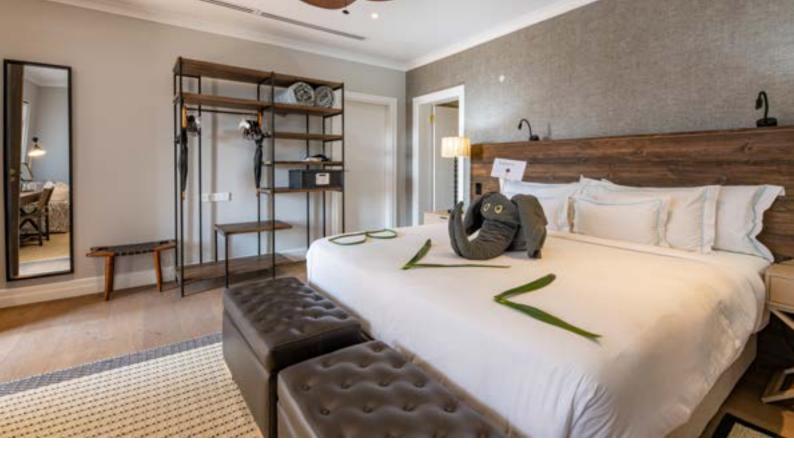


ROOM	ROOM TYPE	NO. SLEEPS	INTERNAL ROOM SIZE	TOTAL SIZE (INCLUDING PRIVATE USE OF OUTSIDE SPACES)	BED TYPE
ROOM 01	DELUXE SUITE	2 ADULTS	45m²	77m²	
ROOM 02	DELUXE SUITE	2 ADULTS	44m²	86m²	
ROOM 03	LUXURY SUITE	2 ADULTS	50m²	69m²	
ROOM 04	LUXURY SUITE	2 ADULTS	50m²	69m²	22
ROOM 05	LUXURY SUITE	2 ADULTS	50m²	69m²	22
ROOM 06	ROMANCE SUITE	2 ADULTS	50m²	134m²	~
ROOM 07	FAMILY VILLA	MAX 4 PEOPLE	92m²	195m²	222



VALLEY LODGE

Nestled in the south of Babanango Game Reserve, Valley Lodge offers a serene escape in nature. Its nine adjouring luxury rooms provide splendid views of indigenous gardens designed by horticulturalist Chris Dalzell. With a maximum capacity of 18 guests, the farm style lodge ensures a comfortable experience. Unlike others, it is fenced off for safety, privacy, and exclusivity. Guests can enjoy panoramic views from infinity and splash pools or relax by the fireplace. The library offers books on local history and bird species. In the evening, the outdoor boma with a firepit creates a cozy atmosphere. The lodge's culinary experience includes family style lunches, handcrafted cocktails, and traditional South African-style potjiekos and braais. Additionally, the lodge offers a unique chance to explore South Africa's captivating history. Located near the iconic battle sites of Isandlwana and Rourke's Drift, guests can embark on a full-day battlefield tour. Immerse yourself in the landscapes where courageous battles unfolded, gaining profound insights into the country's rich history.



ROOM AMENITIES

- Each room has WiFi connection
- Hair dryer
- Cosmetic mirror
- Underfloor heating & heated towel racks (in the bathroom)
- Ceiling fans & air-conditioning
- Guest amenities
- Towels and pool towels
- Spare blankets
- Laundry facilities
- Tea & coffee station

- Drinking water
- Insecticide & mosquito repellent
- Desk & chair
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AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

- Shoe mitts
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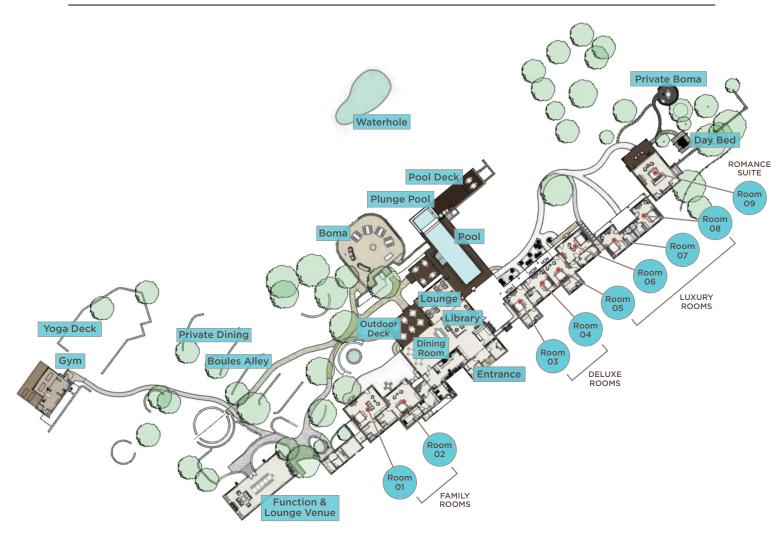
LODGE FACITILITIES

With Valley Lodge's exclusive use option, guests and companies can enjoy a truly private and personalized experience. Whether you're planning a milestone birthday celebration or organizing a corporate retreat, the entire lodge is at your disposal. Immerse yourself in the stunning surroundings and take advantage of the lodge's facilities, including luxurious accommodations, spacious common areas, and beautiful outdoor spaces. The dedicated staff at Valley Lodge will work closely with you to ensure that every aspect of your event is meticulously planned and executed, from customized menus prepared by talented chefs to arranging exciting activities and entertainment options. Whether you're seeking a peaceful sanctuary for reflection and relaxation or a dynamic setting for team bonding and collaboration, Valley Lodge's exclusive use option offers the ideal venue to make your event truly unforgettable.

- Function and venue lounge
- Boules activities
- Yoga deck (mats available)
- Gym (key with management)
- Boma

- Private dining
- Pool and splash pool
- Covered garden terrace
- Private day bed and boma (Room 9)
- Fenced lodge

LODGE LAYOUT



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ROOM	ROOM TYPE	NO. SLEEPS	INTERNAL ROOM SIZE	TOTAL SIZE (INCLUDING PRIVATE USE OF OUTSIDE SPACES)	BED TYPE	
ROOM 01	FAMILY ROOM	2 ADULTS + 2 KIDS (U12)	50m²	66m²	Sleeper Couch	
ROOM 02	FAMILY ROOM	2 ADULTS + 2 KIDS (U12)	43m²	65m²	Sleeper Couch	
ROOM 03	DELUXE ROOM	2 ADULTS	30m²	39 m²		
ROOM 04	DELUXE ROOM	2 ADULTS	28m²	37m ²		
ROOM 05	LUXURY ROOM	2 ADULTS	33m²	41m²	22	Interleading Doors
ROOM 06	LUXURY ROOM	2 ADULTS	40m²	51 m²	ADAPTED SUITE FOR GUESTS	Interle
ROOM 07	LUXURY ROOM	2 ADULTS	28m²	33m²		
ROOM 08	LUXURY ROOM	2 ADULTS	29m²	33m²		
ROOM 09	ROMANCE SUITE	2 ADULTS	50m²	95m²	B	



ACTIVITIES ON OFFER

Babanango Game Reserve offers a range of unforgettable experiences that allow guests to immerse themselves in the beauty of the reserve. For a classic safari experience, guests can embark on a game drive through the reserve's diverse landscape, where they may encounter the Big Five and other unique wildlife such as klipspringers, servals, and porcupine. For those seeking a more active adventure, walking safaris offer the chance to explore the reserve on foot and get up close with the smaller creatures and plants that make Babanango so special.

History buffs can take a guided battlefield tour, exploring the region's fascinating military history, while those in search of a peaceful retreat can enjoy a bush lunch surrounded by breathtaking views. Adrenaline junkies can take on the reserve's zip line adventures or coppermine tour, and those interested in conservation can participate in wildlife monitoring and helicopter patrols with the reserve's team.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please note that some activities may have restrictions and are only available at certain lodges. For accurate information on activity availability, please consult with management.

Please be aware that all activities are subject to weather conditions.



GAME DRIVES

Embark on an unforgettable adventure with our exhilarating game drive experience, designed to immerse you in the wonders of the African wilderness. Traverse the diverse landscapes of the reserve in one of our 15 high-quality 4x4 game vehicles, as you seek out the magnificent Big Five and an array of fascinating wildlife. From graceful klipspringers to elusive servals and even the enchanting porcupine, our experienced guides will lead the way, offering you the opportunity to witness these extraordinary creatures in their natural habitat. Capture unforgettable moments and create memories that will last a lifetime as you prepare to be facinated by the untamed beauty of the surroundings and the thrill of encountering wildlife up close during your classic safari game drive.

Duration: 3 hours | **Minimum Age:** 8 years | **Group Size:** 2 to 6 people

More Information: Two game drives daily



BATTLEFIELD TOURS - ISANDLWANA & RORKE'S DRIFT

During this full-day historical tour, guests can immerse themselves in the fascinating stories of the Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift battlefields. With the guidance of experienced tour guides and visual aids, guests will gain a deeper understanding of the pivotal battles that shaped South African history. The tour also offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the battlefields from the Nqutu Ridge, providing a unique perspective of the terrain that played a crucial role in the outcome of the battles. Please note that the tour is subject to prior arrangement and weather conditions, but our knowledgeable guides will keep you informed of any changes in advance.

Duration: Full day | **Minimum Age:** 12 years | **Group Size:** 2 to 4 people



BUSH LUNCH

At Babanango Game Reserve, guests can enjoy a unique bush lunch experience that combines breathtaking scenery with delicious cuisine. Served in a beautiful outdoor setting, the lunch menu features a variety of delectable dishes, each made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. As you savour your meal, you can take in the stunning views of the surrounding landscape and the wildlife that may be grazing nearby. The bush lunch experience at Babanango Game Reserve is a perfect way to break up your day of game drives or walking safaris and create unforgettable memories in the heart of the African wilderness.

Duration: 3 hours | **Minimum Age:** 12 years | **Group Size:** 4 to 12 people



COPPERMINE TOUR

Immerse yourself in the intriguing history of the Coppermine Tour, located just 10 minutes away from Valley Lodge. Step into the depths of an old mine shaft and embark on a journey through time as you uncover the fascinating story behind the elusive "fool's gold." Delve into the rich oral history surrounding the copper mine, once belonging to Paul Pollitzer, a dedicated geologist whose dreams were shattered by financial challenges. Learn about his relentless pursuit of copper and the unfortunate outcome that led to his tragic end in 1910. In addition, discover that our Coppermine Tour is home to a thriving colony of Cape Leafnose bats. Witness these fascinating creatures in their natural habitat as they inhabit the mine, adding to the allure and ecological significance of the site. Marvel at their intricate wings and unique behaviors, further enhancing the experience of the Coppermine Tour.

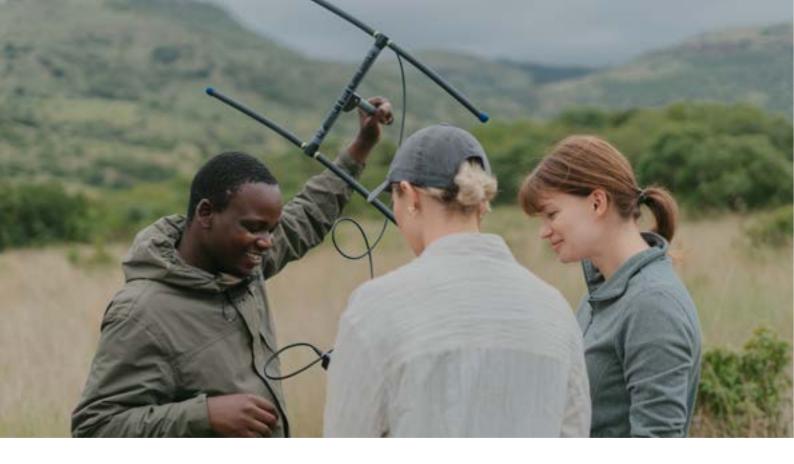
Duration: 2 hours | **Minimum Age:** 12 years | **Group Size:** 4 people



WALKING SAFARI

For those craving a more immersive and active wildlife encounter, our walking safaris provide an exceptional opportunity to explore the reserve on foot. Step into the heart of nature and engage with the intricacies of Babanango Game Reserve's ecosystem, discovering the hidden wonders that often go unnoticed. Led by knowledgeable guides, these safaris offer an up-close and personal experience, allowing you to intimately connect with the smaller creatures and delicate plant life that make Babanango Game Reserve truly unique. Witness the intricate details of the wilderness, from the fluttering wings of a butterfly to the subtle scents of the surrounding flora. Our walking safaris promise an exhilarating adventure and a deeper appreciation for the intricate tapestry of life within the reserve.

Duration: 3 to 5 hours | **Minimum Age:** 16 years | **Group Size:** 2 to 8 people



WILDLIFE MONITORING EXCURSION

Guests have the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the world's most majestic creatures. Spend a day with our trained wildlife monitors, tracking black rhino through the dense bush or keeping an eye on the elusive cheetahs. Our expert guides will take you on a thrilling adventure, sharing their knowledge of the animals and their habitats along the way. With this unique wildlife monitoring experience, guests can gain a deeper appreciation for these incredible animals and the importance of protecting their habitats. Whether you're a seasoned wildlife enthusiast or a curious beginner, this is an unforgettable opportunity to witness some of Africa's most amazing creatures in their natural environment.

Duration: 3 to 5 hours | **Minimum Age:** 16 years | **Group Size:** 2 to 4 people



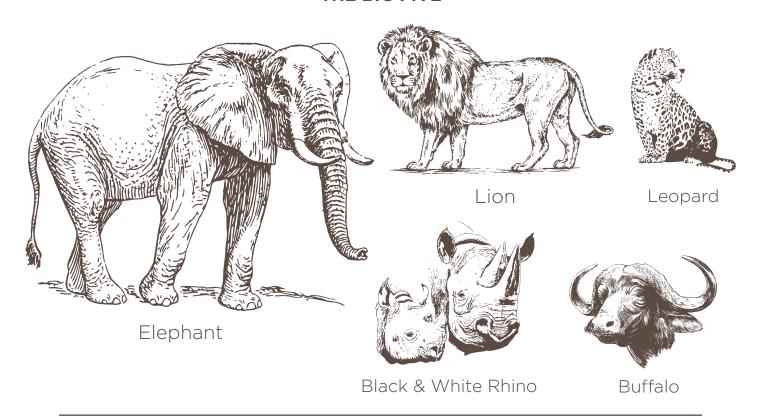
ZIPLINE ADVENTURES (ZULU ROCK LODGE ONLY)

Experience the thrill of soaring through the air with our exhilarating Zipline Adventure at Matatane Camp. Prepare yourself for an adrenaline-pumping journey as you embark on our 5-platform zipline course that takes you through a captivating river gorge. Feel the rush of excitement as you glide through the air, surrounded by the stunning natural beauty of the reserve. Take in the breathtaking views from each platform as you navigate your way through this exciting aerial adventure, including our longest zipline spanning an impressive 200 meters. With the river gorge below you, you'll feel a sense of freedom and exhilaration like never before. Our Zipline Adventure is a must-do experience for thrill-seekers and nature enthusiasts alike, providing an unforgettable opportunity to witness the beauty of Babanango Game Reserve from a unique perspective.

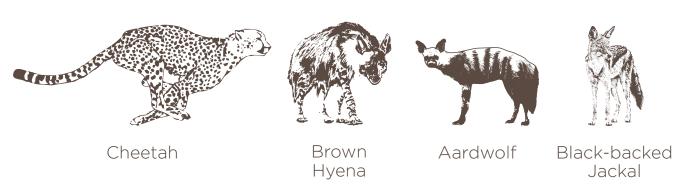
Duration: 2 hours | Weight Limit: 40 to 120kgs | Group Size: 4 to 6 people

OUR WILDLIFE

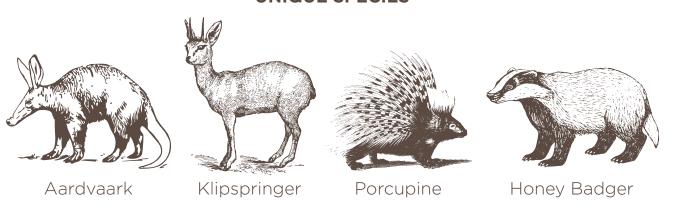
THE BIG FIVE



PREDATORS



UNIQUE SPECIES



OUR WILDLIFE - CONTINUED

CONCENTRATE GRAZERS & OTHER



Blue Wildebeest



Common & Mountain Reedbuck



Red Hartebeest



Warthog



Ostrich

MIXED FEEDERS



Eland



Grey Duiker



Steenbok



Impala

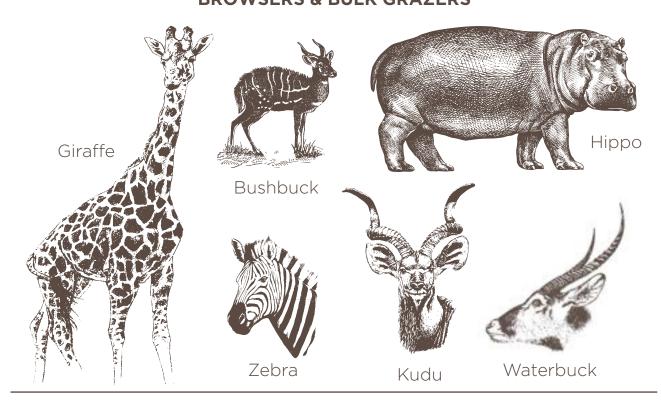


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BROWSERS & BULK GRAZERS



OUR BIRDLIFE

Babanango Game Reserve takes great pride in being the home to nearly 50% of South Africa's bird species. Throughout the year, migratory birds flock to the reserve, seeking a nurturing environment to raise their chicks and ensure their future survival. The diverse habitat and abundant resources within the reserve provide a safe haven for these remarkable creatures, allowing them to thrive and contribute to the rich avian biodiversity of the region. At Babanango Game Reserve, we are dedicated to preserving and protecting

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST UNIQUE BIRD SPECIES FOUND ON BABANANGO GAME RESERVE

the natural habitats that support this incredible array of birdlife.



CHILDREN AT BABANANGO GAME RESERVE

Children of all ages are permitted at Valley Lodge. Children aged 8 years and older are permitted at Madwaleni River Lodge and Zulu Rock Lodge. Ensure that children are not left unattended and respect the privacy of other guests.

RATES

Children aged 0 to 3 years - free of charge Children aged 4 to 11 years - 50% of rack rate Children aged 12 years and over - 100% of rack rate

CHILDREN AT THE SWIMMING POOLS AND DINING

Children are always to be accompanied by an adult at the swimming pools.

Children under eight years are encouraged to dine in the family-friendly spaces before 18h00, this can be pre-booked and arranged with your Lodge Manager.

Family units can have private family dining arranged for children.

CHILDREN AROUND ANIMALS

Be advised to keep to low noise levels and act calmly when around wildlife. We always ask that this be considered to ensure a relaxed environment for our animals and other guests.

CHILDREN ON GAME DRIVES

No children under the age of 8 years on game drives (unless private vehicle booked). Should you wish to book a private game drive (subject to availability and limited to 2 drives, max 3 hours each) for your family this can be arranged at an additional fee of R5,250 per drive/per day. Kindly note that the guide will use their discretion at certain animal sightings for children under the age of eight for their safety.

Please note: While we cannot guarantee sightings of the Big Five on our 20,000-hectare reserve, our skilled guides are adept at tracking certain animals. Rest assured, we make every possible effort to ensure you have the most memorable and enjoyable animal encounters during your visit.

