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The local Shangaan people are very innovative when it comes to utilising nature in everyday life. The Justicia Best Boys, a local group, have created instruments from the fruit that comes from the Black Monkey orange tree (Strychnos madagascariensis). This tree is found in open woodlands, rocky ridges and riverine areas.

Items to remember to bring for your Safari to South Africa

Since we want your safari experience to be perfect and completely comfortable, we recommend a few items for you to remember to bring along:

- From October to April, bring casual summer clothes.
- A warm jersey/sweater would be useful for the cooler morning and evening temperatures.
- From May to September, bring casual light clothing, but remember to bring a very warm, insulated or padded parka/jacket for the very cold mornings and nights - a scarf and gloves are very useful too.
- Cotton clothing in neutral colours is recommended for game drives and compulsory for walks. Keep whites to a minimum, as white attracts certain bugs at night.
- Comfortable walking shoes, track shoes or boots for the bush walks make life so much easier.
- Sandals to wear at meals and within the lodge area.
- Shorts for the walks and the warm midday periods.
- Swimming costumes.
- Sun block/sun hat/sunglasses/lip balm.
- Extra pair of correction glasses (if you wear them).
- Contact lens solution and an extra set of contact lenses (if required).
- Cameras, binoculars and your favourite film. We do sell all types of film at the lodge so if you run out, it's not serious.
- Video camera and a spare battery. (Batteries can be recharged in your suite. Electricity voltage is 220v - converters and spare video cassettes are available on request.)

We hope that this little checklist will help with your packing. As this is a time for you to get away and escape your worries of the world, formal attire is not required. Wishing you a fantastic bush and wildlife safari with us.

Accessing Singita Sabi Sand

By road

Recommended route from Johannesburg: N12/N4 to Nelspruit, R40 from Nelspruit to Hazyview, R536 from Hazyview towards Paul Kruger Gate. After 36 km, pass Lisbon Store, then turn left onto gravel road. Pay R70.00 (ZAR) vehicle entrance fee (subject to change). Enter Sabi Sand Reserve at Shaws Gate. Follow Singita signs to lodge (approximately 28 km).

Distances by road

Johannesburg/Singita Sabi Sand (5 hours 30 min) 500 km
Hazyview/Singita Sabi Sand (1 hour) 75 km
Nelspruit/Singita Sabi Sand (1 hour 45 min) 150 km

By air

Federal Air offers a daily return flight direct to Singita Sabi Sand from Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport. There are daily scheduled flights currently operated by SA Airlink into Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA) situated between Nelspruit and White River. Federal Air provides air transfers to and from KMIA to Singita Sabi Sand.

Charters

Private air charters are available on request.

Private aircraft

Pilots are advised to broadcast their intentions on frequency 124,8 Mhz. Runway: 01/19.

Coordinates

Lat 24° 48 min 18 sec S
Lon 31° 25 min 34 sec E
Elevation: 1 250 ft
Width: 20 m
Length: 1 200 m
Surface: Soft tar

Location

Singita Sabi Sand 18 000 hectares (44 000 acres) in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve on the western border of the Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga province, South Africa.

Arrival and departure

Suggested arrival time is after 12h00 with check-in from 13h00. Rooms must be vacated by 11h00 for the convenience of arriving guests. Late departure times can be arranged at the lodge, subject to availability of rooms. Due to the remote location in the heart of the African bush, there is always the possibility of telephone lines operating intermittently or not being available at the time of your check-out, which may result in a long delay in processing your credit card. To avoid this, and ensure a smooth check-out and departure, it is strongly advised that you consider pre-paying as much of your visit as possible. We would prefer you to depart having had a perfect stay right to the very end.

Tariffs

Tariffs include

- Luxurious all-suite accommodation with sumptuous bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers and private wooden leisure decks.
- Three delicious meals per day, dinners being in the open-air boma, wooden dining deck or indoor dining area.
- All teas and coffees.
- Two open Land Rover safaris per day accompanied by personal game ranger and tracker team.
- Walking and spotlight night safaris, accompanied by experienced trackers.
- Drinks while on the Land Rover safaris.
- All beers, spirits, liqueurs, wines, soft drinks and mini bar.
- Laundry and valet services, subject to certain conditions and restrictions.

Tariffs exclude

- Telephone calls and boutique purchases.
- Champagnes.
- Transfers to and from the lodges.
- Health spa treatments.
- Use of private Land Rover.
- Certain special meal requests.
- Exclusive use of family suites at Ebony and Boulders Lodges.

Health matters

Since Malaria is present in the Mpumalanga region where the Singita lodges are situated, it is essential to ensure that anti-Malarial precautions be taken throughout the year. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Private Land Rovers

All our safaris are conducted in open Land Rovers with a maximum of six guests per vehicle. However, should you want complete privacy it is possible to hire a vehicle on a private basis. Sole use of Land Rovers will need to be reserved well in advance. Prices available on request.

What you can expect to find at Singita Sabi Sand

Accommodation

Singita Ebony Lodge and Boulders Lodge both comprise twelve double suites, all with own en-suite bathroom and shower, outside shower, private swimming pool, fireplace, mini-bar and fridge, room mini-safe, airconditioning, overhead fans, private lounge, direct dial telephones and game-viewing deck.

Facilities at each lodge

Lounge and timber-deck dining areas overlooking the Sand River, bar area and open boma, gymnasium, health spa, library, wine cellar and swimming pools.

Boutique

The African Trading Store stocks a range of fashionable bushwear and African artefacts. Basic necessities such as camera film and batteries are available for purchase.

Activities

Early morning game drives; afternoon into spotlight evening game drives in open Land Rovers; guided bush walks; seasonal fishing and community tours.

Communication services

Internet, satellite TV and fax facilities are available to our guests at both lodges.

Characteristic species

Leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, white rhino, cheetah, hyena, giraffe, zebra, waterbuck, hippo, wildebeest, kudu and many other mammal and bird species occur.

Local culture

Shangaan (Tsonga)

Temperature chart

	January	February	March	April
Minimum temp	21.1°C 69.9°F	20.8°C 69.4°F	19.6°C 67.2°F	16.8°C 62.2°F
Maximum temp	33.7°C 91.5°F	32.7°C 90.8°F	31.5°C 88.7°F	29.9°C 85.8°F
	May	June	July	August
Minimum temp	12.9°C 55.2°F	9.4°C 48.9°F	10.0°C 50°F	11.8°C 53.2°F
Maximum temp	28.5°C 83.3°F	25.9°C 78.6°F	25.9°C 78.6°F	27.3°C 81.1°F
	September	October	November	December
Minimum temp	14.1°C 57.3°F	16.5°C 61.7°F	18.2°C 64.7°F	20.0°C 68°F
Maximum temp	29.1°C 84.3°F	29.6°C 85.2°F	31.0°C 87.8°F	32.3°C 90.1°F

The above temperatures are the average daily maximum and the average daily minimum. The absolute maximum and absolute minimum recorded temperatures differ from these temperatures.

The seasons at Singita Sabi Sand

NOVEMBER THROUGH APRIL

Our summer months are hot and humid with typical afternoon thundershowers which generally clear before the game drives depart. Lots of young animals are born during this time, notably the impala lambs, which are beautiful but vulnerable to predators. The drier months are experienced during the January to March period, a time when there are plenty of migratory birds. Early morning drives with early returns to escape the heat are typical. Please remember to bring hats, sunscreen and to take Malaria prophylaxis (see our note on Malaria precautions, which we recommend be taken throughout the year), as well as rain protection gear (we do provide ponchos).

The vegetation starts changing from thick lush green bush to a slightly sparser browsing bush during this autumn period. The temperatures start cooling down at night but daytime is still warm. Potential scattered thundershowers can be experienced in the afternoons.

MAY TO JUNE

Cold temperatures are experienced at night and at dawn during our winter months. Warm clothing is recommended such as gloves, scarves, beanies (knitted caps) and insulated jackets. Large herds of elephants start moving back into the area. The vegetation becomes totally brown and trees start losing leaves. Visibility during drives is enhanced due to sparser vegetation. The Sand River becomes a major game attraction.

JULY TO SEPTEMBER

This period is very dry in the bush with very cold night temperatures and therefore chilly during the early morning and late afternoon game drives. Visibility is good as the game are concentrated around water sources.

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER

Spring is the height of the dry season, boasting hot dry winds and colourless, sparse vegetation. Because the rivers and dams are low, high concentrations of game can be viewed at these areas and game-viewing in general is very good. The first rains may start towards the end of October and the signs of spring and a new wet season are evident.

SEASONAL SAFARI TIMING

At all our lodges we try to tailor each day according to guests' wishes and so we are flexible with all our activity times. However, due to the climate, we suggest that the following times are followed as closely as possible, in order to maximise game-viewing opportunities and ensure that guests enjoy a comfortable experience.

	Summer safari times	Winter safari times
Wake up	05h00	05h30
Tea/Coffee	05h30	06h00
Morning Safari	06h00	06h30
Breakfast	09h00	09h30
Lunch	13h00	13h00
Tea/Coffee	16h00	15h30
Sundowner Safari	16h30	16h00
Dinner	20h00	19h30