



Your exclusive home on the banks of the Sabie River



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

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COLLECTION

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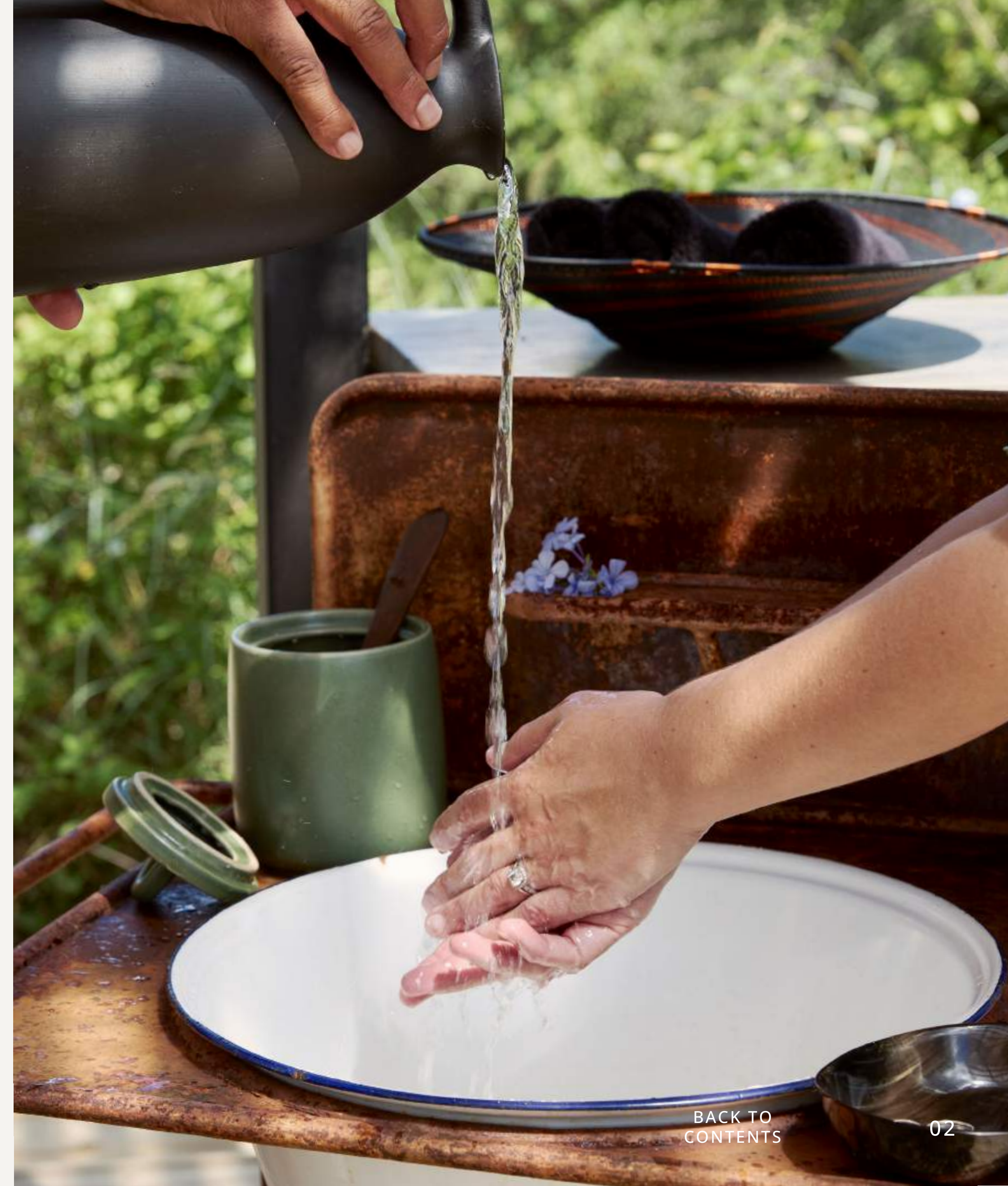
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An invitation to make yourself at home

Fish Eagle Villa is a private safari villa designed for families and groups wanting flexibility, privacy, and time together within Lion Sands Game Reserve. Set on a quiet curve of the Sabie River, the villa moves easily between safari, rest, and shared time in the bush.

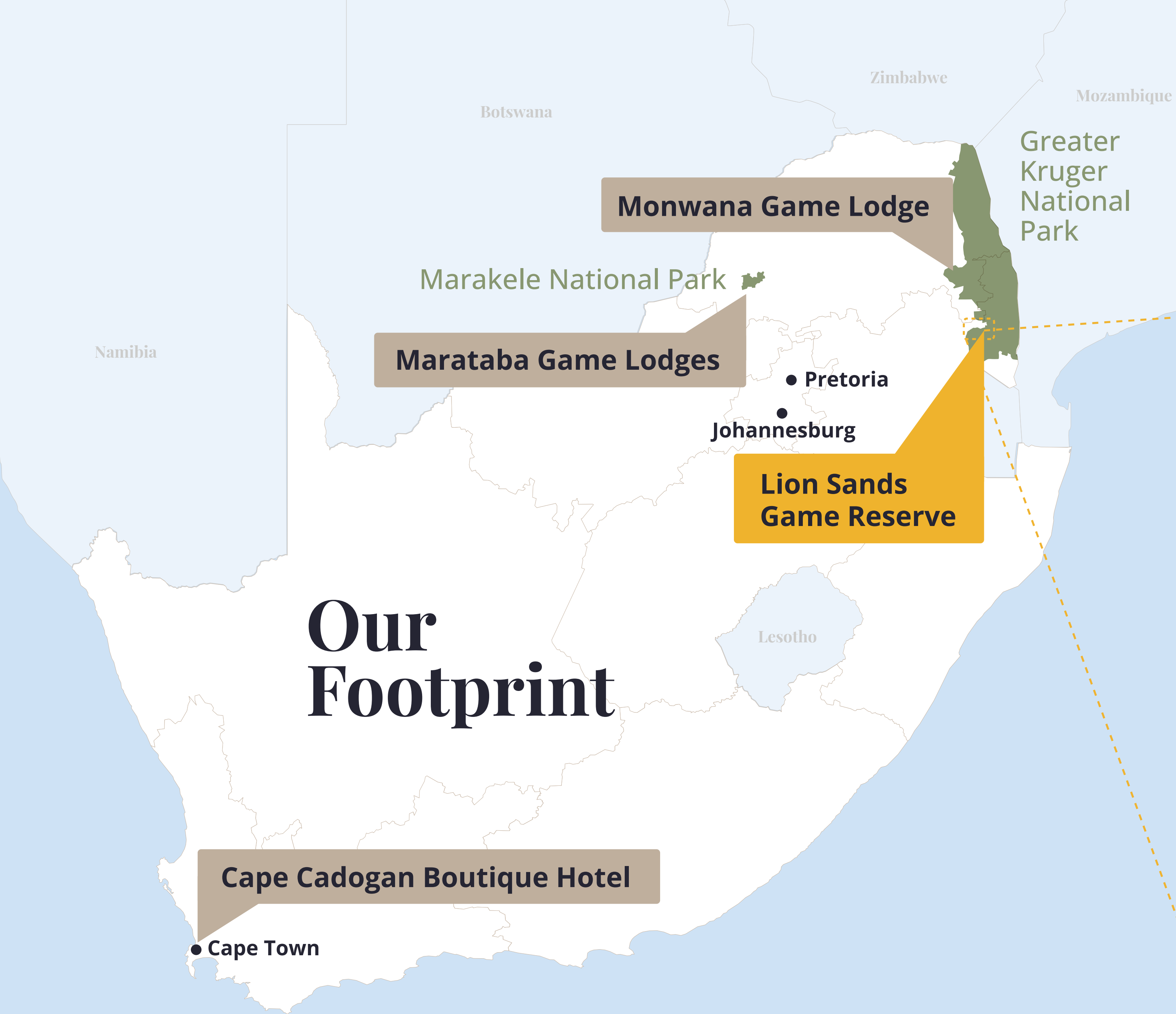
Here, family and friends set the pace. Start the day with coffee on the deck, head out on a private game drive, or settle into slower afternoons by the pool, fire deck, or river.

Between private game drives, long meals, and evenings beneath the stars, each day unfolds around your group's preferred rhythm.



Where to Find Us

Our Footprint





What makes Lion Sands so unique?

**A private safari villa shaped
around your group.**

Lion Sands Game Reserve forms part of the Greater Kruger, with a landscape shaped by the Sabie River and consistent wildlife activity along its banks.

Fish Eagle Villa offers a fully private safari experience, shaped entirely around your group. Expansive decks, a dedicated team - including your own chef, butler, field guide, tracker, and housekeeper - and a private safari vehicle ensure each day moves easily around your preferences and pace. Private game drives, time at the pool, riverfront sundowners, and long meals unfold entirely on your terms.

*Here, days move easily
between safari, rest, and
time together within a private
riverside setting.*

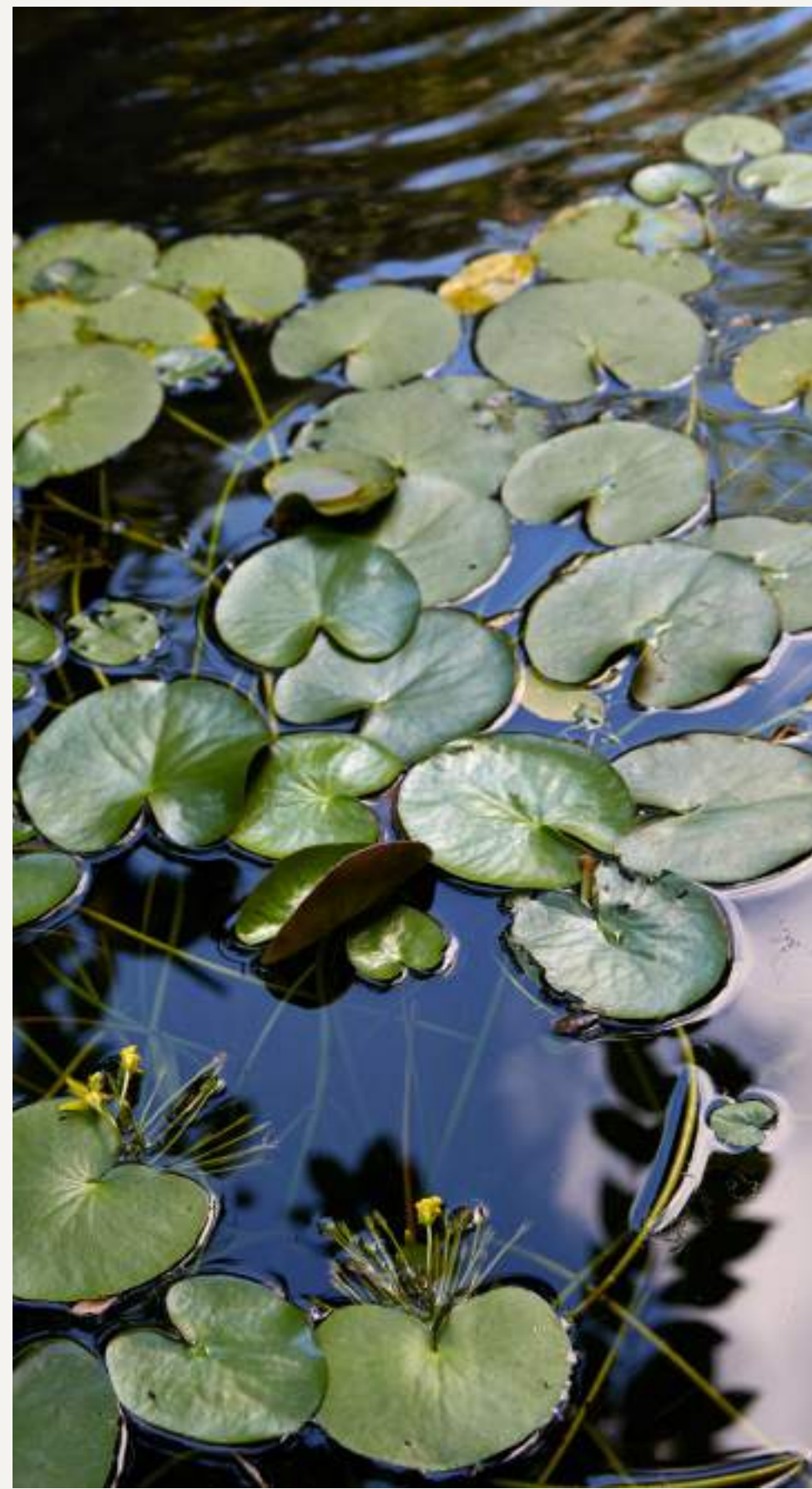


Our Environmental Commitment

TREADING LIGHTLY, LIVING FULLY

Lion Sands Game Reserve is shaped by a deep respect for the landscape it calls home. Every aspect of the reserve is carefully managed to protect the integrity of this remarkable wilderness, allowing guests to experience an authentic safari while treading lightly.

From considered resource use and responsible sourcing to ongoing conservation, this long-term approach forms part of MORE Collection's commitment to caring for the landscapes, people, and communities connected to our properties.





Remarkable wildlife

Lion Sands Game Reserve forms part of the Greater Kruger, with a landscape shaped by the Sabie River. Encompassing 30 600ac (12 400ha) of bushveld, the reserve supports a high density and diversity of wildlife. The perennial Sabie River draws animals to its banks year-round, creating consistent wildlife activity along its length.

BIG FIVE

- Elephant
- Rhino (black and white)
- Buffalo
- Lion
- Leopard

NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT SPECIES

- African wild dog
- Cheetah
- Spotted hyena
- Giraffe
- Zebra
- Wildebeest
- Various antelope (kudu, nyala, waterbuck, sable)
- Hippo
- “Secret Seven” nocturnal rarities: pangolin, armadillo, serval, African wildcat, porcupine, civet, genet
- 500 recorded bird species

An aerial photograph of a winding river flowing through a dense, green forest. The river is a deep blue-grey color, contrasting with the vibrant green of the trees. On the left bank, a small cluster of buildings with dark roofs is visible, nestled among the trees. The right bank is a mix of greenery and sandy, light-colored soil. The overall scene is a serene and natural landscape.

Experiences and adventures

BUSH WALKS

After breakfast, step off the vehicle to explore further on foot. Your field guide tailors each walk to your family’s interests, whether it’s spotting tracks, rare birds, exploring ancient trees, or geology. Feel the crunch of earth and see the wild up close, all in your own time. (For guests 16 and over.)



GAME DRIVES

Twice daily, your private field guide and tracker lead you out at sunrise and late afternoon in your own open safari vehicle. Lion Sands is known for strong Big Five and leopard sightings, and drives move at your group’s preferred pace, with time to linger at sightings or adapt the drive around specific interests. Coffee or sundowners are served during the drive when the moment feels right.

MACK & MADI KIDS' SAFARI CLUB

Designed for young explorers, the Mack & Madi Kids' Safari Club encourages children to engage more deeply with the bush through age-appropriate activities, wildlife discovery, outdoor adventures, and creative experiences inspired by their surroundings.

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**FIRE DECK EVENINGS
AND STARGAZING**

Evenings bring dinner on the deck or around the fire, followed by guided stargazing as the Milky Way brightens the sky – an experience that feels boundless for guests of any age.

A NIGHT IN A TREEHOUSE

For families or couples, the Chalkley or Kingston Treehouse awaits. Book a night under the stars with a gourmet picnic, lanterns, and radio contact to your field guide for complete peace of mind. (Must be arranged in conjunction with your villa booking. Chalkley is suitable for two adults, while Kingston accommodates two adults plus two children from 10–15 years.



SPA AND WELLNESS

Enjoy wellness treatments and beauty therapies in your private villa, from massages to facials, using TheraNaka™ botanicals. Slow down between safaris, and soak in the silence and pampering beside your lap pool.

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ARTIST RESIDENCY

Visit the Artist Residency, where contemporary artists create work on site, inspired by the surrounding wildlife and landscape. Guests may have the opportunity to meet the resident artist and experience the creative process firsthand.



HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

See the Lowveld's drama from above with scenic flights to Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondavels, gorges, and waterfalls. Subject to weather and availability.

LOCAL COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

Guided by the More Community Foundation, visits to the rural communities of Huntington and Justicia B let your family experience daily life, culture, school visits, and shared projects for meaningful connections that go far beyond the lodge.

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DINING

With your own private chef, dining at Fish Eagle Villa is entirely tailored to your group. Menus are shaped around your preferences and served wherever the moment calls for it, from the deck overlooking the Sabie River to the fire deck beneath the stars.

A fully stocked pantry and private wine room complete the experience, giving you the freedom to enjoy meals and refreshments throughout your stay.



CREATIVE LAB

Continue your safari through photography at the Creative Lab, located at nearby Lion Sands River Lodge. Whether you're editing your favourite images, printing keepsakes, or looking for guidance from a photography specialist to improve your wildlife photography, the space offers another way to engage with your time in the bush.

A private safari villa at dusk. The villa features a large, multi-level wooden deck with a fire pit and a thatched-roof building. The deck is furnished with blue cushions and a fire pit. The building has a thatched roof and large windows. The villa is surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The scene is illuminated by warm interior and exterior lighting.

Accommodation

A private safari villa for up to 8 guests, made for special quality time amidst gorgeous river views.



8 guests (6 adults, 2 children)
All ages welcome



3 spacious en-suite bedrooms
with river views



Private 10-metre lap pool and
riverfront fire deck



Fully equipped kitchen, wine room,
stocked pantry



Dedicated concierge, chef, butler,
and housekeeper



Private safari vehicle, field guide,
and tracker



Mack & Madi Kids' Programme and
flexible childminding



Unlimited wellness and
beauty treatments



Gratuities included

Practical information

GETTING HERE



BY AIR

- Scheduled flights to Skukuza Airport (SKZ) or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (MQP)
- Private charters directly to Skukuza or Sabi Sand airstrips
- Helipads available at Ivory Lodge for helicopter arrivals by arrangement



TRANSFERS

- 15 –20 minutes from Skukuza Airport by open safari vehicle



BY ROAD

- A 6-hour (310 mile/500km) drive from Johannesburg via well-maintained roads



WHAT TO PACK

- Neutral-coloured clothing for game drives and bush walks
- Warm layers for mornings and evenings, even in summer
- Comfortable closed shoes
- Swimwear for your private pool
- Sun protection: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Camera and binoculars
- Lightweight casual attire for evenings

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Situated in a moderate-risk malaria area (reduced risk from May–September); consult your doctor about prophylaxis before visiting
- Closest hospital: Skukuza Clinic (approx. 1 hour), or advanced facilities in Hazyview/Nelspruit

CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the villa
- Mobile coverage is fair (may be intermittent in some areas; your butler can assist with arrangements)
- International power outlets and USB charging points in all rooms





Weather and seasonal highlights

Lion Sands Game Reserve is a year-round safari destination with distinct seasonal changes shaped by rainfall and river flow.

Temperatures range from 75°F | 24°C, July average maximum) to 90°F | 33°C , January average maximum) with rainfall mainly between October and April.

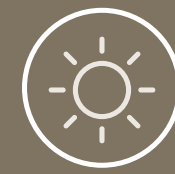
Each season promises its own signature moments.



SPRING

(September – November)

- **Temperature:** 15–27°C (59–81°F)
- **Rainfall:** 30mm (1.2in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Predator activity intensifies with the arrival of newborn impala, wildebeest, and zebra; migrant birds return
- **Landscape:** Transition from dry bushveld to early green as rains begin
- **Seasonal appeal:** Excellent for birders and those seeking dramatic light and colour



SUMMER

(December – February)

- **Temperature:** 17–33°C (63–91°F)
- **Rainfall:** 120mm (4.7in) average per month
- **Wildlife highlights:** Calving season for many species; young animals frequent the riverbanks; birdlife at its peak
- **Landscape:** Lush plains, dramatic skies, colourful flower displays
- **Seasonal appeal:** Lively, abundant game, spectacular sunsets, vibrant bushveld



AUTUMN

(March – May)

- **Temperature:** 14–30°C (57–86°F)
- **Rainfall:** 40mm (1.6in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Bush thins out, making wildlife easier to spot; predators concentrate along the Sabie River
- **Landscape:** Golden light, cooling nights, clear visibility for photography
- **Seasonal appeal:** Comfortable for game drives, beautiful river scenes



WINTER

(June – August)

- **Temperature:** 8–25°C (46–77°F)
- **Rainfall:** 6mm (0.2in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Consistent sightings of predators as vegetation thins and animals gather near water
- **Landscape:** Sparse bush makes animal sightings exceptional
- **Seasonal appeal:** Prime time for uninterrupted game viewing, cosy evenings by the fire



Suggested Itinerary

Day One

ARRIVAL AT FISH EAGLE VILLA

- Scheduled flight to Skukuza Airport, meet and greet on arrival
- Private transfer to Fish Eagle Villa at Lion Sands Ivory Lodge
- Welcome drinks and orientation
- Settle into your private riverfront home
- Light lunch prepared by your villa chef
- Meet your field guide and tracker team
- Late afternoon game drive at your preferred pace
- Sundowner during the safari before returning to the villa
- Dinner on the fire deck or indoors, prepared by your private chef

Day Two

PRIVATE SAFARI AND SLOWER AFTERNOONS

- Wake to coffee on your private deck
- Personalised morning game drive, shaped around your group's interests
- Coffee and light snacks served during the drive, with no rush to return
- Brunch at home
- Visit the Artist Residency at Ivory Lodge
- Lunch at the villa, prepared around your group's preferences
- Optional community village tour or scenic helicopter flight
- Afternoon game drive with time to linger at sightings or stop for sundowners along the river
- Return for a private dinner, followed by dessert and stargazing



Day Three

FAMILY ADVENTURE AND A NIGHT ABOVE THE WILD

- Sunrise game drive or sleep in and enjoy a slower morning with breakfast at the villa
- Optional bush walk or children's activities supported by childminders and the Mack & Madi team
- Poolside leisure or a wine tasting experience
- Spend time on the deck overlooking the Sabie
- Lunch at the villa, with optional creative or cooking activities for younger guests
- Afternoon safari focused on wildlife, birding, or photography
- Optional overnight in Chalkley or Kingston Treehouse – pre-booked with a gourmet picnic and radio contact throughout the night



Day Four

DEPARTURE AND ONWARD JOURNEY

- Final game drive
- Brunch at the villa before departure
- Transfer to Skukuza Airport for onward flight



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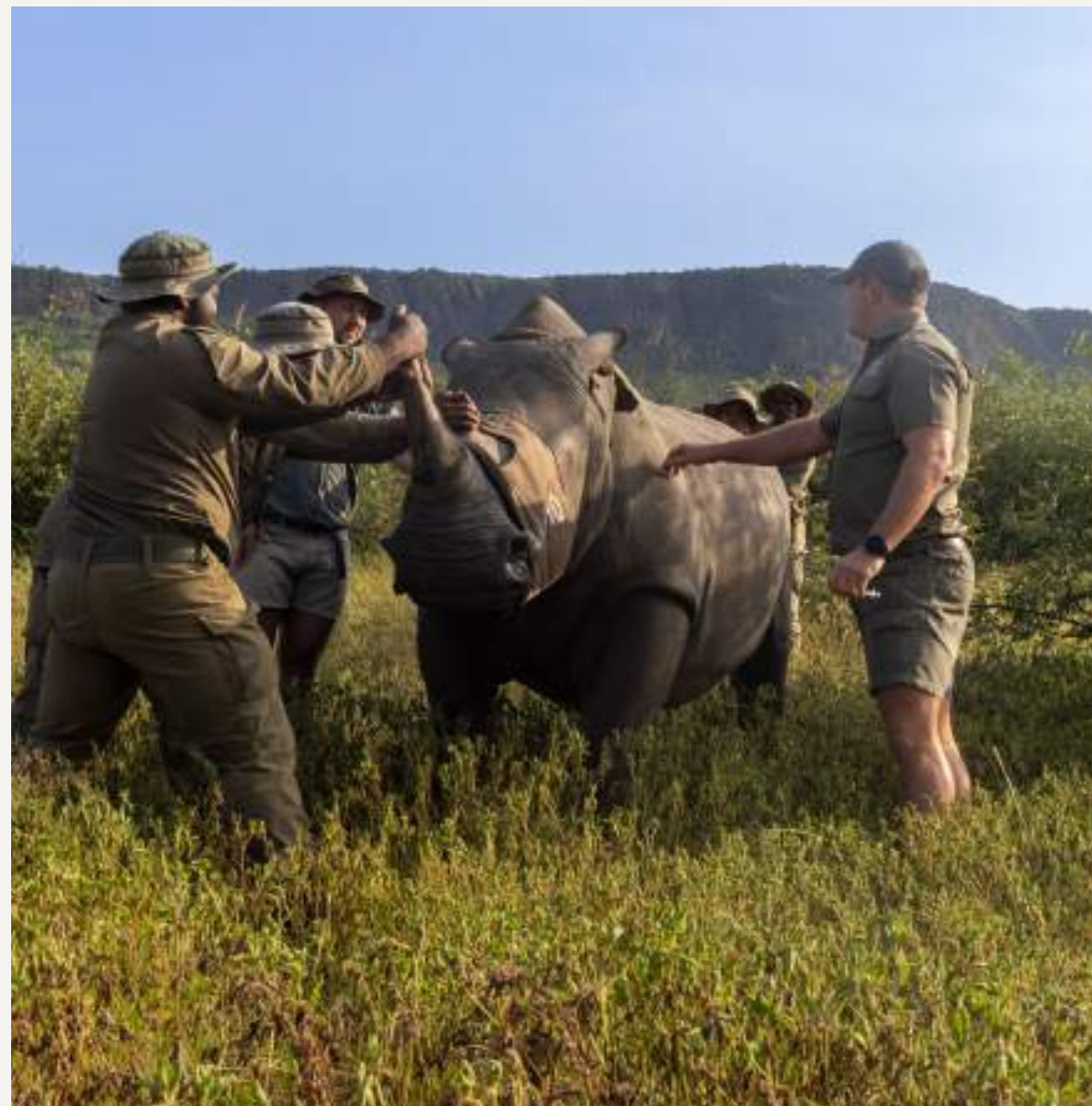
COLLECTIVELY CREATING POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL, AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

Through the MORE Collection Impact Fund, every guest stay contributes to four key areas: Health and Wellbeing, Resource Sustainability, Education and Training, and Investing in Local Communities.

Across Lion Sands Game Reserve, this work includes local employment, responsible sourcing, conservation initiatives, and long-term investment in the people and communities connected to the reserve.



MORE Collection



MORE Collection, led by custodian and CEO Robert More, is a fourth-generation family business with roots dating back to 1933.

What began with one family's connection to the Sabie River has grown into a collection of safari lodges, a boutique hotel, and private villas across South Africa - from the Sabi Sand and Greater Kruger to the Waterberg and Cape Town.

Although the collection has grown over time, it remains grounded in the relationships, places and the care that have shaped it from the beginning.

Wherever you join us, you'll find thoughtful hospitality, a deep sense of belonging, and people who genuinely care about making every stay feel personal.

We look forward to sharing these remarkable parts of South Africa with you.



Robert More
CUSTODIAN AND CEO

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY WITH
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Discovering *South Africa*



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

RIVER LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A safari lodge connected to the rhythm of the Sabie River



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NARINA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A quieter safari experience in the trees above the Sabie River



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TINGA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A classic safari shaped by connection, discovery and the Sabie River



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An unhurried safari experience shaped by stillness and connection



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