

KWANDWE

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



RHINO CONSERVATION EXPERIENCES

A Conservation Safari

SHAPED BY PURPOSE | DEFINED BY SPACE | COMMITTED TO PRESERVATION



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KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



Set within 30,000 hectares of pristine wilderness, Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is one of South Africa's largest privately owned reserves and recognized as a leading safari destination underpinned by a strong commitment to conservation and community development. With a maximum number of 52 guests at any given time, Kwandwe maintains one of the highest guest-to-land ratios in South Africa, offering true exclusivity.

Renowned for diversity of ecosystems and offering the most exceptional game viewing (think Kruger & Kalahari combined into one), Kwandwe is able to offer a truly flexible safari experience with the option to get involved and make a conservation impact.

CONSERVATION AT KWANDWE

Kwandwe's purpose as a tourism-conservation entity is to contribute sustainably to the environment, protect the incredible biodiversity of South Africa, and positively impact the surrounding communities.

While Kwandwe is a Big 5 reserve and rich in diversity of wildlife, the keystone conservation species are black and white rhino. The rich ecosystem of open plains and bushveld thickets provides the ideal environment, and the reserve currently supports healthy and growing populations of both black and white rhinos. With a very high level of poaching and rhino horn trafficking within South Africa, there is an urgent need to help protect and preserve this vulnerable species.

At Kwandwe, guests have the rare opportunity to become active participants in this important conservation work with three unique and immersive rhino conservation experiences which directly supports the KWANDWE RHINO CONSERVATION TRUST.

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OVERVIEW & CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

RHINO MONITORING DRIVE

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION *per drive*

2026	2027
R 19 250	R 20 800

Overview

- No. of Guests: Up to 6 guests
- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Minimum Stay: 2-nights
- Stay: Lodges or villas
- Best time of year: All year round
- Children: All ages welcome
- Private Vehicle: Included
- Prior booking required (subject to availability of a Rhino Conservation Expert)

RHINO CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION *per group*

2026	2027
R 95 000	R 102 600

Overview

- No. of Guests: Up to 8 guests
- Duration: Afternoon and a morning
- Minimum Stay: 4-nights
- Stay: Lodges or villas (villas recommended)
- Best time of year: May - September
- Children: Ages 6+
- Private vehicle, guide & tracker included for duration of Rhino Conservation Participation
- Conservation Manager sign off required

BACKSTAGE KWANDWE

SHARED BACKSTAGE KWANDWE

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION *per person*

2026	2027
R 18 415	R 18 415

Overview

- No. of Guests: Up to 12 guests
- Duration: 4 days
- Minimum Stay: 4-nights
- Stay: Eccca Lodge only
- Best time of year: 26 - 30 September 2026 | 20 - 24 September 2027
- Children: Ages 12+
- Shared Vehicle: Included
- Conservation Manager sign off required

EXCLUSIVE BACKSTAGE KWANDWE

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION *per group*

2026	2027
R 115 500	R 102 600

Overview

- No. of Guests: Up to 8 guests
- Duration: 4 days
- Minimum Stay: 4-nights
- Stay: Villas only
- Best time of year: May - September
- Children: Ages 6+
- Private Vehicle: Included in villa stays
- Prior booking required (Conservation Manager sign off required)

The Conservation Contribution is paid to the Kwandwe Rhino Conservation Trust.
All rates exclude accommodation and the daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn

All procedures are undertaken for conservation & research only and the welfare of the animal is of primary concern.



RHINO MONITORING DRIVE



- 2-NIGHT STAY OR MORE
- AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

THE EXPERIENCE

Tracking and locating each of our rhinos to get an eyes-on check is a critical part of the monitoring and managing of the species in a private reserve.

Each rhino is identified through ear-notching and guests have the opportunity to join the rhino monitoring team as they skillfully use resources of bush skills, drones and even AI as they locate individuals.

This is a drive with a difference, it is a fun and interactive learning experience as you are focused on the task at hand and have a mission to accomplish alongside the Kwandwe conservation team.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

On this flexible, private rhino monitoring drive you learn the fascinating details of caring for these critically endangered animals. Their survival depends on the combined efforts of dedicated professionals, innovative technology, and crucial funding – with your support making a vital difference.

TRACKING AND TEAMWORK

Observe these animals through personal experience, drones and even AI - used by your guide, ranger, and tracker for identification. Share in their knowledge, gain deeper understanding, and learn the personalities of each rhino you encounter.

** All wildlife procedures are undertaken for conservation purposes only and the welfare of the animal is of primary concern.*

1.

Morning or afternoon drive with a rhino expert, private guide & tracker.

2.

Interactive learning through identifying & tracking individual rhinos.

3.

Keystone species conservation through observation & AI technology.

4.

Up-close & personal monitoring experience with rhinos.

5.

Specialist safari with private vehicle.



RHINO MONITORING DRIVE

Available year round, subject to availability.

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2026

R 19 250 per drive

2027

R 20 800 per drive

Price excludes accomodaiton

- Suited for 2-6 guests
- Duration 3-4 hours
- Recommended minimum stay: 2-nights
- Best time of year: all year round
- Children: all ages welcome
- Prior booking required (subject to availability of a Rhino Conservation Expert)

INCLUSIONS

Rhino Conservation Expert leading the drive | Private Guide & Tracker | Private Vehicle | Identify & Track Individual Animals | Refreshments on drives

EXCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for stays at all lodges and villas
- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn



RHINO CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION



● 3-4 NIGHT STAY

● AVAILABLE MAY - SEPTEMBER (COOLER MONTHS) | WARMER MONTHS ON SPECIAL REQUEST

THE EXPERIENCE

As the world of conservation integrates with technology and the power of AI, Kwandwe has embraced leading technology applications to preserve and protect their rhinos.

Besides the required DNA sample, each young rhino has to be earnotched for ID purposes before it leaves its mother. The adult rhinos are also being fitted with state-of-the-art solar-powered ankle collars that feed critical information to the conservation team on the movement, stress levels and behaviour of the rhinos.

This is a crucial tool for conservation and can only be done through the immobilisation of the rhino, providing a unique opportunity for Kwandwe guests to participate actively.

PREPARE & TEAM ROLES

Prepare for action with a comprehensive conservation briefing. Then, alongside Angus Sholto-Douglas (Managing Director) Craig Sholto- Douglas Environmental Manager) and a veterinarian, you'll all be assigned roles for the morning's rhino conservation efforts.

ASSIST & PROTECT

Once the rhinos are located and sedated, assist the specialists on the ground with administering medication, taking scientific measurements, fitting ankle collars and monitoring the rhino's well-being. This is the most technologically advanced conservation system in place to protect rhinos and has yielded invaluable insights and learnings about rhino behaviour.

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1.

Comprehensive conservation briefing.

2.

Identify & track individual animals and prepare for darting.

3.

Keystone species conservation through rhino darting & notching.

4.

Up-close & personal experience with Rhinos.

5.

Meet the Kwandwe vets & spend time with the conservation team.

RHINO CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION

Available May - September (cooler months) | Warmer months available on request

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2026	2027
R 95 000 per group	R 102 600 per group

Price excludes accommodation and private vehicle if required

- Suited for up to 8 guests (best when staying in a villa with private vehicle)
- Recommended minimum stay: 3-4 nights
- Available May – September (cooler months). Warmer months on special request
- Children: Ages 6+
- Prior booking required (availability based on the reserve requirements for this procedure to be done, Conservation Manager sign off required)

INCLUSIONS

Dinner with Conservation Manager | Morning with the conservation team and wildlife vets | Private vehicle, guide & tracker included for duration of Rhino Conservation Participation | Full pre briefing | Hands on participation | Rhino darting | Ear notching &/or AI ankle collaring | Microchip horn | Administering medication | Taking Measurements of the Rhino

EXCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for stays at all lodges and villas
- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn



BACKSTAGE KWANDWE



Backstage Kwandwe is a unique opportunity to join the Kwandwe conservation team and glimpse what goes on behind the scenes in managing a privately owned reserve with complete responsibility for all flora and fauna. Available on 2 set dates in September for a shared Backstage experience or from May to September on an exclusive group basis. This is a rare opportunity to gain a first-hand understanding of the commitment required to sustain and conserve a private wilderness area in South Africa*.

- 4-NIGHT STAY
- SHARED BACKSTAGE: 26 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 20 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2027
- PRIVATE BACKSTAGE: MAY - SEPTEMBER ON A PRIVATE GROUP BASIS (EXCLUSIVE RATE)

THE EXPERIENCE

Backstage Kwandwe is dedicated to Kwandwe's behind-the-scenes activities, offered to a limited number of guests. Participants will work alongside the Kwandwe team in an exclusive dive into keystone species conservation. In addition to important rhino conservation work, guests will have the opportunity to learn about the K9 APU team, the Spekboom planting project, and the advanced technology and AI initiatives being used in this vital conservation effort. The 4-night stay includes extended time over dinners and bush breakfasts with the conservation team.

DATES & ACCOMMODATION

Shared Backstage: 4 nights | Rates Per Person
Set Dates: 26 – 30 September 2026
Guests enjoying the shared Backstage Kwandwe experience will stay at Ecca Lodge. Max 12 guests in 6 suites. 2 vehicles of 6 people each.

Private Backstage: 4 nights | Rates Per Group
Flexible Dates: May - September
Guests enjoying the private Backstage Kwandwe experience will stay at one of the private villas. Max 8 guests. 1 vehicle and private guide.

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1.

Delve into the Kwandwe conservation story with Angus and Craig Sholto-Douglas.

2.

Meet the antipoaching team and see the K9 dogs in action.

3.

Plant spekboom and offset your carbon.

4.

Get involved with the setting of camera traps.

5.

Keystone species conservation through rhino darting & notching.

6.

Interact with drone technology & the Earth Ranger software.

7.

Meet the Kwandwe vets & spend time with the conservation team.

SHARED BACKSTAGE KWANDWE

26 - 30 September 2026 | 20 - 24 September 2027

2026 & 2027 Conservation Contribution: R18 415 per person

2026

4-nights at Ecce Lodge:

R 48 900 per person

(including 25% discount)

TOTAL: R 67 315 pp sharing

2027

4-nights at Ecce Lodge:

R 58 200 per person

(including 25% discount)

TOTAL: R 76 615 pp sharing

RATE BREAKDOWN

1. 4-night accommodation with a saving of 25% at Ecce Lodge.
2. Rhino Conservation Contribution of R18 415
3. Single supplement applies to accommodation (40%)
4. Children: Suited for ages 12+

INCLUSIONS

Private guide & tracker | Rhino Monitoring Drive | Dinner with Conservation Manager | Camera trap set up | Morning and evening safaris with a rhino focus | Dinner with Reserve Ecologist | Morning with Conservation Team and Wildlife Vets | Full pre briefing | Hands on participation | Rhino darting | Ear notching &/or AI ankle collaring | Administering medication | Taking measurements of the rhino | Technology interaction and drone demonstration | Informative presentations from the conservation team | APU K9 dog team | Spekboom planting, habitat preservation and carbon sequestration.

EXCLUSIONS

Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn



EXCLUSIVE BACKSTAGE KWANDWE

Available May - September (cooler months)
Warmer months available on request

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2026	2027
R 115 500 per group	R 102 600 per group

Price excludes accomodaiton

- Suited for up to 8 guests (only available for villa stays with private vehicle)
- Recommended minimum stay: 4 nights
- Children: Ages 6+
- Prior booking required (availability based on the reserve requirements for this procedure to be done, Conservation Manager sign off required)

INCLUSIONS

Private guide & tracker | Rhino Monitoring Drive | Dinner with Conservation Manager | Morning and evening safaris with a rhino focus | Dinner with Reserve Ecologist | Morning with Conservation Team and Wildlife Vets | Full pre briefing | Hands on participation | Rhino darting | Ear notching &/or AI ankle collaring | Administering medication | Taking measurements of the rhino | Technology interaction and drone demonstration | Informative presentations from the conservation team | APU K9 dog team | Spekboom planting, habitat preservation and carbon sequestration.

EXCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for stays at all villas
- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn





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