

Where the Wilderness feels like Home

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An invitation to the untamed

Set in South Africa's Greater Kruger National Park, Monwana brings a deep intimacy to safari. Only six suites sit beside the dry riverbed, each a private sanctuary where every detail whispers care.

*At Monwana Game Lodge,
the wild welcomes you home.*

This is a place where early mornings begin with the sound of birdsong and the slow passing of elephants at the waterhole. Where every day brings quiet encounters with the wild – unhurried and always memorable. Your stay unfolds with thoughtful care, shaped by a team who take genuine pride in what they do. Here, the luxury is not only in the surroundings, but in the feeling of being truly at ease, and completely at home in the wilderness.



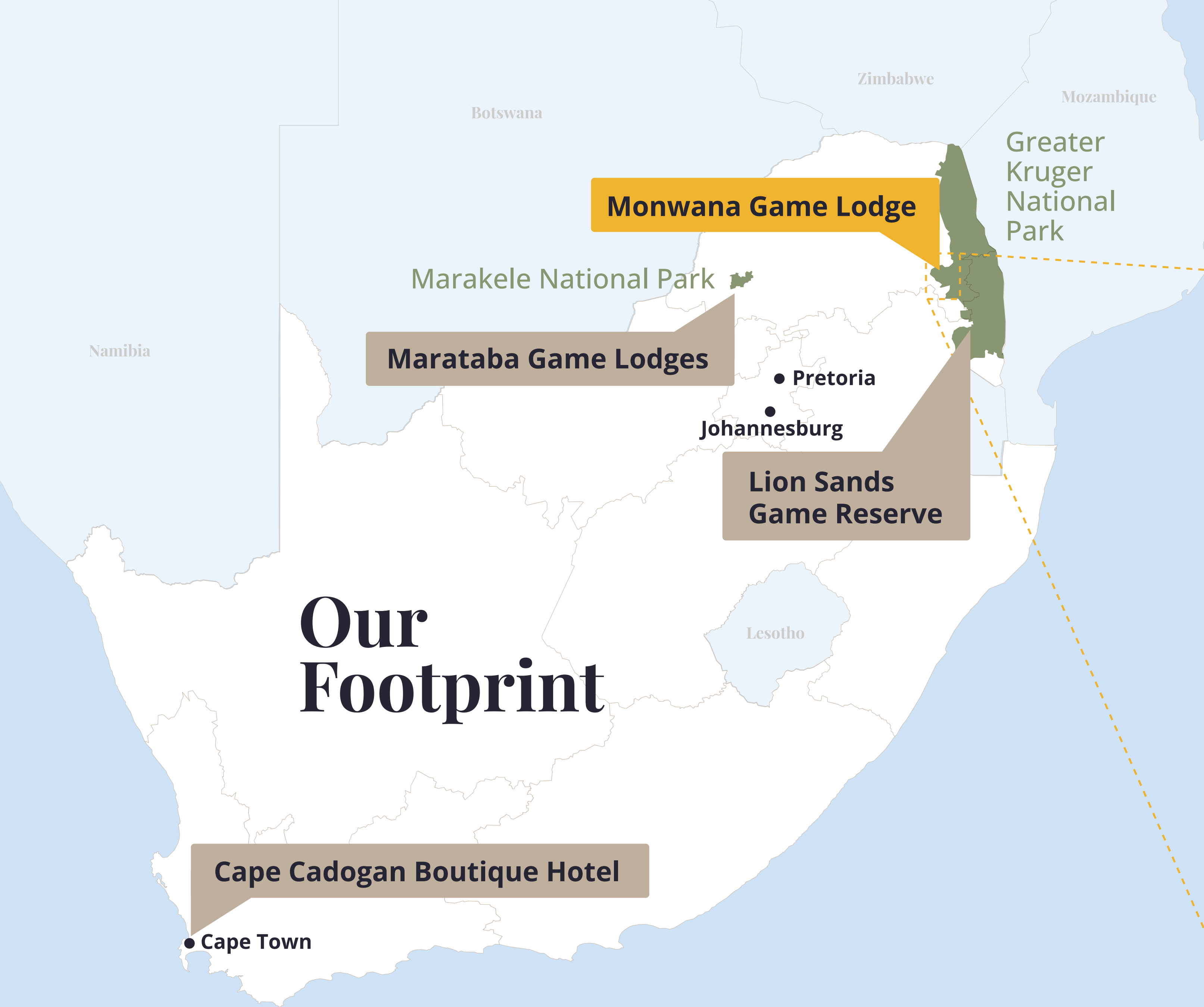


Game drives are intimate and unrushed, with never more than six guests per vehicle. Our field guides and trackers read the bush with you, creating space for rare moments and quiet wonders, which are often the most treasured of all. Back at the lodge, mealtimes are events in their own right, celebrating South Africa's diverse culinary heritage with ingredients sourced locally and ethically.

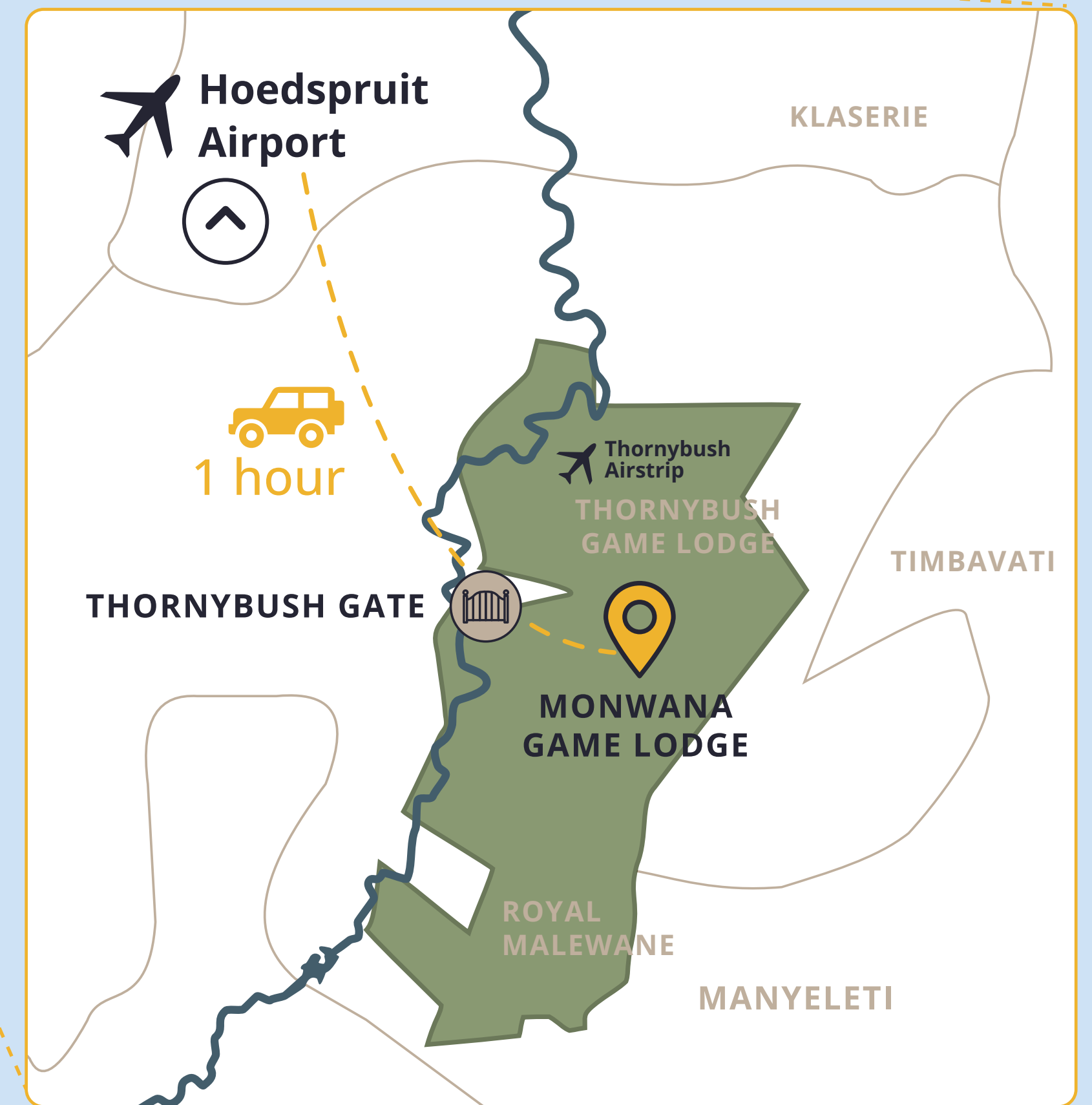
Hospitality at Monwana is sincere and effortless. The team's quiet attention means you feel at ease from the moment you arrive, free to relax and feel at home. At Monwana, you're invited to slow down and reconnect with nature, your loved ones, and yourself. Here, every stay is a chance to rediscover the magic of simply being present in the wild.



Where to Find Us



Our Footprint



A scenic outdoor dining area at Monwana, featuring a stone fireplace, wooden tables, and guests enjoying the view. The scene is set on a wooden deck surrounded by lush greenery and trees. In the background, a large stone fireplace with a built-in oven is visible. Several staff members in aprons are serving guests. A man in a light-colored shirt is holding a tray with glasses of beer. In the foreground, a man and a woman are sitting on a wooden bench, looking towards the dining area. A large fire pit with a fire is in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting, with sunlight filtering through the trees.

What makes Monwana so unique?

Come as you are. Find a sense of belonging.

With just six suites, Monwana offers a natural balance of privacy and ease. Each suite sits quietly beside the water hole or riverine landscape, where moments of stillness are gently punctuated by wildlife activity.



Our Environmental Commitment



SUSTAINABILITY THAT RUNS DEEP

Sustainability is built into every decision we make at Monwana.

Our passion for this wild place drives our commitment to reducing our footprint. Solar power, advanced water systems and thoughtful design all play a role in how the lodge operates.

Rain and borehole water are filtered for drinking, while treated grey water helps sustain the waterhole and surrounding landscape.

Every detail, from building materials to fresh produce, is chosen with care for the land and for local communities.



Remarkable wildlife

The Greater Kruger forms part of Africa's largest interconnected wilderness areas, where protected reserves share unfenced boundaries with the Kruger National Park.

This diverse landscape of woodland, savannah, seasonal riverbeds and open plains supports an exceptional concentration of wildlife. The free movement of animals across this vast ecosystem creates dynamic safari experiences and outstanding game viewing throughout the year.

BIG FIVE

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

NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT SPECIES

- African wild dog
- Cheetah
- Spotted hyena
- Hippo
- Warthog
- 300+ bird species
- Aardvark
- Porcupine

Experiences and adventures



GAME DRIVES

Head out at sunrise and late afternoon in an open vehicle with no more than six guests, led by your field guide and sharp-eyed tracker. The vast, unfenced wilderness means you share the reserve with the Big Five, large herds, and elusive leopards.

There’s never a rush, and everyone has a ‘window’ seat. A pause for hot coffee or sundowners in a scenic spot invites you to slow down and be present.



BUSH WALKS

Discover small animal tracks and notice how the bush changes after rain as you walk with your field guide and tracker. These gentle walks awaken your senses and offer a new perspective on the landscape.

BUSH SURPRISES

We love to set the scene for moments that linger. You might find yourself enjoying breakfast in the riverbed, a picnic in the open, or dinner beneath the stars when you least expect it.

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STARGAZING

Our night skies are free of city light. As dusk falls, your field guide points out shifting constellations and shares stories tied to the land, making clear southern nights feel endless.

SUSTAINABILITY TOUR

Our commitment to doing better is part of daily life. If you're curious, we'll show you how the lodge runs: solar power, smart water systems, and all the ways we tread lightly.



WINE TASTING

Discover new favourites from well-loved South African estates and hidden boutique cellars. We'll tailor tastings and food pairings to match your preferences.

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SPA AND WELLNESS

Treatments draw on botanical ingredients and the sounds of the bush, whether you come for a quiet massage or just to find some stillness. The fitness centre looks out onto the surrounding bush, but sometimes your deck is the perfect place for a gentle stretch or some morning movement.



SHOPPING

Our boutique features a curated range of locally made clothing, art, accessories, and keepsakes, each piece crafted especially for our guests.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

See the world open up beneath you with a one-hour scenic flight over the Blyde River Canyon and bushveld. Weather and availability permitting, this activity is a chance to put the reserve’s scale and life into perspective.

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CONSERVATION PROJECTS

We offer access to unique conservation activities with the reserve team for those who wish to look deeper (pre-booking required).

Projects may include:

- **Observing rhino dehorning or rhino monitoring flights**
- **Attending a K9 anti-poaching demonstration**

All conservation activities are subject to project schedules, availability, and additional cost.



MOSABA RANGERS

Designed for young adventurers, the Mosaba Rangers programme introduces children to the bush through hands-on discovery. From track and spoor casting to wildlife education and survival skills, each activity encourages curiosity, confidence and a deeper connection to nature.

Accommodation

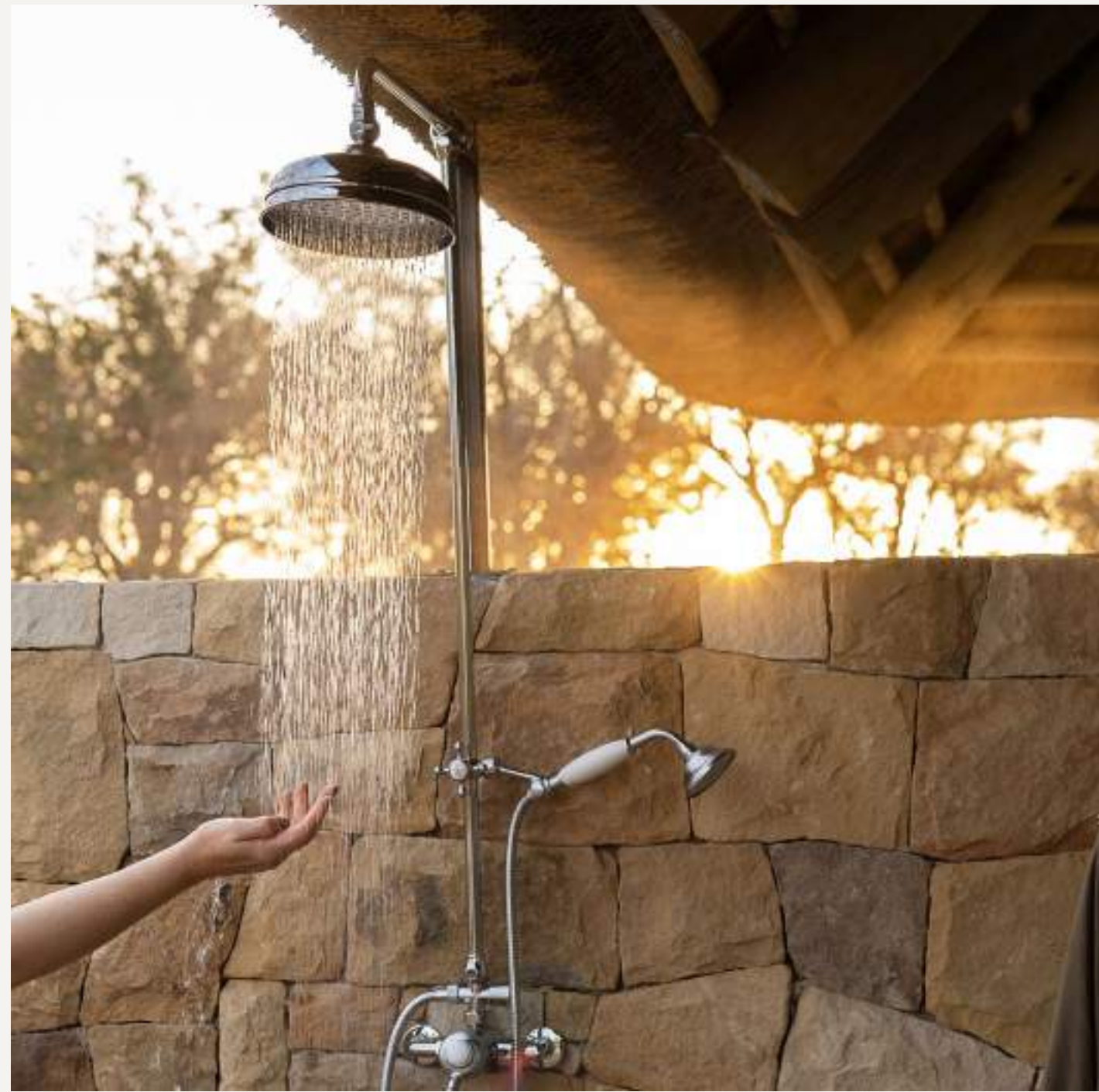
The six Suites have views over the waterhole or surrounding bush, and each comes with ample space to call your own.



Suites

-  King-sized bed
-  Private deck
-  Temperature controlled plunge pool
-  Freestanding bath, and indoor and outdoor shower
-  Air conditioning and underfloor heating
-  Wi-Fi and personal bar
-  Two guests





Family Suites



King-sized bed



Private deck



Temperature controlled
plunge pool



Freestanding bath, and
indoor and outdoor shower



Air conditioning and
underfloor heating



Wi-Fi and personal bar



Four guests



Welcomes children older
than 10

A large, modern villa with a thatched roof and a covered outdoor patio. The patio features lounge chairs, a dining area, and a stone fireplace. A swimming pool is visible in the foreground, reflecting the villa and the sky. The villa has a mix of natural materials like stone and wood, and modern architectural elements like large glass windows and a flat roof section. The scene is set during the golden hour, with warm sunlight illuminating the building and the pool.

Monwana Villa



The Monwana Villa offers an exclusive-use safari home with its own team – just moments from the lodge, but a world of your own.



Two bedrooms, each with its own private deck and plunge pool.



A dedicated team including a private chef, butler, field guiding team, and vehicle.



The shared living area features a well-equipped kitchen, beverage station, lounge, dining area, and fireplace.



Practical information

GETTING HERE



BY AIR

- Daily scheduled flights to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport (HDS)
- Private charters can land at the Thornybush airstrip; helipad available on site.



TRANSFERS

- Private road transfer between Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport and the lodge can be arranged (approximately 45 minutes)



BY ROAD

- 6.5-hour drive from Johannesburg (308 miles / 495 km)
- 6 hours from Pretoria (291 miles / 468 km)

WHAT TO PACK

- Neutral-coloured clothing (beige, khaki, olive) for game drives and walks
- Layers for chilly mornings or winter evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals for around the lodge
- Sun hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Camera (rentals available)
- Casual attire for evenings

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Monwana is in a low-risk malaria area; consult your doctor about prophylaxis
- Closest hospital: Hoedspruit Private Hospital (1 hour away)

CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
- Fair mobile coverage
- International power outlets and USB charging points



A serene outdoor scene featuring two wooden armchairs with dark woven seats on a dark wooden deck. Between the chairs is a rustic log table with a lantern on top. In the background, there is a calm pond surrounded by lush green trees under a clear sky.

Weather and seasonal highlights

South Africa is a year-round safari destination. Each season brings its own character and wildlife moments to Monwana.



SPRING (September – November)

- **Temperature:** 17-28°C (63-82°F)
- **Rainfall:** 52mm (2in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Predators active around young animals; baby animals and migratory birds arrive
- **Landscape:** First rains spark wildflowers and lush green
- **Seasonal appeal:** Heightened wildlife activity, mild temperatures



SUMMER (December – February)

- **Temperature:** 17-33°C (62-89°F)
- **Rainfall:** 128mm (5in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Peak calving, frequent predator sightings; stellar birdwatching
- **Landscape:** Verdant, dramatic thunderstorms, wildflowers everywhere
- **Seasonal appeal:** Lush scenery, dramatic skies, energetic game viewing



AUTUMN (March – May)

- **Temperature:** 14-30°C (57-86°F)
- **Rainfall:** 52mm (2in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Clear predator sightings as the bush recedes; animals gather at water sources
- **Landscape:** Mild days, golden light – excellent for photography
- **Seasonal appeal:** Comfortable weather, ideal for game drives



WINTER (June – August)

- **Temperature:** 11-25°C (52-77°F)
- **Rainfall:** 8mm (0.3in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Animals concentrate around waterholes, fantastic tracking conditions
- **Landscape:** Thinner vegetation for wide-open views
- **Seasonal appeal:** Great for walking safaris, fewer insects, cosy evenings by the fire



A photograph of a savanna landscape with a herd of elephants. In the foreground, a large, out-of-focus silhouette of a person's head and shoulder is visible on the right side. The middle ground shows five elephants (three adults and two calves) gathered around a small pond or watering hole. One adult elephant is in the center, spraying water from its trunk. The background is filled with dense, green trees and bushes under a bright sky.

Suggested Itinerary

Day One

ARRIVAL AT MONWANA GAME LODGE

- Morning flight from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport (1 hour)
- Transfer to Monwana (45 minutes)
- Lodge welcome and orientation
- Light lunch overlooking an active waterhole
- Meet your dedicated field guide
- Afternoon safari with sundowner stop in the bush
- Dinner in the river bed

Day Two

A DAY OF WILD ADVENTURES

- Coffee and a light breakfast selection
- Morning game drive
- Guided bush walk
- Return to the lodge for a hearty brunch
- Afternoon at leisure with spa or wellness experiences
- Lunch at the main lodge
- Depart for afternoon safari
- Dinner at the main lodge
- Evening stargazing

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Day Three

A DAY OF NATURAL WONDER

- Coffee and a light breakfast selection
- Morning safari and bush breakfast
- Time at leisure beside the waterhole or sustainability tour
- Lunch at the lodge
- Afternoon game drive or optional helicopter experience over the Blyde River Canyon
- Dinner in a surprise setting



Day Four

DEPARTURE AND ONWARD JOURNEY

- Sunrise safari
- Breakfast at the lodge
- Check out and transfer to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport
- Flight departure for onward journey





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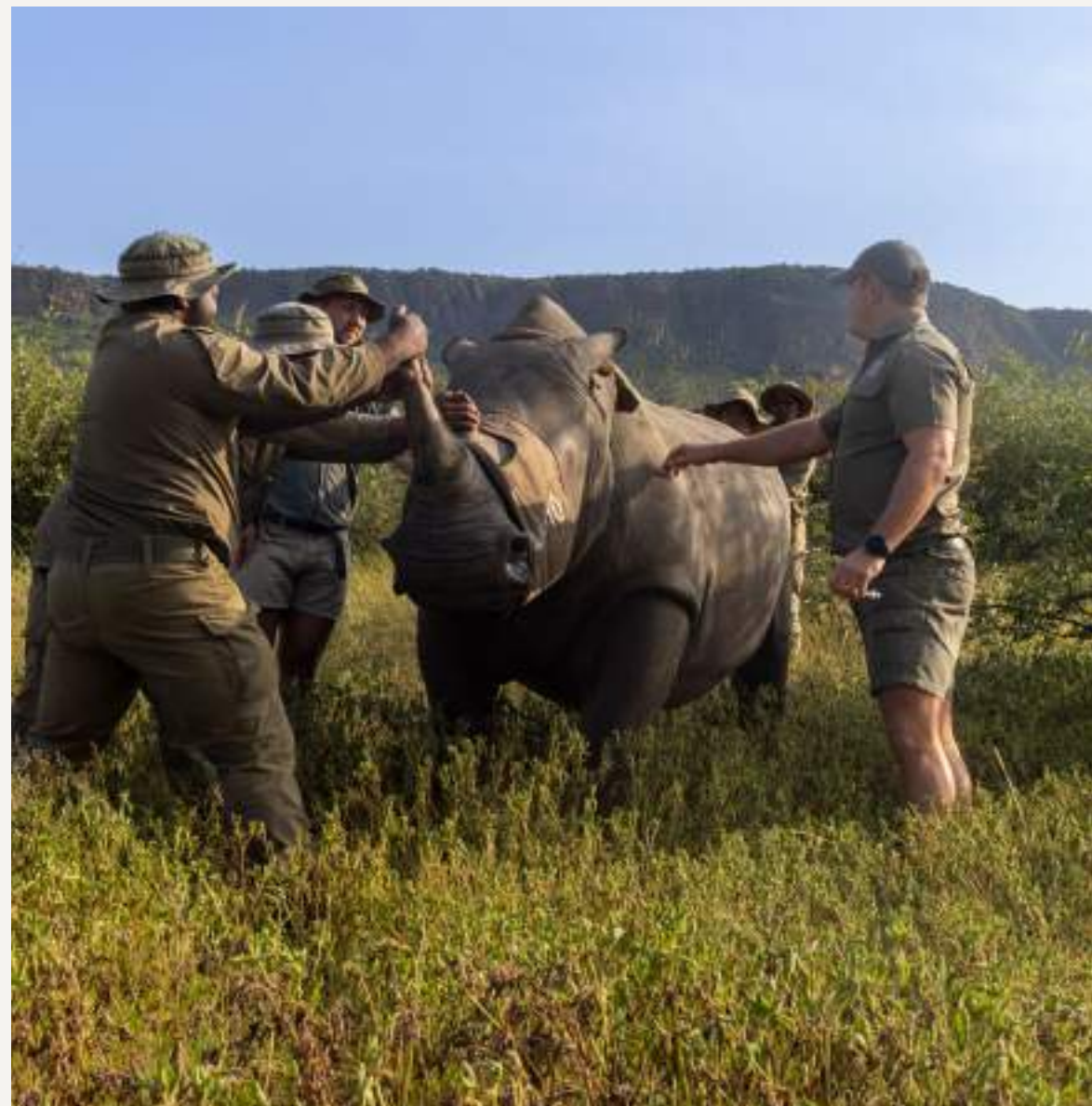
COLLECTIVELY CREATING POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL, AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

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.

At Monwana Game Lodge, this includes support for local employment, hospitality training, conservation initiatives, and long-term investment in the communities connected to the Greater Kruger landscape.



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

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Discovering *South Africa*

Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

IVORY LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
Refined safari living shaped by the Sabie River



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

RIVER LODGE

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



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

NARINA LODGE

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



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

TINGA LODGE

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



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BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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KLOOF STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD
Your stylish city stay in the heart of Cape town



Marataba
GAME LODGES

MOUNTAIN LODGE

MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK
A remote wilderness experience in the Waterberg Mountains



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GAME LODGES

SAFARI LODGE

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