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COMING HOME

Activities Fact Sheet

LIFE-ENRICHING ACTIVITIES

Monwana is about coming home - home to body, mind and soul in this incredible natural world that allows for breathing space and reconnection. As part of MORE Collection, we are guided by our calling to create activities that enrich lives, and to remind our guests of the wonder that surrounds us. Africa sets the stage, and we delight in creating something meaningful for every guest.

GAME DRIVES

Duration: 3 hours

Game drives head out each day at sunrise and again in the late afternoon, in open safari vehicles with expert field guides and trackers. Thornybush Nature Reserve shares an unfenced border with the Greater Kruger National Park, home to the Big 5 and countless species of large mammals. The wildlife here is extraordinary, thanks to the rivers, landscapes and vegetation. The area is renowned for sightings of Africa's most elusive cat - the leopard.

Being part of a private 14 000-hectare reserve means guests enjoy personal, uncrowded sightings. We allocate no more than 6 guests per vehicle, so everyone has a window seat. Each row has binoculars and USB charging points.

Game drives include a stop in a scenic spot for a hot beverage or sundowner - a moment to simply be present in the bush.

Private game drives are included for guests of the Residence. Suites can request a private vehicle subject to availability and at an additional cost.

BUSH WALKS

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on fitness levels

Being on foot awakens the senses in a different way. Hear the stones beneath your feet, feel the wild grass against your skin, smell the scent of rain in the air, taste the leaves of medicinal plants and appreciate the full scale of nature around you. Walks are led by an armed guide and tracker, and tailored to your interests.

- Children under 16 years are not permitted on the bush walks, as per reserve policy
- Guests should wear: neutral-coloured clothing, comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Guests should bring along: a lightweight rain jacket, camera/smartphone, and binoculars

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BUSH SURPRISES

We love creating surprise settings in the wild. Bush breakfasts, picnics, unexpected stops on game drives, and our riverbed dining under the stars (season and weather dependent) - these are the moments that stay with you.

SUSTAINABILITY TOUR

Learn how we tread lightly on this land. Our extensive solar system, water-based heating and cooling, and reverse osmosis water treatment reflect our commitment to reducing our footprint. We're always looking for ways to do better, and we'll show you how.

WINE TASTING

Our wine selection includes well-loved favourites alongside lesser-known boutique farms. Taste your way through South Africa as we engage your senses and help you discover your personal preferences. We'll suggest pairings at mealtimes to enhance your experience.

STARGAZING

During evening game drives (weather permitting), field guides share insights into the night sky. The clear air and minimal light pollution make this an ideal spot for stargazing. You'll learn about the constellations that shift with the seasons and those unique to the southern hemisphere.

SPA AND WELLNESS

The spa is an extension of nature - a place of pure calm. Therapeutic treatments provide restorative, sensorial experiences. Choose from massages, exfoliations, reflexology and facials with TheraNaka skincare products and essential oils (all ethically formulated with natural and organic ingredients), as well as manicures and pedicures. Our treatments allow you to journey within, arriving at a place where the soul feels nourished and closer to home. The fitness centre offers a serene space with views of the bush, equipped for weightlifting, cardio and yoga. Of course, you can also choose your own spot - perhaps your private deck overlooking the waterhole.

SHOPPING

Our safari boutique offers proudly African-produced clothing, accessories, art and mementos - beautiful items to carry home with you, as well as everyday necessities.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Take to the skies over the Greater Kruger into the Blyde River Canyon and God's Window. This one-hour flight puts the scale and biodiversity of the natural world into perspective as you soar over wilderness areas home to the Big Five. The Blyde River Canyon - one of the largest canyons on earth - is renowned for its lush subtropical vegetation and dramatic cliffs. The helicopter enters the canyon itself for an intimate view of this natural wonder. The flight includes a stop at a mountaintop picnic area. Helicopter flights can be arranged through our team, subject to availability and weather, with a maximum of 3 guests.

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

We offer access to unique conservation activities through the Thornybush Nature Reserve Team. All activities must be pre-booked and are subject to project timing and availability. Costs available on request.

Rhino dehorning

Subject to the reserve's wildlife management schedule. When dehorning operations are scheduled, guests can observe this anti-poaching intervention, including fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter observation of the operation.

Helicopter rhino monitoring

A 40-45 minute flight over Thornybush with a lodge representative or anti-poaching ranger to monitor the reserve and observe conservation efforts.

K9 unit anti-poaching unit demonstration

Watch a demonstration in the south of the reserve and learn how these dogs are trained and used for tracking poachers. This activity requires a private vehicle (minimum fee of R5 000 per vehicle, excluding transfer costs).

DAILY PROGRAMME

The times below are guidelines and may change according to weather or the lodge's discretion.

Summer (September to April)	Programme	Winter (May to August)
05:00	Wake-up call	06:00
05:30	Tea/coffee; game drive departs	06:30
08:30	Game drive returns; breakfast/brunch is served	09:30
At leisure	Bush walk, or other activities	At leisure
13:00	Lunch is served	13:00
16:00	Afternoon tea	15:00
16:30	Game drive departs	15:30
19:30	Game drive returns; dinner is served	18:30