



WATERBUCK LODGE

Property Overview

Waterbuck Lodge is an intimate safari lodge, part of the Greater Kruger National Park in South Africa within the Thornybush Nature Reserve. Surrounded by lush vegetation and year-round water sources, the lodge offers a tranquil bush experience ideal for couples, families, and small groups seeking an authentic yet comfortable safari getaway.

The lodge's relaxed atmosphere, personalised service, and proximity to wildlife create a welcoming "home away from home" experience in the African bush. a tranquil setting.



Property Fact Sheet

KEY FACTS



Property Type	Intimate Safari Lodge
Rating	4-star
Atmosphere	Relaxed home-style
Viewing	Elevated deck for wildlife viewing
Facilities	Private pool and traditional fire side boma dining
Number of Rooms	4 Suites
Maximum guests	8 Guests
Check-in	14:00
Check-out	11:00
Parking	Available at additional cost
Languages Spoken	English, Afrikaans
Special Interests	Big 5 Safaris, Birding, Nature, Relaxation, Star Gazing, Flora & Wildlife, Photography
Accessibility	Hoedspruit airport (closest and recommended) 25km; Nelspruit Airport 138km; Private and chartered flights such as Federal Airlines
Road transfers	Available by arrangement
Location	The wildlife-rich Thornybush Nature Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger Park
Conservation levies	R330 per person, per day (2026)

ACCOMMODATION



Each suite provides spectacular views across the African bush and easy access to the lodge's main areas.

Suites (4)

Waterbuck Lodge offers 4 spacious and private suites, designed for comfort and privacy.

Features include:

- Loose-standing chalets
- Thatched roofs
- Fully air-conditioned rooms
- Ceiling fans
- Generous en-suite bathrooms
- Twin beds that can convert to Super King beds, extra length & extra depth
- Outdoor showers
- Private viewing areas with bushveld views
- One room has an excellent view of the waterhole
- Individually decorated interiors
- Positioned for maximum privacy
- Complimentary Wi-Fi

FACILITIES



- Elevated outdoor deck overlooking the bushveld and waterhole
- Swimming pool
- Waterhole near the lodge for wildlife viewing
- Comfortable lounge and open-plan dining area
- Traditional boma for fireside dinners
- Outdoor relaxation areas
- Laundry (at additional cost)

DINING



Memorable Cuisine - Included In Rate

Dining at Waterbuck Lodge is a social and memorable part of the safari experience.

Dining options include:

- Open-air meals on the deck
- Fireside dinners in the traditional boma
- Relaxed dining in the lodge's open-plan dining area
- Meals are carefully prepared and enjoyed in a relaxed setting surrounded by the sights and sounds of the bush

Please note:

- Kitchen can cater for gluten-free, kosher-style, non life-threatening nut allergies
- Kitchen are unable to cater for celiac, kosher or severe nut allergies or any dietaries that require sterilized environments

BAR



- Casual self-help, honesty bar
- Softs drinks, beers, spirits and house wines are included in the rate
- Imported beers, spirits and other wine excluded

CHILDREN POLICY



- Children of all ages welcome
- Children will be accommodated on a roll-away-bed with the parents
- No babysitting options available
- Children under 6 are not permitted on game drives unless exclusive use is taken
- Children under 16 is not allowed on game walks

ACTIVITIES



Safari Activities - Included

Game Drives

- The highlight of any stay at Waterbuck Lodge is the twice-daily guided safari experience
- Game drives are timed to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities

Morning Game Drive

- Early wake-up call
- Coffee, tea and rusks served on the deck
- Depart in open safari vehicles with professional field guides and trackers

Afternoon & Evening Game Drive

- Afternoon high tea before departure
- Sunset drive extending into the evening
- Opportunity to spot nocturnal wildlife using spotlights

Other On Site Activities

- Birdwatching
- Photography
- Guided game walks by prior arrangement (availability dependent)
- Relaxation at the lodge pool and deck
- Spa treatments - available on request via a travelling spa (subject to availability, at an additional cost)

Activities Nearby

- Elephant interaction
- Helicopter flips
- Blyde Canyon boat cruise
- Panorama route

LOCATION



Waterbuck Lodge is unfenced to the Greater Kruger National Park ecosystem, situated within the Thornybush Nature Reserve, South Africa. The reserve is renowned for exceptional wildlife sightings, including the Big Five, and offers a diverse natural landscape of savanna, bushveld, and riverine vegetation.

WILDLIFE & NATURE



Guests may encounter:

- The Big Five (Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo)
- Diverse plains game
- Rich birdlife
- Seasonal wildlife activity around the Timbavati River

PERFECTLY SUITED FOR



- Couples and honeymooners
- Small groups
- Families
- Exclusive-use bookings
- Safari enthusiasts seeking an intimate lodge experience
- Incentive getaways

CONTACT DETAILS



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