



CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve

SOUTH AFRICA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER: 2 lodges and 3 exclusive villas Open all year.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Private 30,000 ha wilderness reserve. Big 5 wildlife area with a strong commitment to conservation of key stone species: black & white rhino and cheetah. Kwandwe is solely responsible for their land management, security and conservation.
OVERVIEW	One of South Africa's largest privately-owned reserves where you can be assured of the lowest vehicle density and exceptional wildlife sightings.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH Kwandwe, a leading conservation model, is committed to biodiversity conservation and rural livelihoods. This is enabled through a sustainable tourism business, which is underpinned by a leading safari experience. Kwandwe, unlike most other safari experiences, is privately owned, self managing the land and wildlife. While this model gives great flexibility, it also comes with great responsibility. Each guest pays a daily Conservation & Community Levy.
ACCESS	Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) International Airport – 2-hour road transfer. Private planes and jets can access Kwandwe's 2,1km tarred (Cat3) airstrip. Charter flights available from anywhere around South Africa and helicopter trips available from Gqeberha to the reserve.
LODGES & VILLAS	Great Fish River Lodge – 9 suites. Per person rate Ecca Lodge – 6 suites. Per person rate or per private vehicle suite rate Uplands Homestead – 3 rooms. Exclusive use rate Melton Manor – 4 rooms. Exclusive use rate Fort House – 4 rooms. Exclusive use rate
CHILDREN	Fish River Lodge – 12+ years Ecca Lodge & Villas – all ages Childminding services are available at no additional cost
HEALTH	Malaria free. No vaccinations required. Full medical support available

WEATHER

Semi arid, low annual rainfall area. Good weather all year round. Opposite climate to the Kruger, making Kwandwe perfect to combine with Cape Town from Sept - May. Cooler months June – Sept are best suited to rhino conservation participation.

JANUARY – MARCH

16 – 28°C | 61 – 83°F

Summer & hottest months. Some rain can be expected, daytime temperatures can exceed 30°C. Perfect safari season.

APRIL – JUNE

9 – 22°C | 48 – 73°F

Autumn to winter are cooler months. Lovely days and little rain expected. Excellent game viewing.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

10 – 21°C | 50 – 70°F

Winter to spring and cooler months. Lovely days with low rainfall. Mornings can be cold. Excellent game viewing.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

16 – 24 °C | 61 – 75°F

Summer arriving and days are getting hotter. In good years much needed rain can be expected. Perfect safari season.

NEED TO KNOW

ELECTRICITY	220V Mains with solar & generator back-up
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	13:00 11:00
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	WiFi in all villas, rooms and main areas. Limited mobile signal.
CREDIT CARDS	Yes (Visa & Mastercard only)
SECURITY	Full private security of the whole reserve.
MAKE AN IMPACT	Numerous options from Rhino Conservation to spekboom planting.
GYM / KEEP FIT	Gym in a bag in each suite and villa.
SPA	In room treatments
FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. Yes Halaal / Light Kosher.
OTHER FACILITIES	Safari Shop at Heatherton. Children safari activities.
ACTIVITIES	Daily morning and evening game drives, walking safaris, fishing, conservation participation.

GREAT FISH RIVER LODGE

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

# SUITES	9 Max 18 guests	POOL	✓ Private per suite. Unfenced. Unheated
EXTRA BEDS	X	IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
TWIN BEDS	✓ All suites	MINI BAR	✓
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✓
SHOWER	Indoor & outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓	MOZZIE NET	X Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED	X

ECCA LODGE

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# SUITES	6 (3 Private Vehicle Suites) Max 12 adults, 6 children	POOL	✓ Private per suite & main shared pool Unfenced. Unheated
EXTRA BEDS	2 beds in each Private Vehicle Suite	IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
TWIN BEDS	✓ All suites	MINI BAR	✓
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✓
SHOWER	✓ Indoor & outdoor	FAN	✓
BATH	✓	MOZZIE NET	X Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED	X

VILLAS

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# VILLAS	3	POOL	✓ Each villa, Unfenced. Only Fort solar heated
EXTRA BEDS	1 Infant cot available	IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
TWIN BEDS	✓	MINI BAR	Villa bar
BATHROOM	En-suite	AIR CON	✓
SHOWER	✓	FAN	✓
BATH	✓	MOZZIE NET	X Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED	Uplands

HEATHERTON TOWERS

CHECK IN: 13:00 CHECK OUT: 11:00

RECEPTION	Heatherton is the central reception and the arrival (check-in / check-out) location for all guests.
SELF-DRIVE / TRANSFERS	Vehicles are parked at Heatherton from where guests are transferred to lodge / villa in a game drive 4x4. Closed vehicle in wet weather.
SAFARI SHOP	Large shop with essential safari clothing, plus nice to have gifts, jewelry and more is available.

DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN LODGES & VILLAS

DRIVING MINUTES	HEATHERTON	FISH RIVER	ECCA	MELTON	FORT	UPLANDS
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HEATHERTON	0	30	20	25	10	15
FISH RIVER	30	0	15	10	20	25
ECCA	20	15	0	10	15	20
MELTON	25	10	10	0	20	25
FORT	10	20	15	20	0	10
UPLANDS	15	25	20	25	10	0

VILLAS

UPLANDS HOMESTEAD 3 rooms	1 main suite & 2 king / twin rooms Ideal for 2 adults & younger kids
MELTON MANOR 4 rooms	4 equal king/ twin rooms, interleading available. Ideal for small group or adults with teenage kids. Interactive kitchen and a separate kids lounge.
FORT HOUSE 4 rooms & spa room	2 larger king/ twin rooms and 2 smaller king/ twin rooms. Ideal for 2 families, multi-gen or close group of friends. Interactive kitchen and separate study.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

GAME DRIVES	Twice daily or whole day (winter). Guide and tracker. Off roading for key sightings. Max 6 guests per vehicle. No age restriction.
GUIDED WALKS	1 armed guide. Max 6 guests per walk. Guests 12+ years. <i>Book in advance.</i>
NIGHT DRIVES	Available with no restrictions.
PRIVATE VEHICLES	Villas included. Ecca Private Vehicle Suites included. Lodges extra cost. <i>Book in advance.</i>
GET INVOLVED	Numerous conservation participation options. <i>Book in advance.</i>
FISHING	Available with no age restriction.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Available with no age restriction. <i>On request.</i>
AIRPORT TRANSFERS	Extra – by road or fixed wing flight. <i>Book in advance.</i>



WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION	✓			
LEOPARD		✓		
CHEETAH	✓			
ELEPHANT	✓			
RHINO – WHITE & BLACK	W&B			
BUFFALO	✓			
GIRAFFE	✓			
ZEBRA	✓			
HIPPO	✓			
CROCODILE				X
WILD DOG				X
HYENA - SPOTTED				X
AARDVARK			✓	
MIGRATION				X
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES	✓			
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Brown hyena, aardwolf, striped pole cat, meerkat, ostrich, bat eared fox, 12 different antelope species.			
OTHER	Excellent reserve for wide diversity of species and excellent animal and bird sightings. Very low density of vehicles with little chance of shared sightings.			

LOCATION & ACCESS MAP





KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE			
	GREAT FISH RIVER LODGE	ECCA LODGE	VILLAS
CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER		
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	VERY HIGH		
CHILDREN – MINIMUM AGE	12+	ALL	ALL
FAMILY ROOMS	X	✓	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	X	X	✓
HONEYMOON OFFER	✓	✓	X
LAND SAFARI	✓	✓	✓
WATER SAFARI	LIMITED		
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	RHINO CONSERVATION FISHING FAMILY SAFARI		
GET INVOLVED – CONSERVATION	MANY OPTIONS		
GET INVOLVED – COMMUNITIES	X	X	X
EXPEDITION TRIPS	X	X	X
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	✓	✓	✓

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- Transferability: What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- Removability: What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- Responsibility: To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- Fragility: How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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