

FACT SHEET

NAMBU CAMP



NambuCamp

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INTRODUCTION

Elevated above the landscape and built on an old anthill lies Nambu Camp, located in the heart of the Greater Kruger in the Olifants West Nature Reserve. This charming safari camp, comprising just six luxury chalets, overlooks a winding dry riverbed, bustling waterhole and the Drakensberg Mountain range in the distance. Views of this wilderness are framed by the lodge's unique and open design. The camp has been in the Drinkwater family for almost 40 years, passed down through the generations and home to many memories with both family and friends. The name Nambu means 'river' in the local language of IsiThonga, and this unique lodge has many ties to this natural source that flows through the traverse.

Tawny eagles soar above while herds of elephants drink down below; this hilltop lodge is certainly a wildlife haven surrounded by nature. During the heat of the day, relax by the camp's poolside or bird watch from the lodge's vast viewing platform before a mid-day brunch up at the main camp. Here at Nambu there are two activities per day, situated in a big five reserve head out on foot or on safari and explore this vast and diverse landscape, you never know what you may find here in South Africa's true wilderness.

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AT A GLANCE

- Authentic safari lodge with six en-suite chalets
- Spacious viewing platform overlooking a dry riverbed and waterhole where many of the bushveld's inhabitants come to visit
- A large traverse area with the Olifant's River running through the reserve, rocky outcrops, drainage line and natural springs, which makes for incredible game viewing amongst the landscape scenery.
- Simple, yet modern and stylish cuisine is served in the open dining area which overlooks the vast landscape below.
- Natural, Safari-style decor throughout, raised wooden pathways lead the way through the camp and gardens
- Swimming pool and sun lounges with bushveld and mountain views.

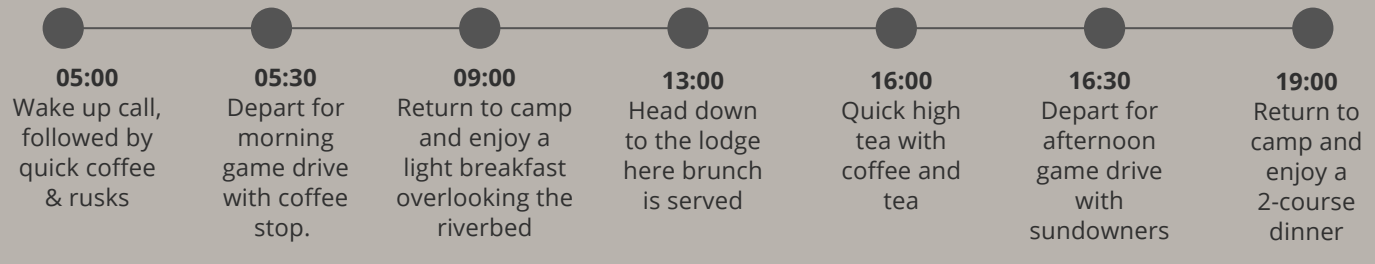
FACILITIES

- Six luxury chalets equipped with private decks
- Chalets two and five are garden-facing, while the others face the waterhole
- Two of the chalets are interleading
- One of the chalets has a handwashing basin in the room
- Chalets have hotel standard sockets that include plugs, USB, and USB-C charging next to each side of the bed
- Air-conditioning in all chalets
- Bathroom products are supplied
- Bathrooms are ensuite and have luxury rain showers
- Accommodating a max of 12 people, Nambu is a quiet and intimate safari camp
- Framed scenic views from the upper deck and an open-air viewing platform below
- Tiled swimming pool (heated when needed) with waterhole views
- Sun loungers and occasional chairs around the poolside
- Lower level deck area has three new seating areas
- Lounge area with three-seater daybed, two armchairs and table for card games
- There's a lodge boma area and fireplace where fires are lit before the evening meal
- Daily turndown service / laundry available upon request
- Wi-Fi available at the lodge



A TYPICAL DAY AT NAMBU CAMP

Each morning begins with a morning wake-up call, coffee and a game drive in the Olifants West Nature Reserve.



LOCATION

Nambu Camp is located in the big five Olifants West Nature Reserve in the heart of the Greater Kruger, 16.2 km outside of Hoedspruit. The Eastgate Airport is a short 45-minute drive away, making it easily accessible for fly-in guests, while many might choose to self-drive from Johannesburg, which is a scenic 5-hour drive away.

ACTIVITIES

- Morning and evening game drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching
- Plated Traditional South African braaivleis (barbecue) cooked over the open fire.



GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION:

WEATHER

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring during mid-summer (November - February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, very seldom lasting longer than a few hours. The average maximum temperatures range from 24°C in July to 34°C in January with the average minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.

MALARIA

The Olifants West Nature Reserve region is a low risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Melfloquine. Mosquitoes are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.



WILDLIFE

Nambu Camp is built in the heart of the Olifants West Nature Reserve which is open to the Kruger National Park. This wild and diverse reserve is home to the big five and overall a vast array of wildlife. The camp itself overlooks a winding dry riverbed and waterhole and there are also natural springs dotted in the riverbed, many animals are drawn to the little oasis. This undulating landscape means that there are many great vantage points perfect for spotting any movement below from the towering giraffes, herds of elephants to the bushveld's predators. The flowing waters of the Olifant's River run through the reserve and life can always be found here and you're almost guaranteed to see large pods of hippo and basking crocodiles. The Olifants West Nature Reserve birdlife is second to none with a huge variety of riverine species drawn to the winding waterway. The rare pel's fishing owl has quite often been seen as well as kingfishers, herons, vultures and many eagle species. However, a perfect location to observe the birdlife, is at the camp itself – where a tawny eagle's nest can be seen in front and vibrant sunbirds are attracted by the flourishing gardens here at Nambu. Bird-watching at camp is a true highlight.

WHAT TO PACK

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes, long trousers
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Suitable backpack (Camping gear is provided)
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May – Oct)
- Beanie and gloves – the mornings are cold during winter

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