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AMAVA RIVER LODGE
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WHERE OLD-SCHOOL SAFARI CHARM LINKS UP WITH MODERN COMFORT ON THE BANKS OF THE OLIFANTS RIVER — BOLD, IMMERSIVE, AND UNMISTAKABLY AFRICA

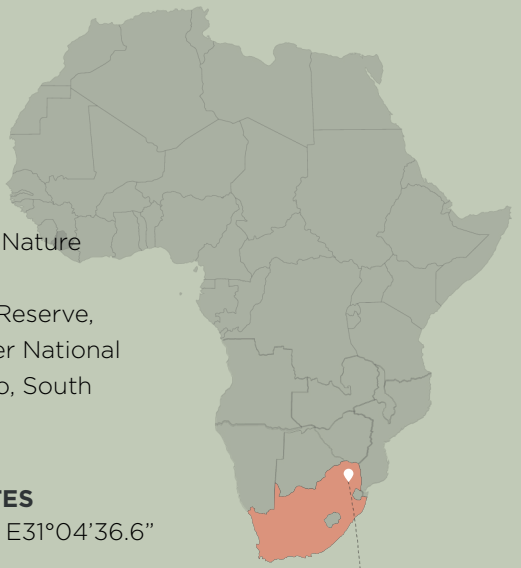
Perched on a sweeping curve of the Olifants River in the northern reaches of the Balule Game Reserve, Amava River Lodge offers a striking blend of raw wilderness and refined comfort. This intimate tented camp overlooks a broad stretch of water frequented daily by elephants, impala, hippos, and exceptional bird life thriving among the riparian trees.

Designed to integrate naturally with its surroundings, the lodge is elevated on wooden walkways set beneath mature riverine canopy, ensuring minimal environmental impact and uninterrupted views. Each tent opens to panoramic river vistas and the continuous sound of flowing water, creating an atmosphere of tranquility, immersion, and quiet adventure.

The camp's elevated position provides an ideal vantage point for game viewing and for observing the vibrant avian activity that defines this river corridor—from colorful kingfishers to commanding African fish eagles. Days unfold to the rhythm of the river, while evenings transition into fireside gatherings beneath a clear, starlit sky.

Amava River Lodge delivers a contemporary, off-grid safari experience in the heart of the Greater Kruger, offering guests a product that is authentic, scenic, and deeply connected to the natural world.

WHERE THE RIVER'S RHYTHM MEETS UNTAMED WILDLIFE



LOCATION

Olifants View Nature Reserve,
Balule Game Reserve,
Greater Kruger National Park, Limpopo, South Africa

CO-ORDINATES

S24°04'48.7", E31°04'36.6"

ACCESSIBILITY:

Amava River Lodge is conveniently located a 45-minute drive from Eastgate Airport, with transfers available upon request. Guests will be collected at the Grietjie Balule Entrance Gate.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

The camp is approximately six hours by road from Johannesburg, following the recommended route via Polokwane and Tzaneen. Secure parking is available at the Grietjie Balule Entrance Gate, where our guide will meet you with an open game viewer to transfer you to the camp.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SELF-DRIVE GUESTS:

To ensure a seamless journey, please avoid using GPS navigation. Instead, follow the detailed directions provided by the camp manager prior to your arrival.

FUN FACTS |

More than 350 bird species have been recorded along the Olifants River, making the area around Amava River Lodge a hot spot for serious birders and casual nature lovers alike.

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FACILITIES

- Accommodation: Amava River Lodge features five luxurious en-suite safari tents. Three of these tents are furnished with twin beds that can be converted into a double bed for your comfort. Tents 1 and 5 are each equipped with a queen-size bed. Each tent accommodates up to two guests, ensuring an intimate and comfortable experience.
- Bathrooms: All tents offer full en-suite bathrooms, with stunning views of the river to enhance your safari experience.
- Private Spaces: Each tent includes a private, furnished patio—an ideal spot to relax and soak in the surrounding wilderness.
- Comfort: To ensure a restful stay, all tents are equipped with standing fans, providing a cool and comfortable environment.
- Swimming Pool: Take a refreshing dip in the camp's swimming pool, the perfect retreat on warm afternoons.
- Sustainability: Committed to environmental conservation, the camp is fully powered by solar energy. To maintain our eco-friendly operations, hairdryers are not permitted.
- Main Camp Features:
  - A dining area with an expansive viewing deck, perfect for enjoying meals while overlooking the river.
  - Two spacious lounges, ideal for relaxation and socializing, both offering beautiful river views.
  - A traditional boma fire, creating a magical atmosphere for evening gatherings under the African stars.

CONNECTIVITY AND POWER INFORMATION

- Digital Detox: Amava River Lodge offers a true escape from the digital world. Mobile signal is intermittent, especially during load-shedding, and there is no Wi-Fi on-site, encouraging guests to fully immerse themselves in the surrounding wilderness. In case of emergencies, Wi-Fi access can be arranged at the nearby Khanya Conservation Camp. The lodge is exploring satellite connectivity options for future use
- Electricity: The camp operates on a sustainable solar-powered system, providing mains electricity (220V).
- Charging Facilities: Charging stations for electronic devices are conveniently located in the safari lounge. Please note that charging points are not available in the tents.

EXPERIENCES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Culinary Delights: Savor delicious, home-cooked meals prepared with care.
- Morning Adventures: Start your day with a morning game drive or guided bush walk (on request), complete with a coffee stop en route.
- Afternoon and Evening Excursions: Enjoy an afternoon or evening game drive, featuring a sundowner stop at a picturesque location.
- Intimate Camp Atmosphere: Experience the charm and intimacy of a small bush camp, offering a truly immersive wilderness experience. Unwind around the fire in the boma with pre-dinner drinks, sharing stories and laughter.
- Scenic Picnic Spots: Relish picnic lunches set in stunning natural surroundings.
- Stargazing: Spend magical evenings under the vast African skies, marveling at the stars.
- Breathtaking Views: Enjoy stunning vistas that highlight the rugged beauty of the African bush. Even the swimming pool offers a scenic river view, providing the perfect backdrop for relaxation and wildlife watching
- Game Viewing: Witness remarkable wildlife sightings and learn about the area's rich history.
- Positive Impact Adventures: Immerse yourself in activities that contribute directly to conservation efforts while enjoying unforgettable wildlife experiences at our nearby Khanya Conservation Camp.
- Conservation Engagement at Amava River Lodge: Take part in meaningful conservation activities, tailored to the current needs of the reserve. These may include:
  - Fence patrols and snare removal
  - Alien plant eradication
  - Clearing of bush debris
  - Collecting and reporting tree impact data
  - Monitoring and reporting on selected species
  - Assisting with specific management projects as required

Your participation plays a crucial role in supporting ongoing research and the sustainable management of this unique ecosystem.





FUN FACTS |

The Olifants River in front of Amava River Lodge is one of the most active wildlife corridors in Balule—elephants, crocodiles, and hippos use it as a daily highway, offering some of the most reliable riverfront sightings in the reserve.





OPTIONAL ADD-ONS (REFER TO RATE SHEET)

- Olifants River Boat Cruises
- Stargazing sleep out

Each activity combines adventure with purpose, making your stay at Amava River Lodge truly unforgettable.

SEASONS & CLOTHING

When visiting our lodges in the Kruger National Park area, it's important to pack appropriately for the season to ensure your comfort during your stay. Always bring a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen to protect against the strong African sun, even in cooler months.

- Neutral-toned clothing is ideal for game drives and walking safaris, allowing you to blend into the natural environment.
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended year-round.
- For evenings, smart-casual attire is appropriate if dining at the lodge's restaurant or enjoying special occasions.
- Spring (1 September - 30 November): Expect warm days and cool evenings. Lightweight clothing is ideal for the daytime, with a light jacket for cooler mornings and evenings.
- Summer (1 December - 28 February): Summer temperatures can reach between 30-40°C. Pack cool, light, and comfortable clothing, as well as a swimming costume to enjoy the lodge's pool facilities. This is also the rainy season, so an umbrella or lightweight raincoat is recommended.
- Autumn (1 March - 31 May): Temperatures begin to cool slightly, making it ideal for outdoor activities. Pack a mix of summer and light autumn wear for layering as needed. Winter (1 June - 31 August): Winter days are mild and sunny, but evenings and early mornings can be chilly. Warm layers, including jackets, jerseys, and socks, are essential for early game drives or outdoor dining experiences.

General Packing Tips:
Prepare for an unforgettable experience in the African bush, tailored to the unique climate of each season!

CONSERVATION AND BED LEVIES

A safari in Africa offers a privileged opportunity to experience wildlife in its natural habitat, and this experience is closely linked to the conservation efforts that sustain these ecosystems. By participating in a safari, you become an active participant in these efforts, contributing to the preservation of Africa's unique wildlife and ensuring future generations can continue to enjoy these wonders.

In line with neighboring reserves, we have significantly enhanced our anti-poaching strategies, requiring substantial investment.

Our primary goal is to protect vulnerable species, including rhinos, that call this region home. To support these ongoing efforts, all reservations include applicable conservation and/or bed levies.

The conservation levy, charged per person, per night or per stay (depending on the camp), is crucial in maintaining the reserve's pristine condition. These funds support a range of critical initiatives, including anti-poaching measures, road maintenance, invasive plant eradication, and fire break management.

The bed levy contributes to infrastructure maintenance within the reserve, ensuring well-maintained roads, and trails, that support a safe and enjoyable experience while minimizing environmental impact. Part of the bed levy also funds conservation education programs that raise awareness and foster a sense of responsibility towards preserving the region's natural heritage. At Bundox, we are committed to the conservation of parks and reserves, the protection of wildlife, and the well-being of local communities. Your contribution through these levies plays a crucial role in the longterm sustainability of this remarkable ecosystem, and we deeply appreciate your support in these vital efforts.

FUN FACTS |

Amava River Lodge is completely off-grid, powered by solar energy, allowing guests to experience authentic wilderness living with all the comforts they expect.






A DAY ON SAFARI AT AMAVA RIVER LODGE

Experience a sample day in the bush, with timings that may vary depending on the season and wildlife activity.

05:00
Wake-Up Call
Start your day with a quick coffee

05:30
Morning Game Drive
Expiore the bush and enjoy a coffee stop amidst wiidlife sightings

09:00
Breakfast
Return to the lodge for breakfast with panoramic river views

10:00 –13:00
Leisure Time
Relax, read, or soak in the surroundings at your own pac

13:00
Lunch
Gather at the main lodge for a fresh and hearty me

16:30
Afternoon Game Drive & Sundowners
Witness the African wilderness as the sun sets, with drinks in hand

19:00
Dinner & Campfire
End the day sharing stories and enjoying dinner around the boma fire

MALARIA

- The Balule region is considered a low-risk malaria area. We recommend consulting your local doctor or travel clinic for personalised advice regarding malaria prevention.
- If prophylactic medication is advised for the Kruger area, commonly recommended options include Malarone, Doxycycline, or Mefloquine.
- Mosquitoes are most prevalent during the wet, warmer months, so in addition to medication, we recommend using mosquito repellent, creams, and other protective measures.
- For your comfort and safety, the lodge is regularly sprayed by a professional pest control specialist.

WHY CHOOSE AMAVA RIVER LODGE

- Authentic Safari Experience – Located in the heart of the Lowveld, Amava River Lodge offers an intimate wildlife encounter where guests can immerse themselves in nature without the crowds.
- Exclusive Location – Set in a peaceful area of the Balule region, the lodge provides both privacy and convenient access to game drives across the greater Kruger area.
- Comfort & Luxury in the Bush – Our stylish accommodations harmonize with the surrounding landscape, delivering modern comforts while keeping the wilderness within reach.
- Personalized Guest Service – From tailored safari drives to bespoke dining experiences, our dedicated team ensures every aspect of your stay is thoughtfully arranged.
- Wildlife & Adventure – Experience Africa's iconic wildlife up close with expert guides on morning and evening game drives, bush walks, and river excursions.
- Sustainability & Care – At Amava, we are deeply committed to conservation, supporting local communities, and operating with minimal environmental impact.
- Safe & Comfortable Environment – The lodge is meticulously maintained and regularly treated by pest control specialists, offering peace of mind throughout your stay.
- Amava River Lodge isn't just a place to stay – it's an immersive safari experience that blends comfort, privacy, and exceptional service with the raw beauty of the African bush.



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