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BALULENI SAFARI LODGE FACT SHEET



Baluleni Safari Lodge is located on the scenic banks of the Olifants River within the Grietjie–Balule Nature Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger National Park. The lodge offers an unfenced, immersive safari experience where guests can enjoy wildlife sightings in their natural environment.

Accommodation Overview

Room Type	Rooms	Capacity & Bed Configuration	Room Description
Luxury Bushveld Suites	2	3 adults or 2 x Adults and 2 x Kids (11+) 1 x King-size or 2 Singles + 1 single day bed	1 x Unique hybrid tent with ensuite bathroom with freestanding bath and outdoor shower, two basins, toilet, air-conditioning. Private terrace with daybed and outside. 1 x Newly built luxury suite with ensuite bathroom with freestanding bath and outdoor shower, two basins, toilet, air-conditioning. Private terrace with daybed and outside.
Luxury Glamping Tent	1	4 guests 2 x King-size or 4 x Singles + extra child bed (11+)	Single layer authentic canvas tent with partially separate sleeping areas. Shared ensuite bathroom with indoor & outdoor showers, two basins and freestanding bath. Mosquito mesh windows, standalone fans, hot tub on private terrace.
Cozy Riverside Suite	1	2 adults 1 x Queen-size bed	Smallest room with comfortable queen bed with mosquito net and comfortable lounge.
Riverside Suites	3	2–3 adults or 2 adults + 1 child (on day bed) 1 x Queen-size bed + 1 x 1 single day bed	Queen-size bed with mosquito net, en-suite bathroom and outdoor shower, air-conditioning and comfortable lounge area with outdoor patio.
Garden Cottage	1	2 or 3 adults 1 x Queen-size & Single bed	Thatched roof cottages with queen-size bed & mosquito net, daybed with mosquito net, en-suite bathroom, lounge area, air conditioning, & private terrace.






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Room Facilities	
In-Room Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minibar (honesty bar, cost as per price list provided) • Tea/coffee facilities with Nespresso coffee machine (all rooms except Garden Cottages) • Desk, private patio, hairdryers, in-room safe, mosquito nets
Rates Include	
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation, breakfast, light lunch (daily 13h00–14h00), 3-course dinner, tea and filter coffee • 2 x daily guided 3-hour game drives (morning and afternoon) with snacks • Free Wi-Fi
Rates Exclude	
Excluded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, speciality coffee, bottled water, extra activities, laundry services • Gate & Conservation Fee applicable to all bookings; charged as per the applicable season
Minimum Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 nights stay applicable year-round
Special Highlights	
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romantic escapes and river views from the Riverside Suites • Family-friendly options with spacious tents; children 11 years and older welcome • Modern comforts: Wi-Fi, minibars, Nespresso machines • Unfenced property with free-roaming wildlife
Dining Experience	
Cuisine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh, locally sourced ingredients crafted into gourmet meals • South African flavours with an international touch
Venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boma dining under the stars • River deck breakfasts • Intimate private dinners
Special Touches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush breakfasts and sundowners • Romantic candlelit dinners
Dietary Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other preferences catered for on request
Sustainability & Community	
Our Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% solar-powered operation with energy-efficient architecture • Water conservation and waste recycling initiatives • Locally sourced food and materials supporting nearby communities • Employment and skills development for residents in surrounding villages • Active involvement in Greater Kruger conservation projects - <u>Balule Conservation initiative and the Balule Outreach Trust</u>
Arrival & Departure	
Arrival & Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in: Between 13h00 and 14h00 as afternoon game drive departs between 15h30 and 16h30; please check in at least one hour prior • We do not recommend arriving at the gate after 17h00 due to road conditions and wildlife • Check-out: After breakfast, around 10h00
Child & Single Supplement Policy	
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All accommodation suitable for guests aged 11 and older; charged at full adult sharing rate
Single Supplement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% Single Supplement on adult sharing rate applies for single-room occupancy



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Activities & Experiences	
Game Drives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning and afternoon safaris in open 4x4 vehicles, led by expert guides
Bush Walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guided nature walks focusing on smaller wildlife, plants, and tracking (bookable in advance only)
Birdwatching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 400 bird species found along the Olifants River
Cultural Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discover nearby villages and their traditions
Bush Spa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relax with massages and treatments in nature’s serenity
Extra Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kruger National Park tours, Panorama Route, Guided boat safari, Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, hot air ballooning
Access & Transfers	
Nearest Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport (approximately 90 minutes by road)
By Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessible via R40 from Hoedspruit or Phalaborwa; arrival no later than 17h00
Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available by 4x4 vehicle or private shuttle on request at bookings@baluleni.com
GPS Coordinates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latitude S 24.046414• Longitude E 31.017421
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