



ELEPHANT PLAINS
game lodge

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INTRODUCTION

Situated in the Sabi Sands Nature Reserve, adjacent to the Kruger National Park, Elephant Plains Game Lodge offers comfortable style and affordable luxury. Over many years our strict conservation policies and successful habitat management have resulted in a rich diversity of fauna and flora. Here you will come face to face with Africa's Big 5 and you may even be lucky enough to encounter other rarer species, such as the endangered wild dog and cheetah.

The highlight of your visit will surely be the thrill of discovering wildlife from the safety of our open 4x4 vehicles. Your experienced game ranger and local Shangaan tracker will share their extensive knowledge and love of the African bush with you. The day starts with an early morning game drive, then after breakfast a bush walk gives you the opportunity to learn about the smaller wonders of nature. During the afternoon game drive, you will stop at a carefully selected spot to enjoy a sundowner drink, whilst watching the sun set over the awe-inspiring wilderness. During the drive back to camp, your tracker will use a spotlight to locate nocturnal animals.

Elephant Plains is home to a maximum of 24 guests. The fact that the lodge is owner-run, together with our gracious hospitality and personal touch, ensures that every need is catered for. Our friendly staff members are one of our biggest assets and together we make sure that our guests feel right at home.

At Elephant Plains Game Lodge you can be sure of an experience that will live up to the Africa of your imagination... creating a lifetime of memories!

ROOMS & FACILITIES

RONDAVELS The lodge features five spaciouly appointed thatched Rondavels, one of these rondavels is our family rondavel that can accommodate up to 4 adults. Each Rondavel has its own distinct character and comfortable charm and overlooks a beautifully landscaped garden. The Rondavels have a double bedroom, sun decks, en-suite bathrooms (bath & shower), air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets, electronic safes, wifi, tea/coffee stations and a mini bar.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION Seven Luxury Suites, decorated in warm, earthy tones blend in superbly with their natural surroundings as they overlook the dry riverbed and open area in front of the lodge. One of these luxury suites is our family luxury suite, that can accommodate up to 4 adults - although this unit does not have a lounge area it boasts some of the best views over the open area. The double luxury suites are exclusive open-plan suites each have a lounge area, double bedroom, en-suite bathroom (bath & inside/outside shower) and a private viewing deck. All luxury suites have air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets, electronic safes, wifi, tea/coffee stations and mini bars.

HONEYMOON SUITE Surrounded by Jackalberry trees, nestled away deep inside the bush...need we say more? The Manyeleti Honeymoon Suite boasts all the usual luxuries and also has a double outside shower, as well as a deck overlooking the floodplains and private plunge pool.

MAIN LODGE The lodge is situated on the banks of the dry Manyeleti riverbed, offering unforgettable views across the plain. The pool deck overlooks the watering hole opposite the camp where animals often come to drink. The main lodge houses the reception, dining room, bar/lounge, wine cellar, small library and curio shop.

OTHER FACILITIES

- Coffee/tea station
- WiFi
- Curio Shop
- Games Room
- Gym
- Laundry
- Library
- Parking
- Swimming Pools
- Wine Cellar

ACCOMMODATION RATES

TARIFFS ARE QUOTED

*Inclusive of VAT *In South African Rand *Subject to availability. *All tariffs quoted are subject to change, without prior notice. *Rates quoted for confirmed bookings will be honoured* Rates quoted per person per night*

TARIFFS INCLUDE *Accommodation *Two Daily Game Drives and a Bushwalk *Three Meals per day *Tea / Coffee*Wifi

TARIFFS EXCLUDE *Bar Account & Mini Bar *Curio Shop Purchases *Laundry Service *Lodge Transfers *Airport Tax *SSNR Entrance Fees * Guest Conservation Contribution

VAT (Value Added Tax)

VAT is currently calculated at 15% and is included in the price of most goods and accommodation. Foreign tourists qualify for a VAT refund on items purchased and taken out of the country upon departure.

2026 RATES		1 January - 31 December		
	RONDAVELS	LUXURY SUITES	HONEYMOON SUITE	
PER ADULT SHARING	R 7300.00	R 9300.00	R 10 300.00	
PER SINGLE ADULT	R 10 000.00	R 13 000.00	R 15 600.00	
CHILD RATE (CHILDREN UNDER 12)	R 5400.00	R 6900.00		
NO CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE ALLOWED AT THE LODGE				
COMPULSORY GUEST CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION		R 310.19 per person per day		

2026 Gate entrance fees: R 370.00 per vehicle and R 170.00 per passenger

2027 Rates		1 January - 31 December		
	RONDAVELS	LUXURY SUITES	HONEYMOON SUITE	
PER ADULT SHARING	R 8050.00	R 10 250.00	R 11 350.00	
PER SINGLE ADULT	R 11 000.00	R 14 500.00	R 17 200.00	
CHILD RATE (CHILDREN UNDER 12)	R 6000.00	R 7600.00		
NO CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE ALLOWED AT THE LODGE				
COMPULSORY GUEST CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION		R 328.80 per person per day		

2027 Gate entrance fees: R 390.00 per vehicle and R 180.00 per passenger

Road Transfers and Flights 2026

Air Transfers:

FedAir:

- Johannesburg to Elephant Plains to Johannesburg: R 10 810.00 per person one way – minimum of 2 people traveling

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- Nelspruit to Elephant Plains to Nelspruit: R 5 400.00 per person one way – minimum of 2 people traveling
- Hoedspruit to Elephant Plains to Hoedspruit: R 6 700.00 per person one way – minimum of 2 people traveling

Please contact our lodge reservations to enquire regarding any possible promotions on flights.

Road transfers (2026 rates):

PRICE PER ROUTE PER TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS	NUMBER OF GUESTS TRAVELING					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hoedspruit to EP	R4,185.00	R4,370.00	R4,555.00	R5,340.00	R5,525.00	R5,710.00
EP to Hoedspruit	R4,000.00	R4,000.00	R4,000.00	R4,000.00	R4,600.00	R4,600.00
KMIA / Nelspruit to EP	R5,385.00	R5,570.00	R5,755.00	R7,240.00	R7,425.00	R7,610.00
EP to KMIA / Nelspruit	R5,200.00	R5,200.00	R5,200.00	R5,200.00	R6,500.00	R6,500.00
Skukuza to EP	R6,085.00	R6,270.00	R6,455.00	R7,740.00	R7,925.00	R8,110.00
EP to Skukuza	R5,900.00	R5,900.00	R5,900.00	R5,900.00	R7,000.00	R7,000.00

Please note that road transfers are conducted by a reputable third-party service provider.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

- Official check-in time on day of guests' arrival is between 12h00 and 14h00.
- We urge guests to adhere to these times to ensure that they can enjoy lunch (served at 14h00 daily) before departing on the afternoon game drive (departure times vary depending on time of year).
- **Please forward a contact mobile number if you are driving yourself to the lodge.** The number will not be provided to any third party without your express permission. Mobile numbers are requested as the lodge may need to communicate important information to you via WhatsApp on the day of arrival.
- Also make sure that you have the correct map and directions to the lodge – these are sent upon booking confirmation, but may be requested from our reservations department
- Elephant Plains can only be reached through the Gowrie Gate. Please contact lodge for current gate fees.
- Check-out is strictly at 11h00 on day of departure from the lodge.

- Should guests' transfer pick up time be after 11h00, guests are welcome to wait in / around our main lodge area.
- **Any variations to these times must be advised prior to guests' arrival and are at the sole discretion of the manager.**

JOURNEY DISTANCES BY CAR

JOHANNESBURG TO ELEPHANT PLAINS: ±560 KM / ± 8 HOUR DRIVE

NELSPRUIT / KMIA / MQP TO ELEPHANT PLAINS: ±180 KM / ± 3 ½ HOUR DRIVE

HOEDSPRUIT / EASTGATE AIRPORT TO ELEPHANT PLAINS: ±100 KM / ± 2HOUR DRIVE

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK ORPEN GATE TO ELEPHANT PLAINS: ±55 KM / 1 HOUR DRIVE

SKUKUZA TO ELEPHANT PLAINS: ±105KM / ± 2.5 HOUR DRIVE (EXIT KNP AND ENTER SABI SANDS AT GOWRIE GATE)

- **As we are nestled in a remote setting, the roads leading to Elephant Plains may pose some challenges, and so we suggest adding another hour to your travelling time in order to compensate for any unforeseen occurrence which may impact the route. We value transparency regarding this aspect of your journey and want to ensure you are well-prepared.**
- **Please note that these roads may not meet urban standards. For a smoother experience, we recommend using vehicles with higher ground clearance or 4x4. Additionally, planning your arrival during daylight hours enhances visibility on the roads.**
- **Despite the road conditions, the natural beauty and tranquillity awaiting you at our lodge make the journey truly worthwhile. Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out. We're here to assist you in any way we can.**

GAME DRIVES

- Game drives are conducted in open Land Cruisers.
- Off-road driving is done in accordance to guidelines set out by the Sabi Sands Nature Reserve ecologists.
- When off-roading, the rangers do not drive over sensitive areas, will only drive over small trees if they are encroachment species and if necessary, will do brush packing afterwards to limit the impact on the environment.
- During afternoon/night drives we use spotlights to find nocturnal animals.

BUSH WALK

- The daily bush walk takes place after breakfast and you will be accompanied by your ranger.
- The bush walk may be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions (rain, strong wind, etc).
- During bush walk you will have the opportunity to take a closer look at animal tracks, birds, different types of grasses and trees, as well as any smaller details of the bush that might fascinate you.
- For safety and legal **reasons, we unfortunately do not allow guests aged 16 and under to go on the bush walk.**
- The rangers will use their discretion concerning anything that could pose a threat or jeopardize the safety of guests. These include the degree of fitness, agility and physical restrictions. (As stipulated by FGASA – Field Guides Association of SA)

CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

- Dress code is casual and lightweight, though a sweater may be needed during the early mornings and evenings.
- Summer (September to April) temperatures range between 20-40°C and protection from the sun is vital. Summer is also our rainy season so a rain jacket is a good idea.
- Winters (May to August) are mild, with temperatures ranging between 5-25°C During winter the night drives and early mornings can be very cold – warm jackets, scarves, beanies, gloves, etc. are essential.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended, especially for bush walks.
- Also remember to pack:
 - Sun hat, sunglasses, sun block
 - Swimsuit
 - Cameras & binoculars
 - Phone and camera chargers
 - International adapter would be recommended - South Africa primarily uses Type M (large 3-pin) plugs, alongside Type N (3-pin) and Type C (2-pin "Europlug").

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

- Please inform the lodge upon reservation if you have any special dietary requirements.
- Please also advise us if you are celebrating a birthday, your honeymoon or any other special occasion you might like us to be aware of.
- The following dietary requirements are accommodated at the lodge at no extra cost, unless specified upon confirmation of booking, dependent on requirements):
 - Halaal
 - Vegan & Vegetarian
 - Allergy considerations

- Kosher (**please take note that we do not have a separate Kosher kitchen – guests are advised to discuss specific requirements with the lodge and to confirm whether we will be able to comply**)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Wheelchair accessibility:** guests with limited walking capabilities are accommodated as far as possible, but there are areas around the main lodge where stair usage is unavoidable. Elephant Plains Game Lodge is therefore, not accessible to wheelchairs at this stage.
- **Malaria:**
 - Elephant Plains Game Lodge is situated in a low-risk (but not Malaria-free) area.
 - All rooms have mosquito nets over the beds and mosquito repellent is provided in each room.
 - As part of a SSNR program to limit the risk of Malaria in the Sabi Sands, the lodge is also treated against Malaria mosquitoes annually.
 - Staff are not qualified to advise on prophylaxis usage and it is recommended that guests consult a doctor in this regard.
- **Child Policy:**
 - Children of 8 years and older are welcome at Elephant Plains Game Lodge as well as to partake in game drives.
 - Regrettably, children younger than 8 years of age will not be allowed.
 - Elephant Plains Game Lodge reserves the right of allowing or disallowing children on safari for any possible reason and this is at the discretion of the General Manager / Ranger of the vehicle.
- **Tour Guides:**
 - 2 guide rooms are available on the premises.
 - A tour guide accompanying a group of 6 or more guests may request a guide room at the guide room rates.
 - Guide room rates are available upon request and include meals, tea & coffee, wifi and accommodation. Tour guides staying in the guide rooms are welcome to join game drives, should vehicle capacity allow.
 - Should a tour guide accompany a group of guests consisting of less than 6 persons, he / she will need to book either a Rondavel or Luxury Suite at the sharing STO rate (subject to availability).

- **Private Vehicles:**
 - In order to confirm the use of a private vehicle, the Rondavel per person sharing rate will be charged per open seat (up to 8 seats) per day in addition to the guests' accommodation fees.
 - Due to availability restrictions, private vehicles are to be requested at least 2 years in advance.

- **Requests for specific room or ranger:**
 - Requests for a specific room will be considered. However, this highly depends on availability and the allocation of a requested unit may not necessarily be possible.
 - Requests for a specific ranger will be considered. However, the allocation of rangers depends on staff work cycles, requests received from other guests and vehicle capacity during the time of stay. For this reason, we cannot guarantee that a request will be accommodated.
 - Such requests need to be communicated in writing to our reservations department at least 1 month prior to arrival.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- **Provisional Bookings:**
 - Booking requests should be sent to reservations@elephantplains.co.za – requests sent via Whatsapp will not be accepted.
 - Receipt confirmation of the request will be communicated via e-mail.
 - Successful requests for provisional bookings will be held a maximum of 7 days and should no feedback be received within 7 days of confirmation of the request, the booking will be automatically released.
 - A booking advice will be issued once the status of the provisional booking changes to confirm as per written request from the booking agent.

- **Payments:**
 - A 20% deposit is required upon receipt of the booking advice, if the booking is confirmed more than 30 days prior to arrival. The balance will be payable 30 days prior to the arrival date. (Dependent on contractual terms between Elephant Plains Game Lodge and relevant DMC).
 - Bookings confirmed within 30 days of arrival, will need to be paid in full.
 - Payments may be made via EFT (banking details indicated on the booking advice) or credit card link (Paybridge link will be provided upon request).
 - Full payment of transfers is required before we will be able to confirm the service.
 - Items not included in the accommodation rates, will be added to the guest's personal invoice to be settled upon check out.

- Please note, that only Mastercard or Visa is accepted for credit card payments at the lodge. Unfortunately, American Express and Diner's Club is not accepted.
- Cash payments are only possible in ZAR (South African Rand). Foreign denominations for payments of final bill not accepted at the lodge.

- **Cancellation Policy:**

Upon cancellation of a booking, or part thereof, the following policy prevails:

- Date of confirmation to 121 days prior to arrival: guests forfeit 10% of the **total reservation value** (charged as a handling fee).
- 121 to 61 days prior to arrival: guests forfeit 25% of the **total reservation value**.
- 60 to 31 days prior to arrival: guests forfeit 50% of the **total reservation value**.
- Less than 30 days prior to arrival: guests forfeit 100% of the **total reservation value**.
- No show / early departures (for whatever reason): guests forfeit 100% of the total reservation value
- An invoice according to our cancellation policy will be issued once a cancellation request has been received.

- **Travel Insurance:**

- It is highly recommended that all guests and their personal belongings be adequately covered by a comprehensive travel insurance policy covering at least injury, death, medical costs*, emergency evacuation, repatriation, loss of or damage to personal belongings (due to theft or otherwise) and cancellation for any reason.
 - The lodge shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or expense sustained by the guest, and no refunds will be provided for late arrivals, early departures or cancellations for any reason whatsoever

Should a guest fall ill, become injured or suffer any mishap, medical emergency or medical condition during their stay at Elephant Plains Game Lodge, the guest shall be responsible for all hospital, doctor, medical, diagnostic testing, quarantine expenses, evacuation and repatriation costs not covered by his insurance cover and Elephant Plains Game Lodge shall not be liable for any refund of the Reservation Value, for any reason whatsoever.

- **Force Majeure:**

Should Elephant Plains Game Lodge become prevented or restricted, directly or indirectly, from fulfilling any of its obligations due to causes beyond its reasonable control (including, but not limited to: declared or undeclared war, acts of terrorism, sabotage, civil disturbances, riots, insurrection, strikes, lock-outs, fire,

explosions, forceful winds, floods, sickness, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, government intervention, weather conditions, defects in machinery and vehicles, and acts of God), Elephant Plains Game Lodge shall be relieved of its obligations during the period of such event. It shall not be liable for any loss or damages suffered by the guest due to or resulting from such delay or failure, provided that Elephant Plains Game Lodge gives written notice of its inability to perform its services, within 24 hours of becoming aware of the force majeure event, to the extent reasonably possible. In the event of force majeure, Elephant Plains Game Lodge, where reasonably possible, make physically and financially reasonable efforts to mitigate or limit the duration or effects of the circumstances which had given rise to force majeure. Elephant Plains Game Lodge may delay or suspend its operations due to the relevant force majeure event. In the event of a force majeure occurrence as specified above, Elephant Plains Game Lodge will endeavour to, where reasonably possible, offer the affected party a credit equal to the value of the payment made prior to the event to be used at Elephant Plains Game Lodge on a future date.

- **General:**

- Guests will be required to agree to additional terms and conditions prior to commencing with any activities conducted by Elephant Plains Game Lodge during their stay. The indemnity form which needs to be signed by each guest, may contain exclusions or limitations of liability.
- Please be aware that Elephant Plains Game Lodge is situated in a remote area with limited facilities where close encounters with wildlife may occur. A waiver and consent form will be required to be signed by all guests prior to their stay.