



Activities 2026

All activities are subject to availability and should be booked 48 hours in advance.

IN THE PATH OF WILDLIFE | R1 200 PER PERSON | MIN 2 GUESTS

Thanda Safari is passionate about conservation. Our wildlife team work tirelessly to ensure that our wildlife is protected and conserved. Guests at Thanda have the unique opportunity to interact with the Wildlife Conservation team during their stay. It may take the form of one of our wildlife team coming to your camp and sharing a presentation on key conservation or ecological issues with you, or could entail a field activity including alien invasive plant control, erosion control, or plant surveys. Very occasionally it may be animal-based.

Because you'll be a part of the Wildlife Conservation team, the activities you undertake will depend on what is needed that day. Nature isn't always predictable, so please prepare to be flexible. This offer is at an additional charge and by appointment only, with the fee for your activity being allocated fully to Thanda Safari's Conservation Projects.

RHINO MONITORING | R1 200 PER PERSON | MIN 2 GUESTS

Led by a specialist Rhino Monitor, you head out in your game-viewing vehicle before sunrise to find rhino tracks. On the drive, you will learn all about rhino, including how to read their tracks and how to identify individual rhinos from ear notches. This is an interactive activity so will also include discussions around the threats they face as a species, while observing wind direction, their behaviour, and feeding patterns, all part of the Rhino Monitor's typical daily duties.

This activity replaces the morning drive as rhino are most active early in the morning, with the fee for the activity going directly toward rhino protection, including the Anti-poaching Unit's salaries, camera-traps, vet bills and fencing.

RHINO DARTING | R50 000 | MAX 14 GUESTS | ON REQUEST

Guests have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be in close contact with a rhino. This is a half day activity where you will witness the darting of this prehistoric animal and assist the Wildlife Conservation team in conducting whatever veterinary procedure is required, before waking up the rhino and releasing it back into the wild. The price includes the helicopter that is used in locating the rhino, as well as all costs involved in the darting and veterinary procedures. If there is a group of more than 14 guests, then a second darting can be arranged at a cost of R 40 000 for the additional guests. Veterinary costs are the same per animal but flying time is less, and the helicopter ferry cost is a once off fee, hence the reduced price for a second dart.

Please note that helicopter rates are subject to change without prior notice, as flying time and costs may fluctuate due to fuel prices and other operational factors. No children under the age of 16 are permitted. Darting season takes place from May to September, with specific dates subject to confirmation by our wildlife department. All activities are dependent on veterinarian and helicopter availability and therefore cannot be guaranteed until dates have been confirmed.

CHEETAH EXPERIENCE | R1 200 PER PERSON | MIN 2 GUESTS

Participate in this unique opportunity to join the wildlife team in tracking and finding the cheetah - the fastest mammal on Earth. The reserve is part of a larger cheetah conservation project and ensures all cheetahs are monitored through collaring. Guests head out just before sunrise, and spend three to four hours helping the team track and identify the cheetah while learning all about their ecology, the threats to the species, behavioural and feeding patterns, and genetic diversity breeding programmes.

HIPPO AND CROC CRUISE | R1 500 PER PERSON | MIN 2 GUESTS

The St. Lucia Estuary is part of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, which - as Africa's largest estuarine system - is a renowned World Heritage Site. A large congregation of Nile crocodiles and African hippos can be found in this area.

Thanda Safari can organise a two-hour interactive boat trip up the St. Lucia Estuary, where guests can spot hippos yawning, view crocs lazing and hear fish eagles calling. On the comfortable and secure 15-seater vessel, you'll hear from knowledgeable rangers who can answer your questions and point out unusual sights as you sail through the water. The return road transfer (1,5-hour drive to the St. Lucia Estuary) will be organised by Thanda Safari.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ZULUS | R1 200 PER PERSON | MIN 2 GUESTS

Zulu, when translated, means 'heaven'. This means that Zulu tribe members are the 'people of heaven'. As a guest at Thanda, you will have the opportunity to see this for yourself during an in-depth cultural experience; a community excursion following in the footsteps of Zulu ancestors.

We are able to customise this experience based on your interests, while also taking into account seasonality and events that may be happening in the area.

This activity is available at any time of the day and can fit between morning and evening game drives. It includes a Zulu guide and transfer to the local Zulu village, and a contribution towards the Thanda Safari Community Projects is allocated in the rate.

ZULU BLESSING | R5 000 PER COUPLE

This traditional Zulu Blessing, taken by a local Zulu, is typically held under one of Thanda Safari's beautiful Marula trees. Regarded as a sacred tree amongst the Zulus, the Marula tree is protected in communal lands under the local chief. It is often the spiritual centre for ritual activity in kraals (enclosures for cattle or sheep) and villages and known as the 'fertility tree' or 'marriage tree'. This one-hour Zulu Blessing is followed by a half-day game drive.

**Photography packages available on request*

DISCOUNTS

Discounts are offered on all activities excluding Rhino Monitoring.
Two guests - full rate | Three guests - less 20% | Four to six guests - less 25%

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