



Family and freedom under African skies

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GAME LODGES

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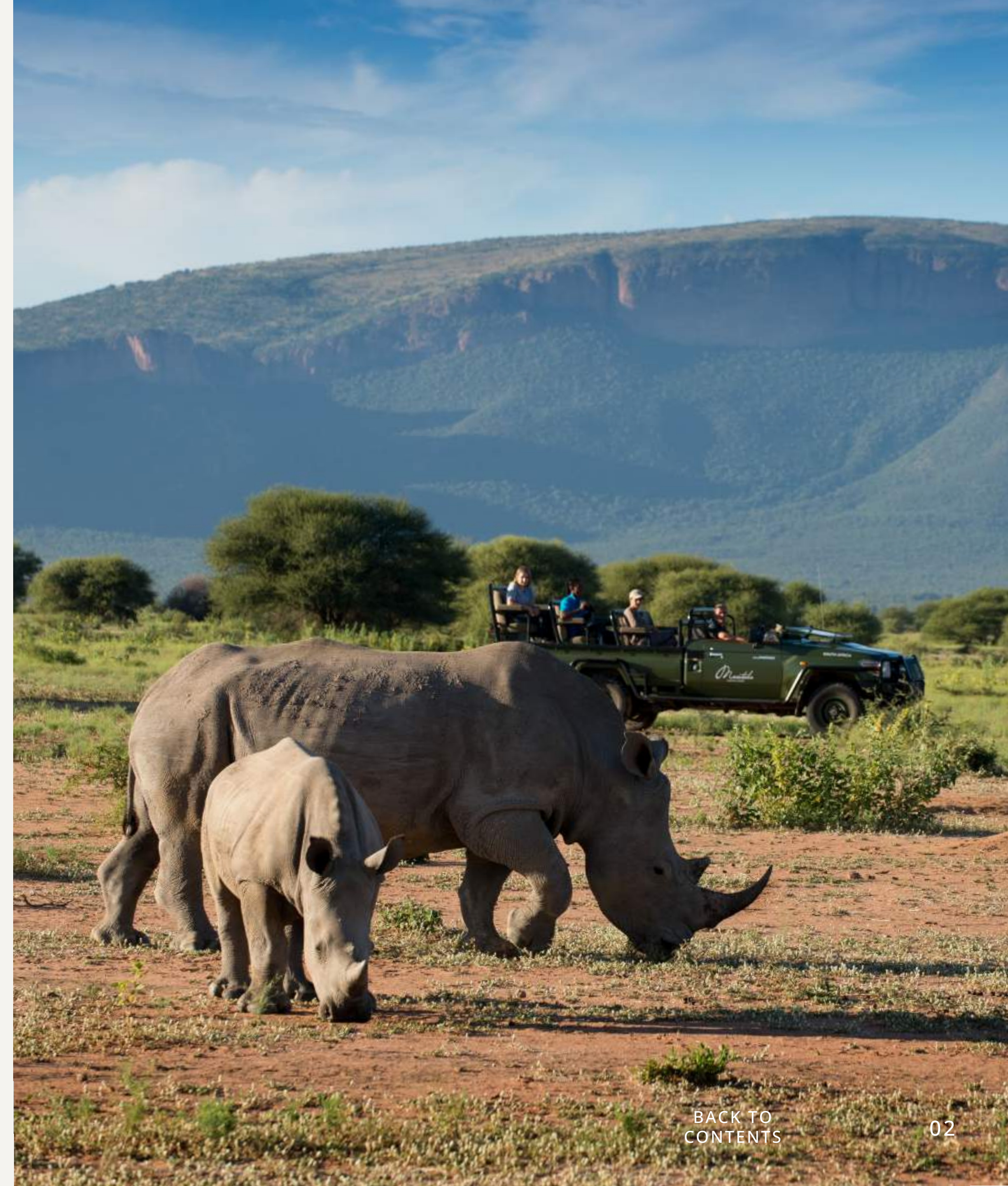
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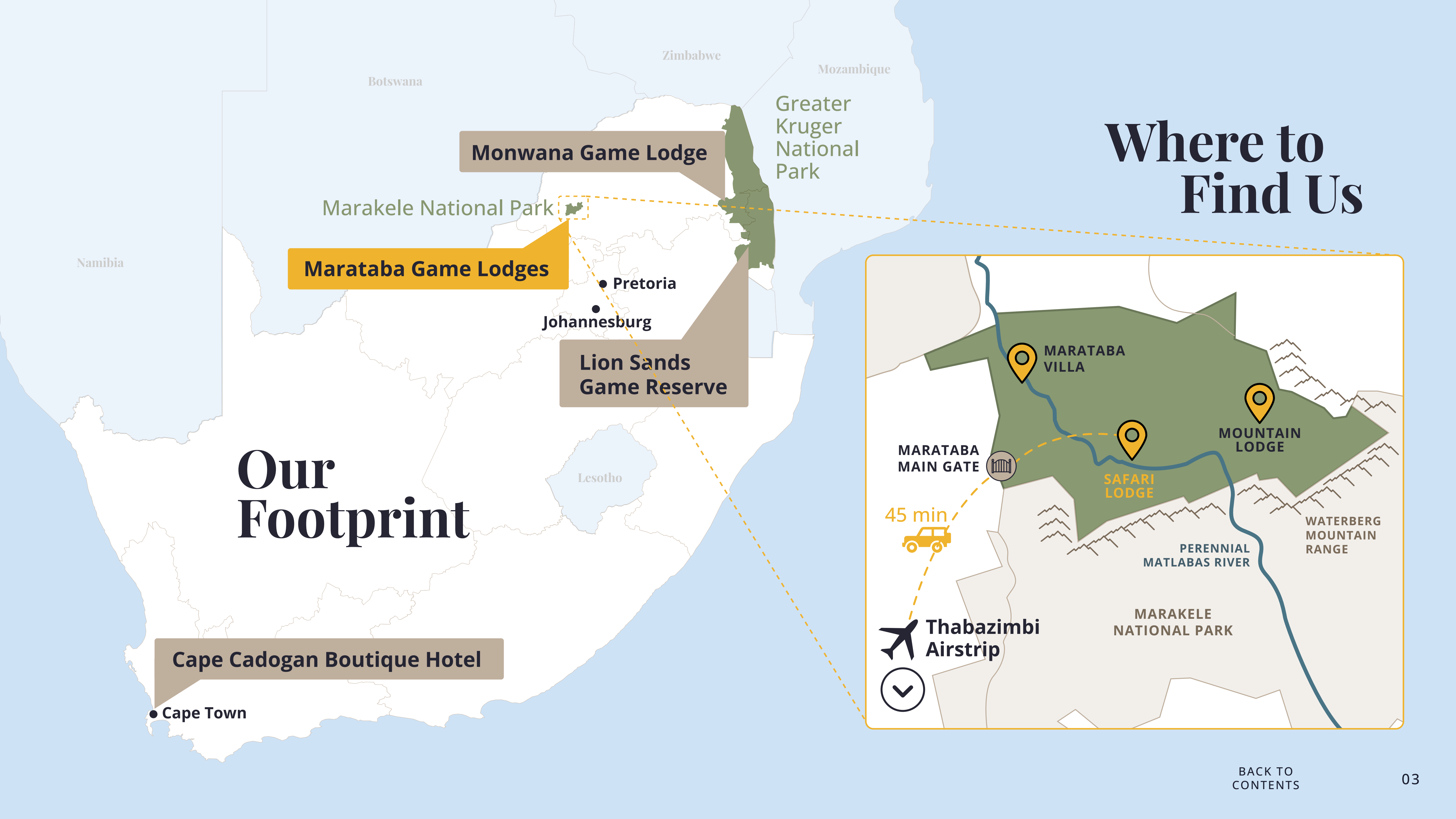
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An invitation to the plains

Set on the open plains beneath the Waterberg mountains, Marataba Safari Lodge is a place where families and friends gather, and adventure unfolds within a wilderness that feels both exhilarating and reassuring. Here, stone and canvas tents open onto views that transform with the light. Every day moves effortlessly from sunrise drives to poolside play and ends with laughter and stories shared around the fire – the wild, made wonderfully accessible.

Marataba lies within the malaria-free Marakele National Park (meaning “place of sanctuary” in Setswana), its 165 560 acres (67 000 hectares) a protected swathe of mountain and savanna home to the Big Five and rare wildlife. An iconic yet uncrowded setting where adventure takes whatever form you choose.





Where to Find Us

Our Footprint

Monwana Game Lodge

Marakele National Park

Marataba Game Lodges

Pretoria

Johannesburg

Lion Sands Game Reserve

Lesotho

Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

Cape Town

Greater Kruger National Park

MARATABA MAIN GATE

MARATABA VILLA

MOUNTAIN LODGE

SAFARI LODGE

PERENNIAL MATLABAS RIVER

WATERBERG MOUNTAIN RANGE

MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK

Thabazimbi Airstrip



What makes Marataba so unique?

A family-friendly escape where the Waterberg mountains frame time together

Marataba Safari Lodge pairs canvas-and-stone comfort with the energy of safari. The main lodge is the heart of it all, with a guest pool, spacious decks, relaxed dining, and wide-open views.

Tents (both luxury and family) are spaced along the edge of the plains close to where wildlife wanders, and each day brings as much freedom or relaxation as you choose.

Here, you set the pace – early mornings tracking animals with expert field guides, lazy afternoons spent poolside with a book while children invent new worlds in the Mack & Madi Safari Club Eco-Garden, and dinners under the stars, all tied together by hospitality that feels natural and thoughtful.



Our Environmental Commitment

TREADING LIGHTLY, LIVING FULLY

Marataba Safari Lodge is designed to blend naturally with its surroundings, bringing guests closer to the land while treading lightly.

From solar energy and water-wise systems to considered sourcing and low-impact design, daily operations are shaped by the environment in which the lodge operates.

This long-term approach to conservation and responsible tourism forms part of a broader commitment across MORE Collection to protect the landscapes, people, and communities connected to our properties.



Remarkable wildlife

Marataba is a privately managed section of 56 834 acres (23 000 hectares) within the malaria-free Marakele National Park conserving 165 560 acres (67 000 hectares) of the Limpopo Waterberg's biodiversity, as well as Iron Age sites of great historical significance. The park falls within the UNESCO-recognised Waterberg Biosphere.

The game here is impressive in number and diversity due to Marataba's location in a transition zone between the dry western and the wetter eastern regions of South Africa. Rare plant species of yellowwood and cedar trees, ancient cycads, and fern trees flourish here.

BIG FIVE

- Elephant
- Rhino (black and white)
- Buffalo
- Lion
- Leopard

NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT SPECIES

- African wild dog
- Cheetah
- Brown hyena
- Porcupine
- Warthog
- 300+ bird species
- Cape vulture (world's largest breeding colony)
- Sable antelope
- Cape pangolin
- Hippo



Experiences and Adventures

BUSH WALKS

After breakfast, field guides lead immersive walks tailored to your interests (mammals and birds, tracks and trees, geology or insects), letting all five senses wake up to the wild. (For adults and teenagers aged 16+.)



GAME DRIVES

Sunrise and late afternoons bring a new reason to roll out in open safari vehicles, for intimate game drives with exceptional sightings. Animals, big and small, are comfortably accustomed to vehicles, creating unrivalled photographic opportunities. Pause for a hot drink or sundowner; moments in the bush are meant to be savoured. (Children of all ages welcome.)

MISS MARA WATER SAFARI

Float along the Matlabas River in a guided boat at dusk or dawn to see hippos, elephants, prolific birds, and more. Snacks and drinks included. (All ages welcome.)

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WILDLIFE LECTURES

When the weather turns, field guides share the bush’s secrets in relaxed gatherings. Topics range from elephant behaviour to climate and conservation stories.

MACK AND MADI KIDS’ ADVENTURE SAFARI CLUB

Designed for young explorers, the Mack and Madi Club is a world of discovery and creativity: eco-garden play, spoor ID, cooking, pool games, kids’ picnics, movie nights, stargazing – all led by a dedicated team.



A NIGHT IN A TREEHOUSE

Spend an extraordinary night in the wild at Thabametsi Treehouse (by prior arrangement and at an additional fee). Solar-powered and secure, this two-level retreat offers sunset drinks, a gourmet picnic, and panoramic views over the Waterberg. Fall asleep counting shooting stars, with radio contact to a field guide always available. (Booked in conjunction with your room.)

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SPA AND WELLNESS

Unwind with a spa treatment in your tent or on your private deck during the break between adventures. Choose from massages, facials, reflexology, and more, using TheraNaka™ botanical products. Yoga mats provided on request.



LOCAL COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

Visit Heuningvei Primary School and the Itsoseng Daycare Centre in the Sentrum Community. This guided experience offers a meaningful connection with the people shaping young lives and directly supports the communities you visit - turning your stay into lasting impact.

RHINO CONSERVATION SAFARI

Gain insight into the ongoing conservation work supporting critically endangered black rhinos and near-threatened white rhino populations alongside specialist veterinary teams during key wildlife interventions. (Additional costs apply.)

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STARGAZING

Clear air and little light pollution turn skies into an endless storybook. Join your field guide after dark and learn to trace southern constellations. Just another reason why evenings here feel magical.

SHOPPING

The Gallery by MORE Collection at Marataba Safari Lodge features high-end African-made clothing, accessories, art, and one-of-a-kind mementos, handpicked to capture the spirit of your adventure.



CREATIVE LAB

Connect with our photographic specialists for guidance on taking the perfect image, professional on-site printing to take your memories home, and private photo shoots. Camera and lens rental is also available.



Accommodation

Fifteen luxury tents let you wake to morning light and nature's most untamed views.



Luxury Tents

-  King-sized bed
-  Private shaded terrace/deck
-  En-suite bathrooms and outdoor showers
-  Solar power
-  Air conditioning
-  Wi-Fi and personal bar
-  Two guests
-  Daily housekeeping and in-room wellness treatments
-  Guest pool at main lodge



Family Luxury Tents



King-sized bed



Private shaded terrace/deck



En-suite bathrooms and outdoor showers



Solar power



Air conditioning



Wi-Fi and personal bar



Children's room with a bunk bed and separate bathroom



Daily housekeeping and in-room wellness treatments



Guest pool at main lodge

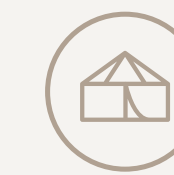
A photograph of a wooden deck overlooking a river at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow. Several black lounge chairs are arranged on the deck, and a closed patio umbrella stands nearby. The background features a river, lush greenery, and distant hills.

Marataba Villa

An exclusive-use retreat
along the Matlabas River,
with dedicated hospitality
at every turn.



Exclusive Luxury



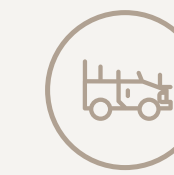
Four luxury tents
(up to 8 adults and 2 children)



Private pool and fire deck



Villa chef, butler, and housekeeping team



Private field guide and safari vehicle



Central living area: open-plan lounge,
dining room, interactive kitchen,
and fireplace

Practical information

GETTING HERE



BY AIR

- Scheduled flights or private charters to Thabazimbi Airstrip
- Helicopter arrivals to the Marataba Safari Lodge helipad by arrangement; spectacular fly-in over the Waterberg



TRANSFERS

- Approximately 1 hour by road from Thabazimbi Airstrip to Marataba Safari Lodge



BY ROAD

- Approximately 4 hours (320km/200 miles) from Johannesburg to Marataba Safari Lodge via well-maintained roads

WHAT TO PACK

- Neutral clothing for game drives and bush walks
- Warm layers for mornings and evenings – yes, even in summer
- Comfortable hiking boots/shoes
- Swimwear
- Sun protection, including a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Camera/binoculars
- Yoga mat (or ask at reception – provided for guest use)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Marakele National Park is malaria-free – no anti-malarial medication required
- Closest hospital: Mediclinic Thabazimbi Hospital (1 hour)

CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
- Mobile coverage may be limited, allowing you to be truly present
- International power outlets and USB charging points



An aerial photograph of Marakele National Park at sunset. The landscape is covered in dense, green and yellowish-brown bush. In the background, large, flat-topped mountains are silhouetted against a warm, orange and pink sky. A small, rustic wooden building with a corrugated metal roof is visible in the lower-left foreground, nestled among the trees.

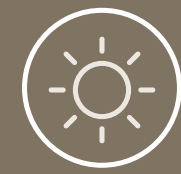
Weather and seasonal highlights

Marakele National Park is a year-round destination, with temperatures ranging from 70°F (21°C, winter min: 38°F/ 3°C) to 95°F (35°C, summer); rainfall peaks from December to February. Each season brings its own character and wildlife moments to Marataba.



SPRING (September – November)

- **Temperature:** 52–72 °F | 11–22 °C
- **Rainfall:** 5.9 in | 150 mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Newborn wildlife begin to appear, early migrants join residents
- **Landscape:** First rains spark wildflowers and lush green landscape
- **Seasonal appeal:** Flowering plants, bird activity at its brightest



SUMMER (December – February)

- **Temperature:** 70–95 °F | 21–35 °C
- **Rainfall:** 13.7 in | 350 mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Excellent birdwatching; young Big Five members appear frequently
- **Landscape:** Warm, dramatic thunderstorms; vibrant landscape and vivid sunsets
- **Seasonal appeal:** Lush, landscapes and abundant birdlife



AUTUMN (March – May)

- **Temperature:** 59–77 °F | 15–25 °C
- **Rainfall:** 6 in | 150 mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Resident raptors remain active; Big Five easier to spot
- **Landscape:** Calm, golden light; excellent for photography
- **Seasonal appeal:** Clear game viewing as bush recedes; wildlife rallies around water sources



WINTER (June – August)

- **Temperature:** 39–68 °F | 4–20 °C
- **Rainfall:** 0.4 in | 10 mm
- **Wildlife highlights:** Animals concentrate at waterholes, making for easier sightings
- **Landscape:** Sparse bush makes animal sightings exceptional
- **Seasonal appeal:** Clearest skies for evening stargazing; crisp mornings, mild days, cosy fires in the evening



Suggested Itinerary



Day One

ARRIVAL AT MARATABA SAFARI LODGE

- Scenic self-drive
- Lodge welcome and orientation
- Light lunch
- Meet your dedicated field guide
- Afternoon game drive with sundowner experience
- Dinner under the stars

Day Two

A DAY OF FAMILY SAFARI

- Coffee and a light breakfast selection
- Morning game drive
- Guided bush walk
- Return to the lodge for a hearty brunch
- Leisure time at the pool or enjoy a spa treatment
- Leisure time for children at Mack & Madi's eco-garden
- Lunch available
- Miss Mara water safari with sundowners
- Boma dinner at the main lodge
- Evening stargazing



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Day Three

A DAY OF WILD MOMENTS

- Coffee and a light breakfast selection
- Morning game drive
- Take part in a community tour or enjoy the Creative Lab
- Lunch
- Depart for afternoon safari
- Spend a night in Thabametsi Treehouse



Day Four

DEPARTURE AND ONWARD JOURNEY

- Sunrise game drive
- Breakfast in the main lodge
- Check out and enjoy another scenic self-drive through the park





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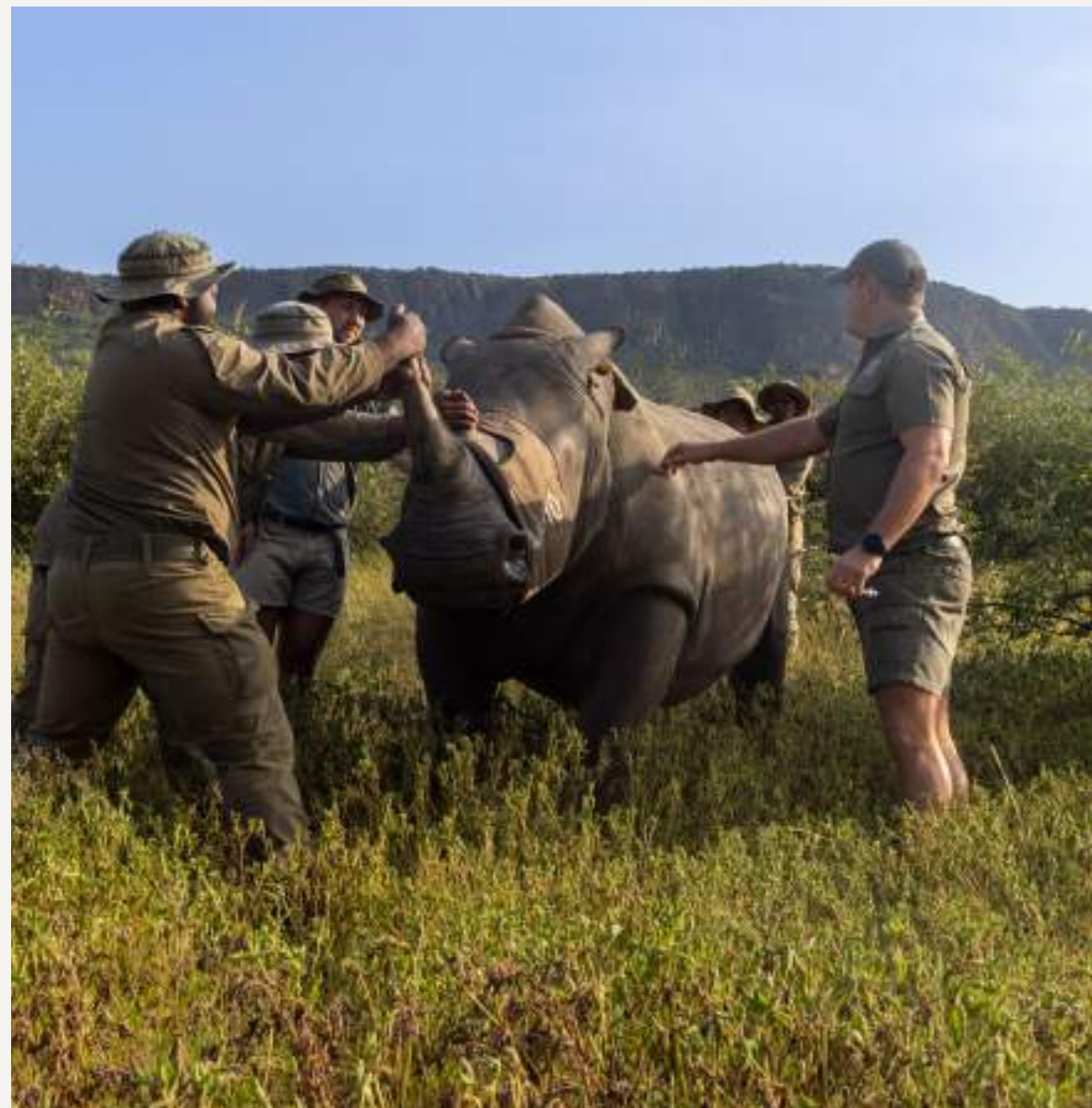
COLLECTIVELY CREATING POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL, AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

Through the MORE Collection Impact Fund, every guest stay contributes to four key areas: Health and Wellbeing, Resource Sustainability, Education and Training, and Investing in Local Communities.

Across Marataba Game Lodges, this work supports local employment, conservation initiatives, responsible sourcing, and long-term investment in the people and communities connected to the Waterberg region.



MORE Collection



MORE Collection, led by custodian and CEO Robert More, is a fourth-generation family business with roots dating back to 1933.

What began with one family’s connection to the Sabie River has grown into a collection of safari lodges, a boutique hotel, and private villas across South Africa - from the Sabi Sand and Greater Kruger to the Waterberg and Cape Town.

Although the collection has grown over time, it remains grounded in the relationships, places and the care that have shaped it from the beginning.

Wherever you join us, you’ll find thoughtful hospitality, a deep sense of belonging, and people who genuinely care about making every stay feel personal.

We look forward to sharing these remarkable parts of South Africa with you.



Robert More
CUSTODIAN AND CEO

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY WITH
MORE
COLLECTION

Discovering *South Africa*



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

IVORY LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
Refined safari living shaped by the Sabie River



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

RIVER LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A safari lodge connected to the rhythm of the Sabie River



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

NARINA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A quieter safari experience in the trees above the Sabie River



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

TINGA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE
A classic safari shaped by connection, discovery and the Sabie River



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BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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KLOOF STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD
Your stylish city stay in the heart of Cape town



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MOUNTAIN LODGE

MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK
A remote wilderness experience in the Waterberg Mountains



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COMING HOME

MONWANA LODGE

GREATER KRUGER
An unhurried safari experience shaped by stillness and connection



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