





## INTRODUCTION

The Valley of the Elephants is an unspoilt wilderness oasis nestled at the northern most point of the Drakensberg Mountains and on the cusp of the Greater Kruger. Aptly named, it falls in the valley of the Great Olifants river that meanders through the Lowveld and Kruger National Park.

It is here that visitors will discover the rich heritage that South Africa has to offer and where you will find Shoswe Lodge, a private game lodge that offers guests an unobstructed view of the glory that the bushveld has to offer. Shoswe Lodge is part of the Soleil Citrus brand.

# ACCOMMODATION

We have 4 units on stilts with wooden decks overlooking the Selati riverbed. Rooms are tastefully decorated and have en-suite bathrooms. All the linen is Hypo-allergenic and we provide complimentary amenities to guest.

Our Rooms:

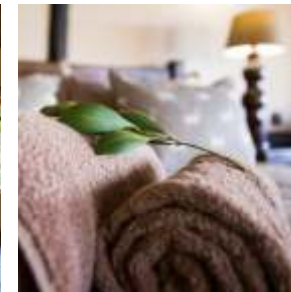
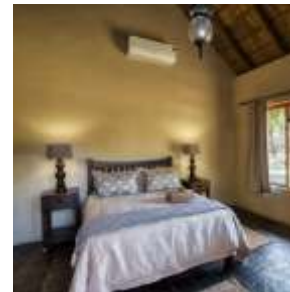
- Lion: Queen Bed
- Rhino: Double & Single Bed
- Leopard: Queen Bed
- Kudu: 3 x Single Beds










We have 2 units with Private Patios and a view of the bushveld & fountain. Rooms are tastefully decorated and have en-suite bathrooms. All the linen is Hypo-allergenic and we provide complimentary amenities to guest.

Our Rooms:







- Elephant: Double Bed
- Zebra: 2 x Single Beds








## IN ROOM FACILITIES:

-  Wi-Fi
-  Aircons
-  On-Suite Bathrooms with showers
-  Coffee stations
-  Amenities
-  Electric Blankets
-  Hypo - Allergenic Linen

## FACILITIES AT THE LODGE:

-  Swimming Pool
-  Open Air Boma
-  Bar
-  Lounge
-  Dining Room
-  Private Airstrip

## SERVICES:

-  Wi-Fi
-  Laundry Service (On request)
-  Guided Game Drives
-  Guided Bush Walks
-  Transfer/Shuttle Service Bookings







# ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE

## GAME DRIVES

One of the most exciting activities offered by most lodges today, we also treat guests to not one, but two Big 5 game drives per day. You will be accompanied by a qualified tour guide to teach you all about the area's fauna & flora.

## BUSH WALKS

For the more adventurous at heart, we offer guided bush walks to get you up close and personal with nature. A qualified and experienced guide will take you on an exciting walk and answer all your burning nature questions.

# ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

- Olifants River Boat Cruise
- Panorama Route
- Kruger National Park
- HESC
- Moholoholo
- Hot Air Ballooning
- Helicopter Tours
- Amarula Lapa
- Agricultural Tours

# GOOD TO KNOW

## SOUTH AFRICAN HOLIDAYS:

- December/January >> Christmas / New Year
- March/April >> Easter/Summer holidays
  - July >> Winter holidays
- August/September >> Spring holidays

## PASSPORT & VISA:

Make sure to check that your passport is valid and that you are aware of the visa requirements for your visit to South Africa. It is also necessary for parents to carry a FULL unabridged birth certificate for each child younger than 18 years. Click this link for more information. (add hyperlink to text: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry-effective-1-june-2015>). Always leave important information/document copies with families. Should anything happen on your travels, you have copies.

## MEDICAL AID & TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Insure you are well covered when travelling should a medical emergency occur or theft of your luggage. Rather be over prepared than not prepared at all.

## TRANSPORT:

Make sure you pack your international license on your trip should you wish to rent a vehicle. Remember, in South Africa, we drive on the left side of the road. There are various transport options available, but make sure it is reliable by searching for them on the web. Major cities have Uber available but smaller towns don't. Travel destinations usually have quite a few shuttle/transfer options available that can even arrange excursions.

## MONEY:

It is always good to arrive with some ZAR but make sure to not carry large amounts in crowded places. Also, hide cash in multiple locations in your luggage. The safest way to purchase items is with a credit card. Keep cash for tourist attraction vendors as they don't have card facilities.

## LANGUAGE:

Most people in South Africa are fluent in English so no need to learn Zulu/Shangaan if you are a foreigner. South Africa has 11 official languages... We are very friendly so don't be afraid to ask for directions or help.

## VALUABLES:

Make sure to store valuables when you go on excursions. Petty crime happens sporadically at high density tourist places. Be vigilant and hold on to your valuables/handbag.

# WHAT TO PACK?

## CLOTHING:

Check weather forecasts before you visit the lodge and pack accordingly. Bring comfortable shoes if you are interested in joining us on one of our bush walks.

## SUN PROTECTION:

It is advisable to pack a hat to protect against sun damage when outside for long periods of time. A good SPF product is also recommended especially for the the pool lovers.

## MOSQUITO REPELLENT:

Mbbavala Lodge is located in a Malaria area. Please consult your GP before taking any prophylactics against Malaria. You are welcome to pack extra repellent to keep mozzies at bay or buy in town - suggested brands are Peaceful Sleep / Tabard.

## ELECTRONICS:

Remember your international adapter if you are visiting us from outside South Africa. Photographers should pack cameras and chargers as there is ample opportunity to take gorgeous pictures.. There is enough outlets around the lodge to charge all your electronics.

## SWIMMING TOWELS:

Bring an extra swimming towel. Towels in the rooms are only for bathing purposes.





# LOCATION

Shoswe Lodge is located on the R71, in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Approximately 29 kilometers from Gravelotte and 25 kilometers from Phalaborwa.

GPS Co-ordinates: -23.916585 | 30.853956

# HOW TO GET HERE

- Guests are able to drive themselves to the lodge.
- Local flights are available from Johannesburg, Nelspruit or Cape Town to Hoedspruit or Phalaborwa Airports. Road Transfers from local airports can be arranged to the Lodge, enquire with us for more information.
- Daily shuttle services from OR Tambo International Airport to Hoedspruit are available, enquire with us for more information.

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