



Nyala Safari Lodge

FACT SHEET





Resting comfortably on the banks of the seasonal Mohlabetse River in the Greater Kruger's Balule Nature Reserve sits the inimitable Nyala Safari Lodge. Distinct in design, this 5 chalet lodge offers thatched accommodation in an iconic rondawel style, an archetype of Kruger accommodation.

Nyala's main area has a beautiful wrap-around viewing deck mimicking the curves of the seasonal river, and runs the full length of the lodge. This entire area is shaded by weeping Boer-beans and ancient Jackalberry trees, ensuring respite from the heat during the sizzling summer months. There's also a large swimming pool on-site-and with decking area to ensure the most is made out of those balmy summer days. Don't be surprised to spot bushbuck and vervet monkeys while lounging around the pool area. Just meters away from the main lodge is a thriving waterhole, where wildlife is known to put on a spectacle for onlookers.

The boma area is strategically placed to take advantage of waterhole views, and offers the perfect place to sit under the stars around a crackling campfire after your evening game drive.

Boma and swimming pool aside, the rest of the main area comprises a covered dining veranda, open plan kitchen, lounge, outdoor gym and viewing deck. Dotted among the indigenous vegetation are 5 beautifully appointed chalets, featuring warm sandy beige interiors complimented by natural earthy tones designed to harmonise with the Balule Bushveld.

Expect Egyptian cotton linen, draping mosquito nets, light wooden furniture, and luxury bathrooms, four of which have deep-set luxurious baths. While each room has a hint of uniqueness, all have indoor and outdoor showers and views of either the bushveld, pool or river. Activities include two game drives a day which depart at first light and late afternoon when the nocturnal predators are most active.



“LUXURY IN THE BALULE”

AT A GLANCE

- Nestled in the Greater Kruger area, on the Private Big 5 Balule concession, where wildlife roams freely between Balule and the Kruger National Park.
- Overlooks the seasonal Mohlabetse River
- A simple, luxury lodge with a relaxed atmosphere
- 5 thatched chalets
- A maximum capacity of 10 guests
- All chalets have a small patio
- Not self-drive accessible, Guests will need to meet at the Jejane Gate where they will be collected at 13:30
- Eco-aware lodge with a focus on sustainable dining
- Grey water system, solar power, and recycling system in place
- Children from age 12 years and over are accepted. (For below 12 special arrangements could be made.)

FACILITIES

- Swimming pool with a stylish wooden deck, complete with sun loungers & umbrellas
- Boma area with firepit and bushveld views
- Floodlit waterhole in front of the lodge
- Garden and lawns around camp
- Undercover veranda dining area
- Alternative undercover couch area for reading and general relaxation
- Lounge with a flat screen TV (only for our occasional die-hard sports enthusiasts)
- Tea and coffee station in the main area
- Small library area with an array of wildlife books
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in main area & chalets
- Indoor and outdoor showers, with baths in 4 of the chalets
- Chalets have bushveld, pool or river views
- Flexible bed configurations in four chalets, includes King size, Hollywood twin or triple share for kids
- 4 of the chalets have room for a third bed
- Mosquito nets and canvas dropdown blinds
- Air conditioning and ceiling fans
- Tea and coffee station in chalets
- Universal plug points
- Yoga mats
- Laundry Service (extra charge)
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Curio shop

LOCATION

Nyala Safari Lodge is located in the Greater Kruger's famed Balule Nature Reserve, a Big 5 reserve sharing unfenced borders with the Kruger National Park. If you're self-driving, from Johannesburg it takes an estimated 6 hours by road to reach Nyala Safari Lodge. Self-drivers would need to leave their car at the gate - Nyala will transport you to camp, which will take roughly 40-minutes by dirt road. Most safari goers choose to fly into O.R. Tambo and then catch a connecting flight to Hoedspruit-Eastgate Airport. There are also private transfers, which can be arranged through our reservations department at an additional cost.

ACTIVITIES

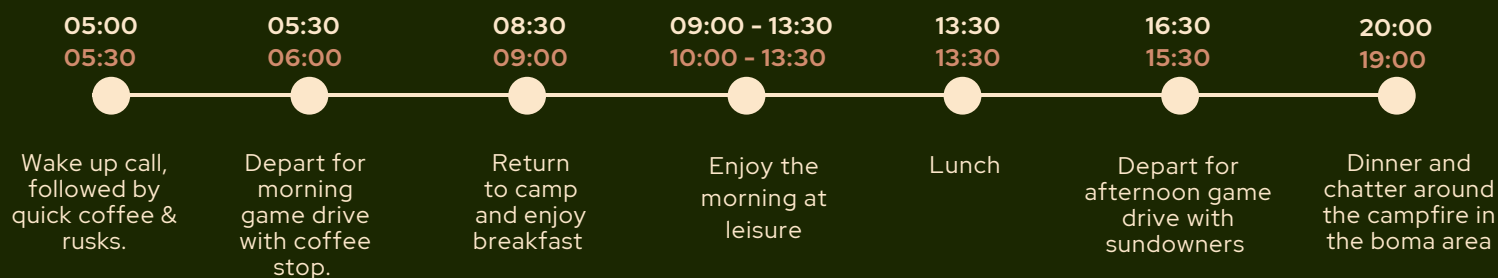
- Morning game drives
- Afternoon game drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching



A TYPICAL DAY AT NYALA SAFARI LODGE

Below is an example of a typical day on safari at Nyala. The times may vary according to seasons and other environmental factors.

Key = Summer | Winter





GETTING THERE

These are the options:

- Self-drive from Johannesburg (± 6 hours) to the Balule Nature Reserve. Detailed directions will be provided, and wildlife sightings often begin en route within the reserve
- Fly into Hoedspruit (via Johannesburg or Cape Town), followed by a 15 min drive to the Jejane gate for pick up and a further 40 min drive to the lodge. *Airport pickups can be arranged at additional cost.*
- Self-drive to the Jejane Gate - Detailed directions will be provided, please ensure you do not follow GPS or google maps
- The lodge requires a contact telephone number for self-drive guests so that a gate pin location can be shared and specific pick-up times can be arranged.

CHILD POLICY

- Children from age 12 years and over are accepted.
- When booking the lodge on exclusive use, we can accommodate children of all ages.
- Children are permitted on the game drive; however, participation is subject to appropriate behavior and remains at the discretion of the guide.
- No child-minding facilities available at the lodge

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION:

WEATHER

The Kruger is a year-round safari destination, with hot, rainy summers (November–April) and dry, mild winters (May–August). Summer brings lush landscapes, newborn impala, and excellent birdwatching, with full waterholes and occasional storms.

In winter, cooler mornings and warm, dry days make for great game viewing, as thinner vegetation and scarce water draw animals to waterholes.

GAME DRIVE VEHICLES

Game drive vehicles at Nyala Safari Lodge are luxury state of the art, ultra comfortable, fully kitted safari vehicles, driven by professional qualified safari guides. They are quiet and unassuming allowing for close up visuals of some of the most beautiful wildlife on offer in this Big 5 area and photographic opportunities are plentiful.

WHAT TO PACK

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes, long trousers
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets are essentials in winter (May - Oct)
- Suitable backpack
- Beanie and gloves - the mornings are cold during winter.



MALARIA

The Balule Nature Reserve region is a low risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Melfloquine. Mosquitos are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

WILDLIFE

The bush is wild, unpredictable, exciting, and surprising. It changes daily, with no two days the same. Wildlife is regularly spotted at the waterhole or on the banks of the seasonal river in front of the lodge. Frequent visitors include an array of birdlife, giraffe, elephants, impala and the occasional predator. The Balule Nature Reserve is a Big 5 reserve, but there are plenty of other animals that are regularly spotted. Species include zebra, giraffes, warthog, spotted hyena, baboons, hippo, kudu, vervet monkeys, and waterbuck to name out a few.



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