



Nambu Camp

FACT SHEET



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A large photograph of a savanna landscape. In the foreground, a giraffe stands prominently, facing left. In the background, a safari vehicle is visible with several people inside, some looking towards the camera. The landscape is filled with green bushes and trees under a bright sky. The text 'INTRO TO NAMBU CAMP' is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters.

INTRO TO NAMBU CAMP

Elevated above the landscape and built on an old anthill lies Nambu Camp, located in the heart of the Greater Kruger in the Olifants West Nature Reserve. This charming safari camp, comprising just six luxury chalets, overlooks a winding dry riverbed, bustling waterhole and the Drakensberg Mountain range in the distance.

Views of this wilderness are framed by the lodge's unique and open design. The camp has been in the Drinkwater family for over 40 years, passed down through generations and home to many memories with both family and friends. The name Nambu means 'river' in the local language of IsiThonga, and this unique lodge has many ties to this natural source that flows through the traverse.

Tawny eagles soar above while herds of elephants drink down below; this hilltop lodge is certainly a wildlife haven surrounded by nature. During the heat of the day, relax by the camp's poolside or bird watch from the lodge's vast viewing platform before a mid-day brunch up at the main camp.

Here at Nambu there are two activities per day, situated in a big five game reserve, head out on safari and explore this vast and diverse landscape, you never know what you may find here in South Africa's true wilderness.

An aerial photograph of a luxury chalet. The chalet features a large, oval-shaped swimming pool with a person swimming. The pool is surrounded by a wooden deck with several lounge chairs and umbrellas. The chalet is nestled in a lush, green forest.

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AT A GLANCE

- Located in the Olifants West Nature Reserve
- Big 5 game reserve
- Shares unfenced borders with the Kruger National Park
- Self-drive accessible
- Six luxury chalets equipped with private patios/veranda's
- Chalets three and five are garden-facing, while the others are front facing
- Two of the chalets are interleading (rooms 5 & 6)
- One of the chalets has a handwashing basin in the room (room 1)
- Maximum capacity of 12 guests
- Children from age 8 years and over are accepted.

FACILITIES

- Tiled swimming pool with waterhole views
- Sun loungers and occasional chairs around the poolside
- Lower level deck area with seating areas
- Framed scenic views from the upper deck and an open-air viewing platform below
- WiFi in lounge area
- Indoor lounge area
- Indoor dining area
- Boma area with campfire
- Chalets have hotel standard sockets that include plugs, USB, and USBC charging next to each side of the bed
- Air-conditioning in all chalets
- Luxury rain showers only
- Credit card facilities



LOCATION

Nambu Camp is located within the Big Five Olifants West Nature Reserve in the heart of the Greater Kruger region. The reserve offers exceptional traversing, with wildlife roaming freely between the surrounding private reserves and the unfenced Kruger National Park. Guests can also enjoy traversing along sections of the Olifants River, adding to the diverse landscapes and exceptional game viewing opportunities of the area.

ACTIVITIES

- Morning game drive
- Afternoon game drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Morning coffee stops at the river
- Bird watching
- Private dinners (upon request)



A TYPICAL DAY AT NAMBU CAMP

Each morning begins with a morning wake-up call, coffee and a game drive in the Olifants West Nature Reserve.





GETTING THERE

These are the options:

- Self Drive to the camp
- Located 30-minutes outside of Hoedspruit town and 45-minutes from Hoedspruit airport, making it easily accessible for fly-in guests
- self-drive from Johannesburg, which is a scenic 5-hour drive away.
- Arrange private or shared transfers - *can be arranged through our reservations office.*

CHILD POLICY

- Children from age 8 years and over are accepted.
- Children 5 and older will be accepted from 2027
- No child-minding facilities available at the lodge

Please note: It is vital for safety that children are well behaved on the game drives. Children are permitted on the game drive; however, participation is subject to appropriate behavior and remains at the discretion of the guide.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION:

WEATHER

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring mid-summer (November – February). Rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, and seldom lasts longer than a few hours. The mean average maximum temperatures range from 24.5°C in July to 31.5°C in January with the mean monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.

GAME DRIVE VEHICLES

On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. This enables you to get within five to ten metres of the large animals – and safely! All game drives are conducted in open 4 X 4 Toyota Land Cruisers or Landrovers.

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
- Sun hat, glasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets are essentials in winter (May - Oct)
- Beanie and gloves - the mornings are cold during winter.



MALARIA

The Olifants West 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. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

WILDLIFE

Nambu Camp is set in the heart of the Olifants West Nature Reserve, open to the Kruger National Park and home to the Big Five and abundant wildlife. The camp overlooks a dry riverbed with a waterhole and natural springs, attracting a variety of animals. Elevated vantage points make it ideal for spotting movement below, from giraffe and herds of elephants to the bushveld's predators.

The Olifants River runs through the reserve, where hippos and crocodiles are commonly seen. Birdlife is exceptional, with species including kingfishers, herons, vultures, eagles, and the occasional Pel's fishing owl. Birdwatching at camp is a highlight, with tawny eagles nesting nearby and sunbirds drawn to the gardens.



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