



Nyala Safari Lodge

FACT SHEET



INTRO TO



NYALA SAFARI LODGE

Resting comfortably on the banks of the seasonal Mohlabetsi 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 wrap-around viewing deck mimicking the curves of the seasonal river, and runs the full length of the lodge. The entire lodge is shaded by weeping Boer-beans and ancient Jackalberry trees, ensuring respite from the heat during the sizzling summer months. There's also a swimming pool on-site and 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 metres away from the main area 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 dining section, open plan kitchen, lounge, outdoor gym and viewing deck. Dotted among the riparian vegetation are 5 well-appointed chalets, furnished with sandy beige interiors and earthy tones designed to harmonise with the Balule Bushveld.

Expect Egyptian cotton linen, light wooden furniture, and ornate 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

- Located in a private concession in the Big 5 Balule Game Reserve
- Unfenced borders with Kruger National Park
- Overlooks the seasonal Mohlabetzi 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.

FACILITIES

- Swimming pool with a stylish wooden deck, complete with sun loungers & umbrellas
- Boma area with firepit, chairs, and bushveld views
- Floodlit waterhole in front of the lodge
- Garden and lawns around camp
- Undercover veranda dining area, complete with drop-down blinds
- 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 of the chalets, including king, triple or Hollywood twin
- 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 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.

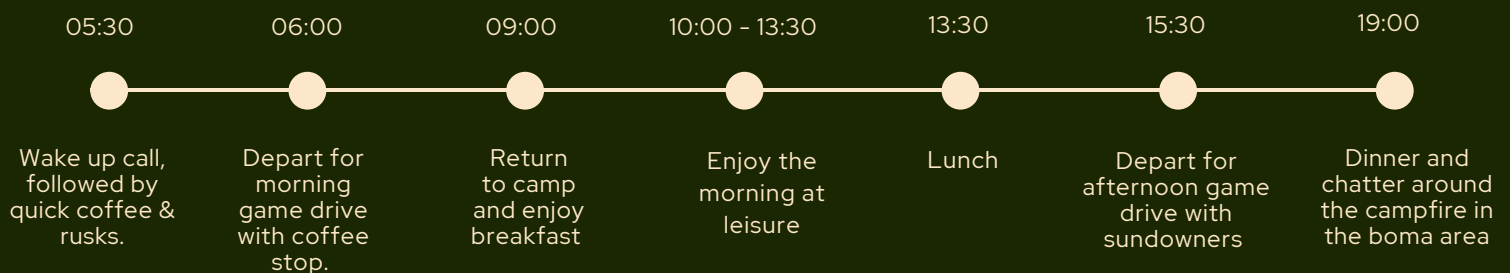
ACTIVITIES

- 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.





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 ± 40 -minute road transfer to the lodge. Airport pickups can be arranged at additional cost.
- 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.

CHILDREN 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

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, 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, warthog, spotted hyena, baboon, hippo, kudu, vervet monkey, and waterbuck.



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