

Lion Sands

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

FACT SHEET

This International Award Winning private game reserve is located in the finest territory of the world famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve. It stretches for kilometres along the perennial Sabie River which forms its natural boundary with the Kruger National Park. The land, which has been owned and managed by the **More Family for four generations**, is a place of rarity and carries with it a passion which can only be instilled by a great family history.

Nicholas and Robert More, brothers & fourth generation owners of the land, opened Lion Sands Private Game Reserve to guests in April 2001 with Lion Sands River Lodge & Lion Sands Ivory Lodge. Their passion to deliver a world class luxury safari experience is equaled by their complete commitment in ensuring a pure balance between the preservation of this pristine "bushveld" (wilderness area), allowing access for guests to observe some of Africa's greatest mammals in their natural habitat and ensuring the **benefits are shared with local communities**.

It has exclusive access to the **Sabie River**. The source of the River includes the famous Mac Mac falls flowing from its source high up in the Drakensburg mountain range. This River is central to why Lion Sands delivers an incomparable safari experience in Africa. Where there is water there is life, coolness, sanctuary from the heat of the African sun, a place where the wildlife travel great distances to quench their thirsts, rejuvenation and so much more. This is the natural wonder which can be experienced at Lion Sands.

The Lion Sands Game Reserve is **private and exclusive** to Lion Sands guests only which ensures the safari experience is highly personalised, allowing guests the time and flexibility to savour the natural beauty which abounds. Come to Lion Sands, spend a little time with us, man and animal, and you will experience a feeling of belonging and at the same time a sense of freedom that comes from those who believe in sharing instead of possessing.

IVORY LODGE

Location – The Lodge has been built on the banks of the Sabie River with magnificent views, extending onto the open sand banks of the Kruger National Park. The Lodge faces due South and is approximately 100 meters upstream of River Lodge.

Suites - There are 6 ultra luxurious suites with en-suite bathroom, outdoor & inside shower, courtyard, lounge with fireplace, wooden viewing deck, patio & private plunge pool. The bedroom & bathroom area are air-conditioned and overhead fans cool the bedrooms and lounges. All rooms have telephone and internet access. The suites are 165 m² in size and are positioned at least 20 meters apart, being linked to all areas by raised wooden walkways. They all have breathtaking views over the Sabie River, a setting where game viewing can be done from the luxury of one's private suite – Africa's finest bedrooms!

Lodge – The entrance area is separate from the main lodge in order to ensure that guests arriving and departing have no impact on other overnight guests. The public areas comprise of a private lounge, library, wooden viewing decks, wine cellar, gymnasium & health spa, curio shop & both an indoor and open-air (Boma) dining area.

Experience – Ivory Lodge is about African Euro elegance, sophistication yet simplicity, boldness yet balance, ebony & ivory, perfect harmony, exclusivity, sensitivity & complete privacy.

RIVER LODGE

Location: The Lodge has been built on the banks of the Sabie River. It faces due East catching the sun as it rises over the Kruger National Park and is approximately 100 meters downstream of Ivory Lodge.

Rooms: There are 18 luxurious thatched bedrooms with en-suite bathroom, outdoor & inside shower & wooden viewing deck. The bedroom area is air-conditioned with an over-head fan. All rooms have mini-bar & telephone access. The rooms are linked to all areas by raised wooden walkways.

Lodge: The lodge comprises the following: a private lounge and bar, an outdoor safari lounge, 2 swimming pools, wooden viewing decks, a secluded bird hide, a river island deck, conference room, gymnasium & health spa, curio shop & both an indoor and open-air (Boma) dining area.

Experience – River Lodge is the Soul of Lion Sands. Positioned on a site, which has trees dating back almost 800 years, the lodge is about spirit, warmth, nature & relaxation. It is hosted by a family of Staff that will make it feel like home from home, relax, enjoy and get to experience African hospitality at its best.

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Accommodation and Facilities

Lion Sands consists of two lodges namely,

Ivory Lodge:

- 6 ultra luxurious rooms
- Private plunge pools
- Private & communal lounge with fireplace
- Air-conditioning & Overhead fans
- Wine Cellar
- Health Spa
- 6 guests per Land Rover (private Land Rover*)
- Curio shop
- Indoor & outside dining areas incl. Boma
- Library
- Internet & telephone access

River Lodge:

- 18 luxurious bedrooms
- 2 swimming pools
- Communal lounge with fireplace
- Outdoor Safari lounge
- Air-conditioning & Overhead fans
- Health Spa & Gymnasium
- River Island Deck
- 8 guests per Land Rover (private Land Rover*)
- Curio Shop
- Indoor & outside dining areas incl. Boma
- Conference room
- Internet & telephone access

Reserve:

- G.A.C Waterhole Hide
- Nyala Hide
- Inqwazi Hide
- Jackalberry Treehouse
- Chalkley Treehouse
- Trails' Camp

Uniqueness:

- Only private reserve situated on the perennial Sabie River.
- Unique programme of Activities for clients to tailor-make their stay incl. the infamous Tree House Experience
- Family Owned & Managed since 1933

Private Land Rovers

The sole use of a Land Rover can be arranged upon request, subject to availability and will be at an additional charge (*contact Reservations for the detailed costings*)

Activities

The activities programme has been developed to enhance the guest's safari experience by enabling the guest to tailor-make their stay with us. The activities are all offered in a flexible and convenient environment. The activities programme is uniquely exclusive to Lion Sands guest's only.

Activities Included in Tariff

Open Land Rover game drives; Bush Breakfasts; Bush Walks; Wildlife Lectures; Safari lunches; River Tours, Bush Dinners & Astronomy.

Activities Excluded from Tariff

Private Land Rover hire (*Exclusivity, Specialist Photography, Bird watching*); Health Spa; Clay pigeon Shooting; Tree House experience.

By Arrangement visits to: Kruger National Park (KNP) Golf Course; Helicopter flights to the Blyde River Canyon, Ballooning Safari, Hazyview.

Tariffs

Tariffs are quoted in South African Rands and are subject to change without prior notice, although tariffs quoted for confirmed bookings will be honoured. Tariffs include government taxes where applicable. If taxes increase the costs we reserve the right to increase the tariff accordingly.

Tariffs Include

Ivory Lodge:

- Luxury accommodation
- Two game drives in open Landrovers
- Three meals daily
- Game drive refreshments
- Teas/Coffees
- Laundry
- Beverages excluding premium brands and imports
- Skukuza airport transfers

River Lodge:

- Luxury accommodation
- Two game drives in open Landrovers
- Three meals daily
- Game drive refreshments
- Teas/Coffees
- Skukuza airport transfers

Optional activities included - Ivory & River Lodge:

Astronomy; Bush breakfast / dinner; Bush walks; River tour; Safari lunches; Wildlife lectures

Tariffs Exclude

Ivory Lodge:

- Curio shop purchases
- Health spa treatments
- Premium brand and import beverages
- Telephone calls
- Reserve entrance fees
- Airport taxes
- Gratuities for staff

River Lodge:

- Curio shop purchases
- Health spa treatments
- Laundry
- Personal bar account
- Telephone calls
- Reserve entrance fees
- Airport taxes
- Gratuities for staff

Tariffs Children & Extra Beds

We regret that we are unable to accommodate children under the age of 10 years unless the lodge is block booked by the same family or group. Children aged 12 or under and sharing a room with adults: less 50% of tariff. Extra beds in the rooms cannot be provided.

Credit Card

American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard & Visa Cards are accepted at the lodge.

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Characteristic Species

Lion, elephant, white rhino, leopard, cheetah, buffalo, Wild Dog giraffe, zebra, hyena, waterbuck, hippopotamus, crocodile, wildebeest, kudu and many other mammal & bird species.

Check Out Times

Guests are recommended to arrive any time from noon, and rooms are to be vacated by 11h00.

Dietary Requirements / Liquor Licence

Please inform the Reservations of any dietary requirements and we will do our utmost to oblige. Both Ivory & River Lodge are fully licensed.

Health Spa

The Lalamuka Health Spa... "Lalamuka" means unwind in Shangaan and that is exactly what it is all about. An array of body and facial treatments are available to guests to assist in getting rid of those urban stresses.

How to get there

By Road...

Recommended route from Johannesburg or Pretoria:

Take the N12/N4 highway to Nelspruit. R40 from Nelspruit to Hazyview. At Hazyview turn right onto R536 towards Paul Kruger Gate. After 38km turn left onto gravel road which is signposted to Lion Sands. Drive along dirt road for 2km. At T-junction turn right and drive for 5km to Sabi Sand Gate (entrance fee R80 per vehicle). Drive straight as signposted to Lion Sands. After 2km turn right at sign. Drive straight following signs to either Ivory or River Lodge.

Distance Chart (Approximate):

Johannesburg / Lion Sands (5 hours) – 520 km.
Skukuza Airport / Lion Sands (25min) – 12 km.
Phalaborwa Airport / Lion Sands (3 hours) – 243 km.
Hoedspruit Airport / Lion Sands (2h15min) – 160 km.
KMI Airport / Lion Sands (1h45min) – 110 km.
Hazyview / Lion Sands (1 hour) – 67 km.
Paul Kruger Gate / Lion Sands (45 min) – 32 km.

By Rail...

A recommended option is the romantic Rovos Rail Safari from Pretoria to Komatipoort, with transfers to Skukuza by bus. Our open Land Rovers will collect and transfer the guests from Skukuza airport to Lion Sands.

By Air...

Scheduled Flights:

SA Airlink operated by South African Airways, has one flight daily from Johannesburg to the Sabi Sands Game Reserve (Mala Mala Airfield). The flight details are as follows:

SA 8863	JIA – AAM	Depart 11h10	Arrive 12h10
SA 8864	AAM – JIA	Depart 12h35	Arrive 13h35

Alternatively there are two airlines that service the KMI Airport namely: SA Airlink, and Nationwide Airlines. Direct flights are available from Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Should you require a land transfer from KMI Airport to Lion Sands this can be booked and arranged through Lion Sands Reservations.

Charters:

There is a charter flight (Federal Air) available direct from Johannesburg International Airport to Skukuza Airport. The estimated time of this transfer is 1h15min. These charter flights can be booked through Lion Sands Reservations.

Flight Times:

DEP JNB 09h30 / ARR SZK 11h00
DEP JNB 11h30 / ARR SZK 13h00
DEP JNB 13h30 / ARR SZK 15h00

DEP SZK 09h30 / ARR JNB 11h00
DEP SZK 11h30 / ARR JNB 13h00
DEP SZK 13h30 / ARR JNB 15h00

Type of Aircraft: Cessna Grand Caravan (maximum of 12 passengers)

Baggage Allowance: 20kg's (Secure excess baggage storage facilities are available at JIA)

Should you use a commercial airline and fly to KMI Airport near Nelspruit, there is a charter flight (Federal Air) to Skukuza. The estimated time of this air transfer is 0h25min.

Transfers:

Skukuza airport...

Return transfers between Skukuza airport and the Lodge/Camp in our open Land Rovers are available. The transfer fee is included in the tariff and takes approximately 25 minutes

KMI Airport...

Guests will be meet at the airport and transferred in an air-conditioned microbus. The distance is approximately 110 kilometres and is estimated to take **1h50 hours** and is excluded from the rate.

Mala Mala airfield...

Guest will be collected from the airstrip by open land rovers and transported to the lodge. The transfer time is approximately **45 minutes** and is excluded from the rate.

Other areas...

We suggest you contact the Lodge Reservations to get detailed information on the best possible options.

What to Take

(The following is a handy checklist)

Anti-malaria precautions (Please consult your doctor / pharmacist); Sun hat; Sunglasses; Sun Block;
Sturdy comfortable ankle length thick-soled walking boots or track shoes, Cameras & binoculars; video cameras & spare batteries; lip cream, contact lens solutions and spare glasses, personal medications.

Winter Months (May to September, +- 3°C – 22°C)

Very warm insulated parkas or bush jackets for the night safaris

Scarves to keep the neck warm
Jeans & shorts for everyday wear
Light sweaters for the midday period

Summer Months (October to April, +- 15°C – 38°C)

Cool cotton clothing, T-shirts & shirts (preferably in neutral colours), Shorts for everyday wear.

Jeans & trousers for evening wear (temperatures can drop to around 18°C)

Swimwear

Sandals to wear at the lodge (not essential but more comfortable)

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