



RHINO SANDS

SAFARI CAMP

SAFARI INFORMATION SHEET

Designed to bring an authentic safari experience in classical style to Kwa-Zulu Natal, Rhino Sands Safari Camp is an 10-bed luxury tented camp in Manyoni Private Game Reserve. Rhino Sands Safari Camp is an owner-run five-star safari camp, created to offer guests an intimate way to reconnect with nature and one another. The safari experience has been crafted with an eye towards classical elegance, with intimate meals dining on fine local cuisine, romantic sundowner stops, and world-class game viewing.

LOCATION:

Rhino Sands Safari Camp is set in the heart of Zululand, in the Kwa-Zulu Natal province of South Africa. The camp is located inside Manyoni Private Game Reserve and set on a peninsula of the Msunduze River. The reserve is one of the premier game-viewing destinations in Kwa-Zulu Natal and is home to the Big 5 along with African wild dogs and cheetahs, as well as large numbers of all the more common African animals. The area is a well-known tourist destination, and is home to a number game reserves, beautiful remote beaches, the St. Lucia Wetland Park world heritage site, and the colorful Zulu nation. The closest airports are Richard's Bay (1.5 hrs) and Durban King Shaka (3 hrs), both of which are an easy drive directly up the N2 freeway to the game reserve. Private charter flights can land in nearby Mkhuze, Hluhluwe, or Phinda airstrips.



WHAT A STAY INCLUDES:

Your quote for Rhino Sands Safari Camp is for an all-inclusive package. This includes accommodation plus two daily game drives within Manyoni Private Game Reserve. The rate also includes all meals as well as a selection of local wines and spirits and all non-alcoholic drinks. Rates exclude the Manyoni Private Game Reserve conservation levy, which we will collect on behalf of the reserve. Currently conservation levies are charged at R175 for 2024 and 2025. These rates are subject to change without notice. Our rates also exclude optional extras like curios, gratuities, and off-site activities.

ACCOMMODATION:

The entire camp is set under canvas upon wooden platforms within the riverine forest. The main camp area features a reception office, casual bar lounge space, formal lounge, and both formal and casual dining areas. There is also a large boma area for guests to enjoy dining fireside beneath the stars.

Guests can stay in one of five luxurious custom-built private tented suites located amid beautiful riverine forest, each featuring a private living area, outdoor shower, and swimming pool. Each tent opens completely on three sides so guests can immerse themselves in the wilderness experience. All tents have stunning views of the riverbed below. The camp has been designed and decorated with an emphasis on the romance of the classical safari experience, with a nod towards traditional safari styling but including all the modern luxuries.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR CAMP:

Rhino Sands Safari Camp is a tented camp, and while very luxurious, the accommodation consists of actual tents, which may be zipped open or closed. There is also a mosquito netting which can be zipped closed while canvas is left open. The beds all have mosquito nets which can be draped closed at night.

Rhino Sands Safari Camp is an ecofriendly camp. Our electricity is run on a solar installation and is backed up by a silent generator. While there is always electricity available, the camp has been designed to save on electricity where possible, and we ask our guests to please be considerate in their use of electricity. Tents do have fans but not air conditioning. There are private pools at each tent to help guests cool off. In the winter we suggest guests bring along warm clothing for the tents and game drives, as temperatures in the early morning hours can approach freezing.

We have made a conscious decision to provide only limited wifi in camp. Wifi is available in the private tented suites only. We kindly ask that guests refrain from using the internet or devices in public areas at any time. The Rhino Sands experience was created to encourage our guests to disconnect from their busy lives and reconnect with the environment and with one another, as we believe that is the true spirit of safari.

PACKING LIST:

All year round-binoculars, hat, comfortable layered clothing, a book, camera, comfortable shoes, sunscreen

Summer months (Nov-Apr)-swimming suit, light rain jacket, extra sunscreen

Winter months (May-October)-winter jacket, gloves, beanie, scarf, warm pajamas, warm slippers, closed shoes

Items we have for you in camp-mosquito repellent, umbrellas, rain poncho, reusable water bottles, basic amenities

We like to remind our guests that, while luxurious, the accommodation walls are made from canvas, so expect to feel the weather as you would when you are camping. The more prepared you are with appropriate clothing, the more comfortable you will be. And make sure to bring layers all times of the year in case you have an unseasonal weather spell during your stay.

MANYONI AND ZULULAND CONSERVATION TRUST ACTIVITIES:

Rhino Horn Trimming-private groups can book in advance, activity offered on ad hoc basis to individuals in camp when occurring on reserve

Pangolin Conservation Experience-when available can be booked shortly prior to arrival

Rhino K9 Training Experience-can be booked in advance

Rhino Orphanage Visit-can be booked in advance

Zulu Cultural Tour-can be booked in advance

Please enquire with reservations for more details on activities and availability



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Please treat sat-nav directions, which deviate from the printed directions below, with caution as they might not indicate the most advisable route. Please also be aware of speed limits, many places along the N2 have a limit of 80 or 100 kms/hour. We are approximately 300km from Durban.

When travelling north on the N2 from Durban, approximately 32 kms past the Hluhluwe turnoff, turn left into the dirt road D464. This is signposted Manyoni East Gate.

When travelling south on the N2 from Pongola/Johannesburg, approximately 19 kms past the Mkuze turnoff, turn right into the dirt road D464. This is signposted Manyoni East Gate.

On the D464 proceed to the Manyoni Private Game Reserve main gate where you will be asked to sign in with reserve security. Drive straight on the D464 for 2.4kms and turn left at the sign that says Rhino Sands. Drive a further 1.9kms on the windy dirt road to arrive at the camp. Turn left into the camp driveway at the sign marked Rhino Sands.

Please note that the dirt road inside the reserve may scrape along very low clearance vehicles. Please make alternate transportation plans if this is a concern to you.

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