



Africa House



Fact sheet

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"All I wanted to do was get back to Africa. We had not left it, yet, but when I would wake in the night I would lie, listening, homesick for it already."

– Ernest Hemingway



Africa House is situated in the exclusive, 645-hectare Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate in the Lowveld of South Africa.

Africa House embodies the essence and spirit of old Africa, when pioneers embraced the spirit of a continent in somewhat kinder and gentler times, bursting with wildlife, living alongside all its magnificent beasts and incredible experiences. It readily captures the ambience of slower and gentler times, that encapsulate the romance of safari, bold exploration and travel to far and distant destinations where one is rendered speechless at the sheer beauty and grace of this wonderful continent.

Africa House is nestled between indigenous African Marula, Leadwood and Knobthorn trees, creating a distinctive bushveld vibe. Sightings of Kudu, Impala, Waterbuck, zebra, giraffe and warthog are common on the Estate.

For the city slickers, never fear, the town of Hoedspruit and other amenities are a mere seven minutes' drive away and the Eastgate airport can be reached in only 15 minutes. Come and share those dusty days and distant drums of the African spirit with us.

About Us



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Accommodation & Facilities

Africa House is too special to keep to ourselves, so we have decided to share our outspan in the bush by offering you the opportunity to rent the lodge for a weekend, a week, or as much times as you need to take in the splendour of the area.

Africa House is a six-sleeper, three-bedroom/three en suite bathroom fully air-conditioned lodge. The modern kitchen, equipped with a gas stove and a host of appliances, leads on to an eight-seater dining room and open plan lounge. A wall-mounted safe ensures complete security for your valuables.



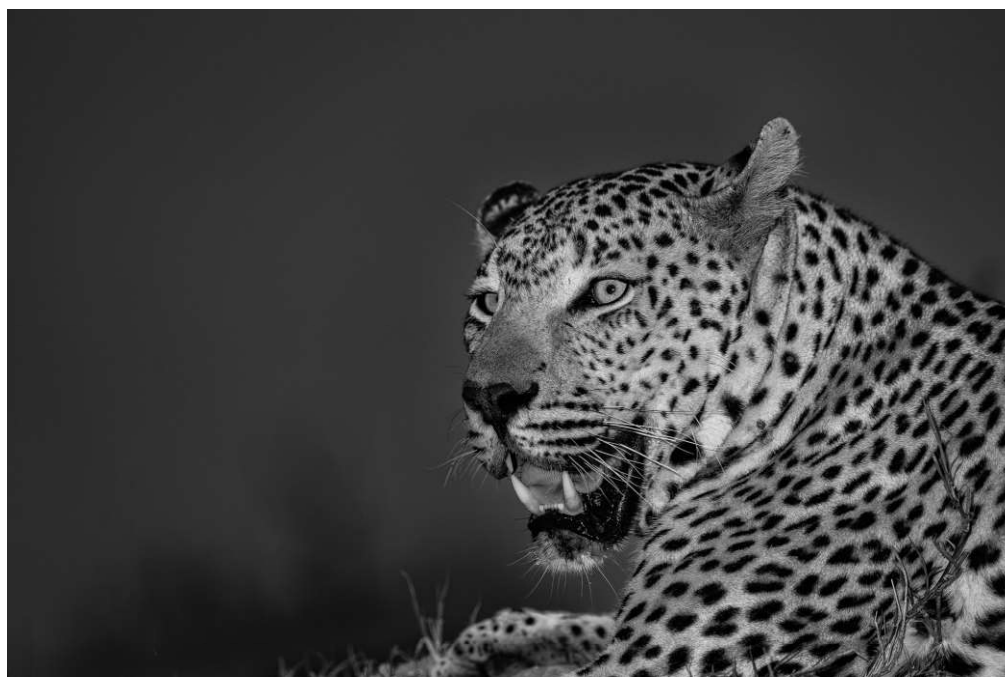


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A small library, stocked with an eclectic range of carefully sourced and selected books, provides reading pleasure for virtually every taste.

But if reading isn't your choice of indoor pastime, then you can chill out and watch DSTV or Netflix or surf the Net with our high-speed fibre Internet link. In addition to ample parking, the outdoor area includes both open and covered barbecue facilities.

The open lounge leads out onto a large elevated wooden deck, equipped with sun loungers that leads out onto a sparkling swimming pool.



"If there were one thing I could do, it would be to go on safari once again."

– Karen Blixen (Out of Africa)



Africa House in Summary

(6 Sleeper, 3 Bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms)

- 3 Double beds
- All sliding doors incorporate mesh/gauze
- Fully equipped modern kitchen
- Washing machine
- Fully airconditioned
- Swimming Pool
- Open and covered braai (BBQ) areas
- Dining room for 8 people

- Ice-maker
- Coffee machine
- Fully serviced
- Wooden deck, swimming pools & sun loungers
- Wall-mounted safe for valuables
- Free high-speed internet connectivity & Wi-Fi

- Big screen TV with DSTV/Netflix/YouTube
- Small library
- Credit Card facilities
- Back-up solar & generator
- Ample parking
- 7 minutes away from town/amenities, 15 minutes from Eastgate airport

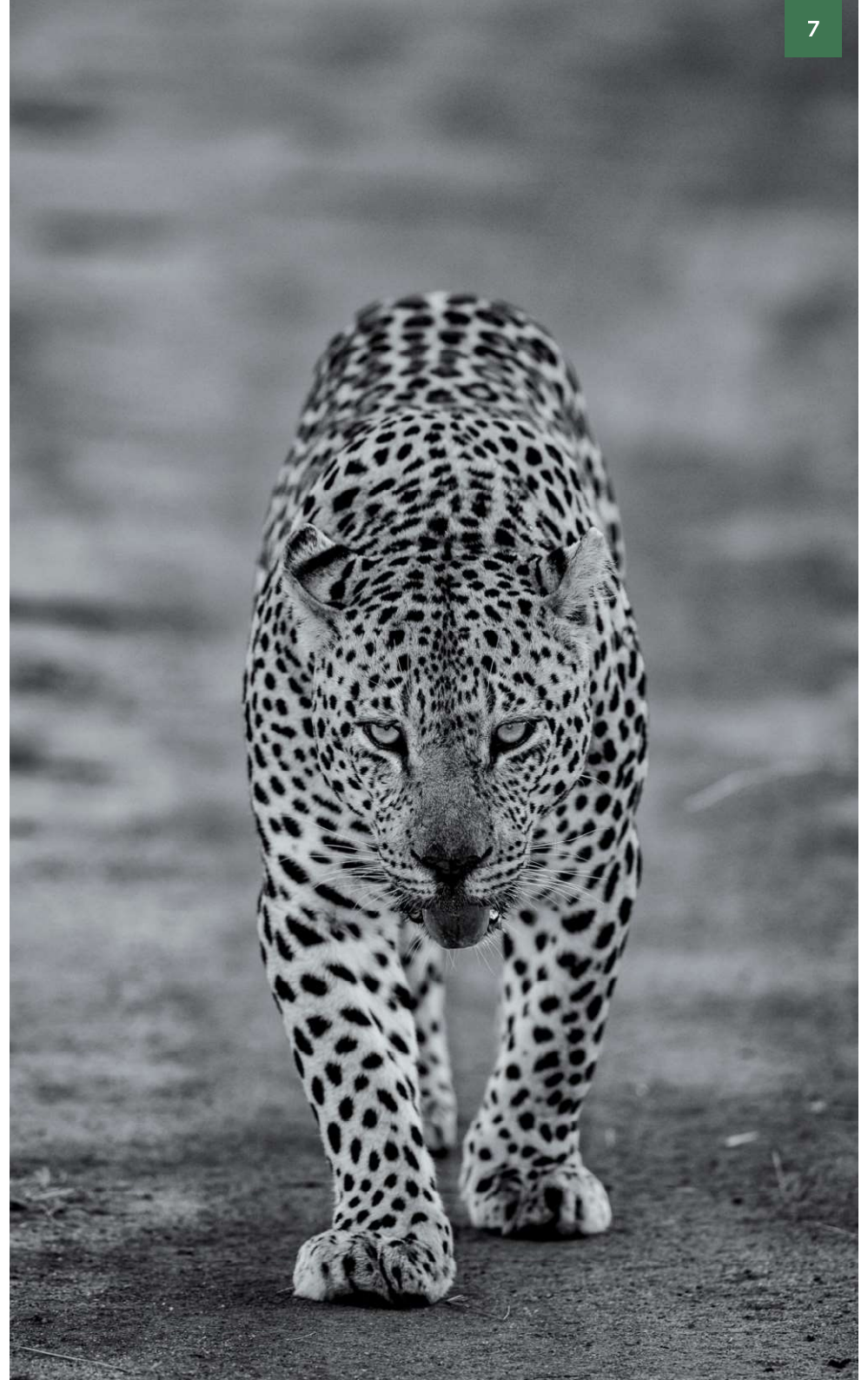


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Of special note is the large print of Hukumuri (which means Chicken Medicine).

A famous Lowveld leopard of the Sabi Sands who was known around the world not only by visitors to the Sabi Sands but also from the live safari show Wild Earth.





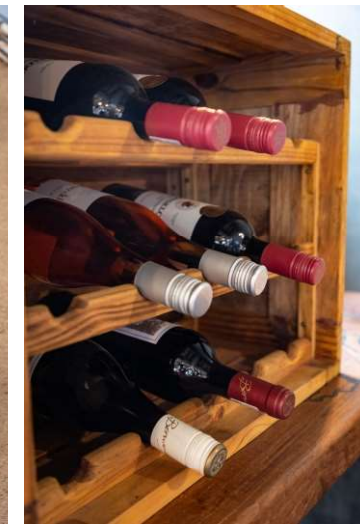
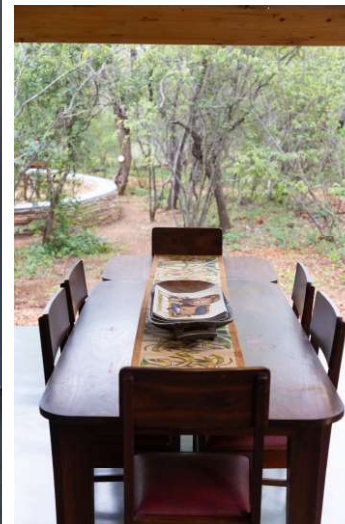
Our Rooms

The Leopard, Desert and Lion bedrooms are tastefully equipped with the finest linens and furniture with a unique African safari heritage.



Furniture

The furniture in the lodge is almost exclusively made from African hard woods that have been responsibly and sustainably harvested. Referred to as Campaign furniture, it owes its look and feel to furniture which originated in the 1740s in the British Empire when gentlemen sought out light, compact, foldable and comfortable furniture for their next campaign or exploration.



The magnificent dining room table was sourced from Old Root Timber in Hoedspruit and is sculpted from Matumi (mingerhout or Breonadia salicina), well known for its fine yellow to brown colour. Weighing in at 270kg. It's the perfect area to entertain family and friends.





Location

The Lowveld is a prime area for enjoying life to the fullest, beautiful vistas of the Klein Drakensberg mountains, the world-renowned Kruger National Park, surrounded by a multitude of top-class private nature reserves, and a wide selection of action/adventure activities, all close to the delightfully quaint town of Hoedspruit.

Africa house is located in the premier Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate. An accurate way to describe Hoedspruit would be as the Safari Capital of South Africa.

Hoedspruit is nestled between the imposing Drakensberg mountains to the west and to the east lies vast expanses of bush, home to the world-renowned Kruger National Park and a plethora of first-class private nature reserves.



Activities



About the Hoedspruit Estate and nearby amenities

You get the best of both worlds when you stay at Africa House – the bush experience on your doorstep, together with nearby amenities when you want a slight change of scenery.

Since Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate is a secure estate encompassing about 645 hectares with a wonderful greenbelt teeming with plains game, it's completely safe for walking, jogging and cycling.

The estate is serviced by a tarred road network with optional tracks for gamedrives, and horseriding. The estate has two dams and accompanying bird hides.

However, should you wish to experience the Big 5, there are several excellent game reserves such as the Kruger National Park, Sabi Sands, Kapama within close driving distance.

Guided tours of these as well as the Moholoholo Specialised Animal Rehabilitation Centre can be arranged.



Activities

- Astronomy and stargazing
- Aviation activities such as helicopter flights and hot air ballooning
- Bush braai (BBQ)
- Cultural activities
- Excellent birding
- Farmer's Market
- Fishing
- Golfing
- Historical spots in Leydsdorp, Pilgrim's Rest and Haenertsburg
- Horseriding/horse safaris
- Specialist safaris – Sound Safari
- Various cultural activities
- Visit specialised animal rehabilitation centres
- Visit the Reptile centre
- Visiting Blyde Dam for a sundowner cruise or freshwater angling.
- Wine tasting



Fine Dining

If you are a foodie, you'll be pleased to know that there are fine dining and wine tasting opportunities within the Hoedspruit area including:

- Anne's Cotton Club Cafe
- Blue Mountain Restaurant
- Braai Safaris
- Hoedspruit Brewing Co
- Kalimambo Pub & Indian Restaurant
- Khaya Ndlovu Manor House
- Mad Dogz Cafe
- Maroela Bar
- Oom Paul
- Sleepers Railway Station Restaurant
- Hogfather
- Stoned Olive Cafe
- The Buck & Berg
- Arugula
- The Fig and Bean
- The Hat and Creek
- The Hoedspruit Cafe
- The Thirsty Giraffe
- Three Bridges Restaurant
- Wildebees Lapa
- Yum Factory
- Keystone Cafe



Travel Information

The Climate

In South Africa there are a number of climates:

- The cool and arid climate of the west coast (Namib desert).
- The subtropical climate of the southern coast, with Mediterranean characteristics, that is, with a dry summer, in the westernmost part (as in Cape Town), while there is no dry season in the eastern part (as in Durban).
- The climate of the plateau (where Africa House is situated), which covers most of the country, with dry, sunny winters (during which it can get cold at night), and hot summers (during which thunderstorms can break out). The plateau is more arid in the western part, where there is a desert, than in the eastern part, where there are several cities including Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Winter (May–August) at Africa House is a lovely time to visit with temperatures that vary from 3°C (38°F) at night to 23°C (73°F). Share our wonderful temperate days, with cool evenings and mornings.

Summer temperatures (September to April) vary from 25°C (77°F) to a steaming hot 40°C (104°F) and somewhat humid conditions. Average annual temperature at the lodge is 25°C (77°F), humidity is about 52%, with a UV index of 5. Over 60% of the year is dry, with an average rainfall of 353 mm experienced annually.

Wildlife viewing is best during the winter months, May to August, and into early October. Weather is pleasant and cool, the grass is shorter and the bush is not so dense. Also, as an added benefit, mosquitoes are absent.



What to wear?

Light summer clothes are ideal for the hotter days, with a sweater or jacket for the cooler evenings. Warmer clothes are required during the winter months, especially at night and during game drives (it becomes bitterly cold on the back of an open safari vehicle), at dawn and dusk. Neutral coloured clothing is preferable for game drives and walks.

Remember to pack a sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen, swimwear, comfortable walking shoes/boots, insect repellent, rainproof jacket, binoculars and a camera.

Travel documents needed

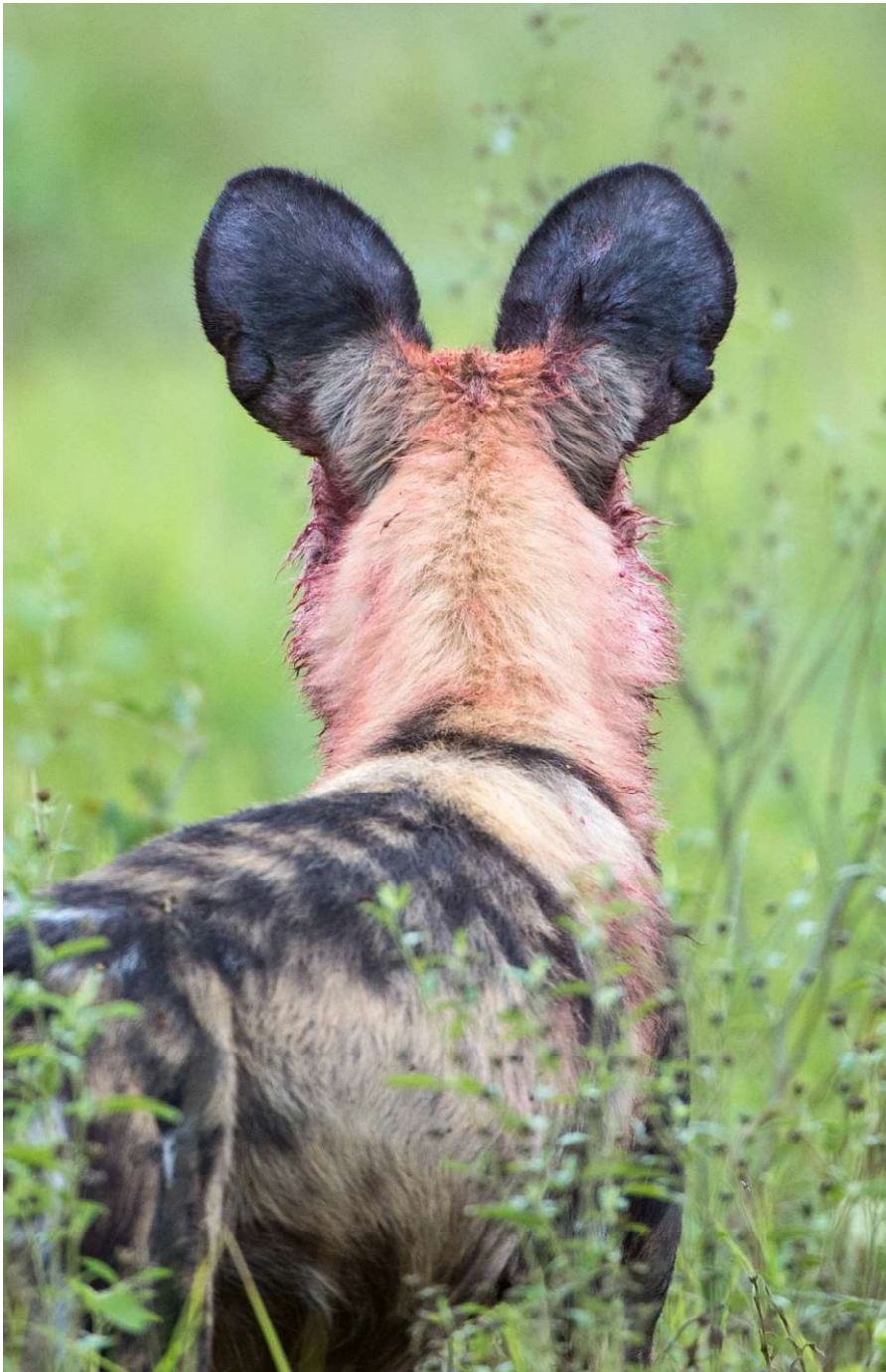
Depending on your country of residence, you may require a VISA. Please enquire at your local embassy or online. Bring your passport or ID book as proof of identity.

Medical

While the Hoedspruit area carries a low risk of malaria, your risk increases as you travel into Kruger Park's northernmost areas. Please consult your local travel clinic for appropriate prophylactic medication.

Hoedspruit is well serviced by multiple general practitioners. The closest major hospitals are Tzaneen and further away, Nelspruit.





House Rules

- Check in time: 14:00
- Check out time: 10:00
- No children under 12 years
- No smoking policy within the lodge
- Pets unfortunately not allowed.
- No loud music/noise from 21h00
- Assistance with transport and shuttle requirements can be arranged

Contact

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