



Make Yourself at Home

Although we are still awaiting the reopening of our borders to international travel, South Africa is finally open to all domestic leisure travel! We are delighted to announce that we will **reopen our doors on 5th October** and cannot wait to welcome guests back to the lodge. Now is the time to make the most of our [SA Residents rates](#), offering incredible value!

A reminder that our raffle to [win a 2 night safari](#) for you and 5 friends ends 31 August. Tickets are going for only R1000 (**prize is valued at R90 000**), don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

We were thrilled to recently receive a 2020 Travellers' Choice Award from TripAdvisor - a heartfelt thank you to our guests, team and supporters for making this happen!

South African Resident Rates

Start planning your safari escape now from 5th October 2020 - make the most of our [South African Resident Rate](#) or [contact our Sales Manager](#), Tessa Colussi, for more information.

For additional peace of mind, enquire about booking the whole lodge exclusively.

Food for the Soul

We picked our top 3 favourite Makumu dishes:

Our **fish curry** is a favourite at Makumu, with repeat guests often requesting this delicious meal. We use kingklip, one of the most popular eating fish in South Africa, along with fresh local ingredients and jasmine rice. The name kingklip comes from the old Dutch word "koningklipvisch", meaning "king of the rock fishes" – because like other whitefish (such as hake), kingklip is low in fat and prized for its delicate flavour and firm white flesh.

A specialty at Makumu is our **flat egg**, a creation by owner Stefan Breuer. A delicious and different way to experience breakfast, pick your fillings and enjoy!

They always say you never eat better than when on safari, and that couldn't be more true at Makumu. Our lovely ladies really know what they are doing when it comes to meal times and our **three cheese parcel** is always a hit!



Some other favourites include our **homemade chilli**, **muesli and yoghurt cup with a fresh fruit kebab** and of course, our **grenadine and lemonade** welcome drink!

A word of caution: take it easy on the chilli and make a note of which you will like (or be able to handle!). These chillis are homemade; the green being mild, red being hot and yellow for the experienced chilli eaters!



Conservation Celebration

In the month of August there were three special conservation-related days; World Elephant Day, World Lion Day and National Honeybee Day. We are proud to say all three of these are found in the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve.

Many may be more impressed by the lion and the elephant but not many know

that honeybees are crucial in the survival of the environment. They are the world's most important pollination of food crops. It is estimated that one third of the food that we consume each day relies on pollination mainly by bees!



A furry guest



During this period with no guests, we are still looking after the wellbeing of our lodge by tending to gardens, doing maintenance and cleaning. It was on one of these routine checks on the morning of the 14th of July that Ruan, our Assistant Manager and Morné, our General Manager noticed something odd on the patch of gravel in front of the Ranger's storeroom. Upon closer inspection they found

that it was bits of rumen (stomach content) from an antelope. They thought a Hyena may have been the culprit as the local clan members around the lodge often kill impalas close to the camp.

They proceeded to the lodge gardens to open the sprinklers and headed back up to the office, not thinking much about the little bit of evidence that was left for them.

Later that afternoon, Ruan mentioned that he was going to turn the sprinkler system off. No sooner had he left, Ruan called the team on the radio to tell them about a furry guest at our Ndebele Villa's pathway! The team quickly grabbed cameras and jumped in a game viewer to meet Ruan to see Makumu's first guest in months - a beautiful male leopard!

As they drove into the turning circle, they could see the remains of an impala carcass hanging in a tree (which was not there earlier) close to the Ndebele Villa. They positioned the vehicle in the turning circle close to the tree and had a careful look in the long grass under the walkway to see where the guest was hiding. The flick of a tail gave his hiding spot away and he was found resting in the shade of the walkway.

After a few minutes he stood up, wandered across the lawn, jumped into the tree and carried on with business as usual, as if it is the most natural thing to have his food in a camp!

Our team was so excited to have such a spectacular sighting right on our doorstep!

Eco Children



Up to date, [Eco Children](#) has distributed 1,639 food parcels, with another 350 scheduled to be handed out in the next two to three weeks. They have also planted 76,000 seedlings this year in their Eco Village gardens and continue to harvest fresh vegetables to add to their food parcels and distribute to vulnerable families in our communities.

Makumu Private Game Lodge has participated in this initiative and will continue to support this uplifting initiative! To donate, please contact corne@ecochildren.co.za

2020 Travellers' Choice

We were thrilled to receive an award from TripAdvisor for 2020 - the Travellers' Choice Award!

Each year, TripAdvisor goes through reviews, ratings and saves from travellers' all over the world and uses this information to award the very best - the top 10% of all listings on TripAdvisor.

We are so excited to be a part of this exclusive group and thank our team, guests and supporters who made this amazing accomplishment a possibility!



2020 and 2021 Rates

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Please [contact](#) our Sales Manager, Tessa Colussi, for our rates.

Book before 31 October - Stay 4, Pay 3

Stay 4 nights, pay for 3 for bookings made between now and 31st October 2020. This special offer is valid for stays at Makumu Private Game Lodge until 14th December 2020.

The privacy and exclusivity of exclusive-use



What better way to spend post-lockdown than in the privacy and beauty of the African bush?

Our exclusive-use rate is available for up to 12 guests and promises exclusivity, while still promoting privacy and social distancing.

Perfect for families who haven't been able to spend time together or friends who have missed each other - there is no better way to continue social distancing while reconnecting with loved ones and experience the serenity and untamed wilderness of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve.

[Contact us](#) for exclusive-use rates.

Makumu Raffle

Last chance to win a **2-night fully inclusive safari experience** at Makumu for **6 people, valued at R90 000**. Don't miss out!

Tickets can be bought online - simply [click here](#) for more information and to enter! Tickets are available at R1 000 each; multiple entries are allowed. The competition ends on 31 August 2020 so hurry and buy your ticket now. The

winner will be announced via video livestream on our social media on 1 September 2020.



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Enter online [here](#) to buy a ticket or email reservations@makumu.com for more information.

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DEADLINE EXTENDED

Stay safe + healthy. The whole team is
looking forward to welcoming you back from
the 5th of October 2020!
