






An unforgettable African adventure in complete privacy

HIGHLIGHTS

-  Incredible wildlife sightings, including an albino waterbuck and swimming lions
-  New appointments at the lodge
-  NEW SA Resident Rate at R 3 250 pppn sharing, valid until 31st July 2021

Staying Local



Book between now and 31st July 2021 for a **fantastic value rate of R3 250 per person sharing per night**, minimum 2 night stay; applicable to South African residents only.

We cannot wait to welcome you to Makumu!

Book online or [contact](#) our Reservations team, to receive these rates.

Makumu Team Update



We are very pleased to announce that Ruan and Shelley Ferreira will be taking over the position of the general management couple at Makumu Private Game Lodge. Ruan and Shelley have been with Makumu for almost 2 years and bring with them over 6 years of management experience. We are confident that they will apply their diverse and competent skills to further develop our guest experience as well as increase the productivity of the business.

Their passion for and dedication to Makumu and the Klaserie has come to the fore over the past year in particular with the immense challenges we faced due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. We are confident that Makumu is in safe and competent hands with Ruan and Shelley.

Morné Hamlyn remains our Lodge Manager at Makumu and will oversee the vital aspect of managing our guest experience.

Ruan and Shelley will oversee the areas of guest relations, staff, reservations, marketing, finances, maintenance and can be contacted via gm@makumu.com

We continue to mourn the loss of Melissa Hamlyn, our prior General Manager, who fought cancer with great dignity and courage for a long time. Thank you for everything you have done for us at Makumu, Melissa; we miss you. Rest in peace.

Exclusively Yours

[Enquire now](#) about booking exclusive use to ensure additional peace of mind when travelling.

Benefits:

- All ages welcome when booking exclusive-use of the lodge for up to 12 guests;
 - Guaranteed time at iThumbela, our Photographic Bunker, at no extra charge;
 - Only R36 075 (rate valid until 31st July 2021) per night; this rate is available to South African residents only;
 - Privacy and flexibility.
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For the Trade

2021 and 2022 Rates

Please [contact](#) our Reservations team for our Rates.

SA Resident Rates

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COVID-19

Please find our COVID-19 Protocols [here](#). Please note these are subject to change.

Update in Conservation Levies

Please note the following conservation levies based on per person per night (ages 12+).

Rates are subject to change:

For international guests:

2021: R300

2022: R350

For South African guests:

2021: R100

Parlez-vous français?

Mais bien sûr!

We celebrated International Mother Language Day on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism.

At Makumu Private Game Lodge, we have a team that speaks 5 different languages; Shangaan, Sotho, Zulu, English and Afrikaans, and if we count Makumu owner Stefan Breuer and his partner Karin Seger, we speak up to 9 languages in total, as they also speak German, French, Italian and Spanish.



Wildlife Update



We have had an incredible month of sightings at the lodge, although a definite highlight was spotting an albino waterbuck near the Makumu crossing. Ruan Ferreira, our General Manager, along with Allistair, Assistant Trails Guide, were out on a game drive when they spotted a white fluff ball in the distance. On closer inspection, they realised it was an albino waterbuck with its white fur, pink nose and blue eyes. A very unusual sighting, we were amazed at its beauty and hope it survives both predators and the sun!

Another entertaining sighting was watching two male lions trying to cross the Klaserie

River. After the heavy rains, the lions had been trying to cross rivers without much success. These two, however, braved the water and took a swim across. You can see how uneasy they were, unsure of what was lurking below!

Thank you to Craig Howes and Ruan Ferreira for their stunning images of the young waterbuck.



Photographic Safaris



'iThumbela' as the bunker has been named, which loosely translated from the Shangaan language means 'place to hide', is sunken below ground and overlooks a pan, offering guests the opportunity to photograph wildlife coming to the water to cool down or drink, at ground level. A great addition to the Makumu safari scene, this experience will particularly appeal to expert photographers looking for a completely unique angle from which to photograph game, birdlife and animal behaviour.

Elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion, hyena, leopard, a variety of bird species and many other game regularly frequent the pan. Serious photographers also have the option of booking a private photographic safari where they have exclusive access to the bunker, a private guide and safari vehicle for a day, or for the duration of their stay.

Located a mere 20-minute drive from the lodge, iThumbela has a small staircase descending into the bunker, where guests are welcomed with a selection of drinks, coffee/tea making facilities, a comfortable couch and bar stools for photographers. Photographic resource books and magazines are also available for guests to enjoy.

For more information on iThumbela, please [contact us.](#)



Stay safe + healthy.

*The whole team is looking forward to welcoming
you to Makumu Private Game Lodge*

Are you following us?

