

# The future is our story to write

A new year, new beginnings. As we head into 2021, we are immensely thankful for our team, their dedication and hard work, and the beauty that continues to surround us here in the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve.

In spite of the ongoing challenges we all face, we look forward to this new year and what it may bring with a renewed sense of hope. 2020 taught us about grit, patience, gratitude and holding onto the good times – and we know there are many more to come!



# Rates and Specials

#### 2021 and 2022 Rates

Please <u>contact</u> our Sales Manager, Tessa Dam, for our Rates.

**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

#### Special Offers

Valid for SA Residents and direct bookings only.

Book & stay before 31 March 2021 - Stay 4, Pay 3

Save up to 25% for a 4 nights stay or longer between now and 31st March 2021.

#### South African Resident Rates

Start planning your local safari escape now on our <u>SA Resident</u> <u>Rate.</u>

## Exclusive Use

<u>Enquire now</u> about booking exclusive use to ensure additional peace of mind when travelling. All ages welcome when booking exclusive use of the property.

## COVID-19

Please find our COVID-19 Protocols <u>here.</u> Please note these are subject to change.

Traveller Review Awards

We are delighted to have received a Booking.com Traveller Review Award with an average score of 9,9 due to the fantastic reviews we received from our guests over the past year.

We cannot thank you enough for your support and continue to strive to give our guests the experience they deserve.



# Eco Children

2021 has started off on a positive note for the team at Eco Children and they are excited to get back to their adopted schools and work in their communities again.

With lockdowns still applicable, certain restrictions remain in place but their Eco Gardens are still producing fresh produce for their communities (they will be planting their first round of seedlings for 2021 this month), and soon they will be launching their book and food drives again.

If you are able to support any of these projects, whether its Eco Gardens, food drives, book drives or bursary students, Eco Children and our communities will appreciate it greatly. For more information on how to support, get in touch <u>here.</u>







One morning we came across a beautiful male lion from the River Pride patrolling his territory at the Northern boundary of Makumu Private Game Lodge which was different; it was nonstop, facing north, scuffing with his hind feet, and spraying nonstop. He was on a mission.

There has been a lot of lion activity around Makumu recently and we have been fortunate enough to see two different prides of lion, especially after the drought, so the dynamics will be interesting to watch over the next couple of months as 3 other males have also moved into the area north of us. The question now is: is it seasonal, or just desperation for food, or will there be dynamic and genetic changes in the months to come?

The two prides that we see at Makumu are the River pride and the Timbila pride. The Timbila pride also has 3 new boys from a neighbouring reserve, known as the Machaton males, who have been pushing in on Timbila territory with confidence and being very vocal. This has caused the Timbila males to

respond with their own vocalisations, which is what drew the River pride male onto the more Northern end of his territory. His mission: to investigate, to listen and to respond with confidence so that the Timbila pride and Machaton males are aware of his presence.

The vocal sound of the lion travels up to 7km on the human ear! Interesting fact: lions can hear 7 times better than humans, so the sound will travel even further and will warn other males not to come into the area.



## Always in our hearts

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of an invaluable team member, dear friend, dedicated wife, loving mother and amazing person overall, our General Manager, Melissa Hamlyn. She fought against cancer with great dignity and courage for a long time, and we will miss her terribly.

Melissa, we are so incredibly grateful to have known you and to have had the privilege of working with you. Your strength, dedication, passion and great sense of humour will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Morné, their two beautiful children and her family.

RIP Melissa. Always in our hearts.

- Stefan Breuer and the Makumu Family

