



Staying positive

As July draws to a close we are taking the time to reflect on the past few months. What a crazy ride it has been; now more than ever we are so grateful for our amazing team, for their hard work and dedication.

We are in this for the long haul. We remain confident in the fact that South Africa continues to offer a world-class experience for any visitor, and as we (sometimes not so patiently!) wait for our borders to reopen, we are reminded of the saying; "this too shall pass". We absolutely cannot wait to welcome guests back to our piece of paradise.

With exciting sightings, special offers and the opportunity to win a safari for 6 people, we are determined more than ever to keep a positive outlook!

Wildlife Update



We have been treated to a bounty of amazing sightings this month. A particular highlight is that the buffalo herds are back! We have seen them in their hundreds just below Makumu and at the Klaserie River close to the Lodge.

We have also been keeping an eye out for Alex, our resident leopard. He has been enjoying the area and abundance of game. If you have been following our live stories on Facebook, you would have seen the beautiful leopard spotted in camp, under the walkway right by our Ndebele Villa with his kill high up in a tree in the lodge garden.

Other fantastic sightings include a pack of wild dog having a rest, Cape glossy starlings, grey go-away birds and of course, warthogs - although this time not on our lawn but at Malembeni Pan where our Photographic Bunker, iTumbela is situated.

Giraffe, zebra, elephant and even an ostrich have been around the lodge. We are truly thankful to call this place home and cannot wait to share these amazing experiences with you!

Makumu Raffle

Stand a chance of winning a **2-night fully inclusive safari experience** at Makumu Private Game Lodge for **6 people, valued at R90 000.**

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 (the deadline has been extended). The winner will be announced via video livestream on our social media on 1 September 2020.

A promotional graphic for the Makumu Raffle. It features a circular logo on the left with two giraffes and the word 'MAKUMU' in bold. Below the logo, it says 'WIN A 2 NIGHT SAFARI FOR 6 PEOPLE' and 'Valued at R90 000'. The main text describes the prize: 'Stand a chance of winning a 2-night fully inclusive safari experience in our 3 Impi Suites at Makumu Private Game Lodge in the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, Greater Kruger, for 6 people.' It also mentions ticket prices, competition end date, and winner announcement details. A red stamp in the top right corner reads 'DEADLINE EXTENDED'. The background is a scenic view of a lodge at sunset.

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Terms & conditions apply.

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

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2020 and 2021 Rates

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Please [contact](#) us for rates.

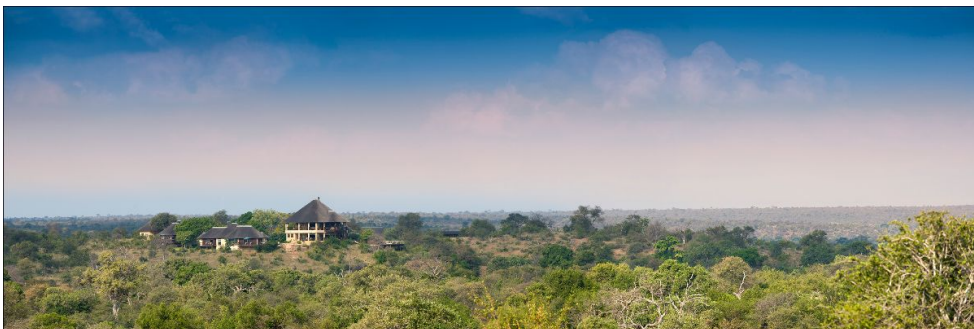
South African Resident Rates - book the whole lodge

Start planning your safari escape now for when the ban on local travel is over - make the most of our [South African Resident Rates](#). For additional peace of mind, enquire about booking the whole lodge exclusively.

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 15th 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 in the luxurious surroundings of Makumu Private Game Lodge.

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

“This too shall pass”



We recently came across the below parable and found it so apt to what we are currently going through:

There was a king who once said to the court sages, "I have a ring with one of the finest diamonds in the world and I want to hide a message under the stone that can be useful in a situation of extreme despair. I will give this ring to my heirs and I want it to serve faithfully. Think of what kind of message will be there. It must be very short to fit in the ring."

The sages knew how to write treatises, but could not express themselves in one short sentence. They thought and thought, but could not come up with anything.

The king complained about the failure of his venture to a faithful old servant who raised him from infancy and was considered a part of the family. And the old man said to him, "I'm not a sage, I'm not educated, but I know such a message. From many years spent in the palace, I met many people. And once I

served a visiting mystic whom your father invited. And he gave me this message. I ask that you don't read it now. Save it under the stone and open it only when there's no way out at all."

The king listened to the old servant.

After some time, enemies attacked the country and the king lost the war. He fled on his horse and his enemies pursued him. He was alone; his enemies were many. He rode to the end of the road. There was a deep cliff before him, and if he fell there, it would be his end. He could not go back, as his enemies were approaching; he could hear the clatter of their horses' hooves. He had no way out and was in complete despair.

And then he remembered the ring. He opened it and found an inscription: "This too shall pass"

After reading the message, he felt that everything was quiet. Apparently the pursuers got lost and proceeded in the wrong direction. The horses were no longer heard.

The king was filled with gratitude to the servant and the unknown mystic. The words were powerful. He closed the ring and set out on the road. He gathered his army and returned his state.

On the day when he returned to the palace, they arranged a magnificent meeting, a feast for the whole world - the people loved their king. The king was happy and proud.

An old servant came up to him and said softly, "Even in this moment, look at the message again."

The King said, "Now I am a winner, people are celebrating my return, I'm not in despair, not in a hopeless situation."

"Listen to this old servant," the servant answered. "The message works not only in moments when everything is bad, but also in moments of victory."

The king opened the ring and read: "This too shall pass."

And again he felt a silence fall over him, although he was in the midst of a noisy dancing crowd. His pride dissolved. He understood the message. He was a wise man.

And then the old man said to the king, "Do you remember everything that happened to you? Nothing and no feeling is permanent. As night changes to day, so moments of joy and despair replace each other. Accept them as the nature of things, as part of life."

Stay safe + healthy. The whole team is looking forward to welcoming you back to Makumu soon.