



In these uncertain times we remain sensitive to the current situation regarding global travel bans and South Africa's lockdown. As a result we have temporarily adjusted our booking terms and conditions to be more flexible to guests who have booked on an FIT basis, who would like to postpone their stay to a future date.

South African Residents

If you are a South African resident and looking for a pristine and remote area to visit with your loved ones once the lockdown is over, make the most of our [South African Resident Rate](#) (please note the special booking terms and conditions).

Stay 4 Pay 3

Stay 4 nights and pay for 3 for bookings made between now and 31st July 2020.

This special offer is valid for stays at Makumu Private Game Lodge until the 14th of December 2020.

Exclusive Use Cancellation Policy

As a small lodge with only six suites, the following adjusted terms will be applied to the cancellation of any new exclusive-use bookings:

90 – 61 days prior to arrival: 50% of full amount

60 days or less prior to arrival: 100% of full amount

Please download our updated [2020 Rates](#) and [2021 Rates](#).

Please [contact](#) our Sales Manager, Tessa Dam-Colussi, for further information.

In other news...

From newborn lion cubs to elephants herds, we have had many fantastic opportunities to experience true bush life.

To further improve our guests' comfort during road transfers to and from Hoedspruit Airport, we have acquired a fitted, protective cover which can be alternated between our two Land Rovers (... not forgetting of course that we provide caps, rain coats and a cooler box of cool drinks for every guest arriving at the airport!).



A Word from the Owner

For those who have been lucky enough to meet Stefan and his partner Karin, you will know they are full of knowledge and passion for Africa.

Fondly known to many as the 'Barefoot Bushman,' you will never see Stefan wearing shoes, be it in Africa or in Switzerland, his home country where his family-owned hospitality group, [Seven](#), is located. Stefan believes that to be at one with the earth is the most important thing - and thus feeling the earth through your feet brings you closer to being grounded.

Stefan spends half of the year in South Africa and is currently at the lodge. He often joins guests at mealtimes and shares his wonderful stories and experiences with them.

"I love Africa and especially the African bush. There is something so special about this part of the world and we cherish every moment spent here. We also love hosting our guests and often make lifelong friends!

It is such a special feeling, taking our guests out on a game drive and sharing our love of nature, Africa and of course all the incredible wildlife in the Klaserie. We truly feel so lucky to live here for part of the year and share a special and magical safari with our guests."



Refreshing our Style



Our Makumu team have all received new uniforms! Thanks to our General Manager, Melissa Hamlyn, our team love their new look and find it comfortable and practical as they do their work.

We think Lisa and Lindiwe look fabulous in their new uniforms!

Eco-Tourism - More than a Trend

We saw a fantastic article in Tourism Update covering the topic of [Eco-tourism being much more than a trend.](#)

From being powered by candlelight and LED lights at night, to recyclable PET bottles and using our own water source, Makumu is proud to say that we are doing our bit to conserve the environment and promote sustainability for future generations.



Aula

Stefan recently travelled into Hoedspruit to visit a school that he helped sponsor.

A vision early in the 2000s was to set up a new type of schooling system in nature. Stefan loved the idea of setting up a school 'in the bush' and knew that he had to get involved.

Southern Cross School is the result of several years of hard work by dedicated individuals who had the vision of a school in the bushveld with a focus not only the highest standard of education, but also on developing a respect and appreciation for nature and the environment. Their aim is to produce future leaders who are full of character, empowered to reach their full potential, and who live their lives as informed, responsible and environmentally conscious local and global citizens.

During his visit, Stefan was delighted to see that the school is still growing from strength to strength since its opening in 2002!

Southern Cross School started off as a Junior School and has since grown to include a High School as well as a Pre-School.

During the planning phase, Stefan sponsored the entire Community and Research Centre that still stands today. We are very proud of the school's accomplishments to date.



Eco Children

Makumu supports Eco Children, a non-profit organisation initiated but the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve which focuses on hands-on environmental

education and development.

Should you wish to donate to Eco Children, please [contact us](#).

Alternatively, when booking with us, guests can opt in to donate R300 (or an amount of choice) to Eco Children as part of their invoice.

Even in these difficult times, we remember those in need and strive to help as best we can.

We thank you for your support thus far and know that Eco Children is forever grateful for each and every donation.

*Wishing you a healthy week from all of us
at Makumu and stay safe!*

