



HIGHLIGHTS

- Makumu guests can now visit Eco Children, the Klaserie's community initiative
- Incredible wildlife sightings including wild dog, lion and elephant
- We hosted conservation bloggers, prize winners and our video marketing team to shoot our Photographic Bunker and the candlelit lodge. Watch this space!
- Make sure to take note of our Family Special Offer and Rates for South African Residents

Getting involved with Eco Children



[Eco Children](#) is a non-profit organisation, initiated by our very own Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, which focuses on hands-on environmental education and whole school development.

Makumu guests now have the opportunity of visiting the school and seeing some projects in action, as well as having a guided tour of the Eco Village, library and more. Valid for stays of 4 nights and longer, view more information on our [Activities Fact Sheet](#).

Earlier this month we were thrilled to pay them a visit and experience the Eco Village as well as see the school. It was an incredible experience as their community projects are close to our hearts.

The team on the ground are remarkable at what they do and the children were so excited to see us and show us their Eco Village. The Village is made up of several keyhole gardens for Grade 6 and 7 learners. They are split into different categories and are responsible for their keyholes to water, check soil and ensure their veggies are growing well and thriving. The Village is colourful and an Eco Classroom is also set up for students to learn about conservation and ecology. It truly is inspiring to see the children hard at work and their passion to ensure their gardens and vegetables are thriving.

We invite guests to consider giving the Eco Children schools a visit to see for themselves!

Family Rate for SA Residents

Book now and pay only R9 900 per night for 2 adults and 2 children in your own villa (2 private, inter-leading suites within 1 villa). Minimum 2-night stay applies, valid for stays until 31 July 2021. Normal terms & conditions apply

[Contact us](#) now!



South African Resident Rates

Special Rate for SA Residents

Book between now and 31st December 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!

Please [contact](#) our Reservations team to receive these rates.

Exclusive Use

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

Benefits:

- All ages welcome when booking exclusive use
 - Guaranteed time at iThumbela, our Photographic Bunker, for no extra charge
 - Only R36 075 (rate valid until 31st December 2021) per night, available to South African residents only
 - Privacy and flexibility
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Lost in Africa



Tim and Bianca from [Lost in Africa](#) joined us this month to shoot some incredible images and spend time getting to know our team as well as accompanying us on a tour of [Eco Children](#).

During lockdown, they sunk their teeth into the world of conservation. Tim is a passionate traveller and conservationist, with over 15 years' experience as a photographer and filmmaker, while Bianca has been a leading figure in the modelling industry for over 10 years. Bianca's passion for the wild regions of Africa pushed her to leave this career behind and boldly move into wildlife photography.

They are proud Africans and want to share the beauty of Africa with the world. Whilst at Makumu, they were treated to incredible sightings of wild dogs, elephants, a pride of lions, buffalos, a brief leopard sighting and much more.

We had such a wonderful time with them and cannot wait to share their content on our social media channels!



Behind the scenes

Tommy Brown from [Lifetree Marketing and Media](#) joined us at Makumu this month to add to our video library. His experience in the industry is amazing and we were delighted to host him - his energy and passion are infectious!

We managed to get some amazing footage of our daily custom of lighting the lodge with lanterns and candles each night (over 250 daily!); our Photographic Bunker, iThumbela; and our team in action.

Tommy also did drone training with our team to ensure we always have amazing content to share with our followers! Make sure to follow us on social media.



Wildlife Update



This month we were privileged to have several lion sightings and our guests were treated to a fantastic sighting of a huge pride one evening. Other general game around has included some buffalo dagga boys, giraffe, zebra, kudu and elephant. We were also excited to spot 3 ground hornbills in flight as they came to land in the river bed.

We had an incredible wild dog sighting earlier in the month - a pack of dogs had just made a kill when hyenas came and stole their meal. They moved on quickly and managed to catch prey further up from Makumu. The whole event happened in a matter of a few minutes a - rare sighting!

Mid-March we saw a pride of lions on the other side of the Klaserie River bed and as we approached, heard an alarm call from a baby waterbuck. The pride then dragged their prey into the riverbed and our guests were in awe as they watched the lions and young cub climb a tree.

Other sightings included a herd of elephant right in front of the lodge, with a young calf clinging tightly onto mum.

We spent some time at our Photographic Bunker this month, iThumbela, and were delighted to spot some plains game as well as several hyenas, all very curious.

Join us at Makumu to revel in these amazing experiences with us! [Contact us](#) now to book.



Our Winners



Hans and Barendina Bals were our prizewinners from the social media competition we ran last year. They joined us in mid-March and we had a fantastic time getting to know them and share the Makumu experience. We were excited to share Hans' birthday on their last day and planned a special bush breakfast. Grace also made an incredible cake!

We hope to have them back again at Makumu soon!

Congratulations



A big congratulations to Kerri Marks who was a finalist in the Mrs South Africa pageant. Kerri is a friend and proud supporter of Makumu, and we in turn are so proud of her and her accomplishments! Well done Kerri!

Thenjiwe Mduli was announced the winner at the hybrid event in Johannesburg on 18 March. A huge congratulations to her as well!

Stay safe + healthy.

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

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