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The Inspiration Behind Our Suites





A LOOK INSIDE OUR SUITES...

Our suites names and themes follow the spirit and cultures of the African tribes and hold the unique style that promises luxury and comfort. But how much do you know about these African tribes? We've broken it down for you, giving you the inside scoop of these four walls before you come experience it yourself!

THE BUSHMAN

From the earthy colours of the bed covers and printed bedding, to the bow and arrows hanging from the walls... this suite is inspired by our Bushmen ancestors. The "Bushmen," are the indigenous people of Southern Africa and first known tribe on earth. Their knowledge for their surroundings and legendary bush craft made them master survivalists, hunter-gatherers and herbalists living in a remarkable partnership with the land. You can feel their energy and magic living within this suite! See more of it here.

THE NDEBELE

Decorated with bold and vibrant earthy colours, this suite is designed to resemble the beauty of a Ndebele household. The Ndebele people are an Nguni ethnic group native to South Africa with history dating all the way back to the 1600s. They are well known for their outstanding craftsmanship, their decorative homes, and their distinctive and highly colourful mode of dress! Experience the life lived as a Ndebele in this suite. See more of it here.

THE ZULU

The combination of spears, shields as well as colourful beads represent our Zulu suite perfectly, all while offering pure elegance and seclusion. The Zulu tribe are the single largest ethnic group in South Africa and are resembled through dance, storytelling and a strong sense of identity, making them very spirited beings, much like this suite. They are also known for their weaving, craft-making, pottery, and beadwork. See more of the suite here.

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Kit A Kid













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MAKUMU MAKES A DONATION!

Working to make the world a better place, we have once again donated to our Eco Children organisation through its Kit-A-Kid project.

The Kit-a-Kid initiative simply involves anyone who can donate just R300 to provide a child with a brand new school uniform. This is essential not only because children are not allowed to attend school without a uniform but also gives a child a sense of pride that they can carry through to their work.

Visit Eco Children to find out more here.

Luddite Wines



WINE NOT?

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we occasionally invite boutique winemakers to the lodge and host impromptu wine tasting dinners with our guests. It is a fun and interactive way to try out new vintages as well as spend an evening sipping on a perfect glass of wine while watching the sun set over the bush.

Stefan recently discovered <u>Luddite Wines</u> whilst visiting Johannesburg. Stefan and his lovely partner, Karin, were out in town enjoying dinner/wine pairing one evening where they were introduced to a Luddite Wines.

After Stefan and Karin were blown away with the amazing vintages, they invited Niels and Penny (owners of Luddite) to Makumu for a visit. Niels and Penny met in 1985, with both having the desire to make wine. They moved to Europe and returned to South Africa in 1995 when they started Luddite on a small farm in Bot River. After 8 vintages, they moved to a larger farm where Luddite wines evolved into an established and respected brand.

Find out more about this amazing wine farm here.

Our Logo





LOOK FAMILIAR?

The Makumu Private Game Lodge team bought two giraffes from a local artist in Hoedspruit that perfectly resembles our Makumu logo! We are all so proud of our new garden animal.

Lost In Africa Video



GET LOST IN MAKUMU'S LUXURY...

The Lost in Africa team came to visit us at Makumu Private Game Lodge in the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve. Have a look at their experience with us!

Wildlife Update













Photo credits: Stefan Breuer

Summer is still in full force with hot temperature, regular rainstorms, luscious greenery, and flowing rivers. Welcome to another update from the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve and Makumu Private Game Lodge, your home away from home!

Lion:

We had an amazing lion sighting the one night out on drive. We were following our resident pride of lions and the one lioness gave us the indication that she had spotted a potential prey ahead. It was a large herd of impalas with babies. After the well planned team work between the pride, they successfully made the kill.

Leopard:

We have been extremely lucky to have had more frequent sightings of our beautiful female leopard, Manzi, and her cute cubs. For her cubs to grow and develop she must hunt more often to keep them strong and healthy. That is why we have been able to see them more regularly as they are quite active.

Hyena:

The last month our active hyena den near Malembeni has provided us with great opportunities to spend some time with our resident hyena clan. We have noticed two new members of the clan, which is very exciting. There is also a new bunch of hyena cubs that if we are lucky enough, we can get a quick glimpse of them.

Elephant:

The bush is extremely luscious with flowing rivers and filled up mud wallows which the elephants really enjoy. Mud wallows are also very important for elephants as it really helps cool down their bodies in the summer temperatures.

Hippo:

We have one resident hippo moving back and forth from the Klaserie river and close dams around the lodge. This has provided many great opportunities to spot the hippo out of water, walking around and feeding, which is really fascinating!

Read the full Ranger Diaries report here.



Makumu is gifting you this summer with an exclusive one time offer! Book with us between 1st January 2022 - 11th February 2022 and receive 40% OFF on your stay!

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Guest Review



AN INCREDIBLE REVIEW FROM A RECENT GUEST THIS MONTH!

There are not many things in life that took my breath away. One for sure, is staying for three nights at this wonderful lodge in the heart of the Klaserie Nature Reserve. The place is just gorgeous. A wonderful array of villas (those are not just 6 rooms) bundled together in a unique atmosphere which gets even better when all of the 250 oil lamps are lit up at dusk.

Everything that matters could be found at Makumu, from a luxurious in-suite bathroom to the astounding terrace which guarantees an endless view of the park and of the animals which happen to pass by. Game rides are just flawless under the wise directions of both the guide and the tracker. We were lucky enough to find most of the wildlife we were looking for and the amount of knowledge we learned is absolutely unparalleled.

Every detail is taken care of in subtle, elegant fashion from the refreshening towel given to you while back from a ride to the hearthwarming service during a sundown "aperitivo" in the bush. Food is just what I would expect from a journey into the wild that resembles both the culture and the spirit of this land. Quality is great. The kitchen staff is there for you at all times. Everything you want or need is simply there when you want it and the warm welcome you get form the owners, which are pretty much always there for and with you, as well as the managing staff, is just effortless and unique.

There was unfortunately only one sad occurance of our stay at Makumu: we had to come home. But we will be back. For sure. Thank You all, the owners, the managers and all of Makumu Family. It has been great.

- Francesco Justin Marani

Stay safe + healthy.

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

Game Lodge!

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