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# Make The Second Half of 2023 Count!



June is well upon us and that means we're already halfway through 2023. While the days are flying by, at Makumu Private Game Lodge, you can slow things down and enjoy a truly luxurious bushveld escape.

Our lodge consists of both stunning lodge facilities (including a boma, swimming pool, outdoor fitness area, curio shop, pool billard and more) and six enviable suites — but beyond our impressive on-site offerings, we also have an exciting range of bush experiences for intrepid explorers to enjoy. One of our favorite activities, especially in June, are our awe-inspiring nature walks.

In the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, June is known for being cold and dry. From June onwards the wildlife, especially our elusive big cats, are easier to sight as they move around more during the cool temperatures. Sightings are further aided by sparse vegetation and hidden tracks of the animals as they gather around the remaining water sources like a waterhole nearby our lodge. This is where you will also find our hidden photographic bunker!

# Bush Walks





#### And what better way to track wildlife than on foot, accompanied by our rangers?

Our rangers ensure that you enjoy a life-changing bush walk during which you may see everything from antelope to elephant, while also becoming one with the sacred African bush. In the bush, everything bears meaning — from fresh tracks in the dust to a sudden hush that falls upon the land.

Our bush walks are suitable for persons age 16 and up but guests must be fit and in good health. For guests older than 60, a medicate clearance certificate is required as proof of fitness.

Importantly, guests must also be able to understand and speak English, so as to properly follow our guides' key instructions.

For more information on this activity and others, see our safari tab on our website here.

### **BOOK WITH US TODAY**





The bow and quiver of arrows that form part of the interior décor will leave you in no doubt as to the theme of this room!

The Bushman Villa at Makumu Private Game Lodge stands as a luxurious haven amidst the untamed beauty of the African wilderness.

Every element of this extraordinary villa, both in the Impi & King Suite reflects the rich heritage and fascinating traditions of the Bushman people. Adorned with intricately woven and handcrafted

bygone era.

As you sink into the cushions of the seating area, surrounded by animal patterns, tribal textures and wooden carvings, you can almost feel the connection to the land and its ancient stories. Join us in experiencing the enchantment of the Bushman culture at Makumu, where every detail has been meticulously curated to evoke a sense of reverence for the land and its people!

Does this sound like the perfect accommodation for you?

**VIEW OUR BUSHMAN & OTHER SUITES HERE** 

4 Years With Ruan + Shelley



#### **CELEBRATING 4 YEARS!**

Wishing our General Managers, Ruan & Shelley a Happy Makumu-versary!

Ruan & Shelley first joined the Makumu team back in 2019, making this year their 4th year with us and we couldn't be prouder to call them family! We thank you both for your remarkable expertise and genuine care that has elevated our guest experiences to extraordinary heights, creating moments that will forever be etched in their hearts.

Thank you for your tireless efforts and infectious enthusiasm that has inspired others to cherish the small moments we share at our lodge. We truly hope you will take pride in the positive impact you've made, not only on the Makumu team but also of those who have had the privilege to cross paths with the both of you!

#### Here's to Ruan and Shelley!

# Wildlife Report





#### JUNE WILDLIFE REPORT

Welcome back to a super "cool" update on our adventures here in the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve. We will be covering all the thrilling sightings that happened during June 2023.

Most of the trees have dropped their leaves and the grass has thinned out, but surprisingly the bush still has a lot of greenery left for the animals. Nontheless, the days can still get hot with temperatures rising till 30'C.

Game Drives have been spectacular with the bush that has thinned out, making game viewing a little easier. The little wallows and puddles have completely dried up, making waterholes a great water source in the winter and therefore has shown exciting activity. The Klaserie River still has a narrow stream of cold clean water, making it a great spot for game viewing.

We have had many different visitors around the lodge from baboons, vervet monkeys, impala, zebra, giraffe, elephants and even lions and leopards. The Hyena's have also been very busy and mischievous. They have been making themselves at home stealing our dustbins and pillows!

Read the full report here.

All images in this article were taken by Stefan Breuer - Owner & Founder and AD & Cherie - Assistant Managers



#### BECOME ONE WITH THE MAKUMU FAMILY!

#### A dream come true...

My 60th birthday should have been 8yrs and but I needed a couple of major spinal surgeries and

haven't been up to the planned celebration Safari trip until recently. We chose Makumu as our 1st lodge and are extremely happy we did.

They literally could not have done more to give us the experience of a lifetime. The lodge is stunning; luxurious but authentic and the staff looked after us exceptionally well. Ruan as our ranger/guide and Clyde as our tracker enabled us to see so many beautiful animals up close. Ruan has obviously established the trust of many of these wild animals in the Klaserie region of the greater Kruger National Park, and that allowed us to observe them up close in an amazingly relaxed way. It was such a privilege to see these glorious creatures in their natural environment and it was an experience I will never forget.

If you have any qualms about booking Makumu, ignore them, because you'll have the experience of a lifetime. Everything that needs to be is very professional and intelligently run and the rest of it is pure heart and soul; all the people at Makumu are just beautiful. After only 3 nights we felt like part of the family and will remember our time there forever.

Dee Pierce - Tripadvisor





### WALK WITH NATURE PACKAGE Perfect for the Dry Season...

We are offering guests a special opportunity to spend 2-nights at our lodge for an all-inclusive stay with an added bush walk experience!

Get ready to feel the earth beneath your feet and breathe in the fresh air as we lead you through the wonders of the African bush.

Valid between dates: 01 June - 31 August 2023 T&C's Apply.

Contact us for more information <u>here.</u> OR click the **BOOK NOW** button below! Stay safe + healthy. The whole team is looking forward to welcoming you to Makum Private Game Looge!

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