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Autumn is Here + Easter is Near



AUTUMN IS HERE & EASTER IS NEAR - WHY THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT MAKUMU!

Autumn, for many, is a special time of year. The days are cooler and the evenings call for delicious hot drinks as we gather around the fire at our boma! Beyond that, this is also the time when the visibility of game draws visitors to Makumu Private Game Lodge in the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve as animals are less inclined to seek shade after the summer heat has gone... making sightings that much more EXCITING!

While out on Game Drives, our rangers and trackers will inform you about nature's medicine chest, comprising the medicinal aspects of the flora you encounter along the way, not to mention pointing out a ton of bird and plantlife! The clearing of thick bush makes this more thrilling, leaving you at the edge of your seat the entire journey. The background sound of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve is something you can't forget, from a lion's roar to the barking of a jackal or the trumpeting of an elephant... these are just some of the myriad safari memories to be made at Makumu. Your final thoughts whilst enjoying dinner at the boma may be how bright the stars are or how big the sky actually is when you're seeing it from a whole new perspective. Autumn is about seeing more, embracing more, as we find a new way to cherish this gift that is Africa!

Speaking of the Autumn season, it also happens to be Easter! A holiday that is a favourite at our lodge as it's a time spent with family and a time for new beginnings... if you're spending the Easter weekend with us, expect to participate in fun activities, including a Easter egg hunt, traditional Easter egg painting and a ton of chocolate bunnies for dessert!

We can't wait to see you this April!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO!

Tourism Update — Pick of The Week



TOURISM UPDATE FEATURE

We've been featured in Tourism Update's Pick of the Week section!

For those of you who may have missed it - a group of our guests were planning to enjoy a sundowner in the bush when their evening was taken over by some unexpected guests! Three curious lionesses appeared very interested in the guests' activities, coming right up to the table to see what was going on.

See article [here](#).

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What Our Guests Experienced This Month!



EXCITING MOMENTS CAPTURED!

Guests were spoilt with sightings this month at Makumu with buffalo, leopard, hyena and lions passing right by our vehicles, making our hearts stop! These are the moments we live for...

Stargazing



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Guests have had the wonderful opportunity of spotting The Southern Cross while visiting Makumu. The Southern Cross is one of the best known asterisms in the night sky, and the most familiar star pattern in the southern hemisphere. It's composed of five stars forming the shape of a cross and is easiest to see in the clear skies from February onwards... we have the best view of it from our boma!

Visit us this upcoming month and see it for yourself...

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Staff Celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINDIWE!

Staff celebrations and some cake for our precious housekeeper Lindiwe. We love our family here at Makumu, and rejoice in each other's special days. Hip hip - Hooray!

Wildlife Update





Photo credits: Stefan Breuer & Guest Moosbrunner

Welcome to another wildlife update from the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve and Makumu Private Game Lodge, your home away from home.

Highlight of the month:

We were following a pack of wild dogs, who have the best success rate in hunting of all predators in the African bush. It is therefore very common for the sneaky hyenas to follow wild dogs and benefit from stealing their food. On this day however, the wild dogs had just killed an impala and the hyenas jumped in to snatch it away! This then led to a very heated battle amongst the wild dogs and hyenas. These battles can get extremely wild, intense, and loud. All this commotion then attracted a big herd of curious elephants to the area to come investigate what is going on. Then out of nowhere a pride of lions appeared and got involved! Unfortunately, one of the younger wild dogs got killed by the lions. This was quite the experience for not just our guests but rangers too.

Lion: New members of the pride!

Female lions will separate themselves from the pride when they are ready to give birth. They will start scouting for a secure and safe area to hide their young. We found some lion tracks moving in and out of a specific area frequently and this led us straight to her hiding place. After a few days of searching, we found the 3 lion cubs hidden. They were about 3-4 weeks old and quite curious.

Leopards:

An update on Manzi and her beautiful two cubs. They were found hunting successfully with their mom on multiple occasions. They have grown quite big and strong and already able to hoist their kills up into trees providing great photographic opportunities to view 3 leopards in 1 tree!

Elephant:

The gentle giants have been quite active all around the lodge and especially down at the river system after the amazing rain we received this month. It is quite an amazing thing to witness a big herd of elephants crossing a flowing river. The splashing noises and playfulness is so beautiful.

Read the full Ranger Diaries report [here](#).

Special Offers

EARLY BOOKER!

Book a 2 night stay between now and 31 May to STAY between **1 July – 30 September**, and receive 15% discount off! For more information, or to book, click [here](#).

LAST MINUTE GETAWAY DEAL!

Stay with us anytime from now until the end of June 2022 and qualify for our Autumn special rate of 20% OFF! For more information, or to book, click [here](#).

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Guest Review



AN INCREDIBLE REVIEW FROM RECENT GUESTS!

"The days that my wife and I have spent in Makumu have left us with incredible memories. The environment where the Lodge is located allows you to be immersed in the nature of the heart of the savannah and gives you the opportunity to see the animals in their natural habitat. We were lucky enough to see the Big 5 several times, the incredible photos we took are proof of that. If you add to all this the treatment they give you and the quality of the Makumu facilities, the experience becomes unforgettable. There are two trips a day to spot animals, the first at dawn and the second in the afternoon a few hours before sunset, you are accompanied at all times by a very professional team that made us feel at home, attending to any question or request we had. The rooms are spacious with a very comfortable bed and spectacular views, a very spacious equipped bathroom and a dressing room. Food and service of the highest quality, extraordinary treatment. In short, as I said before, an unforgettable experience. Thank you very much MAKUMU!!!"

- Adriana Cadena & Fernando Gonzalez

Travel Updates

COUNTRY TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

As stated by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, a negative PCR test will no longer be required for international travelers who are fully vaccinated. This means that travelers are now required to only show a "valid vaccination certificate" upon entry into the country. Unvaccinated travelers can continue to enter the country after presenting a negative PCR test

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South Africa is currently on "Alert Level 1", which is the lowest level in the country, finally making traveling around the country a smooth and easy process so you can enjoy your stay!

With these requirements in place, Makumu Private Game Lodge still uses 'COVID Best Practice Guidelines' for safety measures to protect our guests at all costs.

Stay safe + healthy.

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

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