



Exciting New Developments at Makumu

With roughly only 8 weeks left of 2018, we are gearing up for an exciting festive season ahead! In this newsletter we welcome new members to our team who look forward to making our Guests' stay in this special part of Africa unforgettable; a reminder of our new room structure and rates for 2019; and why size matters at Makumu!

Our 2020 rates are now available. Click [here](#) to download our Rack Rates or [contact us](#) to receive your STO Rates.

Correct Contact Numbers

Please note that our new number for Makumu Reservations is **+27 (87) 057 4512**. The current number will still be in operation for a year, however kindly update your records in the meantime.

Should you or your clients need to reach us at the lodge, please contact one of the below numbers:

+27 (83) 391 9241

+27 (83) 308 2460

Meet the Team

Morné and Melissa



Morné Hamlyn has been a professional Safari/ Field Guide for over 18 years. His career has taken him to some of South Africa's best locations in Mpumalanga, KZN, Limpopo and the Eastern Cape. During this time he has been involved in trails guiding, private photography guiding, social media administration, guides department management, lodge management, operations management, general

management and overall guest relations and guest experiences. His aim is always to give guests a truly memorable experience.

Melissa Hamlyn has spent her adult life working at safari lodges in different parts of South Africa. She started out her working career as a Relief Massage Therapist, then changed paths and worked her way up through the ranks to become Operations Manager in the game lodge industry. In the last eleven years of working in nature, her love for hospitality and wildlife has grown to the point that she cannot imagine doing anything else; she loves being involved in this industry alongside her husband, Morné.

Morné and Melissa met in 2007 and were married in 2010. They complement each other well within a work context and strive to make every experience an unforgettable one. They work hard to keep their team happy, motivated and stimulated and believe in ongoing staff training and development. Their passions include mentoring and growing superb teams, and creating safari experiences that exceed guest expectations! Both Morné and Melissa are excited to start their journey as General Managers at Makumu.

We would like to thank Alan and Sarah McSmith for their dedication and amazing contribution to Makumu over the past year, and wish them all the best for their health and future!

Reminder: Change in Room Structure + Rate

Effective 1 January 2019, we will be charging a per suite rate (for our King and Impi Suites) to be able to offer the 2nd suite to additional guests, at a slightly reduced rate.

King Suite



- *Room size: 6m x 6m*
- *King bed*
- *Bathroom: en-suite with shower and bath tub*
- *Walk-in closet*
- *Wooden viewing deck with hammock*

Impi Suite



- *Room size: 5m x 6m
(including cupboard space)*
- *King bed (as of 1 January 2019)*
- *Bathroom: en-suite with
shower*
- *Wooden viewing deck*

New 2019 rate structure (effective 1 January 2019):

King Suite: R7 500 per person sharing, per night

Impi Suite: R6 500 per person sharing, per night

Size Does Matter!



We are delighted to announce that we have increased our traversing terrain to 8 000 ha. This means that there are more opportunities for our guests to see the amazing wildlife that the Klaserie has to offer!

Did you know that the 'Big Five' Klaserie Private Nature Reserve is one of the largest privately owned nature reserves in South Africa? It covers some 60 000 hectares, unfenced into the greater Kruger National Park. One of the Klaserie's biggest selling points is our low commercial density compared to other private reserves, therefore making it a highly sought-after destination for travellers seeking exclusivity and space.

Leopard Cub Learning to Hunt

We are delighted that the 8 month old leopard cubs near Makumu are getting so confident and strolling around like adults. Although not old enough to hunt big game for themselves, their predatory skills are honed with small prey.

See our amazing video below of a cub chasing a squirrel through a tree:



Leopard Cub Chasing a Squirrel

Wetu

Reminder to all of our trade partners that our updated information is on our Wetu iBrochure, which can be found [here](#).
