



*We are reopening!*

*5 October 2020*

Finally the news we have all been waiting for: on 1 October South Africa's borders will reopen for international travel (with some restrictions in place)! We are delighted to announce that **Makumu's doors will reopen on 5 October**; never before have we been so excited about the prospect of welcoming guests back again!

With six long months of lockdown behind us and with Spring having arrived in the southern hemisphere, there is a sense of new beginnings in the air - a 'restart' of sorts after a long pause. The next two weeks will be spent ensuring the lodge is spick and span for our reopening.

For South African residents looking to take a last minute break, make the most of our [South African Resident Rates](#) offering excellent value, and for those looking for added privacy and safety while travelling, our exclusive-use option will put your mind at ease.

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## Wildlife Update

This month we have been treated to some amazing bird sightings. From an immature martial eagle to a pearl spotted owl and vultures, we were delighted to have such a good birding month.



We have also been fortunate to see many leopards on Makumu's traverse as well as an array of antelope. Highlights included a herd of Cape buffalo, an elephant calf and of course - our favourite - spotted hyena!

We spent some time at iThumbela, our Photographic Bunker, and also got some great shots of a giraffe drinking at the pan. Find out more about our [Photographic Bunker](#).



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## Conservation Status

It is not often that you spot a southern ground hornbill, the largest species of hornbill worldwide. These magnificent and unique birds are classified as vulnerable due to habitat loss; there are only around 1500 left in the wild in South Africa! Their numbers have been declining, due in part to persecution, habitat destruction, cultural beliefs, and other factors. Several projects are being undertaken to conserve and protect the status of this species. It was a real treat to see this one in the Klaserie recently strutting it's stuff.



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## South African Resident Rates

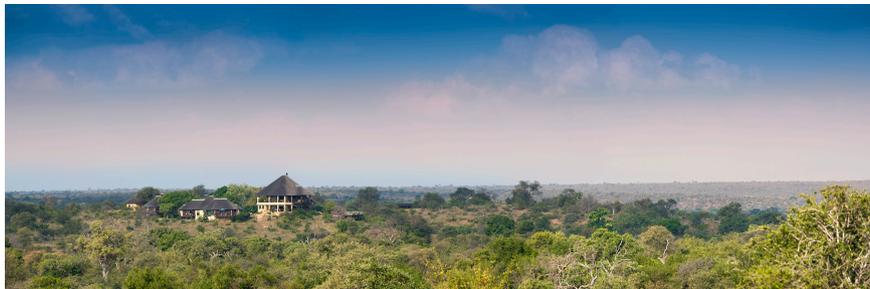
Start planning your safari escape now from 5th October 2020 - make the most of our [South African Resident Rate](#).

Klaserie Management has also approved a request submitted to reduce the conservation levy for “**South African guests only**” to R100 per person per night (excluding VAT) for the period **1 August to 31 December 2020**.

For additional peace of mind, enquire about booking the whole lodge exclusively.

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## The privacy and exclusivity of exclusive-use



What better way to spend post-lockdown than in the privacy and beauty of the African bush?

Our exclusive-use rate is available for up to 12 guests and promises exclusivity, while still promoting privacy and social distancing.

Perfect for families who haven't been able to spend time together or friends who have missed each other - there is no better way to continue social distancing while reconnecting with loved ones and experience the serenity and untamed wilderness of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve.

[Contact us](#) for exclusive-use rates.

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## 2020 and 2021 Rates

### 2020 & 2021 Rates

Please [contact](#) our Sales Manager, Tessa Dam, for our rates.

### Book before 15 December - Stay 4, Pay 3

Stay 4 nights, pay for 3 for bookings made between now and 15th December 2020. This special offer is valid for stays at Makumu Private Game Lodge until 15th December 2020.

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*Stay safe + healthy. The whole team is  
looking forward to welcoming you back from  
the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2020!*