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# Happy Holidays



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OUR MAKUMU FAMILY, TO YOURS!**

Wishing you and your loved ones a glorious holiday season filled with love and light with many more to come. May peace be your gift this Christmas and New Years... Remember: it's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, but rather who's around it.

## NEW Aircon Feature







Makumu Private Game Lodge is known for being the unfenced, intimate paradise in the heart of Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, offering a true 'African Bush Experience' to guests from all around the world. The vision and philosophy of the lodge rely purely on becoming one with nature, with breath-taking views that complement a deeply inspiring sense of space and peace... leaving visitors rejuvenated with the ancient spirit of the African wilderness.

It's within this very space, that Makumu encourage guests to disconnect from modern civilisation whilst remaining as comfortable and relaxed as possible within the lodge. This is done by guiding and teaching guests all about the bush and how to manage civil standards such as air-conditioning, to merge with nature. Makumu encourages guests to cool down their rooms by use of the newly installed aircons, before retiring for the evening. Then, simply switch the aircons off, open the doors; which are protected by netting and allow the bushveld's natural air and the sounds of Africa sing you a lullaby as you drift off...

Makumu want their guests to receive the most out of their visit whilst still experiencing the bush life. We can make use of certain aspects of civilisation where necessary without taking away the true essence of an out of this world African experience.

But with Makumu being one of Africa's HOT spot holiday destinations, we realised that we do have to keep things COOL! So, with that, why not come experience the magic of Makumu Private Game Lodge? Now complete with an array of room comfort, outdoor adventures and wildlife discoveries that will end off with a good night's sleep this summer!

Join us at Makumu this season and let us bring you closer to nature where you take nothing but memories and leave nothing but footprints...

**BOOK WITH US TODAY!**

*Alvis Drift Wine*





On occasions, we at Makumu invite boutique winemakers to the lodge and host impromptu wine tasting dinners for our guests. This is a fun and interactive way to try out new vintages all whilst spending the evening sipping on a glass of red or white and watching the sun set over the bush.

Alvi's Drift was one of our most recent guests, a family-owned business with 4 generations making up the family-run farm. Interestingly, Alvi's Drift is not only a wine farm but a dairy farm as well! Every day 2,000 cows are milked which is used to produce butter, cream, and cheese. They produce a total of 12 tonnes of cheese daily and handle 150,000 litres of milk every day!

Alvi's Drift is also home to 200,000 chickens and 1,000 pigs. Food is planted for cows and other animals in another farm department, run by owner Alvi's brother. Alvi takes care of the rest; 100 hectares of citrus, mostly mandarins, lemons, oranges, 50 hectares of yellow peaches and apricots and 450 hectares under vines.

For many years, Alvi's grandfather, Alvi van der Merwe, and his father, Bertie, produced wine in bulk. They sold all the wine to the merchants, never bottling their own wine. In 2002, Alvi came back to the farm after practicing medicine for 18 years and decided to produce his own wine. In the past year, he produced a wooded Chardonnay for which he won a gold medal!

Find out more about this amazing wine farm [here](#).

## Wildlife Update







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The bushveld is blooming with beautiful flowers, vegetation, dams full of water and loads of wildlife babies. Welcome to another update from the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve and Makumu Private Game Lodge!

**Wild dogs:**

We have been extremely lucky to have had a couple of wild dog sightings on different occasions this month.

**Lion:**

Makumu's lion sightings never disappoint as we have the big River pride that hangs around in the Klaserie. The small cubs are starting to grow as well. A real treat this month was a sighting of a new nomadic group we have not seen before. 3 young males and 1 female was found relaxing at ours truly, Malembeni.

**Leopard:**

Leopard sightings have really been booming this month at Makumu. On a few game drives our guests were even that lucky to have seen two different leopard sightings in one drive. The definite highlight of course would be the leopard cubs with their mother Manzi.

**Hyena:**

Our local pregnant hyena finally had her cubs. And even better, their den is right by our beautiful Malembeni waterhole. The cubs are still a bit skittish as they tend to run back to their den as soon as a vehicle approaches. But some of our guests were lucky enough to watch the cubs come out of their den, playing, and running around.

**Elephant:**

There is quite a lot of elephant herds at the moment and they have been quite busy around Makumu and inside the camp. We get big herds moving through our camp which always excites our guests!

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

## Special Offer

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**SUMMER ESSENTIAL 40% SPECIAL OFFER AT MAKUMU!**

Makumu is gifting you this festive season 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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**BOOK WITH US TODAY!**

## Stargazing



Enjoy observing or imagining celestial objects in the sky at Makumu. Stargazing naturally occurs during game drives when we are out in the bush underneath the stars or during dinner at the boma. With little to no unnatural lighting at Makumu, guests are sure to experience the magnificent night sky... and if you're lucky, you might spot a shooting star!

## Guest Review



**A SPECIAL MENTION FOR OUR SIBU FROM A GUEST!**

*"Sibu was the first person who greeted me at the gate and was the tracker on our game drive. Not only is he a great tracker, he's soft spoken and has an amazing smile. I remember how attentive he was setting our treats on our drive. Bless you Sibu"*

**- Lucia**



*Stay safe + healthy.*

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

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