



## ELEPHANT PLAINS game lodge

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Situated in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, adjacent to the Kruger National Park, Elephant Plains Game Lodge offers comfortable style and affordable luxury. The property itself was bought in 1962, but has only been run as a commercial lodge since 1998. Over many years our strict conservation policies and successful habitat management have resulted in a rich diversity of fauna and flora. Here you will come face to face with Africa's Big 5 and you may even be lucky enough to encounter other rarer species, such as the endangered wild dogs and cheetahs.

The highlight of your visit will surely be the thrill of discovering wildlife from the safety of our open 4x4 vehicles. Your experienced game ranger and local Shangaan tracker will share their extensive knowledge and love of the African bush with you. The day starts with an early morning game drive, then after breakfast a bush walk gives you the opportunity to learn about the smaller wonders of nature. During the afternoon game drive you will stop at a carefully selected spot to enjoy a sundowner drink, whilst watching the sun set over the awe-inspiring wilderness. During the drive back to camp, your tracker will use a spotlight to locate nocturnal animals.

Being one of the best priced lodges in the Sabi Sand, Elephant Plains is home to a maximum of 24 guests. The fact that the lodge is owner-run, together with our gracious hospitality and personal touch, ensures that every need is catered for. Our friendly staff members are one of our biggest assets and together we make sure that our guests feel right at home.

At Elephant Plains Game Lodge you can be sure of an experience that will live up to the Africa of your imagination... creating a lifetime of memories!

### • **ROOMS & FACILITIES**

**RONDAVELS** The lodge features five spaciouly appointed thatched Rondavels. Each Rondavel has its own distinct character and comfortable charm and overlooks a beautifully landscaped garden. The Rondavels have a double bedroom, sun decks, en-suite bathrooms (bath & shower), air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets, electronic safes, tea/coffee stations and a mini bar. One of the Rondavels has two separate bedrooms, ideal for a family.

**LUXURY ACCOMMODATION** Six Luxury Suites, decorated in warm, earthy tones blend in superbly with their natural surroundings as they overlook the dry riverbed and open area in front of the lodge. These exclusive open-plan suites each have a lounge area, double bedroom, en-suite bathroom (bath & inside/outside shower) and a private viewing deck. All luxury suites have air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets, electronic safes, tea/coffee stations, mini bars and indoor fireplaces. Some of the suites also have a sleeper couch for small children. Alternatively, an extra bed can be supplied.

**HONEYMOON SUITE** Surrounded by Jackalberry trees, nestled away deep inside the bush...need we say more? The Manyeleti Honeymoon Suite boasts all the usual luxuries and also has a double outside shower, as well as a sala and private plunge pool.

**MAIN LODGE** The lodge is situated on the banks of the dry Manyeleti riverbed, offering unforgettable views across the plain. The pool deck overlooks the watering hole opposite the camp where animals often come to drink. The main lodge houses the reception, dining room, bar/lounge, wine cellar, small library and curio shop.

**SPA** The African Health Spa is situated right across the watering hole in front of the camp and offers breathtaking views. We have two qualified therapists and an extensive list of treatments, ranging from relaxing massages to rejuvenating facials. Come and indulge yourself!

### **OTHER FACILITIES**

- Child minding
- Coffee/tea station

- Curio Shop
- Fax / Telephone / Internet
- Games Room
- Gym
- Laundry
- Library
- Parking
- Spa
- Swimming Pools
- Wine Cellar

- **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES**

Check-out time is 11H00 and check-in is from 13H00 onwards. Any variations to these times must be advised prior to guests' arrival and are at the sole discretion of the manager. **Please forward a contact mobile number if you are driving yourself to the lodge.** Also make sure that you have the correct map and directions to the lodge. GPS data can be misleading, so please do not make use of your GPS from Acornhoek onwards. Only use the official Elephant Plains Game Lodge Map. Please aim to be here before **14H00** in order to be in time for lunch. This will also ensure that you are in time for the afternoon game drive.

- **BUSH WALK**

The daily bush walk takes place after breakfast and you will be accompanied by your ranger. During bush walk you will have the opportunity to take a closer look at animal tracks, birds, different types of grasses and trees, as well as any smaller details of the bush that might fascinate you. For safety reasons, we unfortunately do not allow children aged 16 and under to go on the bush walk. Guests over the age of 60 would be required to provide a medical certificate stating that they are in good health and fit to go on a bush walk. The rangers will use their discretion concerning anything that could pose a threat or jeopardize the safety of guests. These include the degree of fitness, agility and physical restrictions. (As stipulated by FGASA – Field Guides Association of SA)

- **CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES**

Dress code is casual and lightweight, though a sweater may be needed during the early mornings and evenings. Summer (September to April) temperatures range between 20-40°C and protection from the sun is vital. Summer is also our rainy season so a rain jacket is a good idea. Winters (May to August) are mild, with temperatures ranging between 5-25°C. During winter the night drives and early mornings can be very cold – warm jackets, scarves etc. are essential.

- **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

Please inform the lodge upon reservation if you have any special dietary requirements. Please also advise us if you are celebrating a birthday, your honeymoon or any other special occasion you might like us to be aware of.

- **ENTRY**

Elephant Plains is reached through the Gowrie Gate only. Due to river crossings it is not possible to use any of the other gates in the Sabi Sand, or to travel through the reserve. The gates are open between 05h00 and 23h00. Please contact the lodge for current entrance fees.

- **GAME DRIVES**

Game drives are conducted in open Land Cruisers. These 4-wheel drive vehicles enable the rangers to drive off-road and provide guests with up close game viewing and great photographic opportunities. Off-road driving is done in accordance to guidelines set out by the Sabi Sand ecologists. We only allow off-road driving in certain areas and with special precautions. The rangers do not drive over sensitive areas, will only drive over small trees if they are encroachment species and if necessary, will do brush packing afterwards to limit the impact on the environment. During afternoon/night drives we use spotlights to find nocturnal animals.

- **JOURNEY DISTANCES BY CAR**

**JOHANNESBURG TO ELEPHANT PLAINS:**

±560 KM / ± 7 HOUR DRIVE

**NELSPRUIT / KMIA / MQP TO ELEPHANT PLAINS:**

±180 KM / ±2½ -3 HOUR DRIVE

**HOEDSPRUIT / EASTGATE AIRPORT TO ELEPHANT PLAINS:**

±100 KM / ±1½ HOUR DRIVE

**KRUGER NATIONAL PARK ORPEN GATE TO ELEPHANT PLAINS:**

±55 KM / 1 HOUR DRIVE

- **MALARIA**

Precautions are necessary during the summer months as we are situated in an endemic area. Insect repellent and anti-malaria tablets are recommended. All rooms have mosquito nets over the beds. We run an environmentally

friendly program at the lodge, treating the whole camp, as well as the surrounding dams and therefore we have very few mosquitoes.

- **TRANSFERS**

Air and road transfers can be arranged from most local destinations. Please contact the lodge for more details.

- **WHAT TO BRING**

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses, sun block
- Anti-malaria precautions (please consult your doctor / pharmacist)
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Swimming costume
- Warm jackets/Raincoats
- Camera, video camera, binoculars