



Exclusive South African Hunting Safaris in the Heart of Limpopo



*There are destinations that offer hunting, and then
there are destinations that create memories that last
a lifetime for the entire family*

Welcome to Matswani

Where African Wildlife, Luxury, and Adventure Meet – A safari at Matswani is about more than hunting. It is about experiencing Africa in all its beauty, diversity, and wonder.

While hunters venture into the African bush in pursuit of their dream safari, companions are invited to enjoy a carefully curated collection of wildlife, cultural, and relaxation experiences designed to showcase the very best of South Africa.

From thrilling Big Five safaris and guided wildlife encounters to cultural excursions, scenic landscapes, and luxurious lodge amenities, every day offers new opportunities to create unforgettable memories.

Nestled within the breathtaking Waterberg region, Leopard Lodge provides the perfect balance between adventure and relaxation. Spacious accommodations, exceptional cuisine, attentive service, and stunning natural surroundings create an atmosphere where guests can fully unwind while immersing themselves in the magic of Africa.

Whether you choose to join a photo safari, explore local culture and history, relax beside the pool, accompany the hunting party as an observer, or simply enjoy the tranquility of the African bush, your stay at Leopard Lodge is designed around comfort, flexibility, and personal choice.

This companion safari program has been created to ensure that every guest experiences the warmth, beauty, and excitement that make Africa one of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Welcome to your African safari adventure.



Life at Leopard Lodge

Every day at Matswani is yours to enjoy exactly as you choose.

While hunters spend their days exploring the vast concessions of the Waterberg region, companions have the freedom to create their own unique safari experience.

Some guests prefer to join the hunting party as observers, enjoying the excitement of the African bush and witnessing remarkable wildlife encounters from a different perspective.

Others embrace the slower pace of lodge life, where comfort, hospitality, and stunning surroundings take center stage. Leopard Lodge offers a welcoming atmosphere where guests can relax beside the swimming pool, enjoy a refreshing drink at the bar, or simply watch wildlife move through the surrounding landscape. The lodge's peaceful setting makes it easy to disconnect from everyday life and fully embrace the rhythm of Africa.

For guests who enjoy staying active, you will have access to our fitness center, tennis court, and padel court. Those seeking additional relaxation can indulge in a range of spa treatments, available by appointment made on site, providing the perfect opportunity to unwind during ones stay.

The lodge's curio shop offers a selection of locally inspired gifts, safari memorabilia, artwork, and handcrafted souvenirs, allowing guests to take a piece of Africa home with them.

Throughout the week, a variety of optional excursions and safari activities are available, ranging from Big Five game drives and guided walking safaris to cultural experiences and wildlife photography opportunities. Whether you prefer adventure, relaxation, or a combination of both, Matswani offers experiences tailored to every interest.

There is no right way to experience Africa. At Matswani, each day is an opportunity to create memories that are uniquely your own.



Weekly Safari Experiences

Welgevonden Big Five Safari (optional – additional cost applies)

Experience one of South Africa's premier private game reserves on an exciting Big Five safari in Welgevonden. Accompanied by one of our experienced guides, you will explore a spectacular wilderness area renowned for its abundant wildlife, dramatic landscapes, and exceptional opportunities to encounter elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, and leopard in their natural environment.

Leisure Days Activities (Spa, tennis, padle – additional cost applies)

Enjoy the freedom to create your own schedule.

Relax at Leopard Lodge, accompany the hunting party as an observer, indulge in a spa treatment, enjoy the pool area, make use of the fitness, tennis, and padel facilities, visit the curio shop or perhaps go for a quiet walk in the area where you can find one of our hides and hopefully spot animals such as zebras and giraffes by a watering hole.



Night Safari

As darkness falls, Africa reveals a completely different world. Accompanied by one of our experienced guides, you will venture into the bush in search of the reserve's fascinating nocturnal wildlife. Spotlights may reveal elusive species rarely seen during daylight hours, creating a truly unique safari experience beneath the African stars.

Kaingo Big Five Safari (optional – additional cost applies)

An optional Big Five safari in the beautiful Kaingo Reserve, where stunning landscapes and abundant wildlife create exceptional game-viewing opportunities.

Tribal Evening (optional – additional cost applies)

Guests may choose to participate in a traditional Tribal Evening, offering insight into local culture, customs, music, and dance. This memorable experience provides a fascinating glimpse into the Tswana tribes rich cultural heritage.



Guided Walking Trail

Experience the African bush from a completely different perspective during a guided walking trail. Accompanied by our guide, you will learn about animal tracks, plants, birdlife, and the intricate ecosystem that makes the Waterberg region so unique.

Photo Safari

In the afternoon, enjoy a photo safari through the reserve, providing excellent opportunities to observe wildlife and capture spectacular images of the African landscape.

Echoes of the Past Tour & Kaingo Big Five Safari (optional – additional cost applies)

One of Matswani's most popular excursions combines history, culture, conservation, and wildlife. The Echoes of the Past Tour explores fascinating archaeological and historical sites within the Waterberg region, offering insight into Southern Africa's ancient heritage, from early humans, to bushmen, herders, and Iron Age farmers.

The day also includes a Big Five safari in Kaingo, providing yet another opportunity to encounter Africa's most iconic wildlife while enjoying some of the country's most breathtaking scenery.

As a meaningful and exclusive insight into present-day South Africa, the excursion also includes a visit to The Fold – a well-run children's home and school where children from difficult backgrounds grow up in safe, family-oriented surroundings. Here you will not experience poverty, you will rather encounter warmth, stability and meet some of the devoted caregivers who give the children structure, a sense of belonging, and genuine hope for the future.



The Spa

In 2024 'The Spa' opened - creating a tranquil wellness retreat in the heart of the South African bush.

Whether you are looking to relax after a day of safari activities or simply indulge in a little well-deserved pampering, The Spa offers a variety of treatments designed to rejuvenate both body and mind.

Guests can choose from a selection of therapeutic and relaxation massages, including the unique African Rungu Massage, which utilizes traditional wooden massage sticks to relieve tension and promote deep relaxation.

Additional treatments include facials, manicures, pedicures, and a range of wellness therapies tailored to your individual needs.

The dedicated wellness team is professionally trained and highly experienced, ensuring every guest enjoys a comfortable and relaxing experience. Special attention is given to privacy and professional draping techniques, allowing guests to feel completely at ease throughout their treatment.

The Spa welcomes both adults and children, making it the perfect place for individuals, couples, and families to unwind during their stay.



Fitness Center, tennis & padle

In 2024, the guest facilities expanded with the addition of a modern fitness center, tennis court, and padel court, providing even more opportunities for guests to stay active during their safari experience.

The fitness center is equipped with a wide range of equipment suitable for both strength and cardiovascular training. Facilities include treadmills, a rowing machine, exercise bike, free weights, a multi-functional weight machine, leg press machine, yoga mats, pilates balls, and more, allowing guests to maintain their regular fitness routines while enjoying their stay in South Africa.

The fitness center is open 24 hours a day and is available complimentary to all guests. Use of the facility is at your own risk. Due to South Africa's warm climate, particularly during the summer months, we strongly recommend bringing one or two bottles of water from the lodge and staying well hydrated before, during, and after exercise.

Guests are also invited to enjoy our tennis and padel courts. Racquets, padel bats, and balls are available for rent in the curio shop, although guests are welcome to bring their own equipment if preferred.

The courts are open to all guests who book a timeslot, and may be used at your own risk. As with all outdoor activities in South Africa, we recommend staying well hydrated and carrying water during play, especially during the warmer months.



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