



ZEBRA HILLS
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Zebra Hills Guest Info Booklet

Welcome

Welcome to our privately owned self-catering lodge, designed to deliver an African wildlife adventure, whilst also catering for the safety needs of the youngest families (children of all ages are welcome.)

Located in the heart of the 23,000-hectare Manyoni Private Game Reserve (previously Zululand Rhino Reserve), Zebra Hills is an undiscovered gem in the safari world.

The Manyoni Private Game Reserve is home to a wide variety of indigenous wildlife species including the sought-after Big Five (Lion, Rhino (both Black and White), Buffalo, Leopard and Elephant). Cheetah and African Wild Dog are also resident as well as a rich variety of plains game including Greater Kudu, Impala, Nyala, Mountain and Common Reedbuck, Common Waterbuck, Blue Wildebeest, Giraffe, Red and Grey Duiker, as well as Plains Zebra and Common Warthog. Nocturnal species include Crested Porcupine, Large Spotted Genet, White-tailed Mongoose and both Brown and Spotted Hyena.

Northern KwaZulu-Natal is justly famous for its incredibly rich birdlife. Over 360 species have been recorded including such resident specials as Pink-throated Twinspot, Gorgeous Bushshrike, Neergaard's Sunbird and Eastern Nicator. Raptors occur in good numbers and include numerous pairs of Crowned Eagle nesting in the reserve's riparian forests.

General Lodge Information

Check In Time: 14h00

Check Out Time: 10h00

Your Lodge Managers are:

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Another Day in Africa

Wake up to a fresh ground coffee amidst the crisp buzz of the rejuvenating African wilderness. Watch the sun rise in front of the lodge as your personal bush experts prepare their exclusive open-top game viewing vehicles for your private dawn game-drive adventure.

After you've witnessed the awakening of another day in Africa, return to your awaiting breakfast, fully prepared by exclusive culinary kitchen staff, passionate about good food!

While the sun is overhead, relax through the hot hours in our lush garden or around the swimming pool, as local warthogs and other game species entertain you while visiting the lodge waterhole. Lions also make a regular appearance at our waterhole and virtually every species of game that occurs on the reserve has also been seen right here, including herds of over 150 Buffalo, Cheetah and African Wild Dog.

After your relaxing day, your guides now take you on an afternoon into early evening game drive, with stocked iced cooler boxes, filled with your provided refreshments. Yet another truly unforgettable African Big 5 Game experience awaits, pausing for sundowners over the majestic rolling hills of Zululand.

Please note that during times of heavy rainfall, some or most of the roads in the reserve may be closed in which case game drives will be limited to just the main roads traversing through the reserve.

After dark, exchange stories as you absorb the night sounds and relive your day's encounters around a bonfire at the communal Homestead or Main Lodge bomas. Relax whilst star gazing to the sound of Lions roaring in the night or the purr of African Scops Owls and melodic chant of Fiery-necked Nightjars.



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What to expect:



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Lodge Service and Staff

On arrival at the lodge you will be greeted by a team of friendly, dedicated and helpful staff. They will assist with the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and cleaning of the lodge to ensure that you redefine relaxation. We also have a team of knowledgeable and qualified game guides who will drive you on your wildlife safari expeditions.

Please ask their assistance for anything you may need, as well as letting them know your preferences toward the meals you have catered for. Also let them know what times would be convenient for you to have them attend to cleaning your rooms.

Bedrooms

Complete linen sets including all fresh bedding and a series of fresh towels are awaiting you. These are refreshed regularly in your air-conditioned bedrooms.

Meals

Cooking amenities are available for any culinary requirement in the restaurant-equivalent kitchen, including an endless supply of safe-for-cooking firewood. A very popular option is also to braai (barbeque) in our bomas and staff are also available to assist you with this enjoyable activity. A spit braai is also available in the Main Lodge boma.

Connectivity

As cell phone signal is limited, free and unlimited WIFI is available throughout the lodge. Just logon with the password: ZebraHills and enjoy posting your news and pictures and if necessary, keeping up to date with your affairs.

Please consider showing your support by liking Zebra Hills Safari Lodge Facebook and Instagram pages. We would love to see your photos and share your memories with other fans of Zebra Hills.

A TV with DSTV is available in the Main Lodge only.



What to bring

Catering

As we are respectful of specific dietary preferences and sensitive toward allergies, our lodge operates on a self-catering basis whilst providing the resources to deliver a luxury experience. Please bring all the groceries, ingredients and refreshments that you desire for your stay.

Don't forget cooking spices, oil, milk, tea, coffee and of course the South African favorite - rusks. Coffee machines are available so bring your favorite Nespresso pods or ground coffee. It is not necessary to bring drinking water, ice, charcoal or firewood.

Clothes

Although the climate is moderate to warm through winter and hot through the summer months, early mornings and evenings present a fresh chill in the air so remember warm clothes, especially for your game drives.

Swimming costumes are a must-have to take a dip and escape the heat of the day in the outdoor swimming pool. Swimming towels are provided. The swimming pool is shared by the Main Lodge and the Homestead residents.

Headwear is advisable to protect you from the sun and to offer a visor for game viewing.

As all rooms are air-conditioned, your perfect climate will be enjoyed so bring appropriate sleep wear.

Although open shoes are generally worn, closed and protective footwear is advised for any unanticipated activities.

For your well-being

Sun protection and toiletries

Protect yourself from one of Africa's greatest killers by ensuring you bring and cover yourself well with a reputable brand of high protection sun cream. Please bring your own soap and shampoo.

Safety

Zebra Hills is situated within the natural habitat of wild animals that potentially includes all of Africa's top predators. Although a fence separates the animals from the living areas to protect you, it is advised that guests keep their distance from the fence and always give wild animals their due respect.

Drinking Water

Only specific taps are fed filtrated water which is fit for drinking. Please ask the staff to identify these to you unless you have catered with bottled drinking water.



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Miscellaneous costs



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Manyoni Private Game Reserve Conservation levy:

A conservation levy payable to the Manyoni Private Game Reserve. This is currently R175 per adult per night and R90 per child under 12 years of age, and is payable either in advance when you settle your lodge booking or with cash at the lodge. This levy may increase annually. NB. For your own convenience please be sure to give the lodge manager your Manyoni Private Game Reserve gate pass to stamp and return to you before your exit from the reserve.

Gratuities

Although the staff at your service are well trained and remunerated, a value for their passion and personal attention to your preferences cannot be measured. As much as tips are greatly appreciated, this generous token of acknowledgement and gratuity is totally at your discretion. For local relevance here is a guideline to what may be appropriate:

Safari Guides: ZAR250 to R300 per family per day

Lodge Ground Staff: ZAR200 to R250 per family per day
(this will be shared amongst the team)

Although tipping envelopes are provided, you are also welcome to approach the staff directly.

Activities in the Area

All of the following activities can be booked through your Zebra Hills lodge manager.

Leopard Mountain Spa

Indulge in hours of pampering by choosing from a list of spa treatments at Leopard Mountain Spa, located inside the Reserve.

Open 7 days a week, including public holidays but be sure to book.

Tel: 035 595 8536 or www.leopardmountain.co.za

Bayete – Elephants interaction

Experience the privilege of an intimate, up close and personal interaction with Earth's largest land animal.

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe. Drive 5,5km and turn right at the Bayete Zulu sign opposite Baobab Inn. Drive 9km along the dirt road to the Bayete Zulu gate.

Tel: 035 595 8089

Cell: 074 100 5221





Hluhluwe/Umfolozzi Game Reserve

Enjoy a day trip to visit the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa known for its Big 5 as well as its conservation efforts which resulted in the White Rhino being saved from extinction.

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe. Take the Hluhluwe turn off and at the top of ramp turn right. Continue approximately 10km to enter Hluhluwe Game Reserve's main gate.

St Lucia Boat Cruise

Enjoy the serenity of Lake St. Lucia by water, listed by the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

Cruises are approximately 2 hours, twice daily at 10h00 and 15h00, but be sure to book.

Tel: 035 590 1259

Bhangazi Horse Safari's

Does the idea of exploring pristine St Lucia beaches on horseback with the wind blowing in your hair appeal to you?

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe. Head approximately 86km from Zebra Hills Gate to St Lucia

Tel: 035-550 4898

Emdoneni Cheetahs interaction

Founded in 1977 with only 3 cheetah, this wild cat project houses small numbers of Serval, Caracal, African Wild Cat and Cheetah for educational and breeding purposes.

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe. At the bridge marked 'M', take the off ramp and at the top of the off ramp turn left onto dirt road. Drive until seeing a road sign on the right, featuring an image of a Cheetah and the entrance will be on your left.

Tel: 035 562 7000

Isimangaliso Wetland Park

The word isimangaliso means "a miracle" or "something wondrous" in Zulu. The name came as a result of King Shaka's envoy having been sent to this land of the Tsonga tribe. When he came back he described the beauty that he saw as a miracle.

Experience this miracle for yourself by Kayaking, Boat Cruises, Turtle Tours and Whale Watching. Be sure to book.

Tel: 035-590 1633



Cultural Activities & Local Tours



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Ghost Mountain Inn

Ghost Mountain Inn in Mkuze organizes a number of activities within the surrounding areas, all by prior bookings: Tel: 035- 573 1025

- **Myeni Cultural Experience:** An authentic experience that includes a visit to a local homestead, interacting with members of the Myeni family. With prior arrangement, a visit to a Sangoma for bone-reading can be organized along with stick fighting and a sampling of traditional food and drink. This culminates with a drive through the Lebombo Mountains, allowing you to take in the amazing views and rural life around you. Approximately 3 - 4 hours.
- **Africa Today:** Giving you a glimpse into today's Zulu culture, with a tour that showcases the day to day activities of these incredible people. A visit to a school or orphanage can also be arranged.
- **Mkuze River Walk:** This walk leaves Ghost Mountain Inn, along the dam in front of the hotel into the Mkuze riverbed and along to the old weir where you will encounter a good number of birds, both wetland and open savannah species. Once you head out of town you're surrounded by magnificent views of Ghost Mountain and the Lebombo Mountain Range. Approximately 1 - 2 hours.
- **Zulu Cultural Walk:** You start by driving up into the rural community of the Lebombo mountains where you will enjoy a walk with mountain views, learning about rural Zulu customs and lifestyle. You will interact with the people from the area allowing you an insight into the hardships and love of Africa today. Approximately 3 - 4 hours.
- **Ghost Mountain Hike:** This is a hike up Ghost Mountain where you take in the extensive views of the area along with the site of the 1884 Battle of Tshaneni. Local legend has it that the mountain is haunted. Claims have been made that lights can be seen coming from the summit while eerie sounds are heard. This is a cultural and historical journey. Approximately 3 - 4 hours.



Restaurants in the Area

Baobab Inn

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe and travel approximately 5.5km and you will see Baobab Inn on your Left.

Tel: 082 965 6906

Terrace Restaurant – Ghost Mountain Inn

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn left at the N2. Head into Mkuze town.

Tel: 035-573 1025

Hilltop Restaurant – Hluhluwe Game Reserve

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe. Take the Hluhluwe turn off and at the top of ramp turn right. Continue approximately 10km to enter Hluhluwe Game Reserve's main gate.

Tel: 035-562 0606

Shopping for Provisions & Supplies

Super Spar - Hluhluwe

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn right at the N2 back toward Hluhluwe. Take Hluhluwe turn off and at the top of the off ramp turn left and head into Hluhluwe town where you will see Super Spar on your left-hand side.

Super Save Liquor Store - Hluhluwe

Directions as per above

Allan's Butchery - Hluhluwe

Directions as per above. No 1 Old Main Rd, Hluhluwe

Tel: 035-562 0067

Supatrade - Mkuze

Directions: Exit the Manyoni Private Game Reserve and turn left at the N2. Take the Mkuze turn off and head into town. Mkuze Supatrade is situated on Old Main Rd.

Tops @ Spar - Mkuze Liquor Store

Directions as per above – Mkuze Supatrade.

PEP Clothing

This is located in both Hluhluwe and Mkuze towns.



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Directions to Zebra Hills

From King Shaka Airport - approximately 3 hours

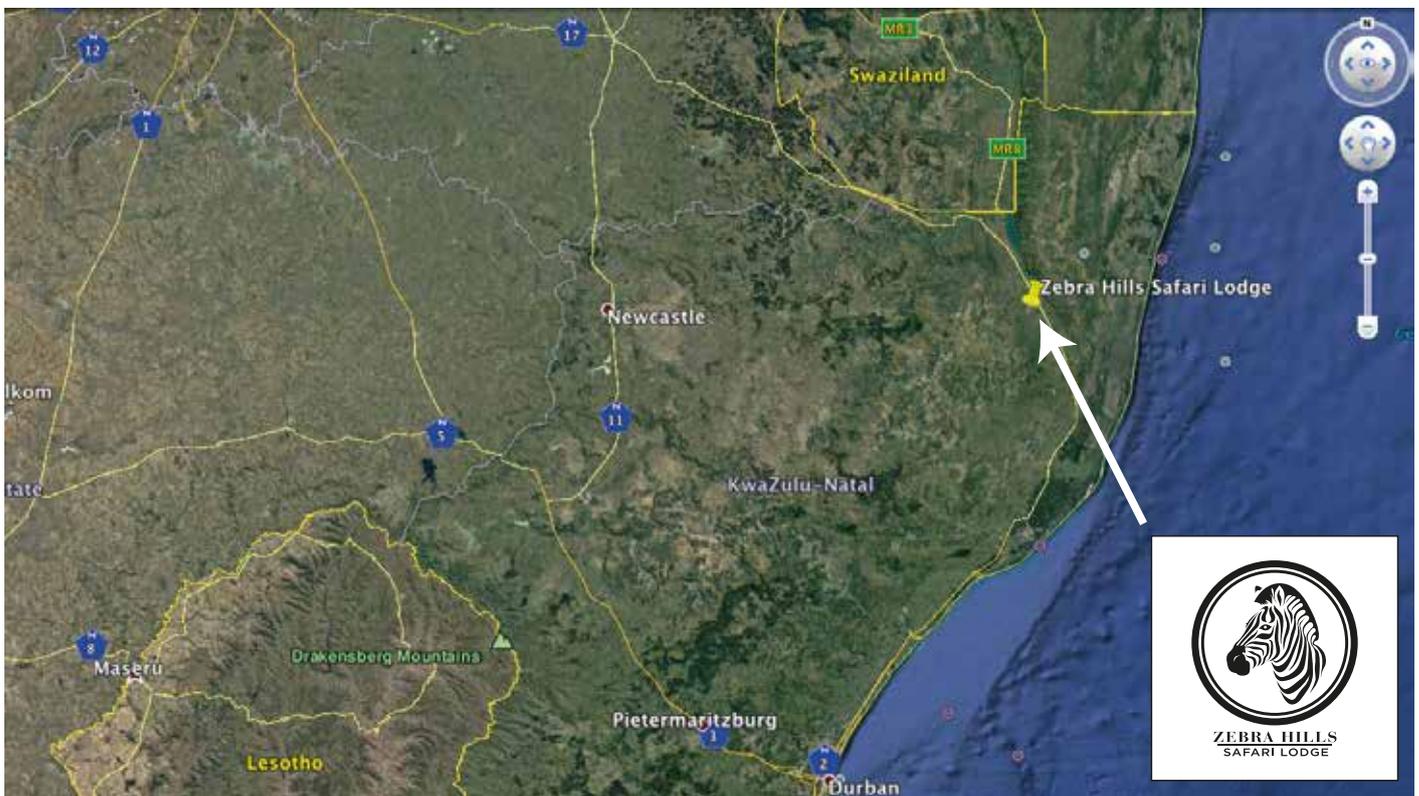
Travel to the N2 from KSIA and head north toward Stanger. Continue past Empangeni, Richards Bay and Mtubatuba. Continue past the Hluhluwe off ramp and about 40km further you will see the Baobab Inn on right – drive a further 5.5km. You will see a sign saying D464 and Leopard Mountain Game Lodge where you must turn left and at the Manyoni Private Game Reserve gate you will sign in. Drive approximately 9km to Zebra Hills which is on your right.

From Northern Gauteng – approximately 7 hours

Travel from Pretoria to just south of Middelburg on the N2 then take the N11 intersection south to Hendrina and Ermelo. From Ermelo take the N2 to Pongola and past Mkuze and travel approximately 65km until you see a sign stating D464 and Leopard Mountain Game Lodge where you must turn right and at the Manyoni Private Game Reserve gate you will sign in. Drive approximately 9km to Zebra Hills which is on your right.

From Southern Gauteng – approximately 6.5 hours

Take the N17 past Alberton, Springs and Bethal to Ermelo and from Ermelo take the N2 to Pongola and past Mkuze. Travel approximately 65km, until you see a sign stating D464 and Leopard Mountain Game Lodge where you must turn right and at the Manyoni Private Game Reserve gate you will sign in. Drive approximately 9km to Zebra Hills which is on your right.



GPS Coordinates

-27.78001, 32.0339673

Emergency Numbers

Doctor	Dr. Cohn Meyers Building, Hluhluwe Tel: 035-562 0016 / 083 642 0001
The Travel Doctor	Tel: 035-789 2250 / 084 587 7747
Mkuze Medical Clinic	Klebe Street, Mkuze Tel: 035-573 1082
Bay Hospital	Richards Bay Tel: 035-780 6111
Des De Bruyn Pharmacy	Old Main Rd, Mkuze Tel: 035-573 1113
Hluhluwe Pharmacy	Shop 4 & 5 Checkers Centre, Hluhluwe Tel: 035-562 0028
Ambulance	Tel: 10177
MRI Rescue Helicopter	Tel: 080 011 1990
Emergency Services	Tel: 10111
Police	Lot 29 Main Rd, Mkuze Tel: 035-573 1088

For any further information please contact the Lodge Manager:

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