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GENERAL UPDATES

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is now able to book helicopter transfers to and from Port Elizabeth and East London airports. Note that rates are on request.

AtholPlace Hotel & Villa in Sandton will re-open as a hotel on 1 August 2024. Until that time, it will continue operating as AtholPlace House & Villa, with the two exclusive-use options, AtholPlace House or AtholPlace Villa. AtholPlace House will be closed for refurbishment from 16 June to 31 July 2024, reopening as AtholPlace Hotel on 1 August 2024. AtholPlace Villa will remain open throughout.

For stays from 1 August 2024 onwards you can book one or more rooms at AtholPlace Hotel, or you can book the 4-bedroomed AtholPlace Villa, which will remain exclusive-use only, exactly as it is now. Existing bookings for AtholPlace House post-1 August 2024 will remain in place, and rates will be honoured.

AtholPlace Hotel will not have a restaurant as such; instead it will offer an all-day dining menu (available between 11:00-21:00 hrs) with a selection of comfort food options (think soups, pastas, salads and something sweet) with room service available as well. Alternatively, the team will gladly assist with recommendations and bookings for nearby restaurants.

Morukuru Family Madikwe – effective 6 May 2024, the Morukuru Goodwill Foundation Conservation & Community levy for new bookings at Morukuru Family Madikwe will be increased to R 300 per adult per night and R 150 per child under 16, per night. Existing bookings at Morukuru Family Madikwe will not be affected.

SPECIALS

Future Found Sanctuary in Hout Bay, Cape Town, is offering a great Winter Wellness Special. Based on a minimum-night stay of 2 nights, it includes a complimentary Rasul scrub, and a 60-minute couples' massage. Choose between the luxury room with a balcony at Villa Verte or a loft suite at Maison Noir. Stay dates are from 01 May 2024 until 31 August 2024.

Kateka The Safari & Wellness Experience is offering a Stay 4 / Pay 3 deal for all accommodation types valid for arrivals up to and including 15 December 2024.

Dulini Collection is offering a Pay for 5 nights and stay for 6 nights special. Travel must be over consecutive nights and you may combine the stay within any of the Dulini lodges: Dulini Moya, Dulini Leadwood and Dulini River.

- **Honeymoon Offer:** one partner receives a 50% discount off the accommodation costs for their stay. Minimum 3-night stay. Wedding date is required and cannot be booked if travel dates are more than 12 months post-wedding date.
- **Repeat Guest Offer:** return guests receive a 15% discount off their accommodation costs. There is a minimum stay of 3 nights and their last dates of travel are required to confirm the discount. This discount will only apply to repeat guests' accommodation, and not guests who may be travelling in the same party.
- **4-Night Combination Offer:** stay a minimum of two nights at Savanna Private Game Reserve in an Executive Suite, combined with a minimum of two nights at one of the Dulini lodges (Dulini Moya, Dulini Leadwood or Dulini River), and receive a 10% discount on accommodation costs at both properties plus a safari transfer between the lodges.

Specials are valid Jan 2024 – Dec 2025.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Yolande van Staden, Andrea Bull, and Lorrain Ledwaba explored the Lowveld, enjoying overnight stays at Oliver's and Savanna.

Oliver's Boutique Hotel and Restaurant in White River

This is a beautiful boutique hotel with a signature "home away from home" feel, set on the White River Country Estate outside White River in Mpumalanga province. It's owner-managed, and you can see Tanya is really hands-on with the property. She met us on arrival and did a site inspection and had dinner with us. The hotel overlooks the first green of the 18-hole championship White River Golf Course.



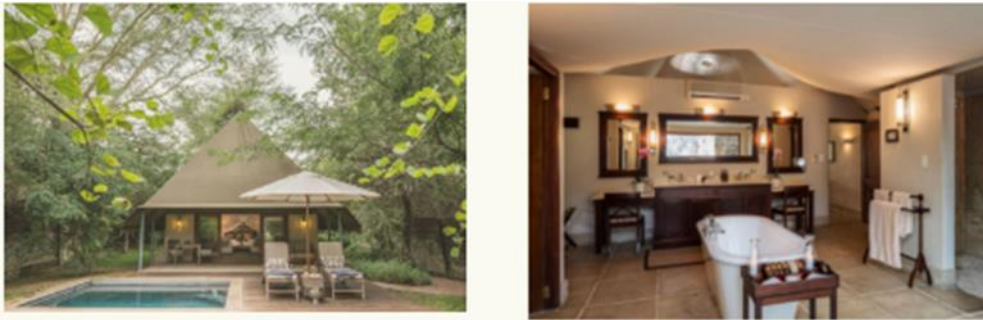
It has various room types to accommodate everyone's needs, from individual travellers to families. The in-house restaurant offers mouth-watering a la carte continental dishes. They also have a beautiful, intimate wine cellar that can serve as a dinner venue to enjoy their renowned raclette fondue evenings paired with famous South African wines. There is also a Wellness and & Beauty centre on the hotel premises that offers treatments from massages to face and body treatments, manicures and pedicures, as well as waxing.



Oliver's is the perfect stopover for guests on their way to or coming back from a safari, before flying out from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, which is a 15-minute drive from the property.

After our stay at Oliver's, we took an easy road transfer to **Savanna Private Game Reserve** via the Newton Gate.

The 5-star lodge is a short drive from the gate, set within the Sabi Sands Reserve. It has nine suites, seven of which have tented roofs, blending the elegance of a by-gone colonial era with modern facilities – each of these rooms has its own private patio, plunge pool and an outdoor shower. The remaining two suites are the Executive and the Savanna suites with two bedrooms.



The property has a comfortable public lounge area with spacious patios and a main pool overlooking a waterhole. These areas are frequently treated to fantastic views of birds and animals drinking water on a hot summer day. The loft above the lounge is a nice quiet place overlooking the waterhole to sit and enjoy a good book from the library. This area also provides internet access and guests can download their digital photos and save onto CD or DVD.



They have a fully stocked wine cellar and bar close to the dining area where guests can enjoy their meals. There is also a Shangaan boma area which hosts bush braais under the African sky.

Guests can purchase precious mementos of their experience at the well-stocked curio shop.

A fully equipped gym on the premises caters for fitness-minded clients – overlooking the bush, it offers the best view for working off some of the famous safari cuisine on offer. Savanna does not have a spa on the property but does offer exquisite massage treatments in the privacy of your own suite.

Also offered at the property are game drives and walks. Experienced and dedicated game rangers and trackers impart their amazing knowledge of the natural world, allowing guests to unobtrusively observe the lives of the largest and smallest creatures. All the safari vehicles have been modified for guests' comfort and safety, with bucket seats separated by large storage boxes. The vehicle takes no more than two people per row, max 6 guests per vehicle, to give every guest the best photographic opportunities.

Walks are an optional activity for guests who would like to experience the fauna and flora on foot, and are led by an armed guide and a tracker. The tracker shares his vast local knowledge of the bushveld trees and plants which are used in tribal customs and rituals, as well as their practical herbal and medicinal applications. The walks are normally close and around Savanna Lodge, and take place between game drives and meals.



Savanna offers a child-friendly safari that welcomes children of all ages if booking the Savanna Suite. No children under 8 years are permitted at the main lodge. All meals and activities will take place in the Savanna suite. The suite does offer child-minders if the adults want to go on game drives without the children. All game drives are tailor-made as they offer their Bushbabies programme to entertain and teach the children about the bush.

Savanna works closely with neighbouring communities and runs projects to assist and empower the residents.

