

Manyeleti Game Reserve South Africa



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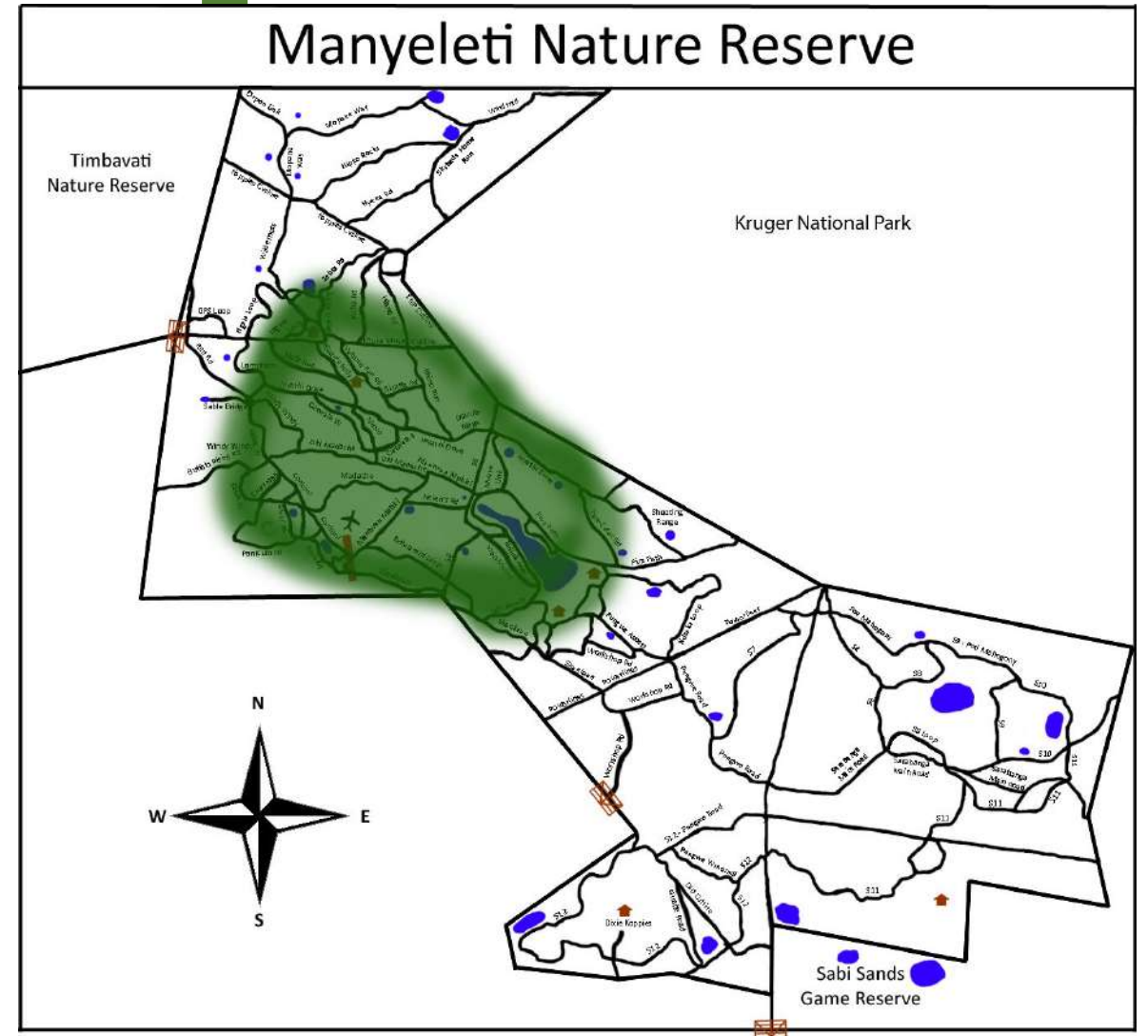
The 23,000-hectare Manyeleti Private Game reserve is located between the Timbavati and Sabi Sands Game Reserves and borders the world-famous Kruger National Park.

With just three lodges in this pristine bush area, you can be sure to experience the best of South Africa far away from mainstream tourist areas. Manyeleti is one of those very few remaining 'secret places'. Whether you are travelling with your partner for a romantic getaway or want to enjoy a perfect family holiday, we sure hope to welcome you soon in Manyeleti, our wonderful little place of the stars!

The Manyeleti Game Reserve is accessible in a variety of ways. The reserve is easily accessible by car or plane.

There is an excellent tar road from Johannesburg (about a six hour drive) that leads you to Manyeleti. The last eight kilometres inside the Manyeleti Reserve concerns an untarred road (can be driven in regular 2x4 vehicle). The Manyeleti access gate is very close to Kruger National Park's Orpen Gate.

Manyeleti has one access gate. Access is via Orpen Gate road. Guest will be charged an entrance fee payable at the gate. Manyeleti Reserve Gate Opens at 06h00 and closes at 18h00.





Manyeleti means “Place of the stars” in the local language. It truly is a unique safari destination well off the beaten path. You can be certain not to encounter big tour groups travelling around in busses, but rather expect a pristine bush experience in one of the world's most beautiful places. This 23,000-hectare private game reserve borders directly to the vast Kurger National Park, as well as the famous Sabi Sands and Timbavati Game Reserves. As such, you can be absolutely sure to only experience the best game viewing possible. As there are no fences between the national park and the private game reserves, wildlife is able to roam freely. Manyeleti is prime "Big Five" territory, offering exceptional possibilities for viewing the elusive leopard. Other Big Five animals (lion, rhino, buffalo and elephant) are also often spotted on a very regular basis. Furthermore, with more than 300 bird species present in the area, Manyeleti makes a great safari destination for wildlife enthusiasts, photographers and bird watchers alike.

Some History

The chances of seeing large predators are slightly lower compared to the Sabi Sands and Timbavati Game Reserves, as there is less water in Manyeleti. There is also a big upside compared to staying in Sabi Sands or Timbavati: it is much quieter in terms of visitor numbers. Sabi Sands is the well-established name, attracting a large amount of visitors just for that reason. Manyeleti is much lesser known, and also has a very limited number of private game lodges. Tourism in general is less well developed in Manyeleti, and the reason can be found in the dark history of South Africa. In the apartheid years Manyeleti was the only game reserve where non-whites were welcome. The Kruger National Park was inaccessible for them at that time. In all those years the government only invested very little money in the area's development: ironically Manyeleti now is picking the fruits when you are looking for the ultimate bush experience. Manyeleti was founded as a game reserve in 1963.





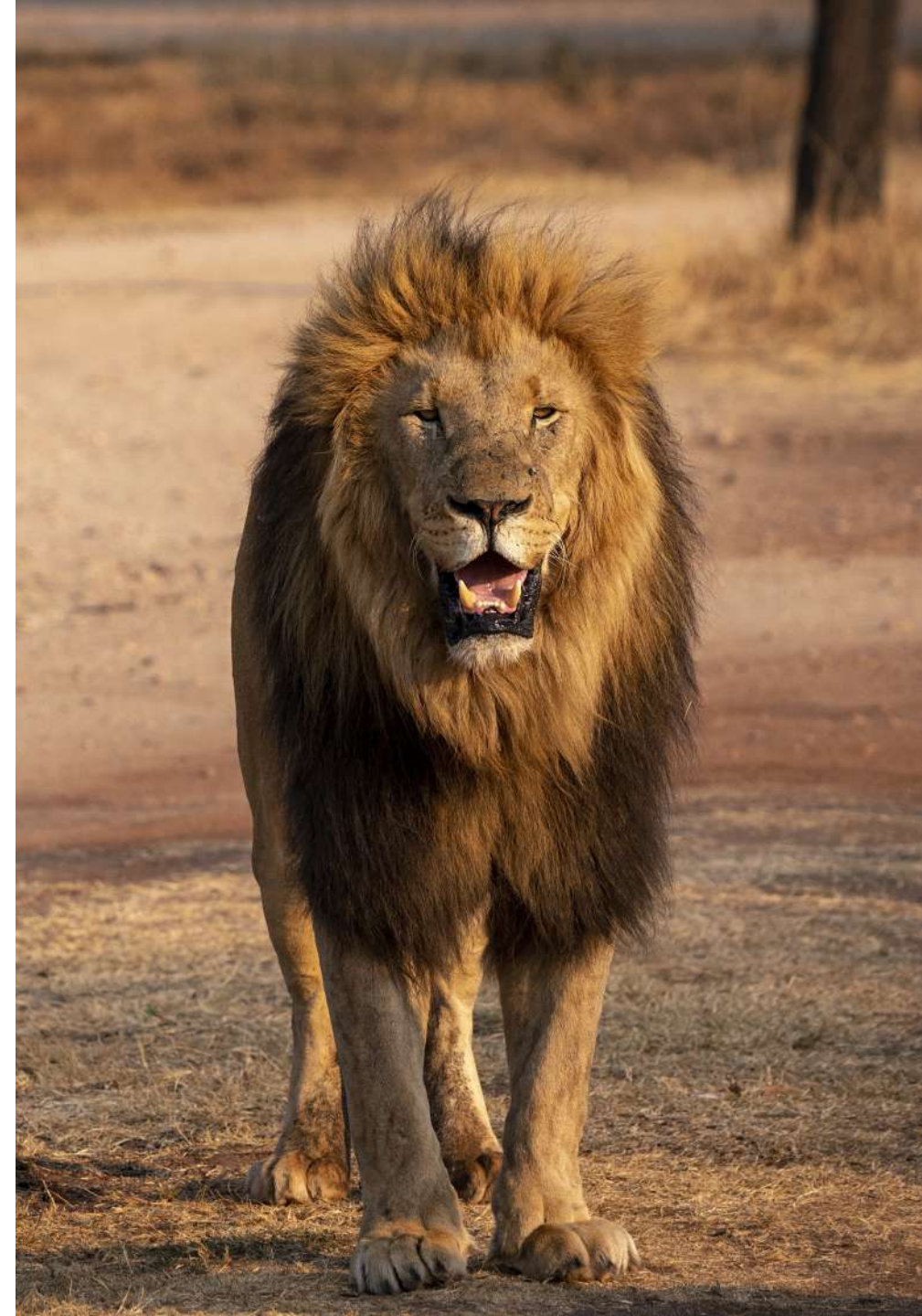
An Exclusive Safari Destination

Manyeleti Game Reserve is owned and managed by the local Mnisi tribe. They successfully claimed the land as they have been living in the area for many generations. All safari lodges in Manyeleti Game Reserve are privately owned and make use of the land on a concession basis. As there are only three lodges in the reserve, and more than 200 kilometres of gravel roads, you can assume to have to this game reserve pretty much to yourself.

Game Drives & Bush Walks

On a game drive you will be accompanied by ranger/guide (sometimes armed) with a comprehensive knowledge of all flora and fauna found in Manyeleti. Besides the ranger normally a "tracker" joins the ranger, who is being seated on the front of the car in a small seat and scans the environment for (big) game.

On foot you get a completely different experience: it is sometimes even possible to approach wildlife to a very short distance. It indeed is a very thrilling experience observing wildlife without the protection of a car. The minimum age for participating in a game drive is usually eight years, for a game walk this is fourteen.





Meals & Drinks in Manyeleti

In most lodges situated in private game reserves (such as Manyeleti) all meals, as well as coffee and tea is included in the price. In some places breakfast and lunch are sometimes combined into brunch, depending on the kind of activity in the morning. Dinners usually take place at different locations in and around the main lodge building. So, it can happen that one evening you are enjoying dinner in the traditional "boma", the next evening at the poolside, and maybe the last night outside the lodge in the African bush.

Lodges in Manyeleti Game Reserve

You will need a good place to sleep when travelling to the Manyeleti Game Reserve as you will experience that your time in the African bush will have a rather tiring effect on you.

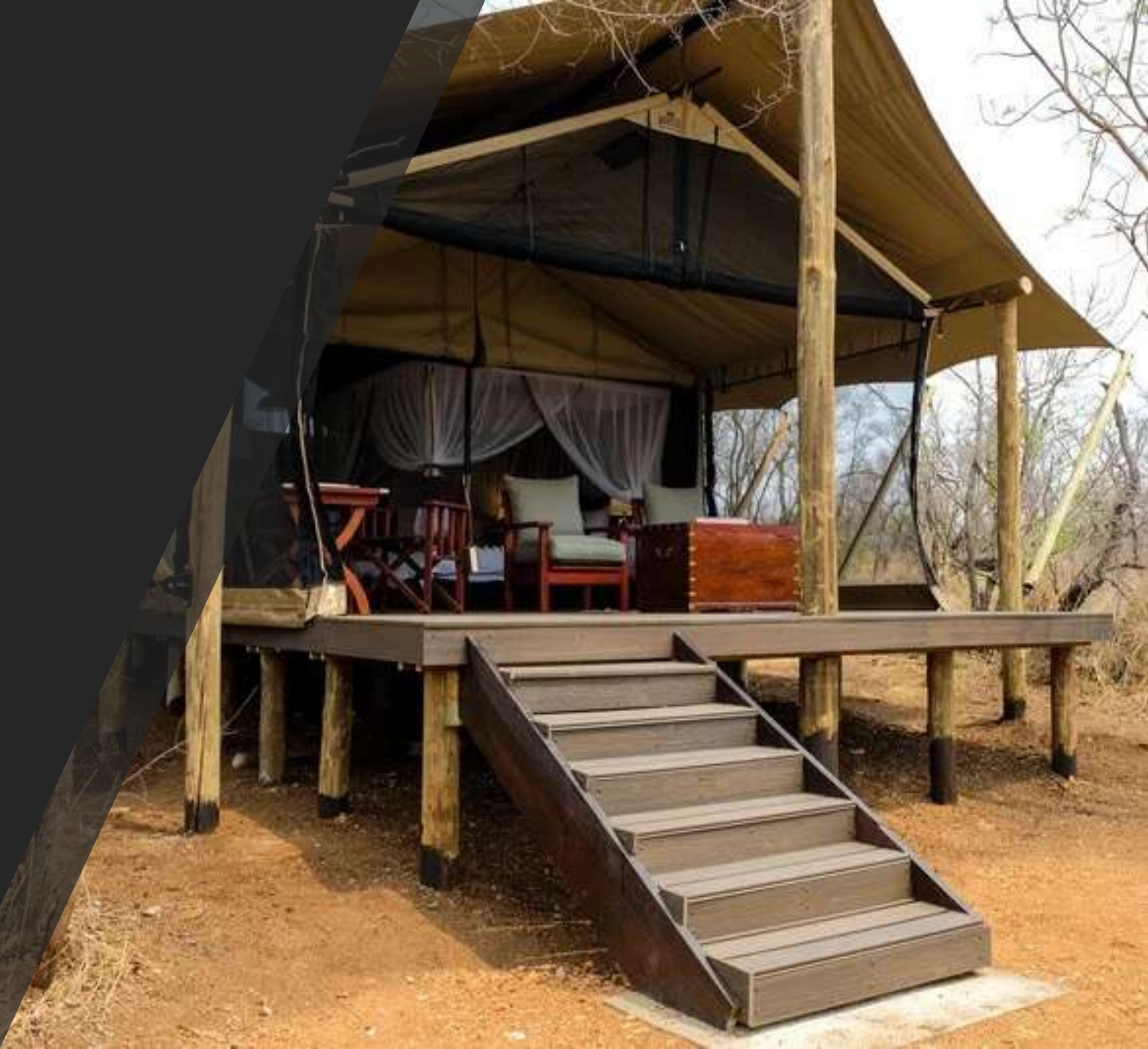
Fortunately, Manyeleti offers a perfect bed to everyone, and for every budget. As there are only three lodges in the Manyeleti Game Reserve you can be sure to enjoy an exclusive experience guaranteeing an unforgettable time in the African bush!



Mantobeni Tented Camp

The Manyeleti Private Game Reserve is home to Honeyguide's two luxury tented camps, Honeyguide Khoka Moya Camp & Honeyguide Mantobeni Camp. Experience the true magic of the African bush at Honeyguide Camps. Designed to blend in with the wilderness, this luxury tented safari camp is found in the Manyeleti Private Game Reserve, the reserve shares unfenced borders with the Kruger National Park and is in the heart of Big 5 country.

Relax in the large open-air bar area overlooking the local watering hole & wildlife or lounge on our sun loungers by our infinity pool while our daily elephant visitors visit the camp for the fresh pool water, a memory that would last a lifetime. The camp provides guests an idyllic setting in which to relax, refresh & reconnect.





Khoka Moya Tented Camp

Honeyguide Khoka Moya Camp is an authentic luxury tented safari camp, located on the banks of a river in South Africa's Greater Kruger region. The camp is situated in the Manyeleti Game Reserve, a concession that borders the world-famous Kruger National Park.

Khoka Moya is child-friendly with kids' activities on offer including full game drives, junior tracking and more. Khoka Moya and is the perfect destination for a luxury family safari holiday. The luxurious tents at Khoka Moya offer outdoor decks that are perfect for relaxing on and enjoy the wide-open channels spread in front of the camp, inviting guests to discover a world full of adventure
Honeyguide Khoka Moya.



Buffelshoek Camp

Offering an authentic bush experience, Buffelshoek achieves a balance between comfort and bushveld ambience and maintains a feeling of exclusivity with only five quaint two-sleeper thatch-roofed, canvass fronted tents with open-air en-suite bathrooms all on wooden decks.

The camp is un-fenced, and meals are often prepared over an open fire and enjoyed in the dining area or under the stars in the boma. Sitting around the campfire at night is when the sounds of the African bush come alive, and this is when you will truly appreciate the ambience of the camp.

Tintswalo Safari Lodge

Only six beautiful suites and one magnificent Presidential suite make up Tintswalo Safari Lodge in Manyeleti Game Reserve. If you are looking for a private safari experience, away from it all, then this is the place you want to go. All suites are extremely large, and maybe the most wonderful we've ever seen. As it can become very hot in summer months, all rooms are air conditioned. Bathrooms are equipped with an indoor and outdoor shower. A particular nice feature is the small private plunge pool on the outside deck. It is just lovely to relax here while looking at the waterhole in front of the lodge. Picture yourself having a gin & tonic, in your own plunge pool, while seeing elephants pass in the dry riverbed below.



Ndzhaka Camp

With a maximum of just 10 guests at any one time, guests are indulged with fantastic service and attention from the friendly staff in a home away from home. Also, all Ndzhaka staff live in the nine villages that border the reserve. Since 10% of the camp turnover is allocated for community projects, your stay at Ndzhaka supports and protects the surrounding areas and all who inhabit them.





Pungwe Safari Camp

A spacious camp with Meru-style tents and private en-suites, Pungwe promises a simple, elegant style with home-from-home comforts. A quartet of safari tents complete with the soft and comforting lighting of paraffin lamps, wood-fired hot water and a camp-fire kettle. You'll experience the unique ambience of the original bushveld safari. With nothing but the canvas separating you and the great outdoors, you'll feel the roar of a Lion, hear the cackle of the Hyena and see the spectacle of a bush standoff as herds roam freely throughout the bush and right past your lodgings.



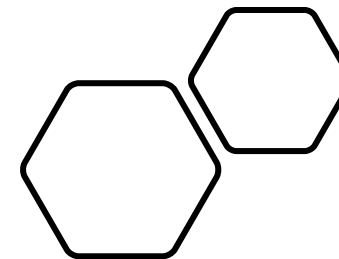
Safari Photography

South Africa is paradise for nature photographers. The best results are achieved by using a (digital) SLR camera with one or more lenses. For photography of wild animals, a lens with a minimum range of 200mm is crucial, preferably a 300mm lens. For landscape photography, a wide-angle lens (18 mm or less) is recommended. Beautiful portraits can be taken with lenses with a fixed focal length (usually a 50 mm lens provides good results) and large aperture. Don't feel like carrying big bags of photo equipment on your South Africa safari? A 18-200 mm telezoom lens produces beautiful pictures, and pretty much all subjects are within range. Important during your South Africa safari is protecting your valuable equipment: because you will probably also drive on untarred roads, dust easily gets into your car and may damage your camera. Make sure your camera is always protected by a quality dust free bag.

Safari Safety

In private game reserves and national parks with big game it is prohibited to get out of your car, unless accompanied by armed rangers/guides. Each year there are reports from South Africa of travellers ignoring this simple rule, with all its consequences. In the Manyeleti you will drive yourself to and from the lodge of choice. What to do when you encounter wild animals on the road? Drive slowly and reverse the car when necessary. Do not make any loud noises. When staying in the lodge: listen carefully to the briefing provided by your ranger or accommodation staff. They always know what game is currently staying in the vicinity of the lodge. Many lodges are not fenced in, wildlife can freely enter the premises and will do so. For this reason, it is not allowed to walk unaccompanied around the lodge after sunset. Would you like to go the main building, restaurant or bar, just call the reception and they will send someone to pick you up from your room.





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