

# Timbavati Safari Lodges

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**WELCOME TO TIMBAVATI SAFARI LODGES** Timbavati Safari Lodges are located within the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve and offer a curated collection of some of the most beautiful and luxurious safari lodges in South Africa. The Timbavati Safari Lodges lie between two private safari game reserves and the world-famous Kruger National Park, which it shares a 50km unfenced border with. The unfenced border allows animals free-range, ensuring that guests visiting Timbavati can view the greatest diversity of Big 5 wildlife that South Africa has to offer. Accommodation at Timbavati Safari Lodges is offered in colonial-style game lodges, traditional bush lodges, and luxury tented safari camps, providing a range of styles to suit your dream South African safari lodge holiday.

**TIMBAVATI SAFARI LODGES AND THE GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK:** The Timbavati Safari Lodges lie within the Greater Kruger National Park open system and the internationally declared Kruger 2 Compass UNESCO Man and Biosphere System. The Timbavati Private Nature Reserve is on the western boundary of the Kruger National Park, extending over two provinces (Limpopo and Mpumalanga). Access to the Timbavati Safari Lodges is by air or by road. Guests can also opt to fly in on a private jet to the Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport. The gate times (to enter or exit the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve) are from 05h00 to 22h00 each day. Gate fees are due depending on the size of the vehicles and number of guests.

**WHAT TO PACK FOR YOUR SAFARI IN THE**

**TIMBAVATI GAME RESERVE:** Going on a safari holiday in South Africa is the highlight for many a visitor to our beautiful country. Below is a list of some safari holiday essentials.

**WHAT TO WEAR ON SAFARI IN SOUTH AFRICA:** Hat & Sunglasses - safari during the summer months can be hot and sticky. Comfortable Clothing (think layering as early morning safaris can be freezing at first and once the sun is out can get hot). Similarly, the afternoon/evening game drives can be pleasant at first and after the sun sets can get very cold fast. Neutral shades to blend into your environment. Sturdy footwear - especially if your safari lodge also offers walking safari's. Long Trousers - for the cold and the insects.

**WHAT TO PACK FOR YOUR SAFARI IN SOUTH AFRICA:** Camera to capture the highlights of your South African safari holiday. Sunblock - summers can be harsh in South Africa. Binoculars - although the lodge will have a pair or two in your 4x4 safari vehicle. Prescription Medication - Although medical evacuation is possible, you are hours away from any doctors or hospitals, so make sure to stock up. Day Bag / Carry Bag for water, camera, jacket, etc.

**SAFARI IN THE TIMBAVATI NATURE RESERVE:** Home to the Big 5, Timbavati Safari Lodges will ensure regular animal sightings of buffalo, lion, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, baboon, cheetah, leopard and the rare white lion. Covering 75,000 hectares of bush, you will experience a more intimate and personal affair with wildlife than anywhere else. The list of wildlife in the Timbavati Nature Reserve is mind-blowing, and here, your 4x4 safari vehicle is allowed to go off-road (in the Kruger Park vehicles are restricted to the paved roads only). Safari in the Timbavati is all about early rises (when animals emerge from their hiding spots). During the day, it's all about kicking back during the warmer hours of the day. During your afternoon 4x4 safari game drive, enjoy bush drinks whilst spotting the Big 5. In the evening enjoy dinner under incredible African night skies while re-counting the day's activities with new-found friends.

**WINE AND FOOD AT THE TIMBAVATI SAFARI LODGES:** You will never go hungry on safari! In most of the Timbavati Safari Lodges, all meals are included in the price you pay (including tea/coffee). Meals, especially dinner, are often offered in different locations if you stay 2 nights or longer at any given lodge. Without giving away too much, you might find yourself next to the crackling fire of a boma one night and the next evening a fully set dinner table next

to a riverbed. During the morning game drives coffee, biscuits and warm pastries are served mid-drive. During the afternoon / early evening game drives you might enjoy a G&T, wine, cold beer or soda mid-drive. All meals will be complimented by lush South African Wines.

**CONSERVATION AT THE TIMBAVATI SAFARI LODGES:** There are many conservation efforts ongoing within the greater Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. Among these conservation projects, the following are worth mentioning.

APNR Southern Grand Hornbill Programme. Panthera leopard Research. EWT Hooded Vulture Programme. Elephants Alive Project. Flora & Fauna monitoring done by each safari lodge. Alien plant treatments and eradication. land integrity. Malaria control. \ Integrated learning student programme. TWPP I Rhino Anti-Poaching Unit. Future Rangers Programme. Protect the Timbavati White lions. Community Conservation. Timbavati Foundation.

**GETTING TO THE TIMBAVATI SAFARI LODGES:** By air or by road. Flights to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport are available from Johannesburg and Cape Town. Timbavati can also be reached by air from Mpumalanga International Airport and Phalaborwa Airport. By road, you can reach Timbavati with an excellent network of roads. Our professional and friendly team of safari experts await your request to assist you with curating your dream safari holiday in Timbavati and further afield.

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