

FACT SHEET

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INTRODUCTION

Nkuwa Wilderness Camp offers an authentic and soulful safari experience in the heart of the Selati Game Reserve, a vast Big Five wilderness area in Limpopo bordering the Greater Kruger National Park. The reserve spans over 27,500 hectares of pristine bushveld, where wildlife roams freely and the rhythms of nature set the pace of life.

At Nkuwa, guests are invited to reconnect with the wild in an intimate and low-impact setting that celebrates simplicity and serenity. The camp is completely off-grid, designed to blend seamlessly into the landscape beneath a towering Sycamore Fig Tree, from which it takes its name in the local Tsonga language.

With only four luxury en-suite safari tents, the experience is deliberately personal and unhurried. Each tent is nestled along a natural drainage line, offering privacy, comfort, and a close connection to the sounds and sights of the African bush. Guests can enjoy the gentle hum of cicadas, the distant call of a fish eagle, and the quiet luxury of true wilderness living without noise, crowds, or distraction.

Game drives and guided walking safaris offer a deep connection to the land, led by experienced guides passionate about sharing the stories and secrets of this remarkable ecosystem. The Selati Game Reserve is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife, including over 50 species of mammals and 300 bird species, as well as unique flora such as the rare *Encephalartos dyerianus* cycad found only in this region.

Evenings at Nkuwa are spent gathered around the campfire, under a canopy of stars unspoiled by light pollution. Here, guests can share stories, savour wholesome meals, and feel the rhythm of the wild all around them. Nkuwa Wilderness Camp offers more than just a safari, it's a return to the essence of nature, a quiet celebration of Africa's untamed beauty.

“Nkuwa offers a wilderness experience that’s raw, real, and profoundly peaceful – where the only sounds are those of the bush itself.”



AT A GLANCE

- 27,500 hectares of traversing rights in a Big Five reserve
- Set arrival days of Monday / Thursday, however, no minimum nights required
- Only 4 en-suite safari tents (max 8 guests)
- Nestled under a majestic Sycamore Fig Tree along a wooded drainage line
- Stunning views of Selati Game Reserve's granitic outcrops and waterhole
- Guided walking safaris and game drives led by professional guides
- Intimate and undisturbed Big Five safari experience
- Daily activities: photography, birding, bush walks, and nature interpretation
- All meals and two daily activities included
- Campfire dinners in the open-air boma
- Opportunity to observe a rich diversity of wildlife: 50+ mammal species, 300+ birds, rare cycads, and unique geology
- Peaceful, private retreat with no noise or light pollution

FACILITIES

- 4 en-suite safari tents with indoor & outdoor showers
- Option of King or twin beds, fans in each tent
- Communal lounge and dining area
- Open-air boma for meals around the fire
- Waterhole nearby for wildlife viewing
- Solar-powered, off-grid camp with borehole water
- Daily camp servicing
- Tea and coffee in each tent (hot water flasks provided)
- Well-equipped game viewer for guided drives

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A TYPICAL DAY AT NKUWA WILDERNESS CAMP

A typical day at Nkuwa begins with a wake up call, early morning coffee, and a game drive in the Selati Game Reserve. Below is a rough time schedule of the day's events:



LOCATION

Nkuwa Wilderness Camp is located within the Selati Game Reserve in Limpopo province, adjacent to the southern border of the Greater Kruger National Park. The reserve was established in 1993 and today spans approximately 28,000 hectares of Big Five wilderness, offering guests a true bushveld experience with abundant wildlife and unspoiled landscapes. The camp itself is tucked beneath the shade of a Sycamore Fig Tree along the Mahoed Drainage line, providing a serene and intimate setting. Nkuwa is completely off-grid, ensuring no light or noise pollution, allowing guests to fully immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of the bush.

ACTIVITIES

- Morning and afternoon game drives (Big Five territory)
- Walking safaris (add-on experience, guided by qualified trails guides)
- Birdwatching and Photography
- Sundowners at The Outlook viewpoint (add-on experience)

GETTING THERE

These are the options:

1. Self-Drive to camp.
2. Fly from Johannesburg, Durban, or Cape Town to either Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport or Nelspruit Kruger Mpumalanga Airport, and arrange a road transfer to the camp through our reservations office.
3. HQ Collection: Guests arrive first at our Selati Game Reserve HQ, where a fully-equipped game vehicle will transfer you to Nkuwa Wilderness Camp. This scenic drive through the reserve takes approximately 60–90 minutes. All transfers can be arranged and booked through our reservations office.

CHILDREN POLICY

Children aged 5 years and older are welcome.

Please note: Walking safaris are only permitted for guests aged 16 years and older for safety reasons.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION:

WEATHER

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring during mid-summer (November – February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, and very seldom lasts longer than a few hours. The mean average maximum temperatures range from 24.5°C in July to 31.5°C in January with the mean monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.



MALARIA

The Selati Game Reserve is considered a low-risk malaria area. It is recommended to consult your doctor or pharmacist for advice on suitable prophylactics, such as Malarone, Doxycycline, or Mefloquine. Mosquitoes are more common during the warmer, wetter summer months (November – February). Using mosquito repellent and creams is also highly recommended as an additional preventative measure.

GAME DRIVE VEHICLES

On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. This enables you to get within five to 10 metres of the large animals – and safely! All game drives are conducted in a Land Cruisers with a roof.



WILDLIFE

During the dry season, vegetation is sparse and wildlife congregates around the waterholes, making game viewing easier. In the wet season, wildlife is more dispersed as the bush becomes lush. Guests can expect to see the Big Five during a 2–3 night stay. Other animals commonly encountered include giraffe, zebra, warthog, impala, kudu, waterbuck, wildebeest, bushbuck, baboon, and hyena. Birdlife is abundant, with species such as hornbills, rollers, eagles, kingfishers, and starlings frequently spotted. The diversity of habitats across Selati means there's always a chance of spotting rarer species such as wild dog, cheetah, or civet.

WHAT TO PACK

During the summer months the weather can be hot and sticky. You may want to bring a few outfits.

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May – Oct)
- Beanie and gloves – the mornings are cold during winter

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