

Balloon Safaris in the Magalies River Valley 2006 Rates and General Info

BILL HARROP'S "Original" BALLOON SAFARIS

Why "Original"? Because in June 1981 Bill Harrop was the first person in South Africa to conceive and run a legally licensed Balloon Airline.

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	BILL HARROP'S "ORIGINAL" BALLOON SAFARIS RACK RATES 2006	EXCLUDING Transfers Meeting at Skeerpoort Balloon Field		TRANSFERS EXTRA Ex Fourways	TRANSFERS EXTRA Sandton, Rosebank, Midrand - Minimum 2	TRANSFERS EXTRA Ex-JHI Airport - Minimum 2	2006
Validity	Dec.2005 to Nov.2006	MAGALIESBERGS BALLOON FLIGHT					
		FLIGHT Excl.Vat	FLIGHT Incl.Vat	TRANSFERS EXTRA Per Person @			
RG	Regular rate Per Person	1750	1995	105	220	290	
G6	Group of 6 or more p.p.	1593	1815	90	198	261	TRANSFERS EX Pretoria R1890 per Mini-Bus of up to 6 passengers
G12	Group of 12 or more p.p.	1457	1660	85	187	247	
G24	Group of 24 or more p.p.	1365	1555	79	174	229	
RGO	Ground Only Tour (No balloon flight)	220	250	355	470	540	
Ch	Childrens rate - under 12 years	50%		50%	50%	50%	TRANSFERS EX Sun City R2100 per Mini-Bus of up to 6 passengers

The above rates include the following:

HOT COFFEE/TEA SERVED at sun-rise whilst the crew prepare the balloons for flight

FLIGHT DURATION: About one hour (dependant on conditions)

CHAMPAGNE: Served in-flight (or on landing) then Mini-Bus Transfer from the landing site to our Country Base

FRESHLY COOKED "FARM-STYLE CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST" and presentation of

"CITATIONS FOR BRAVERY" at our Riverside Country Base

- Except where specifically excluded, the above Rates Include VAT at the CURRENT RATE of 14%
- If the tour is cancelled by the passenger or agent, the deposit is forfeited.
- If the flight is cancelled because of bad weather, the flight is either re-booked or the deposit returned.
- A minimum of 2 passengers is required to justify a Flight Departure (max 142) but these can be from 2 individual sources.

DAILY SCHEDULE: (Meeting Times at SKEERPOORT Balloon Field)
Magalies River Valley near Hartebeespoort Dam, 70 Km north-west of Johannesburg.

Month	Time
January	05h15
February	05h30
March	05h45
April	06h00
May	06h15
June	06h30
July	06h30
August	06h15
September (1st - 15th)	06h00
September (16th - 30th)	05h45
October (1st - 15th)	05h30
October (16th - 31st)	05h15
November	05h15
December	05h15

The above meeting times are approximate and will be confirmed once you have made a reservation.

TOUR DURATION: THE FLIGHT WILL LAST ABOUT AN HOUR. The total duration of the mornings activities is about 4 to 5 hours plus Transport Times

ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TRANSFERS FROM HOTELS IN:-

Fourways: 45 mins.

Sandton: 1 hour

Johannesburg or Sun City: 1 hour 15 mins

Actual pick-up times may vary slightly and will be confirmed once you have made a reservation.

MINIMUM: 2 passengers (can be two different individual bookings)

MAXIMUM: 142 (6 to 18 passengers per balloon)

On the morning of the flight...

CLOTHING:

- Should be warm enough for the chilly early morning but it should be "**peelable**" because, the sun, excitement and probably the champagne will soon warm you.
- "**Country Shoes**" are also recommended.
- **Hat** (if you're a bit "thin on top")

BRING:

- Your **camera, video camera, binoculars** and **spare film**, or **batteries**.
[Ballooning offers some most spectacular photo and movie opportunities](#)

PHYSICAL FITNESS:

- Participants should be **nimble enough to climb in and out of the basket**,
- Be able to **stand for the duration of the flight** and
- Be able to **jump unassisted from a height of 60cm**.
[Ballooning is suitable for adventurers from 7 - 70 \(although our oldest passenger to date was 90 years old!\)](#)

When making a reservation...

WE NEED TO KNOW:

- **FULL NAME** and **WEIGHT** of each passenger
- The **PASSENGER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER** or **HOTEL + ROOM No** of where they will be staying the night prior to their flight.
(in case of us having to cancel due to bad weather or safety reasons)
- If it is a **GROUP BOOKING**: the **GROUP LEADER'S NAME, CONTACT NUMBERS** , and Flight Allocation List.
- If there are any **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** (i.e. vegetarian, non alcohol etc)

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SELECT BALLOONING LODGES PACKAGES

With

BILL HARROP'S "ORIGINAL" BALLOON SAFARIS

A selection of [first class Lodges](#) and [Country Houses](#) particularly recommended for a very special getaway, and prelude to a most memorable and enjoyable Balloon Safari the following morning.

Sunset cocktails on summers' evenings, or in the welcome warmth of a crackling log fire in winter. Dinner of choice country fare accompanied by fine wines will be an occasion to remember, in the company of your knowledgeable hosts or just yourselves, by candlelight perhaps, or "alfresco" under the canopy of a million stars.

After a comfortable night you will be woken in time to dress and travel to arrive at the Balloon Field of Bill Harrop's "Original" Balloon Safaris just as the sun rises to soar gently over the majestic Magalies River Valley and surrounding mountains.

MOUNT GRACE COUNTRY HOUSE AND SPA

75 km north of Johannesburg, 30 mins drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field.

Located in Magaliesburg, Mount Grace is a romantic getaway offering gracious country hospitality, award-winning conference facilities and a world-class spa less than an hour's drive from Johannesburg and Pretoria. Accommodation is in 80 beautifully appointed thatch and stone rooms, privately situated in 10 acres of gardens. Surrounding the spa are 10 luxury Mountain Village suites each with a private, heated plunge pool, view veranda, dining area and DVD player. The hotel offers a wide range of leisure activities including guided walks, horseriding, mountain biking, flyfishing, tennis and bowls.

Valid 01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06

Thatchstone Village (19)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2403 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 750 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 390 p.p. per night

Grace Village (32)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2743 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 1090 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 410 p.p. per night

Mountain Village (14) and Tree Tops Village (15)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 3313 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 1660 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 630 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 350 per person (min 2)

VALLEY LODGE

65 km North-West of Johannesburg. 30 mins drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field.

This premier country lodge in the Magaliesburg is a glorious blend of time-honoured tradition and modern hospitality. Valley Lodge, with a professional and welcoming staff, is known for its imaginative cuisine, carefully selected wines from a well-stocked cellar, comfort and tranquillity.

This secure, exclusive getaway contains 64 individually decorated bedrooms and suites, some with fireplaces. Complimentary facilities include flood lit tennis courts, golf practice centre, gymnasium, boating, fishing, library, snooker room, a natural bird sanctuary, nature walks and a Reflexology Clinic. Comprehensive conference facilities are available in one of seven different venues. Soak up the sun at the sparkling pool or meander through the lush,

manicured gardens to totally revitalise yourself. This peaceful spot is the ideal country escape suitable for any occasion. No matter the pace you desire, Valley Lodge will give you a new appreciation of the art of living.

Valid 01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06

Garden Rooms (15)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2322 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 656 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 339 p.p. per night

Garden Executive (14) and Riverfront Rooms (9)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2492 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 826 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 345 p.p. per night

Riverfront Executive Rooms (20)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2620 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 954 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 441 p.p. per night

Nature Reserve Executive Rooms (6)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2830 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 1164 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 475 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 350 per person (min 2)

AMANZINGWE

45 km north of Johannesburg, 20 mins drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field.

This is a taste of Africa in its entire splendour. Tranquil, rustic beauty, gentle bird and animal sounds and luxury and comfort all combines to restore mind, body and soul. The Lodge falls within the area newly proclaimed as a World Heritage Site □ The Cradle of Humankind. It is a privately owned nature reserve that has a distinctly unique charm. On the estate there are about 120 animals, which include Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Kudu, Gemsbok, Impala, Waterbuck, Red Hartebeest, Blesbuck, and Duiker. Jackals roam at night, Karakuls are often sighted and even Leopards tend to visit during the breeding season. The suites are situated on the gentle slope leading towards the valley. Their thatched roofs and terra-cotta walls blend perfectly with the surroundings and the game roam freely among the suites. All of the suites have a sundeck for game viewing or gazing at the sunsets.

Valid 01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06

Standard Rooms (3)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2280 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 590 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 140 p.p. per night

Luxury Suites (18)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2340 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 650 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 140 p.p. per night

Super Luxury Suites (2)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2645 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 955 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 140 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 300 per person

BUDMARSH LODGE

60 km north-west of Johannesburg, 20 mins. drive from the Skeerpoort balloon Field

Away from the hustle and bustle of the city, in the heart of the magical Magaliesberg, Budmarsh Lodge awaits to welcome you to its world of understated elegance, tranquillity and personalised attention.

Escape through beautiful gardens into river rambles, fly fishing and hikes that boast abundant bird life.

After a sumptuous dinner, conjured by our Master Chef, relax in front of a roaring fire, engage in a game of snooker or simply escape to the quietness of the library to read and forget the stress of your world.

Retire to your bedroom with its antique furniture, under floor heating, en-suite bathroom and sink into your king size bed for a sleep that is truly nature's balm.

Valid 01 Jan 06 – 31 Dec 06

Luxury suites (11)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2700 p.p. per night sharing

Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 950 p.p. per night sharing

Single supplement: R 350 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 300 per person

DE OU WAENHUIS

60 km north-west of Johannesburg, 25 mins. drive from the Skeerpoort balloon Field

Exclusivity in a tranquil African environment.

Guests at De Ou Waenhuis have exclusive rights to the Plumari Africa Private Game Reserve in the Magalies River Valley.

The charming twin bedded thatched chalets of this little gem of history overlook the Hippo dam. Most have fireplaces to compliment their antique style interiors. All have a bath, a shower and a mini-bar. Traditional wholesome farm meals are served in the main dining room, the patio overlooking the Hippo dam, or in the "lapa" under the stars.

Spectacular game drives are available in open Landcruisers where one can observe a wide variety of game including White Rhino, Giraffe, Zebra, Leopard, Buffalo, Crocodile and Hippo and a wide variety of buck.

De Ou Waenhuis and Plumari Africa Private Game Reserve is an ideal location for corporate and teambuilding activities from clay pigeon shooting to golf at a nearby course or, of course, ballooning with Bill Harrop.

Other activities include hikes to 1000 year old rock paintings as well as soothing massage treatments by a qualified relaxation therapist.

Valid 01 Jan 06 – 31 Dec 06

Luxury (7)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2500 p.p. per night sharing

Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 750 p.p. per night sharing

Single supplement: R 130 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 300 per person

THE COVES

50 km north of Johannesburg, 10 mins. drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field.

The Harrop's two adjoining newly built three bed-roomed guest houses at Olive Tree Cove are but a short walk through The Coves upmarket holiday villages to the shores of Hartbeespoort Dam in the Magalies River Valley.

Each lodge offers secure, welcome, modern hospitality that combines comfort with luxury and is fully air-conditioned with it's own lounge, dining room and patio just 30 meters from the swimming pool.

The surrounding area offers a wide range of leisure activities including, boating, horseriding, mountain biking, golf and, of course, hot air ballooning with Bill Harrop's "Original" Balloon Safaris.

Also exclusively available to Olive Tree Cove guests is access to the Harrop's 87 acre Skeerpoort balloon field and country base where one can enjoy picnics, tranquil nature walks, bird-watching, fishing and row-boating on their 2 km. of private river.

Valid 01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06

De luxe (5)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2500 p.p. per night sharing

Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 750 p.p. per night sharing

Single supplement: R 150 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field included

WILLINGA LODGE*75 km north of Johannesburg, 15 mins from the Skeerpoort balloon field.*

Will and Ingrid Laarman have created this fascinating and tranquil paradise of 6 thatched luxury suites nestled on the Magaliesberg mountainside in the exclusive Cosmos village. Take a leisurely journey on the Hartebeespoort Dam craft route and visit many of the top quality original craft studios in the area, or explore one of the safe and secure walking trails in the immediate vicinity. Relax in the hillside gardens, sip a sundowner and enjoy spectacular views of Hartebeespoort Dam and the Witwatersberg Mountains before a memorable dinner with your hosts. A bird lovers paradise.

Valid 01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06**Regular (4)**

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2380 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 630 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 300 p.p. per night

De luxe (2)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2470 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 720 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 300 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 350 per person**RIVERBEND COTTAGE***65 km North-West of Johannesburg. 5 mins drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field*

“And a river runs through it...”

Riverbend Cottage is situated in the beautiful and scenic Skeerpoort valley, near the Hartebeespoort Dam, by the mountains on the banks of the Skeerpoort River. This is a private and well equipped self contained cottage, nestling amongst the trees which offers sleeping facilities for 5 people (one double room and one twin bedded room) separate bathroom, open plan kitchen, dining room and lounge. Artistic and comfortable country style interior décor, antiques, stained glass lamps, original paintings, fresh flowers and romantic candle light creates an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity which will let you feel at home. Relax at night overlooking the river, under bright African stars to fall asleep peacefully with the sound of the river music in your ears.

Valid 01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06**1 Cottage (up to 5 guests)**

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2255 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast:	R 505 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 200 p.p. per night

Self catering

Accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2050 p.p. per night sharing
Extra night - accommodation only	R 300 p.p. per night sharing
Single supplement:	R 300 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 300 per person**LEOPARD LODGE***55 km North-West of Sandton, 15 mins drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field.*

Situated in the Magalies Mountains overlooking Hartebeespoort Dam this exclusive, 248-hectare game farm abounds with a wide variety of bird life including one of the few remaining vulture colonies on the cliffs high above. Guests may take walks along the many paths through dense bush and trees, sit at the waterholes to watch game such as Giraffe, Impala, Kudu and Wildebeest. With a sharp eye and good luck one might catch a rare glimpse of one of the leopards that live on the mountains. Drives in open game viewing vehicles and private braais for small groups can be arranged. Leopard Lodge has a number of well-equipped conference and meeting rooms as well as a pool for your relaxation.

Valid 01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06**Luxury “Khaya” Suites (4)**

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari:	R 2260 p.p. per night sharing
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Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 510 p.p. per night sharing
 Single supplement: R 50 p.p. per night

Deluxe "Griffon" Suites (3)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2290 p.p. per night sharing
 Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 540 p.p. per night sharing
 Single supplement: R 50 p.p. per night

Deluxe Suites (2)

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2385 p.p. per night sharing
 Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 635 p.p. per night sharing
 Single supplement: R 50 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 300 per person

THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

80 km north of Johannesburg, 25 mins drive from the Skeerpoort balloon field.

In the early 1900's the Magaliesberg Mountains were rich in wildlife and home to abundant elephants. One hundred years later the elephants have returned to this area. A special place in the heart of beautiful African Bushveld has been set aside, and within this sanctuary, you will meet our elephants: Mosadi, Maroela, Khumba, Thandi, Jabu and Tembo. At the sanctuary, under professional supervision and control, guests can observe and interact with elephants. Enjoy sundowners on the mountain while watching the sun set over the beautiful Magaliesberg Mountains. Dinner is served in the Traditional African style Ndlovu Boma.

Valid 01 Nov 05 - 31 Oct 06

Indo-African rooms (6) - Includes Lunch and Elephant Experience

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 3345 p.p. per night sharing
 Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 1595 p.p. per night sharing
 Single supplement: R 700 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field R 350 per person (min 2)

FLIGHTS OVER THE CRADLE OF HUMANKIND FROM

KLOOFZICHT LODGE

30 mins from Johannesburg and Pretoria

Nestled at the foothills of the Zwartkops Mountains in the "Cradle of Humankind", Kloofzicht Lodge is the essence of tranquillity and ultimate luxury.

This small but magnificent nature reserve upon which Kloofzicht Lodge is built, is home to Kudu, Impala, Blue Wildebeest, Eland, Red Hartebeest, Springbok, Gemsbok, Zebra as well as fascinating indigenous trees, an array of bird life and pristine vistas.

The serenity is embodied by water, as the lodge comprising of 10 superior and 20 executive suites overlooks 6 exquisite fly-fishing dams and the lower reaches of the Blaauwbank Spruit, as it meanders through the unspoilt Zwartkops gorge. The dramatic scenery, natural vegetation and abundant wildlife set the mood.

Experience a genuine South African brand of unpretentious hospitality with staff that will make your stay an unforgettable experience. Fine dining and hand-selected wines will make your evening around a glowing African fire one never to be forgotten.

Valid 01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06

Executive Suites (20) includes one in house activity!

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2725 p.p. per night sharing
 Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 975 p.p. per night sharing
 Single supplement: R 250 p.p. per night

Superior Suites (10) □ includes one in house activity!

Dinner, accommodation and balloon safari: R 2875 p.p. per night sharing
 Extra night - dinner, bed and breakfast: R 1125 p.p. per night sharing
 Single supplement: R 275 p.p. per night

Transfers between Lodge and Balloon Field n/a

Please see our General Terms and Conditions:

- The above rates include VATax at the CURRENT RATE of 14%
- TOMSA Tourism Levy is included
- If the tour is cancelled by the passenger or agent, the deposit is forfeited
- If the flight is cancelled for safety reasons, the flight is either rebooked or the deposit returned
- Should any element of the above packages be postponed or cancelled, this will not affect the commitment of any party in the agreement to the supplying and charging for, or receiving and paying for, the other elements of the package on the original dates unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- A minimum of 2 Guests is required to justify a Flight Departure (Max. 140)

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Ref	SBLs as at 25 Nov 2005	A+B	ExA	SSA	TRB	TOA	Validity	
Updated 25 Nov 2005	SELECT BALLOONING LODGES RACK RATES 2006	Dinner and Accommodation + Balloon Safari	Extra nights Dinner, B&B	Single Supplement Accommodation	Return Transfers Between Lodge and Balloon Field	One Way transfers between Joburg Int. Airport & Lodge	2006	
WIL	WILLINGA LODGE							
WIL/REG	4 Regular	2380	630	300	350	On Req	01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06	
WIL/DLX	2 De Luxe	2470	720	300				
RBC	RIVERBEND COTTAGE							
RBC/COT	1 Cottage (up to 5 guests)	2255	505	200	300	On Req	01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06	
RBC/CSC	<i>Self catering rate + Ballooning</i>	2050	300	300				
TCO	THE COVES							
TCO/DEL	6 Deluxe Rooms	2500	750	150	incl	On Req	01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06	
LEO	LEOPARD LODGE							
LEO/LKH	4 Luxury "Khaya"	2260	510	50	300	On Req	01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06	
LEO/LGR	3 Deluxe "Griffon"	2290	540	50				
LEO/LSU	2 Deluxe Suites	2385	635	50				
ELE	ELEPHANT SANCTUARY	Includes Lunch and Elephant Experience						
ELE/LXR	6 Indo-African Rooms	3345	1595	700	350 min 2	On Req	01 Nov 05 - 31 Oct 06	
AMA	AMANZINGWE							
AMA/STD	3 Standard Rooms	2280	590	140	300	On Req	01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06	
AMA/LXS	18 Luxury Suites	2340	650	140				

AMA/SLS	2 Super Luxury Suites	2645	955	140			
OWH	DE OU WAENHUIS						
OWH/LXS	7 Luxury suites	2500	750	130	300	On Req	01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06
MOU	MOUNT GRACE						
MOU/THV	19 Thatchstone Village	2403	750	390	350 min 3	On Req	01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06
MOU/GRV	32 Grace Village	2743	1090	410			
MOU/MOV	14 Mountain Village	3313	1660	630			
MOU/TTV	15 Tree Tops Village	3313	1660	630			
BML	BUDMARSH LODGE						
BML/LXS	11 Luxury Suites	2700	950	350	300	On Req	01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06
VAL	VALLEY LODGE						
VAL/GAR	15 Garden Rooms	2322	656	339	350 min 3	On Req	01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06
VAL/GEX	14 Garden Executive Rooms	2492	826	345			
VAL/RIV	9 Riverfront Rooms	2492	826	345			
VAL/REX	20 Riverfront Executive Rms	2620	954	441			
VAL/NRE	6 Nature Reserve Exec Rms	2830	1164	475			

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KL	KLOOFZICHT LODGE						
KLE	20 Executive rooms	2725	975	250	n/a	On Req	01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 06
KLS	10 Superior Rooms	2875	1125	275			

	Transfer rates may be less per person for small groups						
	<i>Ballooning Factor</i>	1750					
	Please note our Full Terms and Conditions as published on our website						

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GAME VIEWING BALLOON SAFARIS

AT MABULA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

(Warmbaths area, Northern Province)

With

BILL HARROP'S "ORIGINAL" BALLOON SAFARIS

We now offer you the opportunity to view the magnificent panoramas of this ancient land and enjoy this rare and special privilege of observing the flora and fauna of Africa from the slowly drifting vantage of your hot air balloon....

Mabula Private Game Reserve is particularly recommended for the ultimate getaway, and prelude to a most memorable Game Viewing Balloon Safari the following morning.

Mabula Private Game Reserve is now included as one of the "Select Ballooning Lodge" packages which are inclusive of Accommodation and Ballooning as well as transfers, if requested.

[The package includes: accommodation, 3 meals and 2 game activities](#) (choice between open Land Rover game drive, or bush walk) [and the Balloon Safari game spotting flight over the reserve.](#)

Bill Harrop's 'Original' Balloon Safaris operate game viewing flights which give guests a magnificent aerial view of Mabula Private Game Reserve and the unique 12 000 ha, game reserve, situated in the Northern Province, a mere 2 hour drive from Johannesburg.

[Share in the rich legacy of Mabula's wide variety of wildlife, including lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino and hippo.](#)
[Only the multitude of bird species, including the rare Cape Vulture, breaks the silence of this tranquil sanctuary.](#)

After your balloon safari enjoy **game-viewing drives** in open Land Rovers, or **bush walks**, accompanied by experienced game rangers, or **ride horse-back** along the trails to observe the animals in their natural habitat as close as a few meters. During the heat of the day, relax at one of Mabula's two sparkling **swimming pools**.

In the **evening** take a thrilling **night game drive** before enjoying a delightful **boma dinner** around a log fire and the spectacle of the lodge's tribal dance group.

Accommodation is in thatched chalets, with private bathrooms, offering comfort and elegance, whilst blending perfectly with the African bush.

Mabula Balloon Safari Schedule

- **The Balloon Crew**, consisting of the pilot and 3 crew, will arrive at the Lodge the evening prior to the flight, meet the passengers, answer questions and brief them, for the following morning's balloon safari.
- **On the morning of the flight**, the Balloon Crew will set off just before sunrise to establish the optimum launch site. The passengers will follow half an hour later with their Ranger who will have been advised of the chosen launch site by radio.
- **The Balloon flight** will last about **forty five minutes**, starting in the reserve to fly over the game, but may land outside the reserve, depending on the flight direction and meteorological conditions.
- **Traditionally, champagne** will be served either "in flight" or on landing, and "**Certificates for Bravery**" will be awarded with due ceremony.

- After landing the passengers will re-join their ranger for a game drive and **breakfast in the bush or at the Lodge.**

N.B. Flights will be conducted at the sole discretion of the pilot with regard to safety.

MABULA RATES

Balloon Safari (Flight are approximately 45 mins) Min 4 □ Max 40

[01 Dec 05 - 30 Nov 06](#)

Regular Rate R2885 per person

Accommodation

[01 Nov 05 - 31 Oct 06](#)

R1500 per person per night sharing

Single Supplement: R750 per person

Rates Include

Luxury accommodation
3 Meals Daily
Two Game Drives or Walking Safaris

Rates Exclude

Optional Extras e.g. Horse Riding
Telephone Calls
Curio Shop Purchases
Personal Bar Account (incl. mini bar)
Transfers to and from the Lodge
Porterage @R15 p.p. (groups only)
Conservation Fee R50 per pvt vehicle

Getting there...

BY CAR

190 Km. from Johannesburg International Airport
160 Km. from Northern Suburbs

BY MINI-BUS

Transfers from Johannesburg or Pretoria to Mabula Game Lodge. *Rates on request*

BY AIR

Co-ordinates 24 44 South 27 54 East
Elevation 4285 amsl Runway 32 14 Length 1300 m Surface Dirt

When making a reservation...

WE NEED TO KNOW:

- **FULL NAME** and **WEIGHT** of each passenger
- If it is a **GROUP BOOKING**: the **GROUP LEADER'S NAME, CONTACT NUMBERS** , and Flight Allocation List.
- If there are any **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** (i.e. vegetarian, non alcohol etc)

On the morning of the flight...

CLOTHING:

- Should be warm enough for the chilly early morning but it should be "**peelable**" because, the sun, excitement and probably the champagne will soon warm you.
- "**Country Shoes**" are also recommended.
- **Hat** (if you're a bit "thin on top")

BRING:

- Your **camera, video camera, binoculars** and **spare film, or batteries**.
[Ballooning offers some most spectacular photo and movie opportunities](#)

PHYSICAL FITNESS:

- Participants should be **nimble enough to climb in and out of the basket**,
- Be able to **stand for the duration of the flight** and
- Be able to **jump unassisted from a height of 60cm**.
[Ballooning is suitable for adventurers from 7 - 70 \(although our oldest passenger to date was 90 years old!\)](#)

CONDITIONS

In conjunction with our General Terms and Conditions

- [If the tour is cancelled by the passenger or agent](#), the deposit is forfeited. If the flight is cancelled because of bad weather, the flight is either re-booked or the deposit returned.
- [Should any element of the package be postponed or cancelled](#), this will not affect the commitment of any party in the agreement to the supplying and charging for, or receiving and paying for, the other elements of the package on the original dates unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- [A minimum of 4 guests is required](#) to justify a Flight Departure but these could be from 4 individual sources.
- [Each balloon can be programmed to make one flight per day, at sunrise](#). If the flight is cancelled by us, for safety reasons, we will endeavour to fly in the late afternoon if conditions permit.
- As there is less chance of flying in the late afternoon / early evening due to instability in the air at that time, it is not recommended to pre-programme for evening flights when booking.
- [We can endeavour to "consolidate" flights](#), if requested, where there are less than 4 guests requesting to fly, but such flights can only be confirmed "Subject To Others" and the relevant deposit must be pre-paid or acceptably guaranteed.
- [Full refunds will be made for flights cancelled by ourselves for safety reasons](#), and refunds for flights shorter than forty five minutes will be calculated according to our published scale. (Which is available on request.)
- We suggest that you endeavour to [program flights Mondays to Fridays](#) as Saturday and Sunday flights are often very heavily booked.
- [All flights will be conducted within the relevant Terms and Conditions as published by Bill Harrop's "Original" Balloon Safaris and Mabula Game Lodge](#).

For reservations and information...

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We also offer **Balloon Safaris in the Magalies River Valley,**

As well as

very attractive **Select Ballooning Lodge** packages
which include dinner, accommodation and the balloon safari

As well as

optional **Special rate car rental packages.**

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GENERAL FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As from 1st October 2003

1. Our Quoted Rates Include VATax at the CURRENT RATE of 14% and may be commissionable to approved, bona fide Travel Agents, Tour Operators and Conference Organisers at confidential contracted percentages.
2. If any element of the tour is cancelled by the passenger or agent, any pre-payment is forfeited.
3. If the flight is cancelled by us for safety reasons (such as bad weather) the flight is either re-booked or the pre-payment refunded.
4. Pilots will always endeavour to conduct flights for the full duration as published, subject to a paramount consideration for safety as well as passenger comfort and convenience and respect for the community in general, but a duration of 50 minutes may be considered "about an hour". If the flight is more than □□ minutes less than the published duration, in the interests of fair business practice, passengers may qualify for refunds or flights at a future date, as described in our "Short Flight Refund Policy".
Flights less than 15% of the duration as outlined in our officially approved tour description will be categorised as "cancelled" and the flight can be re-booked or the pre-payment will be refunded.
5. Should any element of any tour package be postponed or cancelled, this will not affect the commitment of any party in the agreement to the supplying and charging for, or receiving and paying for, the other elements of the package on the original dates and times unless otherwise agreed in writing.
6. Refunds will only be made via the same channels or medium as the pre-payment has been made and to the same company or person who effected them. Because each party in the chain of processing a booking may have individual agreements with the next, so this process is reversed in the processing of refunds unless expressly requested in writing by the prior party in that chain.
7. Unless otherwise stated, a minimum of 2 Full Fare Paying Passengers is required to justify a Flight Departure but these can be from 2 individual sources.
8. FLIGHTS AND SERVICES will only be considered as having been CONFIRMED by the client on our receipt of FULL PRE-PAYMENT (or the furnishing of the required irrevocable guarantees) either,
 - 8.1 On booking
 - 8.2 A minimum period as most recently outlined in writing or contract, unless a waiver has been given in writing by ourselves in relation to any particular booking or series of bookings.
9. An Invoice or a Pro-Forma Invoice will be e-mailed or faxed to the purchaser on request and the original will be mailed.
10. ACCOUNTS must be PAID immediately on presentation unless otherwise agreed in writing.
11. On effecting payment by a bank deposit or transfer, the client is required to urgently fax or e-mail us a copy of the relevant transaction documentation to the address given with our banking details.
12. The first bookings paid for, will receive precedence over others unless otherwise expressly stated in writing by us (the Supplier). The greater the delays in the clients' upkeep of any agreed payment schedule, the less precedence that clients' booking will receive over other bookings currently on file.
13. The onus rests with the client to ensure delivery of any payment, and the client must therefore reaffirm the delivery of payment with us (the seller) should he/she not receive acknowledgement, or relative communication from us, within 2 business days of it being effected.
14. OVERDUE ACCOUNTS will bear INTEREST at the rate of TWO-AND-A-HALF-PER-CENT PER MONTH or the legally allowed maximum as defined by the Usury Act (South Africa).

15. Waivers, concessions or indulgencies may be considered may on the merit of the individual situation and will have effect only when confirmed by us (the Supplier) in writing. Any indulgence that we may grant the Client shall not constitute a waiver of any past or future rights of the Supplier.

16. Every reasonable care to ensure accuracy has been taken in the translation of these conditions into other languages. Should any dispute of meaning or interpretation of these conditions arise when published in any other language than English, the English text and meaning will apply.

Note: The bonafides of Bill Harrop's "Original" Balloon Safaris CC.
can be obtained from: The Southern Africa Tourism Services Association (SATSA)
We have been a Member since 1981 (Membership No.116)

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