



FACTFILE

This 5 star, 10,000ha, Big Five Game Reserve is situated in majestic Northern Zululand in the South African province of KwaZulu Natal close to the southern border of Swaziland. Dominated by the Shembe and Mhlangosi mountains, the reserve is host to a tremendous diversity of flora and fauna including: lion, leopard, elephant, white rhino, buffalo, cheetah, hippo, crocodile, and an impressive quantity and variety of plains game. Over 400 species of birds provides hours of interest for the keen birder.

Accommodation is offered in two Lodges, namely, the Mkuze Falls Lodge and the Mkuze Tented Lodge.

The Mkuze Falls Lodge is located along the northern bank of the Mkuze River. Overlooking the Mkuze Waterfall, the lodge features eight luxuriously appointed Thatched Chalets and one Safari Suite, accommodating eighteen guests in utmost comfort and style. Further features include telephones, secure safe, overhead fan, air conditioning, mosquito nets and mini-bar. Guest amenities and robes are provided.

Private plunge-pools and an outside shower provide a wild but intimate touch alongside the luxury of the air-conditioned bedroom. The waterfall, unique ecosystems and virgin wilderness compliment the personal service and comfort enjoyed in this remote but easily accessible hide-away.

Sprawling wooden walkways link the accommodation to a superbly decorated lounge with views across the falls, a bar, dining area, large viewing deck, swimming pool and Spa. Spacious public areas offer various dining options from the outdoor decks, cosy restaurant and the traditional African Boma. Should your guests wish to dine in privacy, with a little notice, we are more than happy to organise, it can be more or less anywhere the guests wishes, eg. On their private verandah or in the middle of the bush. High tea is an occasion with delectable pastries and cakes served in the welcoming lounge. A well stocked curio shop offering African artefacts, basket ware, jewellery, paintings, pottery and clothing is open daily.

The Spa at Mkuze Falls Lodge is run by a fully qualified massage therapists and beautician and offers the various massage treatments, manicures and pedicures.

The Mkuze Falls Tented Lodge is for an adventurous experience in five "Hemingway" style East African Tents, each overlooking the Mkuze River. The elegance of the tented design is reminiscent of a bygone era, beckoned by the freestanding Victorian bath in the en suite bathroom. The luxury tents also offer fans, air-conditioning, mosquito net, secure safe and mini bar facilities. Luxury guests amenities are provided as are gowns.

The tented lodge provides a true African adventure with utmost comfort and style. Pre-dinner drinks around the fire on the bar deck provide both a perfect ending to exhilarating game viewing and a subtle start to the nocturnal sounds and rhythms the African night.

Dining options at the Tented lodge include open air dining around the pool, the cosy dining room or the traditional, open air, rustic African Boma. Private dining is also available at a variety of venues including tent decks or in the bush.

To add to the full relaxation at both lodges, Mkuze Falls offers the facility of a massage therapist. On request this can be enjoyed anytime of the day in the privacy of your own room or in our Spa centre.

Activities:

Game Drives: The unique ecosystems of riverine, wetland, lowveld, bushveld and montane grassland provide the diversity for the large quantity of bird (over 400 species) and animal species. The reserve is home to the big five as well as an impressive variety of wildlife including, amongst others, cheetah, hippo, giraffe, zebra and large herds of antelope. We offer two game drives per day which are planned to coincide with the best game viewing times of the day and range from 2 to 3 hours. All animals roam freely and strict conservation policies are in place. (We recommend that guests arrive at the reserve by 15h00 if they wish to participate in the afternoon game drive)

Walks: Walking is a wonderful way to appreciate the smaller animals and insects of the African bush. These walks can be arranged with the rangers at Mkuze Falls.

Other leisure activities: Board games and books are made available to the guests. The facilities at the Health Spa are available by appointment. Both Lodges have swimming pools.

CHILDREN: Children over the age of 12 are welcomed at Mkuze Falls Lodge and children of all ages are welcomed at the Mkuze Falls Tented Lodge.

HOW TO GET THERE: Mkuze Falls Private Game Reserve is located in the Pongola region of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, between Johannesburg (5hrs 30 mins drive) and Durban (4 hours 30 mins drive) from the N2 to the R 66, near Swaziland southern border.

The nearest Airport with scheduled flights is Richards Bay.

We have our own Helipad as well as a licensed airstrip. The co-ordinates are:

Airstrip: 27° 40 237 South/31° 40 377 East. Elevation 1190 ft. Length: 1200m. Surface: Grass. Frequency: 124.8

Helipad: 27° 40 637 South/31° 39 907 East.

Air charter services are available. Information and rates available on request.

Road transfers are available. Information and rates available on request.

Directions to Mkuze Falls Lodge and Mkuze Falls Tented Lodge

FROM JOHANNESBURG 500kms – 5 hours 30 minutes

Take the N12 or N17 towards Witbank -Take the off ramps leading to Kendal/Ogies.

From Bethal travel to Ermelo, to Piet Retief, to Pongola

From Pongola take the R66, see signs, "Vryheid/Nongoma" & "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve 32km)

Travel 33 km South towards Nongoma on the R66. Turn right on the D565, see sign "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve". Travel approximately 5 km on this dirt road.

FROM DURBAN 390kms – 4 hours 30 minutes

Take the North Coast Stanger road N2 North, travel past Hluhluwe, Mkuze to Pongola.

From Pongola take the R66, see signs, "Vryheid/Nongoma" & "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve 32km)

Travel 33 km South towards Nongoma on the R66. Turn right on the D565, see sign "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve". Travel approximately 5 km on this dirt road.

FROM SWAZILAND – 55 minutes from the Border

Go out the Golela Border. Travel 10 kms to the N2. Turn right towards Pongola/Piet Retief

From Pongola take the R66, see signs, "Vryheid/Nongoma" & "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve 32km)

Left. Travel 33 km South towards Nongoma on the R66. Turn right on the D565, see sign "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve". Travel approximately 5 km on this dirt road.

FROM THE DRAKENSBERG – 3hrs /DUNDEE - 2hrs /VRYHEID - 1½hours

Travel to Vryheid on the R33. From Vryheid take the R69 pass Louwsburg, Itala.

Travel down to the bottom of the mountain where you will meet up with the R66 at a T-junction. Look out for our sign, "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve 10km". Turn right and travel approximately 10 kms towards Nongoma on the R66. Turn right on the D565, see sign "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve" Travel approximately 5 km on this dirt road.

From Nelspruit – 415 Kms – (4½hours)

Take the R40 and travel to Barberton. Take the R38 to Badplaas. Take the R541 to Lochiel. Take the N17 towards Waburton. Just before Warburton look out for the Signs, "R33/Amsterdam" Turn left and travel to Amsterdam continue past Amsterdam to Piet Retief. Take the N2 to Pongola. From Pongola take the R66, see signs, "Vryheid/Nongoma" & "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve 32km) Travel 33 km South towards Nongoma on the R66. Turn right on the D565, see sign "Mkuze Falls Game Reserve". Travel approximately 5 km on this dirt road.

NB: ALL TRAVELLING TIMES ABOVE ARE APPROXIMATE.

MALARIA:

Mkuze Falls is considered to be in a low risk malaria area. It is recommended that you visit your doctor/pharmacist for advice on the use of prophylactics. It is also advised to make use of insect repellent and to wear long sleeved clothing and trousers, especially during the early morning and evening hours. Mosquito repellent is made available in all rooms.

WHAT TO TAKE:

Walking shoes, Sunhats, sunglasses and sun block, Camera and binoculars, Light clothing and swimming costumes, Warm clothing for game drives

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

Rooms must be vacated by 11H00 for the convenience of arriving guests.
Arrival time from 12noon.

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