

RIVER LODGE

QUICK FACTS

WHAT SETS US APART

- Situated in one of South Africa's most prestigious game reserves, the **Sabi Sand Game Reserve**
- World famous for its **leopard sightings**
- Renowned for having the best **Big Five** game viewing in the country
- Superb volume of game and quality of sightings
- One of the best grazing and browsing habitats in Southern Africa
- **Trained rangers and Shangaan trackers**
- Exciting **nocturnal safaris**
- Bush dining
- Gracious architecture and interiors
- **Effortless road and air access.**

LOCATION

Situated in the western sector of the 65 000 hectare Sabi Sand Game Reserve, which adjoins the Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. River Lodge is located on the banks of the seasonal Sand River in the Exeter Private Game Reserve, with a traversing area of 10 000 hectares.

ACCESS

A 5 hour drive on good roads from Johannesburg to the Newington Gate of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Federal Air operates daily flights from Johannesburg International Airport (JIA) to Ulusaba airstrip, followed by an easy game drive to the lodge. SA Airlink offers daily flights from JIA to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, followed by either a road or air transfer to the lodge.

GUEST ACCOMMODATION

River Lodge is tucked away in a quiet corner of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve's western sector, right on the edge of the Sand River. It consists of eight luxury suites with dramatic close up views of the River. Each air conditioned suite features generous spaces, elegant ensuite bathrooms with twin hand basins, separate w.c., bath, indoor and outdoor showers. Private plunge pools are surrounded by spacious decks that overlook the river.

GUEST AREAS

River Lodge's magnificently positioned guest sitting and dining areas overlook the Sand River, and are filled with deep sofas perfect for whiling away the hours between game drives. A giant sausage tree provides shade for long, lazy afternoon lunches. Delicious Pan African meals are shared in the open air boma or at romantic candlelit bush dinners. The Lodge has a Safari Shop.

SAFARIS

View Africa's most impressive wildlife on morning and afternoon/evening game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles with expert guides and Shangaan trackers. Guests can also enjoy interpretive guided bush walks with excellent birdwatching.

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Number of Rooms	8
Maximum Guests	16
Children	Yes
Triples	None
Twin Beds	All convertible to double
Room Fans	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes
Lodge Pool	Yes
Indoor Showers	Yes
Outdoor Showers	Yes
Separate W.C.	Yes
In Room Safe	Yes
Personal Bars	Yes
Telephone	Yes
Hairdryers	Yes
Laundry Included	Yes
Suitable for Disabled Guests	Yes, with assistance
Distance Between Rooms	305 metres /70 ft
Check In	12h00
Check Out	11h00
Airstrip	Ulusaba
Kosher Food	Prior notice, extra cost
Power	220v AC
Private 4x4 Safari Vehicle	No
Childminding	Yes
Credit Cards	Visa, Diners, Amex, MasterCard
In-Room Massage	Yes

Weather: Summer months are hot and humid (Nov to Dec) followed by hot, but drier, months later in the season (Jan to Mar). Temperatures start to cool slightly (Apr), and winter months are warm with cold nights/dawns (May to Jun). July to September is very dry with cold night and early morning/late afternoon temperatures. Spring is very dry with hot, dry winds (Sept to Oct).

Rainfall: Rainfall: The first rains start towards the end of October. Rains or typical afternoon thundershowers (Nov and Dec), with potential scattered afternoon thundershowers (Apr).

Temperature: Summer: 13°C to 38°C/55°F to 100°F
Winter: 3°C to 32°C/37°F to 90°F

Best time to travel: All year round, best game viewing from March to October

Altitude: 423m above sea level

Airstrip: Ulusaba. Coordinates are: S24°47 and E31°21 (width 18 m, length 1 360 m, elevation 432 m, tarred)

Malaria: River Lodge is situated in a malaria area and necessary precautions should be taken.

Children: Children are welcome, although triple rooms are not possible. Regretfully, children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game drives. Childminders are available at an additional cost. Children aged 6 to 11 years can only participate in game drives at the lodge manager's discretion.

Ratio of guests to staff: 2 to 1

Lodge Closure: Open year round