

FOREST LODGE

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Seven distinctly different habitats • **Big Five** destination with excellent cheetah, white and black rhino, elephant, nyala and lion viewing • **Diverse birdwatching** with approximately 400 different species • Rare Dry Sand Forest is home to the shy suni and red duiker • Largest privately owned population of **nyala** in the world • Proximity to the **Indian Ocean** offers guests a unique opportunity of viewing elephant, turtles, cheetah, whale sharks, rhino and dolphins in one day • Dynamic model in wise land management and wildlife **conservation** • Affords guests an insight into **Zulu culture**, crafts, history, tradition and modern day living • Visits to local communities • Bush breakfasts and romantic bush banquets • **Specialist Safaris:** Birding, Rhino Darting, and Bush Skills Academy • **Phinda Adventures**

LOCATION

Phinda Forest Lodge lies within the 22 000 hectares/ 54 362 acres of Phinda Private Game Reserve, in the Maputaland region of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Phinda neighbours the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park – a World Heritage Site – to the east and is only 30km/19 miles due west of the white-fringed beaches of the Indian Ocean

ACCESS

By road: 6 hours from Johannesburg, 3 hours from Durban, 1 1/2 hours from Richards Bay. By air: Federal Air operates a direct return flight daily from Johannesburg International Airport to Phinda. SA Express offer daily scheduled flights

from Johannesburg to Richards Bay. Road transfers from Durban International Airport to Phinda can be arranged. Phinda Airwing can also arrange private charters from anywhere in South Africa directly to Phinda's airstrip.

GUEST ACCOMMODATION

The 16 air-conditioned glass suites are built on stilts and appear to float between the rare Sand Forest floor and the towering torchwood trees. The suites are situated to ensure absolute privacy and each bathroom features twin hand basins, bath, separate shower and separate w.c. All suites have a personal bar on their private veranda.

GUEST AREAS

Sitting and dining areas, bar, viewing decks, boma, lodge swimming pool and Safari Shop.

SAFARIS

Twice-daily game drives in open safari vehicles, nature walks and excellent birding. Riverboat cruises and canoeing along the Mzinene River. Optional Phinda Adventures, at additional cost, include breathtaking coastal flights, beach excursions including snorkelling and scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, turtle viewing, horse riding and cultural visits.

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Number of Suites	16
Maximum Guests	32
Children	Yes
Triples	No
Twin Beds	All convertible to double
Air-conditioning/Heating	Yes
Room Fans	Yes
Lodge Pool	Yes
Indoor 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	15 metres/50 ft
Check In	12h00
Check Out	11h00
Airstrip	Yes
Kosher Food	Yes. Prior notice, extra cost
Power	220v AC
Internet Access	Yes
Private 4x4 safari vehicle	If available, extra cost
Childminding	Yes
Credit Cards	Visa, MasterCard, Diners, Amex
In-Room Massage	Yes

Weather: Subtropical climate with hot, humid, wet summers (September to April) and warm to cool, dry winters (May to August)

Rainfall: Rainfall averages about 1 000mm/39” per annum. Much of the rainfall comes in the form of short, intense afternoon thunderstorms. Rain can be expected 12 months of the year.

Temperature: Daytime temperatures in summer may rise above 35°C/95°F. Nights in winter rarely drop below 10°C/50°F.

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

Airstrip: The Phinda airstrip is not registered. Coordinates: S27.51.36 and E32.18.48

Malaria: Phinda is situated in a low-risk malaria area.

Children: Children are welcome, although triple rooms are not possible. Regretfully, children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game-drives. Child minders at an additional cost. Children aged 6 to 11 years on game drives at the lodge Manager’s discretion.

Ratio of guests to staff: 1 to 3

Lodge closure: Open year round