

MOUNTAIN LODGE

REBUILD TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 2008

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
- Visits to local communities
- Bush breakfasts and romantic bush banquets
- Specialist Safaris: Birding, Rhino Darting, and Bush Skills Academy
- Phinda Adventures

LOCATION

Phinda Mountain Lodge lies within the 22 000 hectare / 54 362 acre Phinda Private Game Reserve, in the Maputaland region of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Phinda neighbours the iSimangaliso Wetland Park (formerly the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park) – a World Heritage Site to the east and is only 30 km/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_ hours from Richards Bay. By air: Federal Air operates a direct return flight daily from O.R. Tambo 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

Upon completion of the R20m rebuild and refurb, the lodge will feature 25 air conditioned suites each with ensuite bathroom comprising bath, shower, separate w.c. and twin hand basins. All suites have a sitting area, personal bar and private veranda complete with plunge pool and romantic al fresco shower. The 25 suites will include 2 family suites with a fold-out sleeper sofa in each room.

GUEST AREAS

A spacious u-shaped building, with central al fresco courtyard, incorporates ample sitting and dining areas. These areas lead out onto a shaded terrace and three-tiered spacious veranda with spectacular views of the Lebombo Mountains and bushveld. Additional facilities include a Safari Shop, interpretive centre, dramatic open-air boma, shaded swimming pool and observation deck. Meeting room available for a maximum of 30 people. For conferencing or meetings of more than 30 people, Phinda management will set up an air conditioned marquee, at an additional cost.

SAFARIS

Twice daily game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles, nature walks and excellent birding on Phinda Private Game Reserve. Riverboat cruises and canoeing along the Mzinene River. Optional Phinda Adventures, which are available at an additional cost, include breathtaking coastal flights, beach excursions including snorkelling and scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, turtle viewing (season Nov/Dec/Jan), horse riding and cultural visits.

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Number of Suites	25
Maximum Guests	50
Children	Yes
Triples	3 (children 11 yrs & younger)
Quads	2 (children 11 yrs & younger in family suites)
Twin Beds	All convertible to double
Air Conditioning/Heating	Yes
Room Fans	Yes
Boma	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
Conference Facilities	Yes (max 30 delegates)
Suitable for Disabled Guests	Yes – with assistance
Distance Between Rooms	15 m / 50 ft
Check In	12h00
Check Out	11h00
Airstrip	Yes
Kosher Food	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. Regretfully, children 5 years and younger cannot participate in the regular game drives. Childminders can be booked at an additional cost. Children aged 6 to 11 are accommodated on game drives at the lodge manager’s discretion. No more than 3 triples and 2 quads at any one time. This lodge is highly recommended for families.

Ratio of guests to staff: 1 to 3

Lodge closure: Open year round