

VLEI 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 Vlei Lodge lies within the 22 000 hectares/ 54 362 acres of Phinda Private Game Reserve, in the Mafucatlant 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

6 stilted glass and thatch suites in the rare Sand Forest. Each suite features an ensuite bathroom with twin hand basins, bath, separate shower and separate w.c. All suites have a personal bar and private plunge pools.

GUEST AREAS

Inviting and stylishly designed sitting and dining areas with fireplaces and expansive viewing decks. Guests are welcome to visit the Safari Shop at Forest Lodge.

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, at an additional cost, include 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	6
Maximum guests	12
Children	Yes
Triples	No
Twin Beds	All convertible to double
Air-conditioning/Heating	Yes
Room Fans	Yes
Plunge Pools	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	25 metres/82ft
Check In	12h00
Check Out	11h00
Airstrip	Yes
Kosher Food	Prior notice, extra cost
Power	220v AC
Internet Access	Yes (Forest Lodge)
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 but triple suites are not possible. Regretfully children 5 years and younger cannot participate in the regular game drives. Child minders can be booked at an additional cost. Children aged 6 to 11 years are accommodated on game drives at the Lodge Manager’s discretion.

Ratio of guests to staff: 1 to 3

Lodge closure: Open year round