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We invite you to join a week of behind-the-scenes activities at Kwandwe Private Game Reserve. With limited participation, this is a unique opportunity to gain a first-hand understanding of the commitment required to sustain and conserve a private wilderness area in South Africa.

What?

Backstage Kwandwe is a week dedicated to Kwandwe's behind-the-scenes activities, on offer for limited guests. Two fixed arrival, 3-night stays are available during the week, and participants will work alongside the Kwandwe team in an exclusive dive into keystone species conservation.

Where?

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve encompasses 30,000 hectares of pristine wilderness on either side of the Great Fish River in South Africa's Eastern Cape. Flights are available to Port Elizabeth, from where Kwandwe can be reached by road or heli.

Why?

Kwandwe's purpose as a tourism-conservation entity is to contribute sustainably to the environment, protect the incredible biodiversity of the Eastern Cape, and positively impact the surrounding communities. There are a number of procedures and activities that must take place daily in order for us to do this.

Accommodation

Stay in Ecce Lodge, a vibrant and intimate lodge with a breathtaking view of the reserve. Newly refurbished, the décor is inspired by the beautiful surroundings and all rooms have private plunge pools and outdoor showers.



Delve into the Kwandwe conservation story with Director, Angus Sholto-Douglas.



Meet the anti-poaching team and see the K9 dogs in action.



Plant spekboom and offset your carbon.



Get involved with the setting of camera traps.



Keystone species conservation through rhino darting & notching.



Interact with drone technology & the Earth Ranger software.



Meet the Kwandwe vets & spend time with the conservation team.



The Package

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TOTAL: R 51 675 (R103 350 for two people sharing)

3-nights at Ecca Lodge: R 36 675 pp
(including 25% discount)

Conservation Contribution:
R 15 000pp
(rhino conservation fee + C&C levy)

Rate breakdown:

- 3-night accommodation (arrive on the 22 Sep or 25 Sep) with a saving of 25%
- Daily conservation & community levy: R 2 400 (R 800 pppn)
- Rhino Conservation fee: R 12 600
- Single supplement applies to accommodation (40%)

Inclusions

- All conservation and safari activities including: Hands-on participation in rhino conservation work* | Day & night game drives | Technology interaction | Informative presentations from the conservation team | APU K9 dog team | Spekboom planting.
- Accommodation and VAT.
- All meals, soft drinks, South African wines, spirits, beers, & game drive refreshments.

Exclusions

- Champagne & cigars; telephone calls; gratuities; massage treatments; and all items of a personal nature.
- Flights; transfers; and visas.

**All procedures are undertaken for conservation research only and the welfare of the animal is of primary concern.*

The Itinerary

Day 1: Mon 22nd or Thurs 25th

- Afternoon game drive
- Sundowners with Angus Sholto Douglas, Director, and an introduction to the Great Fish River Valley and the Kwandwe conservation story.

Day 2: Tues 23rd or Friday 26th

- Morning experiences:
 - Set up of rhino monitoring camera traps.
 - Spekboom planting.
 - APU dog demonstration
- Afternoon experiences:
 - Rhino walking safari
 - Demonstration of the thermal drones, Earth Ranger technology and Rouxcell collars.
 - Dinner with veterinarian Dr Will Fowlds.

Day 3: Wed 24th or Sat 27th

- Full day of rhino conservation experiences, including notching, darting and collecting DNA samples.
- Dinner with the rhino conservation team.

Day 4: Thurs 25th or Sun 28th

- Morning game drive and departure.

NB All experiences are weather-dependent and the order of events may vary.

