

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve

EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA



General Information

CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER: 2 lodges and 3 exclusive villas Open all year.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Privately owned 30,000 ha wilderness reserve, restored through long-term conservation and rewilding. Big 5 wildlife area with a strong commitment to conservation of key stone species including black and white rhino and cheetah. Kwandwe is solely responsible for their land management, security and conservation.
OVERVIEW	One of South Africa's largest privately-owned reserves, offering a high land-to-guest ratio and low vehicle density. Guests experience exceptional wildlife sightings and a rare sense of space and seclusion.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH Kwandwe is a leading conservation model committed to biodiversity protection and rural livelihoods, enabled through a sustainable tourism business underpinned by a guiding-led safari experience. Privately owned and self-managed, Kwandwe retains full responsibility for stewardship of the land and wildlife. Each guest contributes through a daily Community, Conservation & Reserve Levy supporting conservation, counter-poaching security, and community initiatives.
ACCESS	Kwandwe features a 2.1 km Category 3 tarred airstrip, accommodating private charter flights from anywhere in South Africa. Alternatively, daily commercial flights operate to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) International Airport, approximately a two-hour road transfer from the reserve or 35 minutes by Kwandwe helicopter or fixed-wing flight. Self-drive access is also available.
LODGES & VILLAS	Great Fish River Lodge – 9 suites. Per person rate Ecca Lodge – 6 suites. Per person rate and exclusive use rate Uplands Homestead – 3 rooms. Exclusive use rate Melton Manor – 4 rooms. Exclusive use rate Fort House – 4 rooms. Exclusive use rate
CHILDREN	Fish River Lodge – 12+ years Ecca Lodge & Villas – all ages Childminding services are available at no additional cost
HEALTH	Malaria free. No vaccinations required. Full medical support available

Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Open all year	GYM / KEEP FIT	Gym in a bag in each suite and villa.
ELECTRICITY	220V Mains with solar and generator back-up	SPA / MASSAGE	Yes - In-room treatments
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Wi-Fi in all villas, rooms and main areas. Limited mobile signal.	FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. Yes Halaal / Light Kosher.
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 13:00 Until 11:00	GUIDE ROOMS	Yes
CREDIT CARDS	Yes – Visa and Mastercard only	OTHER FACILITIES	Safari Shop at Heatherton. Children safari activities.
SECURITY	Full private security of the whole reserve.	ACTIVITIES	Daily morning and evening game drives, walking safaris, fishing, conservation participation.

Weather

Warm, temperate climate with moderate annual rainfall and highly favourable safari conditions throughout the year. Drier and less humid than northern safari areas, making Kwandwe well suited to combine with Cape Town from September to May. Cooler months (June–September) offer optimal conditions for rhino conservation participation and longer game drives, resulting in exceptional wildlife viewing opportunities.

JANUARY – MARCH

16 – 28°C | 61 – 83°F

Summer and the hottest months. Some rain can be expected, daytime temperatures can exceed 30°C. Perfect safari season.

APRIL – JUNE

9 – 22°C | 48 – 73°F

Autumn to winter are cooler months. Lovely days and little rain expected. Excellent game viewing.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

10 – 21°C | 50 – 70°F

Winter to spring and cooler months. Lovely days with low rainfall. Mornings can be cold. Excellent game viewing.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

16 – 24 °C | 61 – 75°F

Summer arriving and days are getting hotter. In good years much needed rain can be expected. Perfect safari season.

HEATHERTON TOWERS

WELCOME AREA

RECEPTION Heatherton is the central reception and the arrival location for all guests.
Check-in: 13:00
Check-out: 11:00

SELF-DRIVE / TRANSFERS Transfers arrive at, and self-drive vehicles are securely parked at Heatherton from where guests are transferred to their lodge / villa in a game drive 4x4. Closed vehicle in wet weather.

SAFARI SHOP The Kwandwe safari shop offers essential safari clothing alongside curated gifts, jewelry, and locally crafted pieces.

DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN LODGES & VILLAS

<i>DRIVING MINUTES</i>	HEATHERTON	FISH RIVER	ECCA LODGE	MELTON	FORT	UPLANDS
HEATHERTON	0	30	20	25	10	15
FISH RIVER	30	0	15	10	20	25
ECCA LODGE	20	15	0	10	15	20
MELTON	25	10	10	0	20	25
FORT	10	20	15	20	0	10
UPLANDS	15	25	20	25	10	0

GREAT FISH RIVER LODGE

CHILDREN 12+ YEARS

SUITES 9 suites. Max 18 guests
POOL ✓ Private per suite. Unfenced. Unheated

EXTRA BEDS ✗
IN-ROOM WIFI ✓

TWIN BEDS ✓ All suites
MINI BAR ✓

BATHROOM ✓ En-suite
AIR CON ✓

SHOWER Indoor & outdoor
FAN ✓

BATH ✓
MOZZIE NET ✗ Malaria free

HAIRDRYER ✓
LAUNDRY ✓ Included

ROOM SAFE ✓
DISABLED ACCESS ✗



GREAT FISH RIVER LODGE

ECCA LODGE

CHILDREN ALL AGES

SUITES 6 suites. 3 Private Vehicle Suites. 3 Luxury Suites. Max 12 adults, 6 children
POOL ✓ Private per suite & main shared pool Unfenced. Unheated

EXTRA BEDS 2 daybeds in each Private Vehicle Suite
IN-ROOM WIFI ✓

TWIN BEDS ✓ All suites
MINI BAR ✓

BATHROOM ✓ En-suite
AIR CON ✓

SHOWER ✓ Indoor & outdoor
FAN ✓

BATH ✓
MOZZIE NET ✗ Malaria free

HAIRDRYER ✓
LAUNDRY ✓ Included

ROOM SAFE ✓
DISABLED ACCESS ✗



ECCA LODGE

EXCLUSIVE-USE VILLAS

CHILDREN ALL AGES

# VILLAS	3	POOL	✓ Each villa, Unfenced. Fort solar heated
EXTRA BEDS	1 Infant cot available	IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
TWIN BEDS	✓	MINI BAR	✓ Villa bar
BATHROOM	✓ En-suite	AIR CON	✓
SHOWER	✓	FAN	✓
BATH	✓	MOZZIE NET	✗ Malaria free
HAIRDRYER	✓	LAUNDRY	✓ Included
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED ACCESS	Uplands

VILLAS

UPLANDS HOMESTEAD
- 3 rooms

1 main suite and 2 king / twin rooms
Ideal for 2 adults and younger kids

MELTON MANOR
- 4 rooms

4 equal king / twin rooms, interleaving available.
Ideal for a group or adults with teenage kids.
Interactive kitchen and a separate kids lounge.

FORT HOUSE
- 4 rooms & spa room

2 larger king / twin rooms and 2 smaller king/
twin rooms. Ideal for 2 families, multi-gen or a
close group of friends. Interactive kitchen and
separate study.



FORT HOUSE



UPLANDS HOMESTEAD BOMA



MELTON MANOR



UPLANDS HOMESTEAD

Activities & Experiences

GAME DRIVES	Twice daily or longer drives(winter). Guide and tracker. Off roading for key sightings. Max 6 guests per vehicle. Shared vehicles are 12+ No age restriction on private vehicles.
BUSH WALKS (Subject to availability, book in advance)	1 armed guide. Max 6 guests per walk. Adapted to suit guest age, confidence and conditions on the day.
SPECIALIST SAFARIS (Book in advance, extra cost)	Book a day out with a specialist guide on a photographic specialist safaris, birding specialist safaris or walking specialist safaris. Private vehicle required at extra charge. Walking Specialist safari is 16+
NIGHT DRIVES	Available with no restrictions.
PRIVATE VEHICLES (Book in advance)	Villas included. Ecca Private Vehicle Suites included. Lodges extra cost.
GET INVOLVED (Book in advance)	Numerous conservation participation options including Rhino monitoring drive, conservation participation experience or exclusive Backstage Kwandwe experience.
FISHING	Available with no age restriction.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (On request)	Available with no age restriction.



BUSH WALKS



RHINO CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION	✓			
LEOPARD	✓			
CHEETAH	✓			
ELEPHANT	✓			
RHINO - WHITE & BLACK	W&B			
BUFFALO	✓			
GIRAFFE	✓			
ZEBRA	✓			
HIPPO	✓			
CROCODILE				X
WILD DOG				X
HYENA - SPOTTED				X
AARDVARK			✓	
MIGRATION				X
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES	✓			
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Brown hyena, caracal, aardwolf, striped pole cat, meerkat, ostrich, bat eared fox, 12 different antelope species.			
OTHER	Excellent reserve for wide diversity of species and excellent animal and bird sightings. Very low density of vehicles with little chance of shared sightings.			

Location & Access Map

Flight & Driving Access

FLYSAFAIR & AIRLINK

- Cape Town (CPT) – Gqeberha (PLZ) multiple flights daily: 1h 20m
- Cape Town (CPT) – East London (ELS) multiple flights daily: 1h 35m
- Johannesburg (JHB) – Gqeberha (PLZ) multiple flights daily: 1h 45m
- Johannesburg (JHB) – East London (ELS) multiple daily flights: 1h 35m

TRANSFERS

- Flight from Gqeberha – Kwandwe with Air du Cap
- Flight from East London – Kwandwe with East London Air Services
- Heli transfer from Gqeberha / East London by Kwandwe Helicopter
- Road transfer from Gqeberha – Kwandwe: 2h

CHARTER FLIGHTS & PRIVATE JETS

- Cape Town – Kwandwe airstrip with Cape Town Aviation: 2h
- Available from anywhere in South Africa

SHAMWARI AIR

- Cape Town or Johannesburg – Shamwari
- Transfer to Kwandwe by road transfer or Kwandwe Helicopter.

SELF-DRIVE

- Cape Town – Kwandwe: 11h
- Gqeberha – Kwandwe: 2h



GREAT FISH RIVER LODGE ROOM

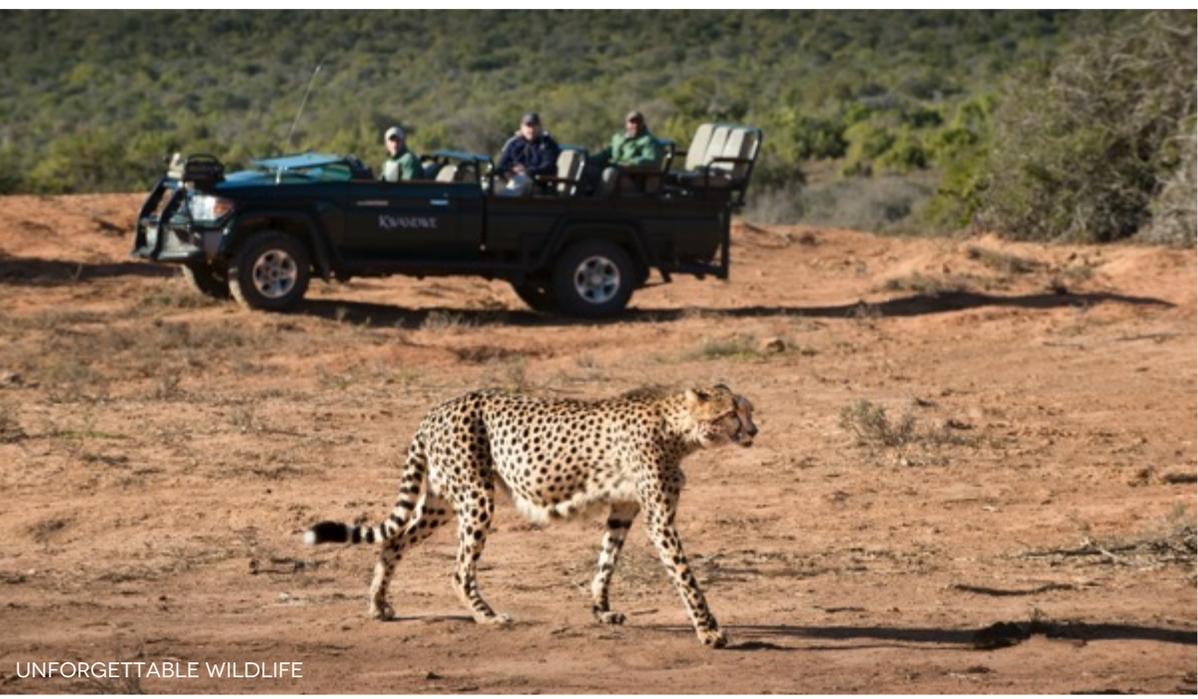


RHINO CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE



FAMILY FRIENDLY

INCREDIBLE STAFF



UNFORGETTABLE WILDLIFE

KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

GREAT FISH RIVER LODGE

ECCA LODGE

VILLAS

CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER		
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	VERY HIGH		
CHILDREN - MINIMUM AGE	12+	ALL	ALL
FAMILY ROOMS	X	✓	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	X	OPTIONAL	✓
HONEYMOON OFFER	✓	✓	X
LAND SAFARI	✓	✓	✓
WATER SAFARI	X	X	X
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	RHINO CONSERVATION, FISHING, FAMILY SAFARI, SPECIALIST SAFARIS		
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	MANY OPTIONS		
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	MANY OPTIONS		
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	✓	✓	✓

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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The Classics website has more detailed information, images, live availability and rates,

together with

our comprehensive Crib Sheet.

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