



Lion Sands
GAME RESERVE

EXPERIENCES – FACT SHEET 2019

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Life-Enriching Experiences

Through our people and this place, we create experiences for guests to enrich their lives – whether they are looking for adventure, family time, romance, relaxation, or the chance to give back...

Game Drives

Game drives, in open safari vehicles, head out each day at sunrise and again in the late afternoon. Lion Sand's natural animal population includes the Big Five, and the reserve is especially renowned for the quality of its leopard viewing – the most elusive of predators. With exclusive traversing rights on both Lion Sands' Sabi Sand and Kruger Park sections, guests are assured a truly intimate safari experience. A maximum of 16 vehicles are allowed out on the reserve at any one time, and the number per sighting is also limited. This ensures the animals feel at ease and guests are able to spend more time with them, observing their natural behaviour.

- Duration: ±3 hours
- Includes: a hot beverage or sundowner stop in a scenic spot to purely appreciate being in the bush and in the moment
- Children 10 years and older are welcome on the twice-daily game drives
- Children of all ages are welcome on private game drives*

*Private game drives are included in the accommodation rates for guests of Fish Eagle Villa, Ivory Lodge and Hi'Nkweni Villa, Tinga Lodge

Bush Walks

These are our after-breakfast walks on the wild side. Guests are immersed in the bush, rather than just observing it. All five senses are engaged, as they feel scrub crunch beneath their feet, touch the velvety acacia seed pod, hear the crack of a branch indicating they are not alone, and spot big game at eye level – exhilarating! Our expert guides will tailor walks to each of our guest's area/s of interest, focusing on mammals, birds, insects, plants, geology, etc.

- Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on guests' fitness levels
- Children under 16 years are not permitted on the bush walks
- Guests over 60 years must present a medical certificate of good health
- Guests should wear: neutral-coloured clothing; comfortable walking shoes; a hat; sunglasses; and sunscreen
- Guests should bring along: a lightweight dry mac jacket; camera/smartphone; and binoculars

Wildlife Lectures

At times when the weather is unsuitable for safari activities, our field guides and trackers present short nature talks. They cover a host of subjects, giving guests more insight into the animals they see on safari (e.g. elephant behaviour) and the natural surrounds (e.g. the ecological impact of commercial lodges on the environment). The talks are informal presentations, largely guided by interactions with guests.

Local Community Experiences

More Community Trust's (MCT's) purpose is to empower people of local communities in which MORE operates. It does this by providing access to: early childhood development; skills development; and clean water. MCT has built close relationships with the people, and guests are encouraged to take Community Tours and take part in the Get Your Hands Dirty upliftment programmes in place.

This gives guests the opportunity to experience a different – and humbling – way of living; visit culturally- and historically-significant sites; and connect with local people, while positively impacting their lives. These extraordinary social experiences bring guests into the heart of Southern Africa and make their visits here that much more meaningful.

- Duration: ±4 hours
- Children of all ages are welcome to accompany their parents

Mack & Madi Kids' Programme

This offering is inspired by Rob and Britt More's first-hand experience of travelling with their twins, Mack and Madi. Along with the lodges' options and flexibility around accommodations and meals, tailor-made activities give children (5 to 11 years) a little extra freedom to explore and just be kids – and make family travel child's play.

Activities keep young guests occupied with the wonders of the natural world, as well as with sports and crafts, during their stays. Just some of the fun includes: family morning game drives; bush orientation; bug CSI; dung tracking; spoor casting; scavenger hunts; pool games; rock painting; beading; pizza making in the bomas; cookie baking and cupcake decorating in the kitchens; and stargazing. Parents are welcome to join in, or sneak a few hours for themselves.

Stargazing

During evening game drives or bush dinners (weather permitting), the field guides will share insights into the skies. The clear air and minimal light pollution of this remote African wilderness make it an ideal location for stargazing. Guests will see planets and stars they have never before noticed with the naked eye. The guides will point out the constellations that shift seasonally and those that are unique to the southern hemisphere (circumpolar constellations), taking guests on an astral safari.

A Night in a Treehouse*

The million-star Chalkley and Kingston (Sabi Sand) and Tinyeleti (Kruger Park) are the ultimate bush bedrooms, where romantics, adventurers and solitude seekers alike can discover the magic of a night out in African – in complete luxury. Guests arrive at sunset to a picnic dinner, spend the dusk hours watching animals wander past (at a safe distance), and fall asleep counting shooting stars. And they can rest easy knowing a field guide is always on radio call, should they feel they need assistance.

- A Treehouse Experience is booked in conjunction with lodge accommodation
- A Treehouse stay is charged at a per person sharing per night rate, over and above the lodge accommodation rate
- Guests pack an overnight bag with their essentials, leaving the rest of their belongings back in their lodge suite
- Kingston Treehouse and Tinyeleti Treehouse are suitable for families (two adults and two children, 10 to 14 years)

Spa* and Wellness

The hours between safaris are an ideal time to spend being pampered. A selection of indulgent therapies is offered by expert therapists in the quiet retreat of the lodges' spas or open-air bush salas – a luxury unique to Africa. Guests choose from massages, exfoliations, reflexology, and facials with Africology skincare products and essential oils – all ethically formulated with the finest natural and organic ingredients – as well as manicures and pedicures.

Yogis will find no better place to stretch out any leftover tension than on their private decks overlooking the Sabie River, where the energy flows pure. Guests of Ivory Lodge need not pack their mats as two are available to borrow in each Villa. For guests who wish to continue their fitness routines, Ivory Lodge and River Lodge each have a gym with the essential, state-of-the-art equipment. The Gym in a Basket in-suite offering will be rolled out to Tinga Lodge and Narina Lodge in 2019.

Shopping*

MORE Gallery offers a range of proudly African-produced high-end clothing, accessories, art, and mementos – rare and beautiful items to remind guests of their time in Africa – as well as everyday necessities. “African designers possess a creativity and sense of style that is unique in the world and this is what want to showcase through the brand.” – Britt More, the late co-founder of MORE

Helicopter Flights*

Lion Sands has partnered with Mpumalanga Helicopter Company to take guests on exhilarating flights over the gorges, rivers, waterfalls, and dramatic rock formations of the province’s escarpment and lowveld. From above, guests have the best perspective to view (and photograph) some of the land’s natural wonders, including but not limited to: the Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondawels, Pinnacle Rock, Lisbon Falls, and Hippo Hollow. Three different flight experiences can be arranged through MORE Reservations, with bookings availability- and weather-dependent.

Golf*

The nearby nine-hole Skukuza Golf Course is designed for all skill levels and is one of the world’s most unique, being surrounded by a wildlife-rich sanctuary. Hippo, impala, warthog, and baboons often come out to spectate. There are no sand bunkers, although there are ‘aerial bunkers’ in the form of many trees on the course. Motorised golf carts and pull carts are available for hire, and there is a bar serving light meals and refreshments. Bookings, subject to availability, can be made through MORE Reservations.

**Subject to an additional cost*

Daily Programme

An idea of what to look forward to...

That being said, guests are not restricted to a schedule and can arrange their stays around exactly what they feel like doing, or take up opportunities that arise in the moment.

Summer (September to April)	Programme	Winter (May to August)
05h00	Wake-up call	06h00
05h30	Tea/coffee; game drive departs	06h30
08h30	Game drive returns; breakfast/brunch is served	09h30
At leisure	Bush walk, or other activities of personal preference	At leisure
13h00	Lunch is served	13h00
16h00	Afternoon tea	15h30
16h30	Game drive departs	16h00
19h30	Game drive returns; dinner is served	19h00