



EXPERIENCE LION SANDS

Lion Sands Game Reserve

Lion Sands is the only private game reserve rooted in both the Sabi Sand Game Reserve and Kruger National Park. The Sabie River forms a natural boundary between its two sides, and its four waterside lodges provide the ultimate luxury safari bases. Ivory Lodge and River Lodge are located on the Sabi Sand side, and over on Kruger are Narina Lodge and Tinga Lodge. The animals roam freely between them, and no matter which side guests choose to stay on, they will have exceptional game-viewing opportunities.

Why us?

Lion Sands is family owned and operated by the fourth-generation of More family proprietors – their grandfather was one of the founders of Sabi Sand Game Reserve (or Sabi Sand Wildtuin) established in 1948, and instilled a legacy of community and conservation • Lion Sands Kruger National Park is one of only seven private Kruger concessions, and protects 5 000ha (12 500ac) of pristine wilderness, as well as sites of cultural and historical significance • Lion Sands Game Reserve, fed by the perennial Sabie River, conserves an extraordinary abundance of wildlife, and its four luxury riverside lodges – Ivory, River, Tinga, and Narina – are ideally located for spotting animals coming down to the water to drink • All four lodges are within 12km of Skukuza Airport • The reserve offers a unique programme of activities for guests to tailor-make their stay, including the iconic Treehouse experiences (Chalkley Treehouse, Kingston Treehouse, and Tinyeleti Treehouse)

Life-Enriching Experiences

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 its Sabi Sand and Kruger Park sections, you 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 you are able to spend more time with them, observing their natural behaviour.

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

Bush Walks

These are our after-breakfast walks on the wild side. You are immersed in the bush, rather than just observing it. All five senses are engaged, as you feel scrub crunch beneath your feet, touch the velvety acacia seed pod, hear the crack of a branch indicating you 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 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
- Please wear: neutral-coloured clothing; comfortable walking shoes; a hat; sunglasses; and sunscreen
- Please bring: a lightweight dry mac jacket, camera/smartphone, and binoculars

Hippo Experience

After breakfast, our field guides will take you on a short drive to the Hippo Pools – these are deeper sections of the Sabie River where we know pods of hippos usually congregate. Take a short walk down to the riverbank from where you can spend time observing these fascinating animals in their natural environment, and learning more about their behaviour and social interactions in the process.

- Duration: ± 1 hour, depending on animal activity
- Children under 16 years are not permitted on the Hippo Experience

Mack & Madi Family Experience

Inspired by Rob and Britt More's first-hand understanding of travelling with their twins, Mack and Madi. More options and flexibility around accommodations, meals, and toddler-to-teen activities give children a little extra freedom to explore and just be kids – and make family travel child's play.

Lion Sands' tailor-made 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 boma; cookie baking and cupcake decorating in the kitchen; and stargazing. Parents are welcome to join in, or sneak a few hours for themselves.

Wildlife Lectures

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

Local Community Experience

More Community Trust's (MCT's) purpose is to empower people in the local communities in which MORE operates. They do this by providing access to: basic education and childcare; skills development through community-based initiatives; and fresh water. Over the years, MCT has built close relationships with its local communities, and you are encouraged to visit and roll up your sleeves to help out with upliftment programmes in place. This gives you 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 on their lives.

- Duration: 2 to 3 hours
- Children of all ages are welcome to accompany their parents

Stargazing

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

A Night in a Treehouse

These million-star accommodations – Chalkley and Kingston (Sabi Sand), Tinyeleti (Kruger Park) – are the ultimate bush bedrooms, where romantics, adventurers and solitude seekers alike can discover the magic of an African night out in the open – in complete luxury. 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. You can rest assured that a field guide is always on call via radio should you feel you 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
- Pack an overnight bag with your essentials, leaving your other belongings back in your suite at the lodge
- Kingston Treehouse and Tinyeleti Treehouse are suitable for families (two adults and two children under 15 years)

Spa & Wellness

Take a little me-time out in the quiet hours between game drives to be pampered. Each lodge has its own Africology Spa or Sala set in a secluded spot, away from the main lodge. A range of body, skin and grooming treatments at the hands of our expert therapists promise a wellness experience that will relax the body, quiet the mind, and rejuvenate the spirit. And you can rest assured that all Africology products used are ethically formulated, with the finest natural and organic ingredients, and not tested on animals.

- At an additional cost

Yogis will also find no better place to greet the dawn or end the day with a few sun salutations. There is no need to pack your mat, we have one to lend you. Choose your spot and practice your discipline in a place where the energy flows pure.

Shopping

Onelife MORE Boutique, at each of the lodges, offers a range of proudly African-produced high-end clothing, accessories, art, and mementos – as well as everyday necessities. “African designers possess a creativity and sense of style that is unique in the world. This is what I want to showcase through the Onelife MORE Boutique brand.” – The late Britt More, co-founder of MORE

Helicopter Flights

We have partnered with the Mpumalanga Helicopter Company to take you on exhilarating flights over the gorges, rivers, waterfalls, and dramatic rock formations of the province’s escarpment and lowveld. From above, you will 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, Lisbon Falls, and Hippo Hollow. Three different experiences can be arranged through MORE Reservations, and booking is dependent on availability and weather conditions.

- At an additional cost

Golf

The nine-hole Skukuza Golf Course is designed for all levels of skill 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 facility for light meals and refreshments. Bookings can be made through MORE Reservations, and are subject to availability.

- At an additional cost

Daily Orientation

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

Rate Inclusions and Exclusions: Ivory Lodge

Rates include: Accommodation in a private villa*; in-room maxi-bar; laundry; Wi-Fi (all areas); all meals, including afternoon tea; teas/coffees and soft drinks; selected premium-brand beers, cellar wines, spirits, and champagnes; two game drives per day, with refreshments and snacks; other standard activities; Skukuza Airport transfers

Rates exclude: Telephone calls; gratuities; cigars and cigarettes; Onelife MORE Boutique purchases; spa treatments and products; Sabi Sand Game Reserve entrance fees and guest conservation contributions (GCCs); additional activities; flights; landing fees; transfers (other than Skukuza Airport transfers)

*Fish Eagle Villa has its own chef and butler, as well as dedicated field guide and open safari vehicle for private game drives in the Sabi Sand section of Lion Sands Game Reserve

Rate Inclusions and Exclusions: River Lodge

Rates include: Accommodation in luxury rooms or suites; in-room minibar (selected complimentary items); Wi-Fi (all areas); all meals, including afternoon tea; teas/coffees and selected local beverages (including soft drinks, beers, house wines, and spirits); two game drives per day, with refreshments and snacks; other standard activities; Skukuza Airport transfers

Rates exclude: Telephone calls; laundry; gratuities; cigars and cigarettes; imported and premium-brand beers, cellar wines, champagnes, and spirits; Onelife MORE Boutique purchases; spa treatments and products; Sabi Sand Game Reserve entrance fees and guest conservation contributions (GCCs); additional activities; flights; landing fees; transfers (other than Skukuza Airport transfers)

Rates Inclusions and Exclusions: Tinga Lodge and Narina Lodge

Rates include: Accommodation in luxury suites or a private villa*; in-room minibar (selected complimentary items); Wi-Fi (public areas); all meals, including afternoon tea; teas/coffees and selected local beverages (including soft drinks, beers, house wines, and spirits); two game drives per day, with refreshments and snacks; other standard activities; Skukuza Airport transfers

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*Tinga's Hi'Nkweni Villa has its own butler, as well as dedicated field guide and open safari vehicle for private game drives in the Sabi Sand section of Lion Sands Game Reserve