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Fast Facts

Facilities

- Main lodge with lounge, second lounge, under roof outdoor lounge, bar with DSTV.
- Lapa- Boma and Bush Boma.
- Martini Pool and Hot Tub Spa.
- 4 Luxury double en-suite rooms each with air conditioner, ceiling fan, Queen bed, safari net and superior linen, seating area, mini-bar, refreshment station, electronic safe, radio CD player, hair dryer, bathroom with egg shaped bath, oversize shower, double vanities, private outdoor shower-bath, own courtyard and undercover parking.
- Amenities include luxury toiletries, cotton and waffle weave bathrobes, slippers, swimming towels and golf umbrellas.
- No landlines however a clear phone signal and plug and play 3G modems are available.
- We cater for vegetarians and food allergies. Please enquire regarding arrangements for Kosher and Halaal meals.

Rates Includes:

- Breakfast, lunch, 3-course dinner, refreshment station (tea, coffee and snacks in room). Lunch for guests that are booked for a 1-night stay are provided on the day of arrival only, served between 13h00 and 14h00. Picnic baskets can be ordered to replace lunch for guests arriving after 14h00. Lunch or picnic baskets need to be booked on confirmation of bookings.
- Rates include conservation entry fee.
- Unlimited self-drive safaris, game walks, cycle safaris.
- No charge for landing and parking of aircraft at Zebula's excellent tarred landing strip from where guests will be collected.
- Honeymooners: Complimentary bottle of sparkling wine and romantic private Boma dinner (weather permitting)
- Use of Zebula swimming pool and gym, tennis courts and squash court (Equipment are available for hire)
- Surprise turn downs.
- No charge for Porterage.

Rates excludes:

- Transfers, bar & mini-bar items, beverages and food items ordered in between meals, Internet, laundry, gratuities and travel insurance.

Activities: (excluded)

- 18 – Hole Golf at Zebula: 5 minutes,
- 18 – Hole Golf at Elements: 10 minutes,
- 18 – Hole Golf at Euphoria: 1 hour,
- 18 – Hole Golf at Legends: 1 hour and 10 minutes scenic Waterberg drive.
- In-room health and beauty treatments at Botsebotse,
- Big 5 guided game drives at Mabula Private Game Reserve: 10 minutes
- Big 4 guided game drives including white lions but no elephants at Thandeka Private Game Reserve: 15 minutes.
- Big 5 guided horseback safari: 5 minutes
- Big 5 guided quad bike safari: 5 minutes
- **NOTE:** Big 5 and Big 4 activities take place on one of 2 bordering Private Game Reserves, subject to availability, seasonal schedules.
- Air Balloon Safari, minimum 4 persons, bookings 1 month in advance: 10 minutes drive
- Visit to Shingwedzi Cheetah and Wild Dog Conservation Project: 30 minutes drive
- Solo and Tandem skydive: 50 minutes drive

Land and Air Transfers

Available on request (Approximately 2 hours from Johannesburg by tarred road and 15 minutes by light aircraft. Refer value adds for aircraft landing and parking.)

Fact File

BOTSEBOTSE is an extraordinary bush retreat that will enchant you, steal your heart and leave you yearning to go back soon after departing.

Catering for guests who want to indulge in a little bit of romance, escape and seek reprieve from hectic city life, it is a haven of luxury and exclusivity, and offers an award winning experience, which includes wildlife, a variety of Big 5 experiences, golf, spa and culinary delights.

BOTSEBOTSE caters for only a small number of guests to ensure utmost privacy, exclusive luxury and a memorable experience.

BOTSEBOTSE also offers exclusive rental.

Location and setting

Situated in malaria-free Zebula Game and Country Reserve, only two hours' drive from Johannesburg in the Waterberg region of Limpopo. This is a Golf Estate with an award winning Peter Matkovich 18-hole Golf Course and a 1,400 ha game reserve with about 600 animals roaming freely. The Elements 18-hole Golf Course ranked number 9 in Golf Digest 2009 is situated a 15 min drive from Botsebotse.

The Lodge

BOTSEBOTSE is constructed of natural materials that blend seamlessly with the surrounding landscape and rare African artifacts and luxurious thatched indoor and outdoor spaces enhance the African lodge style design.

A safari styled Lapa, shaded and sun drenched teak decks, a crystal-clear pool and a comfortable outdoor lounge is ideal for relaxation and game spotting. Enjoy the views of the surrounding unfenced bush from one of two indoor lounges or soak in the teak hot spa-tub. Enjoy roaring fires in the main or bush boma, ideal venues to gaze at the amazing stars of a clear African sky.

A cosy bar is available with a flat screen satellite television and piped music is available in the indoor lounge areas and outdoor lounge.

Plug and Play modems are available to access the internet as the Game Reserve does not have fixed telephone lines.

The signal for cellular phones is clear.

The voltage is 220/250V and 3-point round-pin plugs are used in South Africa. Universal plugs are available in each room.

Full back up power supply is available in the event of a power failure.

Accommodation

Leading off a vast thatched walkway accommodation is offered in 4 Luxurious 30 m2 (323 Ft2) 5 star, en-suite boutique facilities with large comfortable beds dressed with hand crafted linen. Other features include:

- Remote controlled air conditioning.
- Remote controlled Ceiling Fans.
- Remote controlled and portable emergency lights.
- Queen beds.
- Safari nets
- Duvets, summer and winter blankets

- Seating areas in each room
- Refreshment stations
- Mini-bars
- Electronic safes
- Private courtyards, each with a water feature, umbrella, dining table and 4 chairs.
- A private entrance leading into the courtyard.
- Covered parking next to room
- Two waterproof golf umbrellas in each facility.
- Hair dryers
- Radio/CD player with CD's available for use.
- A "Goodie Box" with Sewing Kit, torch, Universal Plug, insect repellent, shoe horn and whistle for emergency attention.
- A portable buzzer to page Guest Relations, Kitchen and Housekeeping staff.
- Magazines, games and books.

The rooms have 10 m² (107 Ft²) en-suite bathrooms with lavish egg-shaped baths, oversized showers, double vanities with a door that leads to an enchanting private outdoor shower baths in a 16 m² (172 Ft²) enclosed out door area. Bathroom items include the following:

- Two sets of bath robes for each guests (waffle weave and cotton robes to suit guests preferences)
- Slippers
- Luxury toiletries that include body wash, shampoo, hair conditioner, body lotion, mosquito wipes, vanity kit, bath crystals and foam bath.
- Two sets of bath sheets, bath towels, hand towels and face cloths.
- Two sets of swimming towels (bath sheet)

An enhanced experience for guests staying at BOTSEBOTSE Bush Retreat

BOTSEBOTSE believes in the "total experience". We are committed to making sure that when guests leave they are already planning their return, with this in mind we always have little surprises planned for our guests.

Surprise turndowns – these are never the same and could include: special hot chocolate with marshmallows, chocolate dipped strawberries, special messages in fortune cookies, warm water bottles in winter, rose petalled rooms and bathrooms, etc.

We make sure that we know as much about the guest before they arrive so that when they are with us we are able to meet all their needs.

On confirmation of a booking we also request guests' contact details, as we would like to phone or email guests before arrival to confirm everything and to let them know that we are looking forward to hosting them.

On receipt of contact details, all guests are requested to complete a questionnaire prior to arrival that outlines their dietary requirements, special requirements and their specific likes and dislikes and the activities and in-room health and beauty treatments that they would like us to book for them. Maps, GPS coordinates and Zebula gate procedures are included with this correspondence.

Besides the above all guests receive complimentary Porterage and a warm hand towel on arrival. Guests are welcomed with a welcome letter and their itineraries for pre-booked activities in their rooms and receive a Zebula access card for ease of Zebula entry and exit during their stay. (The access card exempts them from paying the Zebula Game Reserve's conservation entrance fee that is included in our rates.)

Our rates also include coffee and tea and refreshment station snacks in the rooms. Also included are, unlimited self-drive game drives, game walks, mountain bike safaris and a service to organize activities and oversee bookings for additional activities. (Golf, game and health and beauty treatments and other local attractions)

Dining

BOTSEBOTSE's glorious culinary delights are prepared by BOTSEBOTSE's professional chef and are served accompanied by the finest South African estate wines. The menu at BOTSEBOTSE is for the most discerning palette ranging from small intimate dinners through to special events including wedding parties. The selection of dining venues include the dining room, outdoor decks, a cozy bar, two bomas, guests' own private courtyards, even a picnic in a secluded spot or under the starry sky.

Our rates include: Breakfast - continental and full English, lunch, and 3-course dinners. Lunch for guests that are booked for a 1-night stay are provided on the day of arrival, served between 13h00 and 14h00. Picnic baskets can be ordered to replace lunch for guests arriving after 14h00. Lunch or picnic baskets need to be booked on confirmation of bookings.

Above all else we are flexible and we take guests needs into account at all times.

Activities

Guest activities are booked on their behalf and coordinated during their stay.

Eco Bush Safaris

BOTSEBOTSE is committed to the principles of Responsible Tourism and as such we strongly recommend our Eco Bush Safaris. These activities are unguided, with guests venturing out on their own. With no predatory animals, BOTSEBOTSE is ideal for truly understanding and learning to love the African bush. An area of 1,400 ha offers the unique experience to view and photograph over 300 bird species and 600 head of game that roams freely at close range. The area is home to animals such as warthog, zebra, kudu, eland, waterbuck, bushbuck, giraffe and many more. Animal sightings are frequent and animals visit BOTSEBOTSE Bush Retreat daily.

- The Eco Safaris include walking safaris and mountain bike safaris and are a truly amazing experience allowing guests to get close to the animals without disturbing them. Guests are given a map, a walkie-talkie, can request a snack pack or picnic basket and can take spoor guides and books with information on the animals.

Besides the above BOTSEBOTSE BUSH RETREAT offers a one-stop venue for the following unique experiences:

- Big 5 guided game drives
- Big 4 guided game drives that include white lions but no elephants.
- Big 5 guided horseback safaris
- Big 5 guided quad bike safaris
- Big 5 Air balloon safaris
- Big 5 Elephant safaris

Big 5 activities are available at neighbouring Big 5 Mabula Private Game Reserve (3 km's from Zebula's gate) and Big 4 with white lions at Thandeka private Game Reserve. (8 km's from Zebula's gate). Trips to guided game drive departure points take 10 min and 15 min respectively. Elephant Safaris takes place in Shambala Private Game Reserve (1 hour and 30 min trip)

- Botsebotse offers a range of in-room health and beauty treatments provided by a qualified therapist for the convenience of guests who would like to relax and be pampered at Botsebotse Bush Retreat.
 - Gym, squash and tennis courts are available at Zebula's Clubhouse. The clubhouse is 5 minutes drive from BOTSEBOTSE. Equipment can be hired from the clubhouse reception.
 - Swimming pools (at BOTSEBOTSE and the clubhouse)
 - Teak Hot Tub Jacuzzi (at BOTSEBOTSE and the spa situated at the clubhouse)
 - Birding
With over 300 species of birds, BOTSEBOTSE is the ideal birding destination.
 - Two award winning 18-hole golf courses.

Zebula's 18-hole Peter Matkovich designed golf course, voted the "Best New Golf Course" in the 2004 Golf Digest, offers a clubhouse, pub, halfway house, restaurant, golf carts and pro-shop. Guests can experience a true African golf course where animals often visit the fairways.

CARD OF THE COURSE					
Hole	Par	Metres	Hole	Par	Metres
1	4	382	10	4	377
2	5	497	11	4	393
3	4	314	12	4	314
4	3	199	13	3	154
5	4	431	14	4	363
6	5	578	15	5	476
7	4	403	16	4	399
8	3	124	17	3	190
9	4	351	18	5	500
OUT	36	3 279	Out	36	3166
			Total	6445	

Elements 18-hole PGA Championship golf course is situated in a stunning setting and has been ranked number 9 in Golf Digest 2008, Top Ten 100 Golf Course Awards. Golf, golf carts, luxurious clubhouse facilities and a large pool are available to Botsebotse guests. Elements Golf Course is situated 10 km from Zebula.

CARD OF THE COURSE					
Hole	Par	Metres	Hole	Par	Metres
1	4	400	10	4	400
2	3	200	11	3	180
3	5	550	12	4	410
4	4	420	13	4	390
5	4	380	14	5	550
6	4	390	15	3	220
7	5	520	16	4	420
8	4	400	17	4	360
9	3	150	18	5	520
OUT	26	3 410	In	36	33 440
			Total	6859	

- The Shingwedzi Cheetah and Wild Dog Breeding Ranch
Accommodates a satellite project of the world-renowned De Wildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre and offers an unforgettable and highly educational experience at close quarters with South Africa's most endangered species - the cheetah and wild dog.

More activities further a-field

BOTSEBOTSE Bush Retreat is situated in the Limpopo Province's Waterberg region that offers some of South Africa's best-kept sightseeing and wildlife secrets. Some of the activities that we could include in your private itinerary are:

- The Nylsvley Nature Reserve
The Nylsvley Nature Reserve is the biggest and best conserved floodplain in Southern Africa with 412 recorded bird species, almost half the total number of bird species in South Africa and offers a variety of superb bird watching experiences. Scientific research at Nylsvlei makes it one of the most intensively studied sites in the world. The reserve offers walking trails, bird hides and picnic spots. (1 hour drive)

- The Waterberg Biosphere Reserve
A geographical wonder supporting a biome of some 14 500 square km (400,000 hectares) launched in 2001 as one of some 400 UNESCO-registered biosphere reserves, established around the world. It is the only "savanna" reserve of this type in southern Africa.

- The Big Five Marakele National Park
The Big Five Marakele National Park is a sanctuary to a vast variety of wildlife due to its location in the transitional zone between the dry western and moist eastern regions of South Africa. The Big Five as well as an amazing variety of birds, including the largest colony of endangered Cape Vultures (more than 800 breeding pairs) in the world, have settled here. Rare finds of yellowwood and cedar trees, five metre high cycads and tree ferns are also found here. Guided game drives are available early in the morning and in the late afternoon and can be booked on behalf of guests. A scenic trip to Marakele gates takes 50 min by tarred road from where game drives depart. (50 min drive)

- Makapans Valley World Heritage Site
Makapans Valley World Heritage Site is the sister to the Cradle of Humankind and sediments, fossils, bones and artifacts found, preserve the most complete record of hominoid habitation and evolution dating back 3,3 million years - from the ape-man, Stone Age, Iron Age up to the present day. It is here where Raymond Dart found the fossil remains of Australopithecus Africanus, a 3,5 million year-old apeman. (1 hour drive)

- Pedi Potters Traditional African Village
Pedi Potters Traditional African Village is a beautifully decorated example of the local Pedi building culture and traditional Pedi clay pots made by the women from the village can be bought here. (1 hour 10 min drive)

- The Melkriver School Complex (1 hour 10 min drive)
The Melkriver School Complex is a beautifully restored farm school of the 1930's and encompasses:
The Waterberg Biosphere Museum that offers fascinating information on the cultural history of the area.

The Rhino Museum which is the only one of its kind in Africa, devoted to the conservation of the rhinoceros.

An Art Gallery and the Wayside - the pub, restaurant and tea garden is a veritable oasis in the region.

- **Adventure**

Skydiving/Tandem Skydiving of all types, for all levels of skydivers from zero to hero, assisted by experienced instructors. (50 min drive)

- **Euphoria Golf Estate and Hydro**

Awarded a 2008 Compleat Golfer 5-star Golf Experience award, the list of golf clubs (22) that represent the most classy golf experiences in South Africa. The 18-hole championship golf course is the first in Africa to be designed by Annika Sorenstam. A cable car departs throughout the day from the clubhouse and the top of the mountain provides a beautiful scenic bushveld view. The spa offers a wide variety of treatments. (1 hour drive)

- **Legends Golf Course**

Legends Golf Course is situated in the Entabeni Conservancy. The golf course is home to the unique "world-in-one" signature Course where each of the 18 holes has been designed by a world golfing legend, i.e. Trevor Immelman, Sergio Garcia, Padraig Harrington, KJ Choi, Jim Furyk and Retief Goosen. In addition visitors can take the challenge of the extreme 19th hole. The hole is accessible only by helicopter and played to a green 400 m below. (1 hour 10 minutes drive)

Transfer rates from and to different destinations are available on request and rental cars can be arranged.

Romance

BOTSEBOTSE lodge is the perfect romantic destination with relaxing beauty and health treatments, game safaris, picnic lunches in the bush, romantic turn downs, candlelight and paraffin lamp lit dinners in a number of intimate romantic settings, foam baths and candle lights and champagne and comfortable outdoor safari shower baths from where you can gaze at the stars.

BOTSEBOTSE Private Lodge is the ideal venue for a honeymoon or small intimate bush wedding, is able to cater for more guests for the wedding ceremony and reception, and would assist in finding additional accommodation nearby if required.

Botse Packages

BOTSEBOTSE's basic package includes our Eco Bush Safaris and besides this we have packages including Big 5 activities, spa and golf. Please contact us for more information and rates for these packages.

Responsible Tourism

BOTSEBOTSE Bush Retreat are committed to:

- The well-being of our staff, our local community and contributing to the greater economic benefits of its people.
- Maintaining and developing understanding and respect for our local cultures, languages and diversity.
- The preservation of our wildlife and our habitat.
- The conservation and sustainable use of our natural resources.

- Conducting our business in a transparent, lawful, ethical and socially just way. Please contact us for our full Responsible Tourism Policy documents.

Getting there

From Johannesburg take the N1 to Pretoria. Follow the N1 signs towards Polokwane (Pietersburg). Take the R516 to Warmbaths turn off, turn left going towards Bela-Bela (Warmbaths).

At the T-junction, the waterfront will be in front of you, turn right. Go over the bridge, first robot left. Follow the road around a sharp right bend. At the next road turn left, go past the Aventura Resort on your left. At the roundabout, turn left for the road to Thabazimbi.

Drive approximately 35 km passing the Mabalingwe Game Re Reserve on your right. Turn right at the tar road on your right that says **Rooiberg**, with a large Zebula Sign on the corner of the turn off. Drive approximately 4 km and turn right at the Zebula sign.

Approximately 5 km down the newly tarred road the ZEBULA gate will be on your right hand side.

On arrival at the Zebula gate, guests will be required to complete an entry permit whereafter they may pass through the Zebula gate and may precede directly to Botsebotse. On their arrival at Botsebotse, guests will be provided with a visitor access card to replace the entry permit that they received at the Zebula gate. The visitor access card will exempt guests from having to report to the Zebula clubhouse to pay the Zebula conservation entry fee, included in our rates.

We look forward to hosting your clients at BOTSEBOTSE Bush Retreat – a beautiful and graceful place.

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