



Mashatu Game Reserve



Pafuri Camp

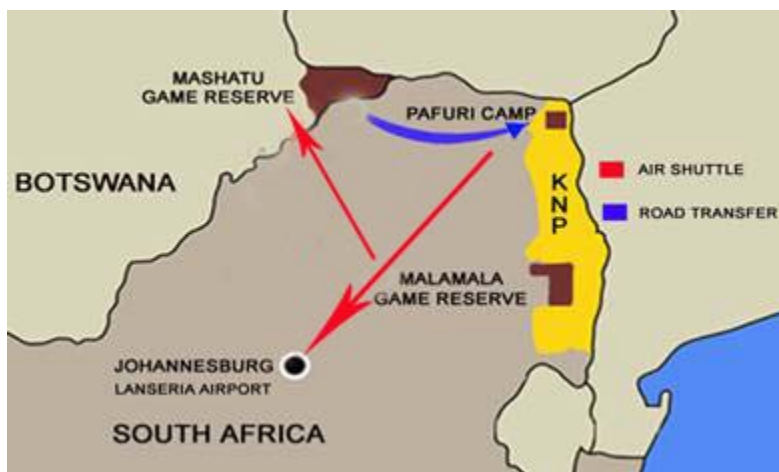


MalaMala Game Reserve

TRIPLE B – Big 5, Birds & Baobabs

Including PAFURI CAMP, MASHATU GAME RESERVE AND MALAMALA GAME RESERVE

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE



Saturday to Friday commencing at MalaMala and ending with Pafuri

Saturday: Arrival at MalaMala Airfield

Saturday – Monday: Spend two nights at MalaMala Main Camp

Monday: Air shuttle to Limpopo Valley Airfield. Road transfer to Mashatu Main Camp

Monday – Tuesday: Spend two nights at Mashatu Main Camp

Wednesday: Road transfer to Pafuri Camp

Wednesday – Thursday: Spend two nights at Pafuri Camp

Friday: Air shuttle to Lanseria. Road transfer to O.R.Tambo International Airport.

End of Arrangements

Rates

PER PERSON QUOTED IN SOUTH AFRICAN RAND

Package Code	Package Description (number of nights at each camp displayed in brackets)	Duration of Package	Departing From / Ending At (or vice versa)	Rand Per Person Rate	Rand Single Room Supplement if travelling with others
				01 April '10 to 15 Dec '10	01 April '10 to 15 Dec '10
BB 2	MalaMala (2), Mashatu Main (2), Pafuri (2)	6 Nights / 7 Days	MalaMala / Pafuri	R 31 540	R 9 400

Inclusions:

- Included at MalaMala, Mashatu and Pafuri: accommodation on a sharing basis, all meals, park fees, scheduled camp activities and transfers as specified.
- The Package includes the transport from MalaMala to Mashatu; Mashatu to Pafuri; from Pafuri to Lanseria Airport and Lanseria Airport to O.R.Tambo International Airport

Exclusions:

- Excluded at Mashatu, MalaMala and Pafuri: visas, compulsory insurance, any personal purchases (including curios, drinks, telephone calls etc.), gratuities, laundry services, optional extra activities and pre and post tours or transport.
- The Package rates exclude scheduled flights/transfers to MalaMala at the start of the package

The Small Print

For more detailed itinerary descriptions, please do not hesitate to contact our reservations office.

- These itineraries operate weekly, subject to the availability of accommodation and are based on a minimum of 2 confirmed guests.
- Children under the age of 12 years are welcome at Mashatu Main Camp, MalaMala and Pafuri at discounted package rates.

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It's from any towering vantage point on Mmamagwa Hill that the great, primal stillness of Africa knocks you for six. For down in the valley, to the north and south, east and west, lies the flattened and sweltering Mopane plains of Mashatu, 'Land of Giants'. For 360 degrees these sweeping wilds spread out, steadily and spartanly, but awesomely so, and merge into clean horizons. This land is lovelier than any imagining of it and to those who stand on Mmamagwa Hill, also resoundingly silent – for the 'Land of Giants' is an utterly unpeopled wilderness in eastern Botswana, at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers.

Mashatu, 'Land of Giants' takes its name from the locally-revered Mashatu tree and the giants that roam this prodigious land. **As the largest private game reserve in southern Africa**, Mashatu is, at 33 000 ha (75 000 acres), a fitting setting for the world's largest land mammal – the elephant; and the world's tallest mammal, the giraffe. Mashatu also provides a sanctuary to the world's largest antelope, the eland; the world's largest bird, the ostrich and of course, the world's largest flying bird: the noisy kori bustard. Add the lion, the king of the beasts and the iconic baobab and you have Africa's Big Seven. At over 700 individuals, one will also find Africa's largest elephant population on private land!

This special spot under the African sun proudly boasts an ecological diversity uncommon in other reserves. Complementing three members of the Big Five – leopard, lion and elephant – are some of the more surprising species, including the aardwolf, bat-eared fox, African wild cat, honey badger and black-backed jackal. True to form, Mashatu is also an ornithological paradise, and plays host to 350 bird species, including the enchanting lilac-breasted roller, whose plumage features no fewer than seven different shades of blue!

Set out, at dawn or dusk, on a 4x4 safari guided by dedicated and experienced Tswana rangers and trackers. Or brave an adventure safari that strays from the traditional format offered by other southern African lodges: go bushwhacking on foot, gallop through verdant Mopane plains on horseback or confront Mashatu's unforgiving terrain on a mountain bike.

Mashatu Main Camp exemplifies pure bushveld luxury and comfort, morphing harmoniously into the surrounding game-lands that throng with diverse wildlife.

Accommodation at Mashatu Main Camp includes 14 insect-proofed luxury suites, each with an ample and fully equipped en-suite bathroom. Sliding doors open onto the African bush where guests can sample the effervescent sights and sounds from their own suites. Two large beds complete well-appointed rooms. Mashatu Main Camp offers a stunning viewing deck directly off the bar, together with an elevated lounge overlooking the waterhole.



Pafuri Camp is situated on the northern bank of the Luvuvhu River within a lush riverine forest. The two camps consist of twenty luxurious thatched tents that are raised off the ground on wooden walkways. Each camp has its own plunge pool, dining room and lounge, although the two adjacent camps can be combined to accommodate larger parties. There are six family tents, which are able to sleep families of up to four under one roof. The interiors are stylish, with a Makuleke influence. Each tented room has wonderful views onto the Luvuvhu River. The rooms are comfortably furnished and have 220v lighting and an en-suite bathroom with hot and cold running water and an additional “outside” shower for those who want to enjoy being closer to nature.

The area is home to all of the animal species of the Kruger National Park, including lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard – although Pafuri is most famous for its big herds of elephants and for special, rare birds like the Pel’s fishing owl. Animals such as nyala, eland and Sharpe’s grysbok are not commonly seen in the Kruger further south of Pafuri. On morning and afternoon activities, guests may choose from a range of options, including game and nature drives in open 4x4 vehicles; night drives throughout the concession (north of the Luvuvhu), birding walks and foot safaris accompanied by an armed guide. Alternatively some guests will enjoy just sitting on the deck watching the wildlife and birdlife wandering through the camp.

The Makuleke people who live on Kruger’s western boundary are the landlords for this camp and concession. They earn direct financial benefits from every guest’s stay at Pafuri. 8% of the gross turnover (or over 40% of the nett profit) accrues directly to the community.





MalaMala was once at the heart of the rip-roaring gold rush transport route on which fortune-seekers hauled their goods, often at tragic cost. And if the mosquitoes didn't get them there were the vultures, hyenas and lions that circled just beyond the flickering campfire. The transport route may now be a romantic memory but today's visitor to MalaMala is just as likely to encounter Africa's big game as those 19th century gold-diggers were.

At a mammoth 13 200 ha (33 000 acres), MalaMala lies sandwiched between the Sabi Sand Game Reserve and the world famous Kruger National Park. The 19 km (12 mile) unfenced border with this massive wildlife conservancy provides unimpeded access to wildlife. Of great appeal to such wildlife is the vast array of MalaMala's habitat type - ranging from open savannah to dense riparian zones and granite outcrops. But perhaps the strongest allure to wildlife is the perennial Sand River of which 13 km (8 miles) flow through the reserve.

It's this habitat diversity – and sound conservation management – that has earned MalaMala a reputation as the foremost game viewing destination in the world.

While it's become the exception rather than the rule for all members of the Big Five not to be seen on a single day, MalaMala's certainly not just about the big and hairy. CEO and owner, Michael Rattray, has been closely associated with the MalaMala area for almost 70 years and his formidable conservation expertise ensures that smaller beasties like dung beetles have right of way! Indeed, MalaMala is a sanctuary for rare and endangered wildlife where nature lovers may see threatened animals such as cheetahs, pangolins and the wild dog – Africa's second most endangered carnivore! The variety of birdlife in the reserve regularly rewards even the most seasoned ornithologist with surprising finds: the martial eagle and ground hornbill for instance.

Activities range from walking safaris to 4x4 safaris which may include sumptuous bush breakfasts, picnic lunches and the opportunity to quaff sundowners as the sun sets behind the dusty horizon. Outdoor activities are led by highly qualified rangers, most of who have university degrees in the natural sciences and are thoroughly conversant with all aspects of bushveld ecology.

MalaMala's accommodation is the Rattray trademark incarnate: discreet, classic and elegant African opulence. The ochre-coloured buildings of **MalaMala Main Camp** are clustered amid shady trees and manicured lawns overlooking the Sand River. The individually decorated, spacious and comfortable rooms under traditional thatching offer spectacular views of the river and the wild- and bird life that are attracted to the water for refreshment and refuge from the hot African sun. The rooms are equipped with 'his-and-hers' bathrooms, 24 hour temperature control, insect proofing, direct dial telephones, a mini-bar and a mini-safe. Despite the comfort offered, MalaMala retains an authentic bushveld camp atmosphere, where the attention to detail for which MalaMala is world-famous shines through.