

## Helpful Info

- Your final day-to-day itinerary will be given to you on your arrival at Makutsi.
- For payments on Makutsi: Cash (€, U\$, A\$, NZ\$, CHF, Rand) Visa and MasterCard are accepted. (No Amex or Debit cards)
- Makutsi has a no-cash bar. All drinks, lunch, internet, shopping etc (and other extras) are put on your room bill, and can be paid on the day of your departure.
- Please remember to change some money into Rand at the airport as you will not be able to change money once on Makutsi. Most places accept credit cards, but here and there some cash might come in handy.
- Electricity - South Africa's electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 Hz. Some electrical appliance adaptors available to borrow at Reception, but please try to bring your own.
- There is a telephone that you can use at the reception. It is a satellite phone and can occasionally be out of order due to bad weather. Also, be aware that not all foreign phone providers allow making calls to satellite phones. Mobile phone reception on Makutsi is very limited.
- Wi-Fi Hotspot: from 07h00 - 19h00 free Wifi for all in the library.
- South Africa Time Zone: UTC/GMT +2 hours
- We have a safe for personal items available for your use.

## Life in camp

There is no boundary fence around the camp and animals are able to roam around freely, which allows you to enjoy your own private safari whilst walking in camp or sitting on your private terrace. Anything from monkeys to elephants come roaming through camp if they feel like it, this is their territory after all. This also means that guest security has to be taken very seriously, and we will have a detailed safety briefing with you on arrival regarding behaviour while in camp.

Walking hours within Makutsi Camp are **7am -17h30pm**. **During these walking hours, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.** Outside of these hours, you are picked up and dropped off by vehicle. Awareness, common sense and respect of nature are required at all times in camp, which increases your enjoyment and respect of the natural bush and its wildlife.



## Your accommodation

African style Rondavels (Bungalows) are scattered around 10 hectares of open and spacious Makutsi Main Camp. All Rondavels have en-suite bathrooms with hot and cold water, electricity, a mini-bar, coffee/tea facilities, ceiling fans, air-cons, mosquito nets and a private terrace with lounge chair. Bath and pool towels are provided in rooms. No "distractions" like television, radio and telephones in your room.

All tents at Makutsi Tented Camp have electricity, a private covered deck, a standing fan as well as an en-suite bathroom with shower, hot/cold water and flush toilets.

## Dining on Makutsi

Meal times are a social event, where guests dine all together outdoors at long tables and chat about the days events with the other guests. Breakfast & Dinner are included in your package and you can order lunch the days that you are in camp.

- Breakfast 8-9am: Buffet Breakfast with fresh seasonal fruits, cereals and muesli, egg orders as you like them, toast, coffee/tea.
- Lunch 12-4pm: Lunch is not included in your package. We have a lunch menu & home made cakes (which can be ordered at breakfast time - at own cost).
- Dinner 7pm: A 3-course set menu is served during dinner.

Please **advise us in advance if you have any dietary requirements**. We will do our best to cater for your needs, but please keep in mind we are very remote and some ingredients are difficult to find. With a small organic vegetable garden, a heard of cattle along with local game we ensure that meals are fresh and wholesome.

Please click here to see our policy regarding [Dietary restrictions and food intolerances](#)

## Camp facilities

The gold of Makutsi is our natural, warm mineral spring water. This water can be enjoyed in our outdoor pool and indoor Roman Bath. The same water also feed the Rondavels, and healthy mineral water pours out of your showers and taps, and is totally safe to drink. Feel free to refill your water bottles from the tap in your Rondavel.

- 33 meter outdoor pool
- Indoor Roman bath
- Hippo Hide
- Souvenir Shop
- Viewing Deck
- Wi-Fi Hotspot
- Laundry service
- Library & Coffee Shop
- Tennis Court (tennis rackets available)

## Suggested packing list

Clothing in neutral colours (avoid bright colours & white for improved game viewing), safari hat, safari jacket and items like gloves and beanies when coming in winter, comfortable short- and long sleeved safari shirts (2 or 3 of each), comfortable and sturdy shorts and long trousers (2 or 3 of each), swimwear, sunglasses, sandals as well as comfortable hiking/walking shoes.

Insect repellent, sunscreen, binoculars, flashlight or headlamp, camera gear and all that you need to recharge your digital equipment, travel alarm clock, adaptor, reading material (also available in Library).

**Most important: valid passports, flight tickets and money!**



## Lowveld climate

The Lowveld where Makutsi is situated is a summer rainfall area but despite the occasional shower, the average daytime temperature between September & March is a very hot 30°C. At night it can cool down by approximately 10°C. Winters are mild with a daytime temperature that is normally above 20°C. At night it gets considerably colder with the temperature dropping well below 10°C although it hardly ever reaches freezing-point.

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| Summer: | November to March | Autumn: | April to May         |
| Winter: | June to August    | Spring: | September to October |

NOTE: Winter nights and early mornings do get very cold! If you are travelling in winter it is advised to pack a warm jacket, a beanie, gloves & scarf (these don't weigh much) and some warm pyjamas!

## Health and safety - Malaria

Although incidents of malaria are rare, it would be best to take adequate precautions if you choose to visit Makutsi & its surrounding areas. The cheapest, safest and most effective measures against malaria are physical barriers such as a mosquito nets (all of our rooms have them), and the use of a good insect repellent. It is advisable to consult a medical professional before embarking on a course of malaria prophylaxis.

For detailed and up-to-date information please [click here](#).

## Driving directions

For driving directions [click here](#).

It is essential that you arrive **before 4pm** so that we can do a proper arrival & safety briefing!

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 24°11'39.74"S Longitude: 30°35'39.25"E

## Important reminders

- Visa Information: [click here](#)
- Traveling with children: As of 11 November 2019, parents traveling to South Africa need no additional documents in addition to valid passports. This also applies if only one parent enters the country with the child or if the child is accompanied by a third adult person. Minors traveling alone are still in need of additional documents.