



DELUXE FAVOURITES

South Africa

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If you are looking for the most opulent experiences that luxury travel has to offer across the continent, send an email to deluxetravel@thesafariguys.com to find out what exciting offers there are in store for you.

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MORUKURU OCEAN HOUSE

De Hoop Nature Reserve, South Africa

Morukuru offers access to some of the continent's most undiscovered gems, and they are able to satisfy visitors' cravings for exclusivity, while providing some of the most productive wildlife interactions in Southern Africa. Situated in the 36000-hectare De Hoop Nature Reserve – one of Africa's most beautiful coastal reserves – Ocean House is testament to this. Relax in your four-bedroom oceanfront home and take in De Hoop's 51 kilometres of pristine white beaches and dunes, lapped by a warm Indian Ocean, and marvel at the limestone cliffs, rock pools, wetlands and coastal fynbos. The reserve is home to more than 260 species of birds and Ocean House offers a bird's-eye-view of the continent's greatest whale nursery, where the Southern Right whales migrate to the shallow coastal basins off the Overberg Coast for the calving and nursing season from mid-July to November.

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LION SANDS, IVORY LODGE

Sabi Sands, South Africa

Children often experience a sense of wonder, in their day-to-day lives. This feeling is not as easy for us «big people» to replicate, but travel is often the key to unlocking this sixth sense. The More Hotels Group really have a great formula going. You'll enjoy travelling to each of their properties, but Lion Sands Ivory Lodge is undoubtedly the jewel in their collection's crown. This exclusive and intimate luxury lodge has six private villas each with their own plunge pool, deck and lounge area, and offers a discreet and personally tailored experience to guests who enjoy the finer things life has to offer. For a truly memorable experience, treat yourself to a night under the stars in the ultimate bush bedroom – one of Lion Sands' Treehouses where you will experience nocturnal Africa at her most magnificent.

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MARATABA SAFARI LODGE

Limpopo, South Africa

Only three and a half hours drive from Johannesburg, Marataba is a family-friendly space to which one can quickly retreat. The challenge with Marataba is also the beauty of Marataba – there are only 15 luxury tented suites on 23000 hectares. While many other game reserves can rely more on radio messages to find animals, the rangers here can't intercept as many. Still the sightings are good, it just means you may need to go looking – and that's half the fun of it. The lodge sits at the foothills of the Waterburg Mountains and boasts magnificent scenery. It's the perfect spot to flop into a hammock and enjoy a good book, snack on a high tea, laze in the pool or take a nap on your suite's private deck. Dinners here are a sumptuous affair under lantern-lit trees.

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MORUKURU FAMILY

Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa

This opulent destination is the ideal place to take your family to experience the wonder of South Africa's Big Five, while being waited on hand and foot. Andrew (your game ranger) and Carrie are warm hosts, who will make sure you want for nothing, your private chef makes every meal a memorable occasion and your butler intuitively knows just when a coffee or cocktail is needed, and the cleaning staff is fastidious. Owners House has only two bedrooms and the aforementioned team is there just for you. The villa's facilities include a heated swimming pool, Tsala, library, lounge and dining area as well as a wine cellar. Meals and activities are at leisure, and follow your timetable. For larger families, Morukuru Family also has a three-bedroom villa (River House) and a five-bedroom villa (Farm House).

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DELAIRE GRAFF

Cape Winelands, South Africa

This Relais & Chateaux property is an unparalleled destination for wine, art and hospitality in one of the most breathtaking settings imaginable. With uninterrupted views of the Stellenbosch Valley to catch your eye outside, and original art from Laurence Graff's personal collection inside, the estate is a veritable feast for the eyes. With a comfortable blend of Cape Dutch architecture and African artefacts and styling, and unsurpassed levels of luxury, service and privacy, your stay at Delaire Graff Estate is sure to be unforgettable. Enjoy award-winning wines from their state of the art winery, dine in flagship restaurants, or stroll through the botanical paradise, there is something for everyone in this peaceful sanctuary. Each of the ten luxury lodges is tailored to provide an unrivalled guest experience, and while linked to the main lodge, afford guests utmost privacy.

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ETALI SAFARI LODGE

Madikwe Safari Lodge, South Africa

This stylish and luxurious lodge lies within the magnificent malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve and has a reputation for offering its guests a unique bush experience where nature, relaxation and luxury combine to create an unforgettable bushveld experience. The lodge offers eight spacious en-suite bedrooms each with their own private deck and splash pool. The pools are heated during the winter months and each suite has a gorgeous fireplace to keep you warm in winter. Family rooms with two back-to-back rooms with all the luxurious features of the suites are available. These rooms also enjoy the use of a private lapa. There are two game drives a day and you may experience the joys of witnessing the Big Five in their natural habitat as well as several rarer species such as the African wild dog, cheetah and black rhino.

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ATHOL PLACE

Sandton, South Africa

Welcoming smiles, a seamless check-in, a beautiful suite and excellent food are what makes this the best small boutique hotel in Johannesburg. Whether it's business, leisure or just taking your significant other out for the night, Athol Place provides a tranquil, calm and green setting in close range of Sandton's hub. African safari chic decor makes for a pleasing visual experience, the beds are amazing and the pillows - super comfortable. Add a good bottle of red wine plus a delicious dinner and a deep night's slumber is ensured. Athol Place is Sandton's first Relais & Chateaux property and its five-C's-promise of charm, calm, character, courtesy and cuisine is safe with this lovely property. Andrew (General Manager), Eluisa (Marketing and a gracious hostess) and Enoch (waiter) are gems that enhance ones stay greatly.

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THE OUTPOST

Northern Kruger Park, South Africa

In the most northern, and remote part of the Kruger National Park, you'll find The Outpost within the 26500 hectares of Makuleke Contractual Park. Well known for its abundant wildlife, apart from large herds of elephant and buffalo, you will also spot Nyala, antelope which is not easily found in the more southern regions of the park, and over 350 recorded bird species. Here too, you will find some of the largest and oldest Baobab specimens. The Outpost's clean lines, combining elements of steel, concrete and open space, which blend into its natural surroundings. There is a large main building with accommodation in twelve stand-alone en-suite rooms. All of the buildings are linked by a half-kilometre-long Zimbabwean-teak walkway. The views from the Lodge and the rooms are unforgettable and must be seen to be appreciated.

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MADIKWE SAFARI LODGE

Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa

Put this one right near the top of your list as a family safari destination. Madikwe caters well to honeymooners and families alike, by having three separate lodges within close proximity of one another. Dithaba's and Lelapa are good for families, while Kopano is more intimate, perfect for romantic couples. Meals are a joy, the kids will love Eco House, and the team that takes care of you always goes the extra mile to please. Game viewing in the malaria-free Madikwe Reserve, is not to be underestimated with its rich biodiversity of mammals, such as Africa's Big Five, cheetah, wild dog, brown and spotted hyena, oryx, eland, springbok and ostrich. The lodge's distinctive and unique design blends into its natural surroundings, it is a fun, intriguing space in which to be.

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