



A View for Africa

Perched above an indigenous forest line, offering a canopy of green for as far as the eye can see, Tsala Treetop Lodge and Villas, is a hauntingly beautiful retreat set deep in the South African Garden Route.

The essence of Africa echoes like waves rolling over the treetops, as birdlife, fortunate to inhabit such a sanctuary, sing various tunes and chirps that seem to harmonise into one big bushveld chorus. The excitement about Tsala Treetop Lodge and Villas is that luxury accommodation takes place – almost as though plucked from a set of Universal Studios – amidst all of this action, elevated in private, stilted suites and villas, affording guests some of the most scenic views in the area. Full advantage of the lushness of the Garden Route is taken at this exclusive lodge, with close attention to detail being paid with respect to the ubiquitous ‘Mother Africa’ setting. Contemporary Afro-chic décor, complete with many handcrafted fittings, creates a relaxed and informal setting, from the reception area to the restaurants, and private residences as well.

In a type of harmonious contrast, the raw beauty of nature is juxtaposed against

ingenious architecture, gifting guests the thrill of treetop living, with thanks to expansive and impressive stilted structures that seem to defy gravity at every turn and head skyways – reaching above the forest limit. Ten bespoke suites and six two-bedroom villas are all tucked among the canopy of trees, complete with infinity pools and private balconies that offer seclusion, romance and unadulterated relaxation. “If you are visiting with children (10 years +), they have the option of sharing a two-bedroom Treetop Villa with their parents, complete with night time stories and special turn-down service that will have them feeling like African royalty.”

Wining and dining is a pleasure, complete with specialist wine cellar for those viticulture connoisseurs, and Zinzi restaurant provides an à la carte setting with award-winning cuisine perfectly themed for this neck of the...ahem...woods. For breakfast, guests have the choice of in-suite dining, or joining others on the specialist deck, complete with a myriad of birds to spot, over the treetops.

The Garden Route also offers guests so much in terms of activities, sightseeing and leisure options, that boredom won’t be possible. From swimming with seals in the ocean and viewing free-flight birds and monkeys in the world’s largest sanctuary of its type, Birds of Eden, to interacting with the great African elephant or capturing (on film, that is) big cats in their natural habitat – a true African experience is ensured that extends further than any conventional safari. Water activities are also plentiful, due to the close proximity of the Indian Ocean and several rivers and lagoons. From high-speed boating, to whale watching, surfing, kayaking and shark cage diving – your days spent staying at Tsala will not go by un-enjoyed. And, when the plethora of activities, sights and experiences have pleasantly worn you out, spa treatments can be booked in the privacy of your suite or villa to help you unwind, slow time and reflect on moments spent reconnecting with the incomparable African wilderness.

Meaning “the elevated resting place” in Swahili, Tsala combines so many elements guests are seeking when it comes to premium leisure. World-class accommodation, complete with all of the modern comforts and technologies, coupled with truly majestic scenery and a real appreciation for nature form a pampered base camp from which to explore the irreverent Garden Route. And with their finger close on the pulse of conservation and community (supporting Siyazama Child Nursery), Tsala is a great choice when it comes to those seeking eco-tourism luxury options. ■

