



LET'S TALK FACTS



THE THANDA SAFARI QUICK FACTS

- ◆ Thanda Safari is steeped in Zulu history with the Mduna Royal Reserve being part of the greater Thanda Safari Reserve linking conservation and the Zulu culture.
- ◆ Thanda Safari is actively involved in conservation and wildlife research and is working to uplift the local communities through 'Star for Life' and other projects.
- ◆ Thanda Safari offers three different accommodation types, each with their own style, atmosphere and appeal: Thanda Safari Lodge, Villa iZulu and Thanda Tented Camp.
- ◆ Big Five game viewing with traversing in 14 000 ha of nature reserve.
- ◆ Fantastic bush/beach combination with easy road access to southern Mozambique.
- ◆ A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

LOCATION

- ◆ Thanda Safari is situated in the heart of Zululand, KwaZulu Natal (KZN), with close proximity to the warm Indian Ocean.
- ◆ Among South Africa's most popular holiday destinations, KZN has one of the country's most enviable subtropical climates, with the area being known - locally and globally - as an incredibly diverse and exciting region to visit.



THANDA SAFARI

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

FACT SHEET

GETTING HERE

✈ BY AIR: Richards Bay is the closest commercial airport (1½-hour drive), and the closest international airport is King Shaka International Airport, Durban (3-hour drive). SA Airlink flies into neighbouring Phinda Private Game Reserve on a daily basis, departing O.R Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg at 13h20 (flying via Skukuza) arriving at 14h10. Return flights depart Phinda Airstrip at 10h00 (flying via Nelspruit) arriving at O.R. Tambo at 14h25. Mkuze Airfield, which is a 1.8km tarred runway and used for chartered flights, is a 45-minute drive from Thanda Safari by car.

🚗 BY ROAD: Thanda Safari is situated 23km north of Hluhluwe on the N2, towards Mkuze, approximately 220km north of Durban. The reserve is easily accessible from the N2 by gravel road (no 4x4 required), the D242 extending approximately 5km to the west.

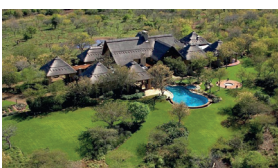
BEST TIME TO GO

- ◆ Excellent game viewing all year round. The best time to travel to Zululand is in the cooler months; May to October is optimal. Rainfall occurs between October and March and peaks in January.
- ◆ The average temperature in January is 28°C with high humidity, and the average temperature in July is 22°C.

ACCOMMODATION



THANDA SAFARI LODGE: The Lodge has 9 beautiful bush suites, each with a plunge pool and a thatched outdoor game-viewing deck (sala). The suites are all equipped with private bomas. Communal areas include a reception area, a lounge & cigar bar, a library overlooking a waterhole favoured by elephants, a private business area, dining area, boma, wine cellar and a curio shop. Thanda Safari Lodge also offers magnificent spa facilities.



VILLA IZULU: The Villa can accommodate ten guests in five luxuriously appointed suites (three queen and two twin beds). Encompassing 1 000m² of elegant luxury, it is equipped with a private boma, library and wine cellar. It has a business room with internet connectivity, games room, heated swimming pool, jacuzzi, a magnificent viewing deck overlooking a waterhole often visited by the Big Five, and it also has its own helicopter pad. It is surrounded by lush, green gardens.



THANDA TENTED CAMP: The Tented Camp has 15 tents, one of which is the Jabula (Happiness) Tent. Each tent has a private viewing deck and en-suite canvas bathroom. Jabula Tent has a private splash pool, a separate lounge and larger deck area, and the bathroom has an oval bath, double vanity with inside and outside showers. Communal areas at the Tented Camp include a reception area, curio shop, spacious bar and guest lounge area, a dining tent, a 5x10 meter rim-flow pool, a viewing deck and boma for outside dining. Spa treatments can be enjoyed in the privacy of your tent or at the spa tent.



ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Two daily game drives (early morning and late afternoon).
- ◆ Guided bush walks (optional), only included in the rate at Thanda Safari Lodge and Villa iZulu, subject to availability.
- ◆ 90-minute photography lessons, included in the rate, subject to availability.
- ◆ Photographic safaris with professional guides.
- ◆ Bird watching.

THANDA SAFARI SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- ~ In the Footsteps of the Zulus (fully tailor-made excursion – visit a local Zulu community to learn more about their culture and tribal history) - daily.
- ~ In the Path of Wildlife (fully tailor-made activity – spend a day with the Thanda Wildlife Conservation Team) - daily.
- ~ Hippo & Croc Cruise (5-hour excursion, minimum 2 pax) - daily.
- ~ Rhino Tracking (3- to 4-hour activity, maximum 4 pax) - daily.
- ~ Rhino Darting (please contact reservations for detailed information on this activity).
- ~ Zulu Blessing (a traditional blessing beneath the romantic marula tree - includes a half-day private vehicle).

CHILDREN AT THANDA SAFARI LODGE & VILLA IZULU

- ◆ Children of all ages are welcome. Children under 2 years stay free of charge.
- ◆ Children aged 2–16 pay 50% off RACK when sharing a suite with 2 full paying adults.
- ◆ Two children aged 16 and younger can be accommodated with 2 parents.
- ◆ Cots are available for children up to the age of 2; Children aged 3–16 sleep on individual single beds.
- ◆ Children aged 17 and older will be charged standard rates.

CHILDREN AT THANDA TENTED CAMP

- ◆ Children aged 6 and older are welcome at Thanda Tented Camp.
- ◆ Children aged 6–16 pay 50% off RACK when sharing a tent with 2 full paying adults.
- ◆ Children aged 6–16 sleep on individual single beds (stretcher beds).
- ◆ One child under 16 can be accommodated with 2 adults - additional accommodation required for 2 or more children.
- ◆ Children aged 17 and older will be charged standard rates.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Kids are invited by their guides to complete The Junior Rangers Course during their stay. Kids will be taught about different mammals, birds, trees, spoors and even stars. Special bush walks in the vicinity of the accommodation will be arranged for younger children.



GOOD TO KNOW

- ◆ **CHILDREN:** Children under 6 participate in a game drive at the guide's and manager's discretion. (Please note: A private vehicle needs to be booked). No children under 3 will be allowed on open game viewers. Childminders are available at a nominal extra rate and must be booked on arrival. Children under 3 may not dine in the boma, dining room or on decks. A private boma experience may be arranged for families travelling with children under 3. Alternatively, room service dinner and a childminder can be arranged.
- ◆ **MALARIA:** KwaZulu Natal is classified a low-risk malaria area, and Thanda Safari has been declared 99% malaria-free by the World Health Organisation.
- ◆ **ELECTRICITY:** The voltage is 220/250V and three-point, round-pin plugs are used in South Africa. Each of the suites at Thanda Safari Lodge and Villa iZulu is equipped with universal plugs. Thanda Tented Camp does not have electricity; there is solar lighting in the tents and power is generated for a few hours per day.
- ◆ **WIFI:** Wifi is available at Thanda Safari Lodge and Villa iZulu and in the communal area at Thanda Tented Camp.
- ◆ **CREDIT CARDS:** All major credit cards accepted.
- ◆ **VISAS:** Citizens from certain countries require visas, with requirements changing from time to time. It is best to check in advance.