

# Your private escape in the wild

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The freedom  
of the bush.

*The comfort  
of home.*

**The Monwana Villa is a private safari home, designed so you truly feel at home. Set in South Africa's Greater Kruger National Park, life here follows a gentle pace. Each day is built around how you want to experience the bush, with space for quiet, connection, and the comfort of familiar faces.**

Created for those who value seclusion and a personalised rhythm, Monwana Villa offers sweeping bushveld views, two elegant en-suite bedrooms, and expansive living areas where you can gather, dine, and share the day's adventures. Here, every detail is tailored around you and your loved ones, from your private chef's menu to relaxed afternoons at your pool or fireside.

# Where to Find Us

# Our Footprint



# What makes Monwana so unique?

## A HOME IN THE BUSH, JUST FOR YOU.

**Monwana is for those who value privacy and time together. With exclusive use of the residence, you set the rhythm, whether that's a family breakfast on your deck, a quiet hour by the pool, or an unhurried dinner as the sun sets.**

Game drives run on your schedule, guided by people who know both the land and its stories intimately. Meals are cooked and enjoyed wherever you choose, indoors or under the stars. Every feature is made for easy connection – spacious living areas, bedrooms opening onto the bush, your own fire deck, and space for yoga or afternoon rest. At Monwana, the days naturally unfold around what feels right.





# Our Environmental Commitment



## **SUSTAINABILITY THAT RUNS DEEP**

Sustainability is built into every decision we make at Monwana.

Our passion for this wild place drives our commitment to reducing our footprint. Solar power, advanced water systems and thoughtful design all play a role in how the lodge operates.

Rain and borehole water are filtered for drinking, while treated grey water helps sustain the waterhole and surrounding landscape.

Every detail, from building materials to fresh produce, is chosen with care for the land and for local communities.



# Remarkable wildlife

Thornybush Nature Reserve's 14 000 hectares are characterised by mixed woodland, savannah, seasonal rivers and open plains.

The terrain is diverse and scenic, with rocky outcrops, thickets and waterholes attracting game throughout the day. The unfenced boundary with the Kruger National Park allows for the free movement of animals, creating a dynamic and ever-changing wilderness.

## **BIG FIVE**

- Elephant
- Rhino (black and white)
- Buffalo
- Lion
- Leopard

## **NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT SPECIES**

- African wild dog
- Cheetah
- Spotted hyena
- Hippo
- Warthog
- 300+ bird species
- Aardvark
- Porcupine

The image is a horizontal split. The left half shows an interior spa room with a large copper bathtub, a wooden table with a glass jar of bath salts, and a wooden cabinet with various bottles. The right half shows an outdoor stream with two flamingos standing in the water, surrounded by trees and a large tree trunk leaning over the stream.

# Experiences and adventures

## GAME DRIVES

Head out at sunrise and late afternoon in an open vehicle with no more than six guests, led by your field guide and sharp-eyed tracker. The vast, unfenced wilderness means you share the reserve with the Big Five, large herds, and elusive leopards.

There's never a rush, and everyone has a 'window' seat. A pause for hot coffee or sundowners in a scenic spot invites you to slow down and be present.



## BUSH WALKS

Discover small animal tracks and notice how the bush changes after rain as you walk with your field guide and tracker. These gentle walks awaken your senses and offer a new perspective on the landscape.

## BUSH SURPRISES

We love to set the scene for moments that linger. You might find yourself enjoying breakfast in the riverbed, a picnic in the open, or dinner beneath the stars when you least expect it.

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## STARGAZING

Our night skies are free of city light. As dusk falls, your field guide points out shifting constellations and shares stories tied to the land, making clear southern nights feel endless.

## SUSTAINABILITY TOUR

Our commitment to doing better is part of daily life. If you're curious, we'll show you how the lodge runs: solar power, smart water systems, and all the ways we tread lightly.



## WINE TASTING

Discover new favourites from well-loved South African estates and hidden boutique cellars. We'll tailor tastings and food pairings to match your preferences.

### SPA AND WELLNESS

Treatments draw on botanical ingredients and the sounds of the bush, whether you come for a quiet massage or just to find some stillness. The fitness centre looks out onto the surrounding bush, but sometimes your deck is the perfect place for a gentle stretch or some morning movement.



### SHOPPING

Our boutique features a curated range of locally made clothing, art, accessories, and keepsakes, each piece crafted especially for our guests.

### HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

See the world open up beneath you with a one-hour scenic flight over the Blyde River Canyon and bushveld. Weather and availability permitting, this activity is a chance to put the reserve's scale and life into perspective.

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## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

We offer access to unique conservation activities with the Thornybush team for those who wish to look deeper (pre-booking required).

### Projects may include:

- **Observing rhino dehorning or rhino monitoring flights**
- **Attending a K9 anti-poaching demonstration**

All conservation activities are subject to project schedules, availability, and additional cost.



## MOSABA RANGERS

Designed for young adventurers, the Mosaba Rangers programme introduces children to the bush through hands-on discovery. From track and spoor casting to wildlife education and survival skills, each activity encourages curiosity, confidence and a deeper connection to nature.

# Accommodation



**Monwana is your exclusive escape – spacious and thoughtfully appointed for effortless living in the bush.**



**Two elegant en-suite bedrooms,** each with its own private deck and plunge pool – the perfect space to unwind or watch wildlife wander by.



**Expansive open-plan living and dining areas** where stories are shared, meals are savoured, and every window frames a piece of wild Africa.



**Fully equipped gourmet kitchen** and stocked pantry – meals and snacks are crafted just for you, whenever you wish.



**Outdoor entertainment patio** with barbecue and fire deck – excellent for sundowners, stargazing, or late-night laughter around the flames.



**Three private plunge pools** and a wide deck for lazing in the sun and family swims.

# Monwana Lodge

The four Suites and two Family Suites have views over the waterhole, and each comes with ample space to call your own.

DEPTH  
1.5m

# Practical information

## GETTING HERE



### BY AIR

- Daily scheduled flights to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport (HDS)
- Private charters can land at the Thornybush airstrip; helipad available on site.



### TRANSFERS

- Private road transfer between Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport and the lodge can be arranged (approximately 45 minutes)



### BY ROAD

- 6.5-hour drive from Johannesburg (308 miles / 495 km)
- 6 hours from Pretoria (291 miles / 468 km)



## WHAT TO PACK

- Neutral-coloured clothing (beige, khaki, olive) for game drives and walks
- Layers for chilly mornings or winter evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals for around the lodge
- Sun hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Camera (rentals available)
- Casual attire for evenings

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Monwana is in a low-risk malaria area; consult your doctor about prophylaxis
- Closest hospital: Hoedspruit Private Hospital (1 hour away)

## CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the villa and lodge
- Fair mobile coverage
- International power outlets and USB charging points





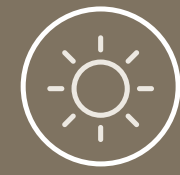
# Weather and seasonal highlights

South Africa is a year-round safari destination. Each season brings its own character and wildlife moments to Monwana.



## SPRING (September – November)

- **Temperature:** 17-28°C (63-82°F)
- **Rainfall:** 52mm (2in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Predators active around young animals; baby animals and migratory birds arrive
- **Landscape:** First rains spark wildflowers and lush green
- **Seasonal appeal:** Heightened wildlife activity, mild temperatures



## SUMMER (December – February)

- **Temperature:** 17-33°C (62-89°F)
- **Rainfall:** 128mm (5in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Peak calving, frequent predator sightings; stellar birdwatching
- **Landscape:** Verdant, dramatic thunderstorms, wildflowers everywhere
- **Seasonal appeal:** Lush scenery, dramatic skies, energetic game viewing



## AUTUMN (March – May)

- **Temperature:** 14-30°C (57-86°F)
- **Rainfall:** 52mm (2in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Clear predator sightings as the bush recedes; animals gather at water sources
- **Landscape:** Mild days, golden light – excellent for photography
- **Seasonal appeal:** Comfortable weather, ideal for game drives



## WINTER (June – August)

- **Temperature:** 11-25°C (52-77°F)
- **Rainfall:** 8mm (0.3in)
- **Wildlife highlights:** Animals concentrate around waterholes, fantastic tracking conditions
- **Landscape:** Thinner vegetation for wide-open views
- **Seasonal appeal:** Great for walking safaris, fewer insects, cosy evenings by the fire

A savanna landscape with an elephant in the center, viewed from a vehicle. The elephant is standing on a dirt path, surrounded by dry grass and trees. The text "Your Itinerary" is overlaid in white serif font.

# Your Itinerary

## Day One

### ARRIVAL AT MONWANA GAME LODGE

- Morning flight from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport (1 hour)
- Transfer to Monwana (45 minutes)
- Villa welcome and orientation
- Lunch on your private deck
- Meet your dedicated field guide
- Afternoon safari with sundowner stop in the bush
- Dinner under the stars

## Day Two

### A DAY OF WILD ADVENTURES

- Coffee and a light breakfast selection
- Morning game drive
- Guided bush walk
- Return to the Villa for a hearty brunch
- Afternoon at leisure with spa or wellness experiences
- Optional lunch available
- Depart for afternoon safari
- Dinner and evening stargazing

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## Day Three

### A DAY OF NATURAL WONDER

- Coffee and a light breakfast selection
- Morning safari and bush breakfast
- Return to the Villa for breakfast
- Time at leisure beside your private pool or sustainability tour
- Lunch prepared by your private chef
- Afternoon game drive or optional helicopter experience over the Blyde River Canyon
- Dinner in a surprise location



## Day Four

### DEPARTURE AND ONWARD JOURNEY

- Sunrise safari
- Breakfast overlooking the waterhole
- Check out and transfer to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport
- Flight departure for onward journey





# Impact that ripples

**COLLECTIVELY CREATING  
POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL,  
AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**

**Through the MORE Collection Impact Fund, every guest stay contributes to four key areas: Health and Wellbeing, Resource Sustainability, Education and Training, and Investing in Local Communities.**

At Monwana Game Lodge, this includes support for local employment, hospitality training, conservation initiatives, and long-term investment in the communities connected to the Greater Kruger landscape.

A wooden treehouse built around a large, gnarled tree trunk. The structure features multiple levels, including a main deck where a man and a woman are standing and talking. The treehouse is illuminated with warm, glowing lights, and the background shows a sunset sky over a dense forest.

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# Discovering South Africa



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GAME RESERVE

## IVORY LODGE

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*Refined safari living shaped by the Sabie River*



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## RIVER LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE  
*A safari lodge connected to the rhythm of the Sabie River*



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GAME RESERVE

## NARINA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE  
*A quieter safari experience in the trees above the Sabie River*



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## TINGA LODGE

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE  
*A classic safari shaped by connection, discovery and the Sabie River*



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MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK  
*A family-friendly safari in the heart of the Waterberg Mountains*



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