

Thornybush
SASEKA
TENTED CAMP



Thornybush Nature Reserve

Thornybush is one of the original nature reserves in the Greater Kruger National Park, with the first lodge opening its doors in 1961. Since then, the Thornybush group now operates lodges in both the Thornybush and Sabi Sand Private Nature Reserves.

Thornybush is a 14,000-hectare private nature reserve that shares a fenceless border with the famous Kruger National Park in South Africa. Big 5 encounters are the standout experiences for our guests, with visitors particularly impressed with the lion and leopard sightings. It is the vast diversity of wildlife, however, that has seen Thornybush emerge as a leading safari destination.

With our passionate and expert guide-and-tracker teams leading the way, our guests leave with a genuine understanding of our entire ecosystem and the enthralling cast of animals.





Saseka Tented Camp

Saseka, the Tsonga word for beautiful, feels very much like a shining jewel in our Thornybush crown. Silvio Rech & Lesley Carstens Architecture and Design, who have been designing bush lodges for over 32 years and are leaders in their field, were the visionaries who brought the dream of Saseka into reality, a lodge that has a strikingly unique layout and finds a superb balance between cutting-edge design, classical style and feeling connected to the outside environment.

A distinct curve in the river was a natural catalyst for the site of the main area, a large, tiered deck with a broad view of the riverbed and a cleverly designed roof that mimics the dappled light of a tree canopy. This is where we love to meet with our guests for a drink or a meal, share stories and listen to the afternoon breeze bringing the surrounding trees to life.

The tented suites allow the sounds of nature and the bush to filter in to give the guests a truly immersed safari experience. Each tented suite has its own private pool, outdoor shower, sundeck and is air conditioned.



Camp Overview

9 Luxury tents each with private deck and plunge pool, overlooking Monwana dry riverbed (no triples allowed)

1 Leadwood Villa:

- Sleeps two adults
- Private lounge, deck and plunge pool
- Private vehicle (when booked on certain rates)
- For small groups, of up to 6 people, additional guests can be accommodated in standard tents

Spacious and beautifully designed lounge and dining space in the main area

Spa available

Airstrip

Mobile coverage

Wifi



Tents & Leadwood Villa

Air-conditioned

Kettle

Indoor bath and shower

Mosquito net

Outdoor shower

USB / International adaptor

Coffee machine

Phone

Wifi

In-room safe

Gratuity information

Amenities

Hairdryer

Included in your stay

Morning and afternoon game drives

Walks on request, can be arranged with your guide

All meals

Laundry included when booked on certain rates

Local beverages included when booked on certain rates

Excluded

Beverages when booked on certain rates

Champagne, premium wines and spirits

Curio shop purchases

Spa treatments and yoga

Gratuities

Levies

Additional activities





Other information you may like to know

The camp is not fenced but has an electric strand to discourage buffalo and elephant

Check in 14H00 / check out 11H00

All credit cards accepted except American Express

Children Policy

Children from 12 years of age are welcome

- Should the Leadwood Villa along with a private vehicle be booked, younger children may be considered
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Children under 16 years of age are not permitted on bush walks

A Typical Day

Times will vary depending on the season and are based on sunrise and sunset times

Wake-up

Morning tea & coffee with a selection of homemade rusks, biscuits and fruit will be served on the deck before departing for your morning drive

Game drive, approximately 3 hours

Breakfast served on return from game drive

Lunch

High tea will be served prior to afternoon game drive

Game drive, approximately 3 hours

Opportunity to enjoy a drink at the bar or freshen up before dinner is served

Optional activities

Bush walks daily, during or after the game drive. This can be discussed directly with your guide

Spa treatments

External activities (such as panoramic tours / Hot Air ballooning) can be arranged

Community Visits



Covid-19

The Thornybush group prides itself on offering high quality, safe safari experiences to our guests from around the world. With this in mind, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been working hard to ensure we are ready to welcome you back! We have implemented stringent hygiene and safety protocols to make sure that our guests and team members continue to remain safe, without compromising the quality of the safari experience.

Covid-19 PCR Testing

We are now able to offer guests staying at any of our lodges a Covid-19 PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test prior to their departure from any of our lodges. The purpose of this test is to detect the presence of genetic material from the Covid-19 virus in the nasal or oral cavity. Most countries require this test to be conducted within 72 hours of departure.

For guests that are staying at Simbambili Game Lodge in the Sabi Sand Wildtuin, or any of our lodges in the Thornybush Game Reserve, we can assist with arrangements; further information is available on request.



Health Declaration

All guests are required to sign a health declaration prior to arrival, a link for this will be sent along with your booking confirmation.

Indemnity

All guests are required to sign an indemnity prior to arrival, a link for this will be sent along with your booking confirmation.



SATIB Insurance

24HR emergency call facility for:

- any medical emergency involving bodily injury to or life-threatening illness contracted by one of our guests or passengers
- guests or passengers experiencing any natural disaster, such as a flood or fire

Africa Safe-T

All our lodges are affiliated with Africa Safe-T, a medical rescue organisation, which provides an immediate response for emergencies – fixed wing planes and helicopters.

Arrangements can also be made should there be a need for a doctor. The closest doctor would be in Hoedspruit – a 50-minute drive. The cost will be charged to the guest's account.

Travel Insurance

It is the Guests' sole and absolute responsibility to ensure that they have adequate and suitable comprehensive travel and medical insurance in place to cover themselves, as well as any dependents | travelling companions. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the booking, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, hometown repatriation expenses, damage and/or theft / and/or loss of personal property, baggage, money, and goods.

Thornybush, their representatives, directors, officers, employees, and agents will not be responsible for any damage, loss, costs or expenses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or travelling companions, as a result of or in connection with any of the abovementioned events. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

FAQ's

What is the weather like?

Daytime summer temperatures (September – April) are high and may soar above 36°C/97°F. Evenings and early mornings are warm. Winters (May – August) have chilly nights and crisp early mornings (minimum 3°C/38°F), but the days are fine and warm. Rainfall occurs predominantly in the summer months from October to April in the form of magnificent late afternoon/evening thundershowers.

What should I pack for my stay?

The dress code is informal and neutral colours are recommended. A warm jacket/scarf and beanies for winter and evening safaris. Comfortable walking shoes, a bathing costume, binoculars, camera, and video camera. Sunhats, sunscreen, and sunglasses. A select range of safari clothing and amenities are available for purchase in our Curio Shops.

Should I take Malaria Medication?

The lodges are situated in a low-risk malaria area. Precautions are taken annually to treat the lodges and minimize risk. We recommend you consult your medical practitioner on anti-malaria prophylactics.

Lodge Layout

