



KWANDWE

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

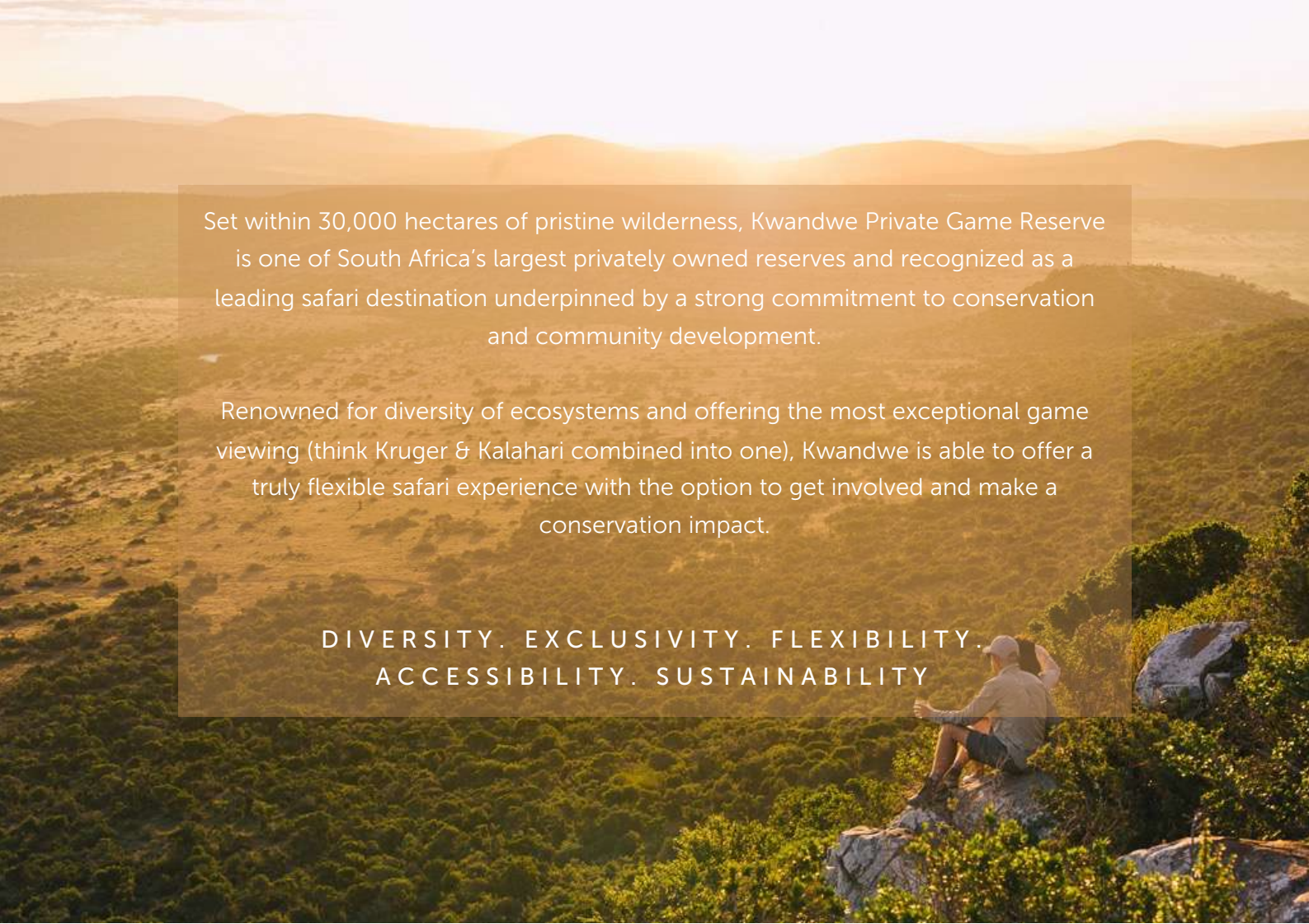
Rhino Conservation Experiences

Rhino Monitoring Drive, Rhino Conservation Participation and Backstage Kwandwe

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve offers guests the rare opportunity to help in the conservation of a critically endangered species with three unique rhino conservation experiences.

SOUTH AFRICA





Set within 30,000 hectares of pristine wilderness, Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is one of South Africa's largest privately owned reserves and recognized as a leading safari destination underpinned by a strong commitment to conservation and community development.

Renowned for diversity of ecosystems and offering the most exceptional game viewing (think Kruger & Kalahari combined into one), Kwandwe is able to offer a truly flexible safari experience with the option to get involved and make a conservation impact.

**DIVERSITY. EXCLUSIVITY. FLEXIBILITY.
ACCESSIBILITY. SUSTAINABILITY**

Conservation at Kwandwe

Kwandwe's purpose as a tourism-conservation entity is to contribute sustainably to the environment, protect the incredible biodiversity of South Africa, and positively impact the surrounding communities.

While Kwandwe is a Big 5 reserve and rich in diversity of wildlife, the keystone conservation species are black and white rhino. The rich ecosystem of open plains and bushveld thickets provides the ideal environment, and the reserve currently supports healthy and growing populations of both black and white rhinos. With a very high level of poaching and rhino horn trafficking within South Africa, there is an urgent need to help protect and preserve this vulnerable species.

At Kwandwe, guests have the rare opportunity to become active participants in this important conservation work with three unique and immersive rhino conservation experiences which directly supports the
KWANDWE RHINO CONSERVATION TRUST.

RHINO MONITORING DRIVE
RHINO CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION
BACKSTAGE KWANDWE



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Rhino Monitoring Drive

Rhino Conservation Participation

Backstage Kwandwe

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2024	2025
R 16 750	R 17 500
per drive	per drive

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2024	2025
R 85 500	R 95 000
per group	per group

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2025 – EXCLUSIVE GROUP
R 115 500
per group

OVERVIEW

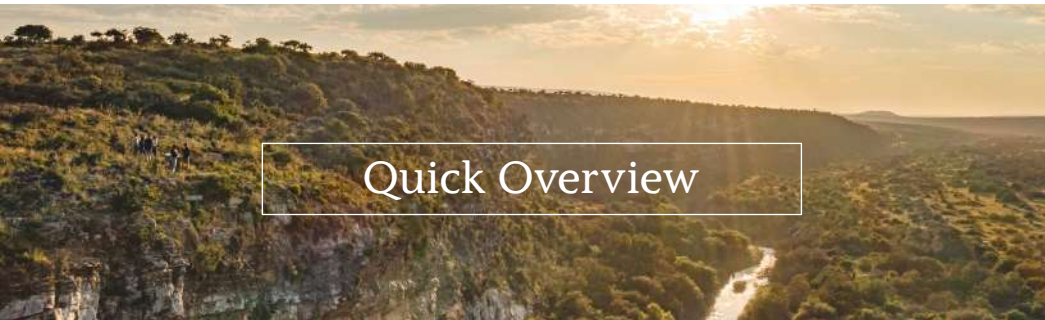
- # GUESTS: Up to 6 guests
- DURATION: 3-4 hours
- MINIMUM STAY: 2-nights
- STAY: Lodges or Villas
- BEST TIME OF YEAR: All year round
- CHILDREN: All ages welcome
- PRIVATE VEHICLE: Included
- Prior booking required (subject to availability of a Rhino Conservation Expert)

OVERVIEW

- # GUESTS: Up to 8 guests
- DURATION: Afternoon and a morning
- MINIMUM STAY: 3-nights
- STAY: Lodges or Villas (Villas recommended)
- BEST TIME OF YEAR: May – September
- CHILDREN: Ages 6+
- PRIVATE VEHICLE: 1 day private vehicle required (R12,650 per day) for Lodge guests.
- Conservation Manager sign off required

OVERVIEW

- # GUESTS: Up to 8 guests
- DURATION: 4 days
- MINIMUM STAY: 4-nights
- STAY: Villas only
- BEST TIME OF YEAR: May – September
- CHILDREN: Ages 6+
- PRIVATE VEHICLE: Included in villa stays
- Prior booking required (Conservation Manager sign off required)



Quick Overview

The Conservation Contribution is paid to the Kwandwe Rhino Conservation Trust.
All rates exclude accommodation and the daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn

All procedures are undertaken for conservation & research only and the welfare of the animal is of primary concern.

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2025 – SET DATES & SHARED GROUP
R 18 415 per person

OVERVIEW

- # GUESTS: Up to 12 guests
- DURATION: 4 days
- MINIMUM STAY: 4-nights
- STAY: Ecce Lodge only
- SET DATES: 22 – 26 OR 26 – 30 September 2025
- CHILDREN: Ages 12+
- SHARED VEHICLE: Included
- Conservation Manager sign off approved

Rhino Monitoring Drive

2-NIGHT STAY

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

The Experience

Tracking and locating each of our rhinos to get an eyes-on check is a critical part of the monitoring and managing of the species in a private reserve.

Each rhino is identified through ear-notching and guests have the opportunity to join the rhino monitoring team as they skillfully use resources of bush skills, telemetry, drones and even AI as they locate individuals.

This is a drive with a difference, it is a fun and interactive learning experience as you are focused on the task at hand and have a mission to accomplish alongside the Kwandwe conservation team.

Up-Close & Personal

On this flexible, private rhino monitoring drive you learn the fascinating details of caring for these critically endangered animals. Their survival depends on the combined efforts of dedicated professionals, innovative technology, and crucial funding – with your support making a vital difference.

Tracking & Teamwork

Observe these animals through personal experience and radio telemetry, drones and even AI - used by your guide, ranger, and tracker for identification. Share in their knowledge and learn the personalities of each rhino you encounter.



Morning or afternoon drive with a rhino expert, private guide & tracker.



Interactive learning through identifying & tracking individual rhinos.



Keystone species conservation through observation & AI technology.



Up-close & personal monitoring experience with rhinos.



Specialist safari with private vehicle.

Rhino Monitoring Drive

2-NIGHT STAY OR MORE

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2024

R 16 750 per drive

2025

R 17 500 per drive

10% commissionable

Price excludes accommodation

Overview

- Suited for: 2-6 guests
- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Recommended minimum stay: 2-nights
- Best time of year: All year round
- Children: All ages welcome
- Prior booking required (subject to availability of a Rhino Conservation Expert)

Inclusions

Rhino Conservation Expert leading the drive | Private Guide & Tracker | Private Vehicle | Identify & Track Individual Animals | Refreshments on drives

Exclusions

- Accommodation for stays at all lodges and villas.
- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn

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Rhino Conservation Participation

3-NIGHT STAY

AVAILABLE MAY – SEPTEMBER (COOLER MONTHS) | WARMER MONTHS ON SPECIAL REQUEST

The Experience

As the world of conservation integrates with technology and the power of AI, Kwandwe has embraced leading technology applications to preserve and protect their rhinos.

Besides the required DNA sample, each young rhino has to be ear-notched for ID purposes before it leaves its mother. The adult rhinos are also being fitted with state-of-the-art solar-powered ankle collars that feed critical information to the conservation team on the movement, stress levels and behaviour of the rhinos.

This is a crucial tool for conservation and can only be done through the immobilisation of the rhino, providing a unique opportunity for Kwandwe guests to participate actively.

Prepare & Team Roles

Prepare for action with a comprehensive conservation briefing. Then, alongside Angus Sholto-Douglas (Managing Director) Craig Sholto-Douglas (Environmental Manager) and a veterinarian, you'll all be assigned roles for the morning's rhino conservation efforts.

Assist & Protect

Once the rhinos are located and sedated, assist the specialists on the ground with administering medication, taking scientific measurements, fitting ankle collars and monitoring the rhino's well-being. This is the most technologically advanced conservation system in place to protect rhinos and has yielded invaluable insights and learnings about rhino behaviour.



Comprehensive conservation briefing.



Identify & track individual animals and prepare for darting.



Keystone species conservation through rhino darting & notching.



Up-close & personal experience with Rhinos.



Meet the Kwandwe vets & spend time with the conservation team.

Rhino Conservation Participation

3-NIGHT STAY

AVAILABLE MAY – SEPTEMBER (COOLER MONTHS)

WARMER MONTHS ON SPECIAL REQUEST

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2024

R 85 500 per group

2025

R 95 000 per group

10% commissionable

Price excludes accommodation & private vehicle if required.

Overview

- Suited for up to 8 guests (best when staying in a villa with private vehicle)
- Recommended minimum stay: 3 nights
- Available May – September (cooler months). Warmer months on special request
- Children: Ages 6+
- Prior booking required (availability based on the reserve requirements for this procedure to be done, Conservation Manager sign off required)

Inclusions*

Arrival Rhino Monitoring Drive | Dinner with Conservation Manager | Morning with the conservation team and wildlife vets | Private guide & tracker | Full pre briefing | Hands on participation | Rhino darting | Ear notching &/or AI ankle collaring | Microchip horn | Administering medication | Taking Measurements of the Rhino

Exclusions

- 1 day of private vehicle required (R12,650 per day) for guests staying on a per room basis at Lodges. Villas stays include private vehicles.
- Accommodation for stays at all lodges and villas.
- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn



This crucial conservation process can only be done through the immobilisation of the rhino, providing a unique opportunity for active participation.

** All procedures are undertaken for conservation research only and the welfare of the animal is of primary concern.*

Backstage Kwandwe

4-NIGHT STAY

SHARED BACKSTAGE: 22 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2025 | 26 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

PRIVATE BACKSTAGE: MAY – SEPTEMBER ON A PRIVATE GROUP BASIS (EXCLUSIVE RATE)

Backstage Kwandwe is a unique opportunity to join the Kwandwe conservation team and gain a glimpse into what goes on behind the scenes in managing a privately owned reserve with complete responsibility for all flora and fauna. Available on 2 set dates in September for a shared Backstage experience or from May to September on an exclusive group basis. This is a rare opportunity to gain a first-hand understanding of the commitment required to sustain and conserve a private wilderness area in South Africa.

The Experience

Backstage Kwandwe is dedicated to Kwandwe's behind-the-scenes activities, offered to a limited number of guests. Participants will work alongside the Kwandwe team in an exclusive dive into keystone species conservation. In addition to important rhino conservation work, guests will have the opportunity to learn about the K9 APU team, the Spekboom planting project, and the advanced technology and AI initiatives being used in this vital conservation effort. The 4-night stay includes extended time over dinners and bush breakfasts with the conservation team.

Dates & Accommodation

SHARED BACKSTAGE: 4 NIGHTS | RATES PER PERSON

SET DATES: 22 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2025 & 26 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Guests enjoying the shared Backstage Kwandwe experience will stay at Ecce Lodge. Max 12 guests in 6 suites. 2 vehicles of 6 people each.

PRIVATE BACKSTAGE: 4 NIGHTS | RATES PER GROUP

FLEXIBLE DATES: MAY - SEPTEMBER

Guests enjoying the private Backstage Kwandwe experience will stay at one of the private villas. Max 8 guests. 1 vehicle and private guide.



Delve into the Kwandwe conservation story with Angus and Craig Sholto-Douglas.



Meet the anti-poaching team and see the K9 dogs in action.



Plant spekboom and offset your carbon.



Get involved with the setting of camera traps.



Keystone species conservation through rhino darting & notching.



Interact with drone technology & the Earth Ranger software.



Meet the Kwandwe vets & spend time with the conservation team.

Exclusive Backstage Kwandwe

4-NIGHT STAY

AVAILABLE MAY – SEPTEMBER (COOLER MONTHS)

WARMER MONTHS ON SPECIAL REQUEST

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION

2025

R 115 500 per group

10% commissionable

Price excludes accommodation.

Overview

- Suited for up to 8 guests (only available for villa stays with private vehicle)
- Recommended minimum stay: 4 nights
- Available May – September (cooler months). Warmer months on special request
- Children: Ages 6+
- Prior booking required (availability based on the reserve requirements for this procedure to be done, Conservation Manager sign off required)

Inclusions*

Private guide & tracker | Rhino Monitoring Drive | Dinner with Conservation Manager | Morning and evening safaris with a rhino focus | Dinner with Reserve Ecologist | Morning with Conservation Team and Wildlife Vets | Full pre briefing | Hands on participation | Rhino darting | Ear notching &/or AI ankle collaring | Microchip horn | Administering medication | Taking measurements of the rhino | Technology interaction and drone demonstration | Informative presentations from the conservation team | APU K9 dog team | Spekboom planting, habitat preservation and carbon sequestration.

Exclusions

- Accommodation for stays at all villas.
- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn



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Shared Backstage Kwandwe

4-NIGHT STAY

SET DATES: 22 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2025 & 26 – 30
SEPTEMBER 2025

TOTAL: R 67 315 per person sharing

4-nights at Ecca Lodge:

R 48 900 pp

(including 25% discount)

Contracted % commission applies

Conservation Contribution:

R 18 415 pp

(Rhino Conservation fee)

10% commissionable

Rate breakdown

- 4-nights accommodation (arrive on the 22 Sep or 26 Sep) with a saving of 25% at Ecca Lodge
- Rhino Conservation contribution: R 18 415
- Single supplement applies to accommodation (40%)
- Children: Suited for ages 12+

Inclusions

Private guide & tracker | Rhino Monitoring Drive | Dinner with Conservation Manager | Camera trap set up | Morning and evening safaris with a rhino focus | Dinner with Reserve Ecologist | Morning with Conservation Team and Wildlife Vets | Full pre briefing | Hands on participation | Rhino darting | Ear notching &/or AI ankle collaring | Microchip horn | Administering medication | Taking measurements of the rhino | Technology interaction and drone demonstration | Informative presentations from the conservation team | APU K9 dog team | Spekboom planting, habitat preservation and carbon sequestration.

Exclusions

- Daily Conservation & Community levy: R 1 500 pppn



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