



## THANDA SAFARI

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

### Collars for Conservation Package

An Impactful Big Five Safari for Those Seeking to *Travel with a Purpose*

#### CONSERVATION ON SAFARI

[Thanda Safari](#), the Big Five game reserve situated on 14 000 hectares in the northern reaches of Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal, is inviting families and friends to *travel with a purpose* and join them on a once-in-a-lifetime African safari.

With every booking facilitating the purchase of a GPS collar, the five-night *Collars for Conservation* Safari offers six guests the rare opportunity to witness first-hand the positive impact of their visit. They will join the Wildlife Conservation Team in identifying, darting to sedate and placing a collar on one of Africa's iconic species – a lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah or hyena. An essential yet thrilling task, this contribution enables the wildlife conservation team to more effectively monitor and protect the animal as well as gather much needed data for research.

Guests are also invited to join the wildlife conservation team as they undertake their daily tasks to safeguard and preserve the animals that call the reserve home. Whether tracking big game such as the endangered rhino, using telemetry equipment to locate a rehabilitating cheetah or examining footage from a carefully placed camera trap, they will gain in-depth awareness of the threats faced by some of Africa's diminishing species together with insight into their behavioural and feeding patterns, ecology and more.

#### A PRIVATE EXPERIENCE

Offering the perfect solution for today's challenges, this five-night immersive safari for six guests includes helicopter transfers straight from Durban's King Shaka International Airport to [Villa iZulu](#), Thanda Safari's magnificent five-suite bush homestead that, amongst many other attributes, features its own helipad. Combining five-star hotel service with the discretion of a private home, the villa's laid-back ambiance, characterised by high thatched roofs, airy lounges and spacious grounds, invites guests to relax into a slow tempo when not out exploring the reserve.

#### BUSH, BEACH & MORE

The package also includes game drives led by professional safari guides who have grown up on these lands, bush walks accompanied with armed rangers to observe the activities of its smaller residents and listening to the soundscapes of the bush over dinners under the stars deep in the wilds.

Furthermore, approximately 100km east of Thanda lies the remote 9-Mile Beach, located in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, an area of 220km of pristine, protected coastline. Guests' stay concludes with a scenic 25 minute flight crossing the Lebombo Mountains and a drive through the sand forest and dunes before being greeted by the warm Indian Ocean and a sumptuous beach braai (barbeque). Following an afternoon of sun, sea and sand they will fly back via the western range for a 360° panoramic sunset sundowner, capping off a most memorable stay.

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## THE DETAILS

### The Helicopter

The helicopter is a Eurocopter EC130 B4 helicopter that can take up to six passengers excluding the pilot. From KSIA, it is approximately a 60-minute flight along the magnificent coastline of KwaZulu-Natal, moving in-land to Thanda Safari in the north of historic Zululand.

### Accommodation

Encompassing 1 000m<sup>2</sup> and surrounded by lush fenced gardens, Villa iZulu features five luxuriously appointed suites (three queen and two twin beds), its own private boma and a spacious viewing deck overlooking a water hole. It is also equipped a heated swimming pool, games room, wine cellar, library and a business room with internet connectivity. It is the ultimate safari hideaway for guests seeking total privacy. Aside from its own helicopter pad, Villa iZulu has separate accommodation for childminders and VIP security officers. The homestead was designed and created for Thanda Safari's owners, Christin and Dan Olofsson.

### About Thanda Safari

The private game reserve comprises 14,000 hectares of spectacular wilderness offering meaningful [safari experiences](#) and close-up encounters with Africa's magnificent Big Five together with a strong community and conservation commitment.

Guests enjoy numerous activities, from game drives and specialised bush walks to cultural tours into the rural community and photographic safaris. Furthermore, its strong conservation commitment not only combines support for local and national wildlife programmes but also invites guests to join in the biodiversity and wildlife protection initiatives that are constantly being carried out on the reserve, further enhancing their African experience.

Thanda Safari is steeped in Zulu history with the Mduna Royal Reserve, part owned by the late Zulu King, forming part of the greater Thanda game reserve, linking conservation, history and Zulu culture. The Zulu culture is embraced throughout the guest experience, and it is Thanda's longstanding and integrated relationship with the local community that ensures a very worthy, truly unique and memorable stay

Meaning 'love' in isiZulu, Thanda Safari is a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World and multiple winner at the World Travel Awards.

### Pricing

The Collars for Conservation package is inclusive of the Villa iZulu host, service team, chef, guide, tracker, all meals and selected local beverages (soft drinks, house wines, local spirits and beers), bush walks with specialist walking guides, wifi, laundry, wildlife activities and helicopter flights.

Duration: 5 nights

Guests: 6

Cost: R 716 750

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