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MAKWETI SAFARI LODGE – NEW LOOK FOR OLD FAVOURITE

Makweti Safari Lodge has reopened in time for season revealing an elegant refurbishment and several exciting additions to the lodge's luxurious facilities.

Tucked away in the magnificent Waterberg Mountains, Makweti is a hidden gem in the heart of Welgevonden Game Reserve. Constructed from natural rock formations and teak decks overhanging the dramatic Makweti Gorge, the lodge is framed by giant euphorbia which lend a surreal, ancient atmosphere to the camp.

Inspired by these breathtaking surrounds, an open air reception area has been constructed at the entrance of the camp to create a seamless continuity with the surrounding wilderness. Safari style lanterns evoke a magical ambience, welcoming guests returning from night drives into an intimate haven of tranquility.

Rare African art, stylish furnishings, rich woods, leather and woven textures create an elegant, yet comfortable atmosphere in the lodge. New furnishings blend typical African safari style with a contemporary artistic twist. The Indaba Lounge overlooks a waterhole frequented by game and is an ideal spot to read or simply watch the mysteries of the bush unfold. The pool is set amidst the rocks and teak sun decks are surrounded by the bushveld.

Set away from the main lodge, the five stone and freshly thatched suites are individually decorated with antique treasures and plush furnishings, complete with a Victorian bathroom and outside shower. Attention to detail is paramount with fine linens and decadent pamper products to replenish body and soul. Private plunge pools have been constructed on three of the suite decks; all five of which have been extended to accommodate a sala and sun loungers, perfect for indulgent lazy afternoons. New private outdoor dining areas are ideal for romantic summer dinners under star spangled skies.

A proud member of Chaine des Rotisseurs, Makweti offers a fine dining experience, combining the rich spices of the ancient trade routes with modern gourmet trends and complimented by an extensive selection of South African estate wines. Candlelit dinners are served in the dining room, privately at your suite, or beside a flickering fire in the boma.

Makweti follows an unwavering commitment to living in harmony with nature and the camp is open to the wild, encouraging a natural flow of game into the area. Rich in game and birdlife, the region is inhabited with over 50 different mammals, including the Big Five and boasts one of the largest populations of white rhino on a private reserve in Africa. Wildlife conservation is paramount and game viewing is managed in harmony with a commitment to ongoing research and development. This affords guests a unique and exclusive bush experience with only a limited number of guests admitted to the reserve at any one time. An easy three hour drive from Johannesburg; air charters and road transfers are also available to Makweti.

If it is evocative, ancient Africa that you love, rugged beauty and distant horizons unfolding around you, then Makweti Safari Lodge, place of the giant Makweti tree, will enchant you. Makweti is Africa, untouched by time.

An easy 3 hour drive from Johannesburg; air charters and road transfers are also available to Welgevonden. For more information, contact Makweti Safari Lodge at 011 8376776, email makweti@global.co.za or visit their website www.makweti.com.

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