



Set in a UNESCO biosphere area and Natural Heritage Site, Makweti Safari Lodge boasts significant historical and geographical wealth, superb value and a tremendous level of comfort and service.

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Makweti Safari Lodge is situated in the Welgevonden Game Reserve in the heart of South Africa's Limpopo Province, on the wonderfully rugged Waterberg Plateau.

In spite of its wild beauty, the Waterberg region is a relatively new area for safari tourism and conservation. In the last decade it has seen pioneering ecological research and significant, controlled game introduction into the 34 000 hectares that make up the privately-owned, malaria-free Welgevonden Game Reserve. The management team strives to lead the field in wildlife and environmental research.

Makweti is a delightfully intimate lodge, positioned in a gorge overlooking natural rock formations that in summer, form a cascading waterfall. Impressive, ancient timber doors open to reveal the central lounge and dining rooms. Large windows offer commanding views of the tree-clad gorge and the gently undulating landscape beyond. The interior design and atmosphere are complementary: antique African artefacts, tribal textiles and friendly staff make for a warm and relaxed retreat.

The five secluded suites, accommodating a maximum of ten guests at any time, are furnished with polished timber and crisp linens. Directors' chairs on a private deck, bubble-filled baths, invigorating outdoor showers and plump pillows positively encourage relaxation. Or venture just a little further to the small but refreshing plunge pool, waterhole sundeck or library collection.

For those keen to explore further afield, twice daily safaris, in open vehicles or on foot, combine a landscape experience of scenery and Iron Age rock art, with game viewing. Over 16 species of antelope, plains game, lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, wild dog and the rare brown hyena are resident on the reserve. Return for refreshing sundowners to marvel at the rhino and monkeys who'll join you at the lodge's waterhole.

The cuisine offered at Makweti combines the rich spices of the ancient trade routes with modern trends. Meals are served in the stylish dining room or outside, under the stars in the boma. Here, guests can sip fine South African estate wines from the cellar while enjoying the congeniality and romance of a fire-side conversation. In contrast to the bustling centre of Johannesburg, only three hours' drive away, the steep mountains, angular crags, deep gorges and broad, open plains of the region are a place of tranquility. Makweti is an enticement to escape the big-city life. This is your invitation to immerse yourself in the world of nature! 🌿

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