

# LODGE - FACT SHEET 2018/2019

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#### **Unique Selling Points**

Marataba South Africa is a malaria-free concession forming part of the Marakele National Park • The park is a 'place of sanctuary', as its Tswana name suggests, conserving 67 000ha (165 560ac) of the Limpopo Waterberg's biodiversity, as well as Iron Age sites of great historical significance • It's wildlife includes the Big Five and abundant bird species, with the largest colony of endangered Cape vultures (including 800 breeding pairs) in the world to be found here • Rare plant species of yellowwood and cedar trees, ancient cycads, and fern trees flourish here

- Marataba's luxury lodges Safari Lodge and Mountain Lodge provide guests with bases from which to explore the wilderness their own way
- The lodges offer programmes of unique activities to get guests closer to nature and the animals, including Marataba Trails and Miss Mara Water Safaris, as well as traditional open-vehicle game drives

#### About the Lodges

Marataba Safari Lodge: Glamping in one of 15 Tented Suites gets guests closer to nature without having to rough it. Each stone and canvas abode may look 'down to earth' though is anything but basic, with a king-size bed (triple-room configuration on request), minibar, en-suite and outdoor shower, and shaded viewing deck raised on stilts above the bush. The lodge welcomes guests of all ages, with specially-planned children's activities and a childminding service. A shared pool is located next to the main lodge area.

Marataba Mountain Lodge: Every operational and design element, from solar panels to furnishings, has taken its cue from the earth, serving to merge this Scandi-style safari lodge with its environment and soften its impression. Five deluxe Eco Suites – each with a king-sized bed, maxibar, fireplace, en-suite rain shower, and shaded viewing deck – accommodate no more than 10 guests in a wilderness world of their own. The main lodge provides more social relaxation spaces and a shared Rock Pool, which seems to skim off into the Waterfall Valley below.

#### Location

Marataba South Africa: is a 23 000ha (56 834ac) private concession within the Marakele National Park, in South Africa's Limpopo province. The park and concession fall within the UNESCO recognised Waterberg Biosphere – the only savannah biosphere in the world!

GPS co-ordinates: should not be followed – these may get guests lost, and most recommended routes are not navigable by normal vehicle.

#### Weather

The average maximum temperatures range from  $21^{\circ}\text{C}/70^{\circ}\text{F}$  in July to  $32^{\circ}\text{C}/90^{\circ}\text{F}$  in January, with the lowest average minimum occurring in July at  $3^{\circ}\text{C}/38^{\circ}\text{F}$ . The region is semi-arid, with an average annual rainfall of 500mm (20in), most of which occurs during the summer months (December – February). Rain is usually in the form of thundershowers, where a downpour is experienced, very seldom lasting longer than a few hours.



#### **Best Time to Travel**

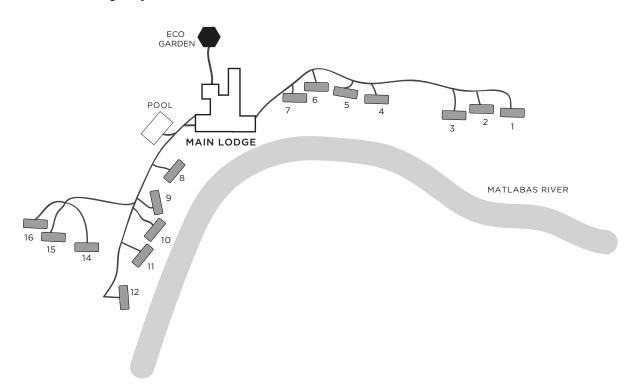
A year-round safari destination • The animals in Marakele National Park are non-migratory, and variation in the safari experience is season rather than location related • The best period for birdwatching is from October to April

#### Health Info: Malaria

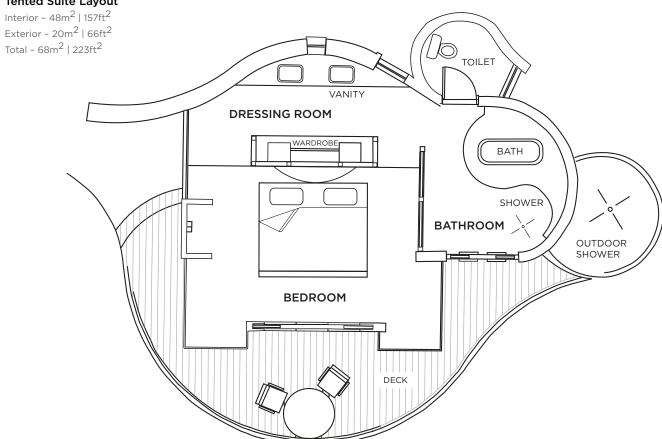
Marataba South Africa is situated in a region of South Africa that is not inhabited by the malaria-carrying mosquito (Anopheles), and the region and concession are therefore classified MALARIA FREE.



### Marataba Safari Lodge Layout

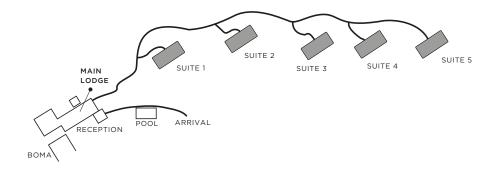


### **Tented Suite Layout**



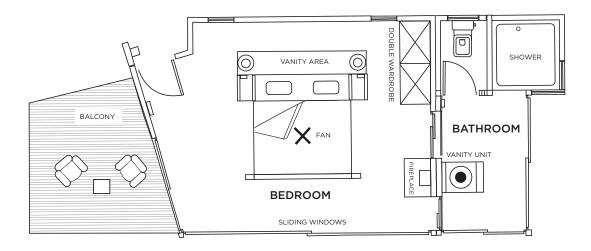


### Marataba Mountain Lodge Layout



# **Eco Suite Layout**

Interior -  $36m^2$  |  $118ft^2$ Exterior -  $4m^2$  |  $13ft^2$ Total -  $40m^2$  |  $131ft^2$ 





# Reference Table - Marataba Safari Lodge and Marataba Mountain Lodge

Reference	Marataba Safari Lodge	Marataba Mountain Lodge	
Suites	15 Tented Suites	5 Eco Suites	
Size of suites	45m <sup>2</sup> /485ft <sup>2</sup>	40m <sup>2</sup> /430ft <sup>2</sup>	
Guests	33	10	
Children	Yes (all ages)	Yes (>16 years)	
Children's rate	<5 years (free)   6 to 15 years (50% of adult rate)	No	
Children on safari	Private and family game drives (3 to 5 years)	Yes	
	Normal game drive (>6 years)		
Children's activities	Yes	No	
Childminding	Yes (additional cost)	N/A	
Triple rooms	Yes - stretcher bed for children <13 years (x3 suites)	No	
Single traveller supplement	Yes (50% supplement)	Yes (50% supplement)	
Double bed, convertible to twin	Yes (x7 suites)	Yes (x2 suites)	
Treehouse	Thabametsi Treehouse		
Central guest pool	Yes	Yes	
Private plunge pool	No	No	
Air conditioning	Yes	Yes	
Fireplace	Yes (guest lounge)	Yes	
Room fans	No	Yes	
Mosquito nets	No	No	
Outdoor shower	Yes	Yes (guest pool area rain shower)	
Indoor showers	Yes	Yes (with a view)	
Separate WC	Yes	Yes	
Free Wi-Fi	Yes (all areas)	Yes (all areas)	
Satellite television	Yes (guest area)	No	
In-room telephone	Yes (direct dial)	Yes (direct dial)	
Mobile coverage	Fair: 40% (MTN/Vodacom)	None	
In-room safe	Yes	Yes	
Personal bar	Yes	Yes	
Hairdryer	Yes	Yes	
Laundry	Yes (additional cost)	Yes (additional cost)	
Conference facilities	Yes	No	
Spa facilities	In-room treatments (additional cost)	In-room treatments (additional cost)	
Gym facilities	No	No	
Suitable for disabled guests	Yes (x1 suite)	No	
Distance between rooms	20m/66ft	15m/49ft	
Airstrip	Yes (25 minutes away)	Yes (45 minutes away)	
	24°14′26.82″S   27°29′27.78″E	24°14'26.82"S   27°29'27.78"E	
Helipad	Yes (24°20'49.69"S   27°34'10.61"E)		
Guests per open safari vehicle	6 adults and 2 children	6	
Private open safari vehicle	Yes (subject to availability, at an additional cost)	No	
Languages of field rangers / guides	English, Afrikaans	English, Afrikaans, Dutch	
Gratuity recommendation	ZAR500 per room per day (ZAR200 field guide;	ZAR400 per room per day (ZAR200 lead guide;	
	ZAR100 butler; ZAR200 general staff)	ZAR100 back-up guide; ZAR100 general staff)	
Kosher dining	Yes (with prior notice, at an additional cost)	Yes (with prior notice, at an additional cost)	
Power	220V AC	220V AC	
Credit cards	Mastercard, Visa, Amex	Mastercard, Visa, Amex	
	Not accepted	Not accepted	



### Reference Table - Thabametsi Treehouse

Reference			
Number of guests	2 adults and 2 children (6 to 15 years)	Wi-Fi	You must be joking!
Stargazing	Yes, countless	Safety features	Single door, stairs, radio contact
Bathroom	2 hot-water showers and a double vanity	Season	Year-round
Bedroom	Super king-sized bed and twin pull-out beds	View	The Waterberg and plains of the Marakele National Park
Living areas	Lounge and furnished decks	Size in decking	64m <sup>2</sup> /688ft <sup>2</sup>
Solar powered	1.2kW solar-power system for lights, geyser, and USB charge points in the bed's headboard for guests' devices	Height above ground	3m/9ft
Radio comms and cell signal	Yes	Dining	Gourmet picnic basket and selected drinks from our beverage list

