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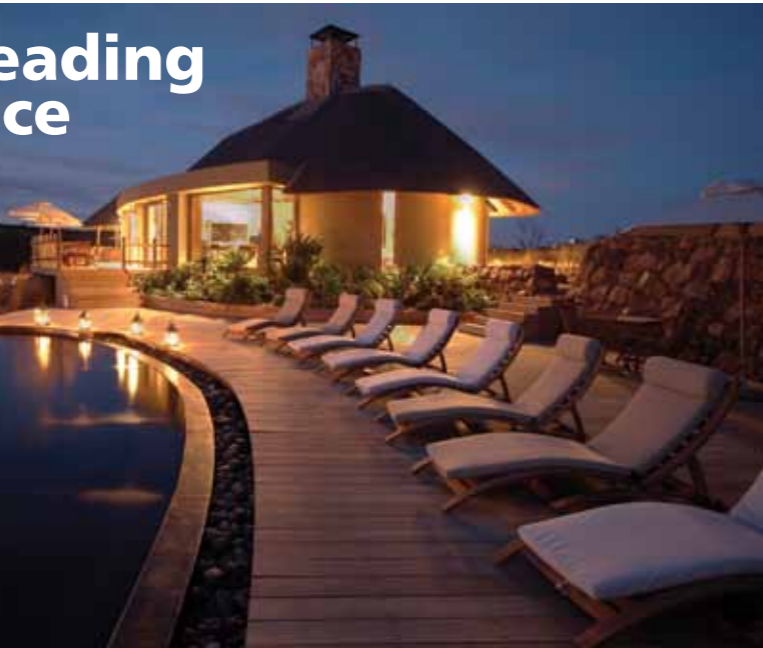
THE LUXURY SAFARI ISSUE



*Africa*  
Explore in Style

## South Africa's Leading Nature Experience

Gondwana, a five-star game reserve on the Western Cape's Garden Route and the only Fynbos nature reserve that is also home to the free roaming Big Five, won the judges' vote in the World Travel Awards as South Africa's Leading Nature Experience for 2012. "We have made a concerted effort to develop and promote Gondwana's complete nature experience beyond the wildlife and game drive experience", says Mark Rutherford, owner of Gondwana. The reserve is a four-hour drive from Cape Town and only 45 minutes from George Airport. Gondwana seeks to offer guests relaxation and luxury while they enjoy all the wonders of South Africa's wildlife and spectacular landscape. Not to mention the numerous nature activities on offer including game drives, horse safaris, mountain biking and birding. For more information, email [reservations@gondwanagr.co.za](mailto:reservations@gondwanagr.co.za) or call +27 21 4245430.



## Begging to be Discovered

Mkulumadzi Lodge is situated within Majete Wildlife Reserve in Southern Malawi. The feeling of exclusivity and privacy is unavoidable at Mkulumadzi as the 7,000 ha private concession ensures that guests rarely see other vehicles. The main lodge area comprises of a restaurant with inside and outside dining areas, a lounge and terrace, bar, shop, fire area, viewing deck and swimming pool. The eight luxury chalets with unique vegetated green roofs are tucked beneath the surrounding riverine forest of marula's, leadwood's and star chestnut trees. Each includes a spacious bedroom and lounge area, en suite bathroom, outdoor shower and private deck. All chalets and the main lodge boast magnificent private views onto the Shire River. Activities on offer whilst staying at Mkulumadzi include game drives, boating safaris, bush walks, hiking Majete Hill, black rhino tracking, cultural tours, birding trips on the Shire River and to nearby Elephant Marsh and game viewing from a hide. For more information, email [info@robinpopsafaris.net](mailto:info@robinpopsafaris.net) or call +265 1 770 540.



## Peaceful Riverside Luxury

Nxamaseri Island Lodge is a unique African experience on an island in the permanent waters of Botswana's Okavango Delta. Nxamaseri is one of the oldest camps in the Okavango Delta. It was established in the early 1980s by PJ Bestelink, an experienced guide and lodge owner, who spent months exploring the permanent water channels of the delta in search of a perfect location for his home and camp. He favoured the Nxamaseri Channel for its beauty and seclusion, and eventually elected to build his camp on a large shady island hidden in the Nxamaseri waterways. The lodge has seven secluded double en suite chalets, set within an indigenous forest and each with a private deck overlooking the water. The lodge and the rooms are enhanced with original Botswana artwork and the furniture is handcrafted by local artisans. For more information, e-mail [info@nxamaseri.com](mailto:info@nxamaseri.com), call + 267 713 26619 or visit [www.nxamaseri.com](http://www.nxamaseri.com).

## Heaven in Kilimanjaro's Shadow

Shu 'mata Camp is located at the foot of Kilimanjaro, deep in Masaai land, in an area known as South Amboseli. Seasonally, the surrounding savannah bush is home to large herds of elephant, eland, zebra and wildebeest, Oryx and gazelle. Shu'mata means "heaven" in the language of the Masaai and visitors will find the camp heavenly indeed once they are welcomed into one of the luxurious, spacious tents on the top of the hill. All tents are equipped with an en suite bathroom, and private veranda and are furnished in a unique combination of Masaai, Hemingway and Arabic styles. At night, when the locusts clatter, zebras bay and hyenas can be heard laughing from afar, a Hemingway whiskey near the open fire will trigger feelings of adventure and romantic safaris – especially under a full moon, when you can look up the slope of the majestic Kilimanjaro to see its glistening glaciers. For more information, call +255 7525 534 56 or visit [www.shumatacamp.com](http://www.shumatacamp.com).



## Safari Photo Opp!

Pangolin Photo Safaris, Africa's premier permanent Photographic Safari operation operates all year round in the Chobe region of Botswana – one of the most picturesque and game filled parks on the African continent. Pangolin is a company set up by photographers for photographers and they pride themselves on knowing exactly what their clients want most – an abundance of photo opportunities and the means by which to maximise those opportunities. Their custom built boats and vehicles hold eight photographic seats each and for each seat, for those clients who are new to photographic safaris, they even supply state of the art digital SLR cameras with large zoom lenses. Pangolin offers a range of photo safaris to suit every level of experience and a range of dates to suit even the most time constrained photographer. For more information, call +27 21 461 2941 or visit [www.pangolinphoto.com](http://www.pangolinphoto.com).



## Prime Game Viewing On Kruger's Edge

Kruger National Park is world-famous as a game-viewing site but if you want the abundance of game in Kruger, without the crowds and more upmarket accommodation, Cheetah Plains Private Game Reserve awaits. Situated in the vast Sabi Sand Game Reserve, renowned for its beauty and incredible Big Five game viewing, the 65,000-ha Cheetah Plains reserve lies next to Kruger's southwest corner. With their concession rights restricting vehicles to two at a time traversing the area, Cheetah Plains guarantees you a more pleasurable, private experience of the African bush and its wildlife. Aside from the sought-after Big Five, Cheetah Plains offers good sightings of, among other species, wild dog, hyena, hippo, impala and other antelope and, of course, cheetah. Game can be seen from vehicles, and on foot – a rare and unmissable experience. Early morning and late afternoon game drives are guided by a tracker and qualified game ranger, who'll take you through the reserve in specially equipped game-drive vehicles and do their utmost to give you the finest game-viewing experience. For more information, visit [www.cheetahplains.com](http://www.cheetahplains.com).