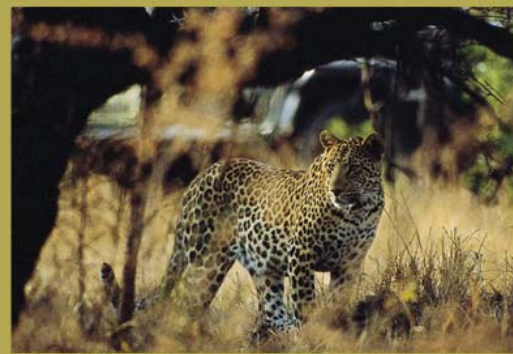




Mashatu Main Camp



The Coach House



MalaMala Game Reserve

THE ZEEDERBURG TRAIL

Including
MASHATU GAME RESERVE, THE COACH HOUSE AND MALAMALA GAME RESERVE

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE



Linked through the history of colonial wars and ivory hunts, these remarkable destinations combine comfortable safari living, the excitement of close-contact game viewing, the luxury and relaxation of a renowned country estate, and the spectacular scenery of the escarpment.

Participants are able to tailor a package including 2 or 3 nights at Mashatu Game Reserve and The Coach House Hotel, with the option to add on a few nights at MalaMala Game Reserve. The itinerary may be arranged in any particular order as suits the individual traveler.

This is the ideal itinerary to experience on a self-drive. The route is both easy to navigate and is very beautiful – encouraging exploration and discovery of two of Africa’s most diverse provinces – the Northern Limpopo Province and the Mpumalanga province.

Johannesburg to Pont Drift Border post	= approximately 5 ½ hours
Pont Drift Border post to Coach House	= approximately 3 hours
Coach House to Johannesburg	= approximately 4 hours
Coach House to MalaMala Game Reserve	= approximately 4 hours
MalaMala Game Reserve to Johannesburg	= approximately 5 ½ hours

*Please note this itinerary is also available on a fully escorted basis with a driver guide and including flights between Johannesburg and Polokwane – see below for details.

Rates

Self-drive clientele

<u>Rates</u> – per person sharing {take note of the single supplement}	Effective 01/01/10 31/12/10
3 nights Mashatu Main Camp & 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 11 690.00 ZAR 4 515.00 ZAR 9 215.00 ZAR 4610.00
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp & 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 8 685.00 ZAR 3 010.00 ZAR 9 215.00 ZAR 4 610.00
3 nights Mashatu Tent Camp and 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 8 670.00 ZAR 3 000.00 ZAR 9 215.00 ZAR 4 610.00
2 nights Mashatu Tent Camp and 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 6 670.00 ZAR 2 000.00 ZAR 9 215.00 ZAR 4 610.00

Inclusions:

- Accommodation, meals, snacks and game drives at Mashatu Game Reserve.
- Accommodation, table d'hote dinners and English breakfasts, tourism levy and unlimited usage of the Agatha Spa Sensorium (gym/saunas, steam rooms and hydro pool) at the Coach House Hotel.
- Accommodation, meals, snacks, game drives and limited laundry service at MalaMala Main Camp (for an itinerary including MalaMala as an "add-on").

Exclusions:

- Bar purchases, laundry, communication costs, items of a personal nature, any applicable airport taxes, entrance fees at Mashatu Game Reserve
- Cable car taxes at Mashatu Game Reserve and ad hoc adventure activities, such as mountain biking, horse riding and walking safaris.
- Lunch, snacks, laundry, bar purchases, treatments at the Agatha spa and items of a personal nature at the Coach House Hotel.
- Bar purchases, communication costs, items of a personal nature, any applicable airport taxes, entrance fees at MalaMala Game Reserves (for an itinerary including MalaMala as an "add-on").

Car Rental rates available on request.

For a fully escorted itinerary

<u>Rates</u> – per person sharing {take note of the single supplement}	Effective 01/01/10 31/12/10
3 nights Mashatu Main Camp & 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 18 295.00 ZAR 4 230.00 ZAR 12 047.00 ZAR 4 320.00
2 nights Mashatu Main Camp & 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 15 475.00 ZAR 2 820.00 ZAR 12 047.00 ZAR 4 320.00
3 nights Mashatu Tent Camp and 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 15 460.00 ZAR 2 815.00 ZAR 12 047.00 ZAR 4 320.00
2 nights Mashatu Tent Camp and 2 nights Coach House Hotel Single Supplement With 2 nights added on at MalaMala Main Camp Single Supplement	ZAR 13 585.00 ZAR 1 875.00 ZAR 12 047.00 ZAR 4 320.00

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE RATES ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 11 JUNE – 11 JULY 2010 DUE TO THE SOCCER WORLD CUP
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Inclusions:

- Accommodation, meals, snacks and game drives at Mashatu Game Reserve.
- Accommodation, table d’hote dinners and English breakfasts, tourism levy and unlimited usage of the Agatha Spa Sensorium (gym/saunas, steam rooms and hydro pool) at the Coach House Hotel.
- Road transfers Polokwane/Mashatu; Mashatu/Pont Drift Border Post; Pont Drift Border Post/Coach House/Coach House/ Johannesburg International Airport
- Scheduled flight Johannesburg/Polokwane

With MalaMala Game Reserve as an “add-on”

- Accommodation, meals, snacks, game drives and limited laundry service at MalaMala Main Camp
- Road transfers Coach House/Mala Mala Main Camp
- Scheduled flight MalaMala/Johannesburg

Exclusions:

- Bar purchases, laundry, communication costs, items of a personal nature, any applicable airport taxes, entrance fees at Mashatu Reserve
- Cable car taxes at Mashatu Game Reserve, as well as ad hoc adventure activities, such as mountain biking, horse riding and walking safaris.
- Lunch, snacks, laundry, bar purchases, treatments at the Agatha spa and items of a personal nature at the Coach House Hotel.

With MalaMala Game Reserve as an “add-on”

- Bar purchases, communication costs, items of a personal nature and any applicable airport taxes.

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It's from any towering vantage point on Mmamagwa Hill that the great, primal stillness of Africa knocks you for six. For down in the valley, to the north and south, east and west, lies the flattened and sweltering Mopane plains of Mashatu, 'Land of Giants'. For 360 degrees these sweeping wilds spread out, steadily and spartanly, but awesomely so, and merge into clean horizons. This land is lovelier than any imagining of it and to those who stand on Mmamagwa Hill, also resoundingly silent – for the 'Land of Giants' is an utterly unpeopled wilderness in eastern Botswana, at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers.

Mashatu, 'Land of Giants' takes its name from the locally-revered Mashatu tree and the giants that roam this prodigious land. **As the largest private game reserve in southern Africa**, Mashatu is, at 33 000 ha (75 000 acres), a fitting setting for the world's largest land mammal – the elephant; and the world's tallest mammal, the giraffe. Mashatu also provides a sanctuary to the world's largest antelope, the eland; the world's largest bird, the ostrich and of course, the world's largest flying bird: the noisy kori bustard. Add the lion, the king of the beasts and the iconic baobab and you have Africa's Big Seven. At over 700 individuals, one will also find Africa's largest elephant population on private land!

This special spot under the African sun proudly boasts an ecological diversity uncommon in other reserves. Complementing three members of the Big Five – leopard, lion and elephant – are some of the more surprising species, including the aardwolf, bat-eared fox, African wild cat, honey badger and black-backed jackal. True to form, Mashatu is also an ornithological paradise, and plays host to 350 bird species, including the enchanting lilac-breasted roller, whose plumage features no fewer than seven different shades of blue!

Set out, at dawn or dusk, on a 4x4 safari guided by dedicated and experienced Tswana rangers and trackers. Or brave an adventure safari that strays from the traditional format offered by other southern African lodges: go bushwhacking on foot, gallop through verdant Mopane plains on horseback or confront Mashatu's unforgiving terrain on a mountain bike.

Mashatu Main Camp exemplifies pure bushveld luxury and comfort, morphing harmoniously into the surrounding game-lands that throng with diverse wildlife.

Accommodation at Mashatu Main Camp includes 14 insect-proofed luxury suites, each with an ample and fully equipped en-suite bathroom. Sliding doors open onto the African bush where guests can sample the effervescent sights and sounds from their own suites. Two large beds complete well-appointed rooms. Mashatu Main Camp offers a stunning viewing deck directly off the bar, together with an elevated lounge overlooking the waterhole.

Tucked away in the remote northern area of the reserve lies **Mashatu Tent Camp**. With never more than 16 guests, this idyllic getaway provides accommodation in the form of 8 twin tents. Although rustic in character, every facility is catered for. The tents are insect-proofed, have comfortable beds and each has an en-suite shower and W.C. facility. There is an open-sided thatch deck where meals are served, as well as a traditional boma for intimate campfire dinners. This camp also contains a plunge pool – a welcome luxury after a day of adventure activities.



The Coach House at Agatha, just 13km's south of Tzaneen in the Northern Province, is set on a magnificent plateau with sweeping views across forests and farmland to the peaks of the Wolkberg. The hotel was built on the original site of an old coaching inn used by the Zeederberg Coach Company as a staging post for the route down to the goldfields at Leydsdorp. Another route was the one to Bulawayo which went through the Tuli Game Reserve, where Mashatu Game Reserve is now situated.

The Coach House with its five star grading and silver classification is set in beautiful gardens, echoing with bird calls. The hotel has 45 elegant and luxuriously spacious rooms, most with wood burning fireplaces for occasional chilly evenings and all have their own private verandahs.

Recreational facilities include a sparkling pool, gymnasium, sauna, mountain bikes, floodlit croquet lawn, snooker tables and hiking trails.

The Agatha Spa at The Coach House is designed with vast glass doors that slide open to frame spectacular mountain views. This sensorium boasts a full equipped gym, hydro-jet heated pool and his-and-hers sauna and steam rooms set against classical murals.

The team of professional beauty therapists offer a wide range of health and beauty treatments that combine sheer indulgence and natural healing. The spa offers a comprehensive range of health and beauty therapies, from relaxing massages and facials to aromatherapy and invigorating Vichy showers, mud and seaweed wraps, reflexology and spa bronzing, and many more.

The Coach House is an ideal spot from which to explore nearby glorious scenery, indigenous forests, the unique Modjadji Cycad forest (home of the famous Rain Queen), ancient baobabs and emerald green tea plantations. The Kruger National Park is an easy one hour drive away.





MalaMala was once at the heart of the rip-roaring gold rush transport route on which fortune-seekers hauled their goods, often at tragic cost. And if the mosquitoes didn't get them there were the vultures, hyenas and lions that circled just beyond the flickering campfire. The transport route may now be a romantic memory but today's visitor to MalaMala is just as likely to encounter Africa's big game as those 19th century gold-diggers were.

At a mammoth 13 200 ha (33 000 acres), MalaMala lies sandwiched between the Sabi Sand Game Reserve and the world famous Kruger National Park. The 19 km (12 mile) unfenced border with this massive wildlife conservancy provides unimpeded access to wildlife. Of great appeal to such wildlife is the vast array of MalaMala's habitat type - ranging from open savannah to dense riparian zones and granite outcrops. But perhaps the strongest allure to wildlife is the perennial Sand River of which 13 km (8 miles) flow through the reserve.

It's this habitat diversity – and sound conservation management – that has earned MalaMala a reputation as the foremost game viewing destination in the world.

While it's become the exception rather than the rule for all members of the Big Five not to be seen on a single day, MalaMala's certainly not just about the big and hairy. CEO and owner, Michael Rattray, has been closely associated with the MalaMala area for almost 70 years and his formidable conservation expertise ensures that smaller beasties like dung beetles have right of way! Indeed, MalaMala is a sanctuary for rare and endangered wildlife where nature lovers may see threatened animals such as cheetahs, pangolins and the wild dog – Africa's second most endangered carnivore! The variety of birdlife in the reserve regularly rewards even the most seasoned ornithologist with surprising finds: the martial eagle and ground hornbill for instance.

Activities range from walking safaris to 4x4 safaris which may include sumptuous bush breakfasts, picnic lunches and the opportunity to quaff sundowners as the sun sets behind the dusty horizon. Outdoor activities are led by highly qualified rangers, most of whom have university degrees in the natural sciences and are thoroughly conversant with all aspects of bushveld ecology. To optimise the guests' game viewing experience, trackers from the Shangaan tribe collaborate closely with their rangers. These Shangaan trackers have a fabled understanding of the bushveld passed down through the ages by their fathers and their fathers' fathers.

MalaMala's accommodation is the Rattray trademark incarnate: discreet, classic and elegant African opulence. The ochre-coloured buildings of **MalaMala Main Camp** are clustered amid shady trees and manicured lawns overlooking the Sand River. The individually decorated, spacious and comfortable rooms under traditional thatching offer spectacular views of the river and the wild- and bird life that are attracted to the water for refreshment and refuge from the hot African sun. The rooms are equipped with 'his-and-hers' bathrooms, 24 hour temperature control, insect proofing, direct dial telephones, a mini-bar and a mini-safe. Despite the comfort offered, MalaMala retains an authentic bushveld camp atmosphere, where the attention to detail for which MalaMala is world-famous shines through.