

Madikwe Game Reserve

Madikwe Game Reserve is currently the country's fourth largest game reserve, created from 75,000 ha of farmland, which had been extensively degraded by overgrazing. It is situated in the North West Province and is bordered by Botswana to the North, the spectacular Dwarsberg Mountains to the South and the Marico River to the East. The reserve comprises a diverse range of habitats from acacia savannah to riverine.

TAU GAME LODGE is part of a unique wildlife project. In 1992, Madikwe Game Reserve was chosen as the site of Operation Phoenix, the biggest ever government-sponsored game relocation programme in Africa. It involved re-stocking and conserving flora and wildlife, which had long disappeared from the region. Ten thousand animals of 27 major species have been re-introduced to the reserve over a six-year period, with animals coming from various reserves and breeding centres. Northwest Parks has adhered to a strict policy of re-introducing only those species, which originally occurred in the area.

The name Phoenix is appropriate as, like the mythical bird that burnt itself to a crisp on the pyre and then rose from the ashes to live again with new vigour, nature has regained a stronghold on the land. The programme has been hugely successful with game viewing now at its prime.

Madikwe Game Reserve boasts year-round game viewing and is one of the few reserves where one can view a wide variety of fauna. Breeding herds of Elephant, White and Black Rhino, Lion, Cheetah, Spotted and Brown Hyena, Buffalo, Leopard, Zebra and the endangered Wild Dog. Various Antelope species include Impala, Springbok, Kudu, Waterbuck, Eland, Blesbok, Nyala and Sable. Wildebeest, Giraffe, Ostrich and Warthog, together with an array of small mammals, are amongst the magnificent animals that roam in the reserve. Madikwe is also home to a bird population of over 250 different species.

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How to get there

- Daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg O.R. Tambo to Madikwe are departing twice daily. Flights can be booked and confirmed on line by the TAU GAME LODGE reservations team.
- Scheduled flights from Johannesburg International to Gaborone International. (transfer back into South Africa takes approximately 45 minutes and can be done at an extra cost by a Botswana Operator)
- Fly-in safari packages are available on request.
- Private charters available on request
- 380 km by car from Johannesburg is an easy 4 hours drive on national roads.
- Road transfers from Johannesburg and Pretoria to Madikwe or from Madikwe to Suncity are available on request.
- Car rental facilities with Europcar available on our website.



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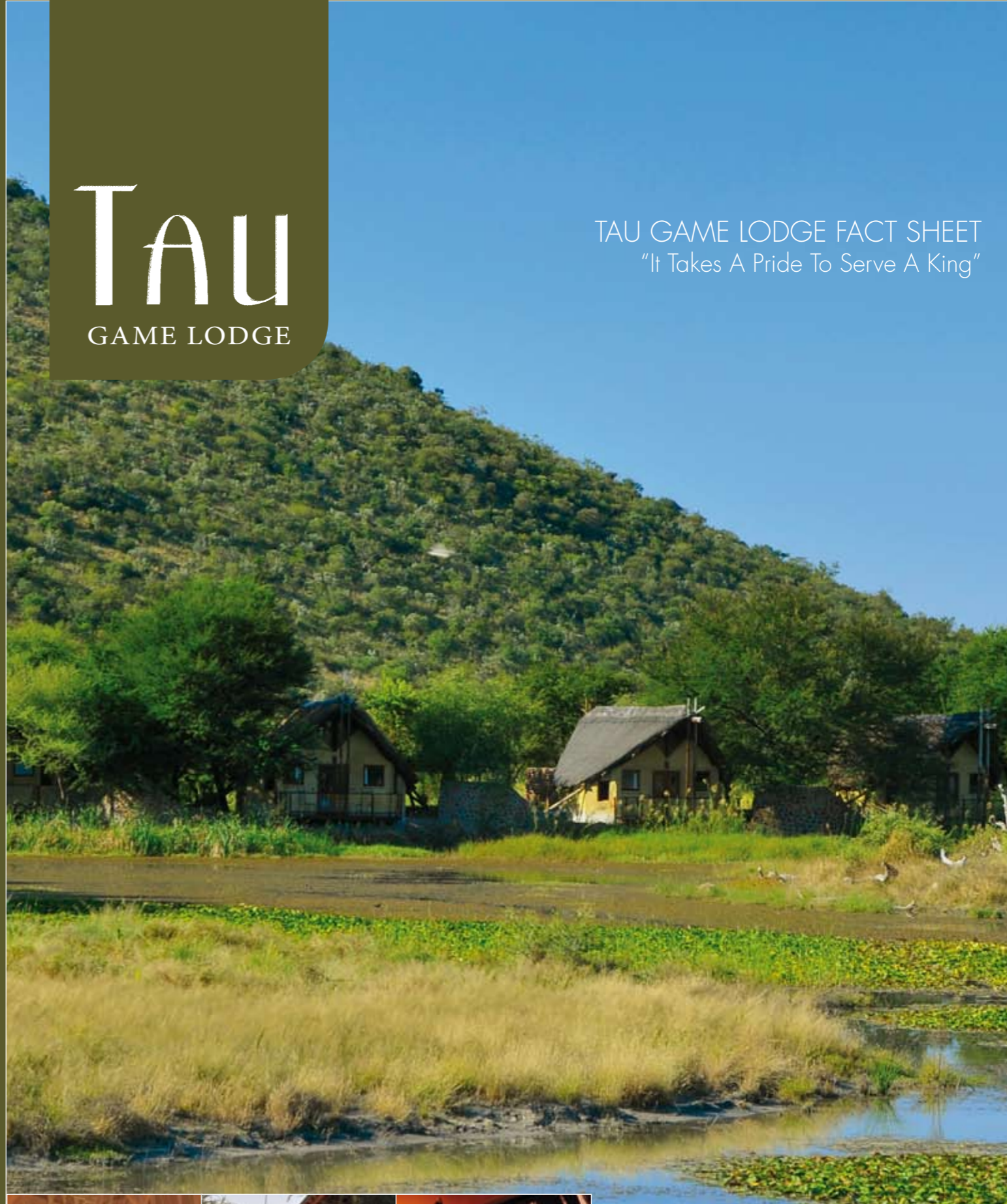
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Accommodation

Conferencing

Spa Facilities

On the far Northern border of South Africa lies a beautiful area known as the Groot Marico and it is in this spectacular setting, in the malaria free Madikwe Game Reserve, that Privately owned TAU GAME LODGE is situated.

The lodge was built in 1995 and overlooks a natural waterhole, which attracts a variety of game, as does the diverse vegetation that thrives in the fertile topsoil. The lodge has since been revamped and is offering comfort and luxury while still having a bush feel to it.

Situated an easy 4 hours drive or 50 minute flight from Johannesburg, TAU, the place of the lion, can host and accommodate up to 60 people.

Main Lodge

The main body of the lodge is two tier, comprising a curio shop an impressive reception hall, a comfortable upstairs lounge, an elegant Big 5 lounge fitted with a flat screen TV, a library / entertainment room, a bar and dining-room which overlook the waterhole.

Delicious buffet breakfasts and lunches are generally served in the main building or on the veranda next to the heated plunge pool, while dinner is served in one of the cosy Boma's or at our bush dinner venue under the stars.



The Convention Centre

The state-of the art convention centre, which is situated at walking distance from the lodge can seat up to 150 delegates.

High quality equipment has been installed in the 3 sub-halls and all systems have been integrated and configured to maximise performance. The centre offers specialist equipment designed with simple plug in and play options for all presentation needs.

Each of the 3 breakaway rooms are 5.5m x 4m in size and are able to accommodate 15 delegates comfortably.

General Information

• Check-in/out time

Check in time is 13h00. Check out time is 10h00.

• Health

TAU GAME LODGE is in a malaria free area so no prophylactics are required.

The lodge has qualified first-aid staff members. In the case of medical emergency Paramedic Medical Emergency Service is available.

• Children's Policy

Families with children are welcome at TAU GAME LODGE. Children under the age of 3 years sharing with parents stay free. Children aged 3 –5 pay a nominal fee. Children aged 6 to 12 years pay 50% of the set tariff when sharing in standard accommodation.

Children under the age of 6 years are not allowed to join the adults on the standard game drives, unless the party with the children have booked a private vehicle (R3500.00 per day). A shorter kiddies safari of approximately an hour can alternatively be arranged and a children's program is in place for their entertainment . Please discuss further policies relating to children directly with Tau Lodge Management.

• Babysitting

A fee of R40.00 per hour will be charged for this service.

• Curio shop

The Curio shop carries items created by skilled craftsmen, traditional ornaments or handcrafted jewellery as well as useful safari gear.

• Laundry

A laundry service is available at a nominal cost.

• Room Amenities

Hairdryers, mosquito nets, Hostess tea/coffee trays, bar fridge and mini-safe.

Air-conditioning and overhead fans.

• Tipping and Gratuities

Tipping of Rangers, Mochundas and lodge staff is at the guests own discretion. A suggested amount can be advised by lodge management.

• What to take

Comfortable light clothing – neutral colours recommended, walking shoes, sun hats, sunglasses, sun block, insect repellent and bathing suits. A good bird book, binoculars and camera could come in handy. During winter, please pack warm jackets, gloves and beanies for the game drives and bush meals.

• Levies

North West Parks Board charges an entrance levy of R50.00 p.p. (subject to change), which we will collect on check-out on their behalf.

A Government Bed levy is charged per person per night and is due for payment on check-out.

The Spa Oasis

Relax, revitalise and rejuvenate your body, mind and soul in the uniquely African surroundings of the Tau Spa Oasis...

On entering the Spa you are transported into another world – a calm sanctuary that reflects the soul of Africa with its natural surroundings enhancing your experience. Indulge your senses in a unique fusion of different therapies designed to replenish and soothe body, mind and soul. The spa body treatments are specifically designed to detoxify the body, revitalise the skin and calm the mind.



Accommodation

Thirty luxury chalets are spread out in U-formation on either side of the lodge, offering excellent views of animals approaching the waterhole from the opposite bank. The lodge has a 5 star rating and chalets are equipped with both air-conditioning and ceiling fans, mini-bars, tea and coffee facilities.

Each chalet has its own wooden deck, which allows one to experience the bush in privacy and is equipped with an en-suite bathroom and open-air shower.

All the Standard chalets are suitable for two adults and can be shared with one child (below the age of 12). The more spacious Deluxe chalets with comfortable seating areas, can accommodate parents and children wishing to share the same room. The sliding doors allow for spectacular views of the breathtaking beautiful tranquillity of the rugged surroundings of the diverse bushveld

The Family suite and Family unit are both consisting of two bed rooms and are semi inter-leading and share a comfortable lounge.

