

+  
SAUSAGE TREE  
SAFARI CAMP

FACT SHEET

# SAUSAGE TREE SAFARI CAMP



*Sausage Tree*  
Safari Camp ...Living Life

SUN DESTINATIONS

## INTRODUCTION

The classic Sausage Tree Safari Camp is an idyllic destination for guests seeking an understated “Kruger under canvas” style camp. Located in the heart of a Big 5 region in the Olifants West Nature Reserve, Sausage Tree is a sanctuary for all things wild. The entire camp sprawls across terrain dotted with Marula, Acacia thorn and Sausage Trees; and has commanding views of the dramatic Drakensberg Mountains. There’s no mistaking it –Sausage Tree is a captivating place.

The camp is owner-run and managed by James and Sonja who, combined, speak over five languages. James’ expert guiding skills and bushveld knowledge is passed down to the many guests who frequent the camp, and he is backed by his three right-hand trackers Themba, Jimmy and Polite who have over 20 years’ experience between them. Local figurehead, Sonja, is a whizz with décor and anything food related. She ensures that chef Pitso delivers only the finest homecooked fare to hungry safari-goers.

Your accommodation is a choice of five expansive Meru-style tents resting comfortably on raised wooden platforms with views of the surrounding area. Tents have private decks, an outdoor shower, indoor bath, ample floor and storage space, and eco air conditioning. Rugged, lantern lit paths meander their way down from the main area towards the tented rooms, ensuring there’s always a sense of connection at Sausage Tree.

In the main area, there is an expansive viewing deck that takes pride of place at the camp. The carefully constructed, raised area houses the swimming pool, poolside deck, and small seating area with comfortable patio furniture. Adjacent to the pool is a wonderful outdoor dining area under thatch, where sumptuous breakfasts are served.

Overlooking the deck, is an open-plan bar service area –think pool bar in the bushveld! There’s also an indoor lounge and private spa treatment area for those wanting to indulge in relaxation. As an ode to Africa, the camp is decorated with African inspired décor, muted soft furnishings and crafted pieces from the local area.

There is over 3500 ha of traversing, with 4 kms stretching across prime riverfront terrain where you’ll discover local specials like the rare Pel’s fishing-owl. The guides at Sausage Tree Safari Camp ensure there are a multitude of opportunities to explore the unruly wilderness and undisturbed biodiversity of the area during their twice-daily game drives. From sundowners to coffee stops and private romantic set-ups, the team certainly know how to take advantage of the spoils of the bushveld.

In their own words, Sausage Tree Safari Camp is a place where you are encouraged to enjoy “living life”.

### AT A GLANCE

- Owner-run and managed camp situated in the Big 5 Olifants West Nature Reserve
- 5 beautifully appointed tents with outdoor shower and spa baths
- Passionate on-site chef who can tailor-make meals according to dietary requirements
- Private spa area
- Tents are built on raised wooden viewing decks with wilderness views
- Owners James and Sonja are committed to community and conservation
- There’s a waterhole in front of camp frequented by a wealth of wildlife
- Over 3,500 ha of traversing rights across bushveld and river frontage
- Small pool complete with sun loungers, seating, and pool bar
- Dinner is always served under the stars in the boma area
- A modern bar stocked with craft gins and beers, and premium drinks

### FACILITIES

- Wi-fi in the main area
- Waterhole in front of camp
- Bushveld skydeck for romantic occasions
- Boma area used for starlit dinners and stargazing
- Indoor lounge
- Spa treatment area
- Main area has expansive raised wooden decking with views of the wilderness
- Swimming pool with decking, umbrellas and sun loungers
- Outdoor poolside seating area with patio furniture and table
- Small dining area under thatch adjacent to the pool area, used for breakfast
- Poolside bar area with windows opening out onto the pool and deck area
- Capacity to create special occasion safaris
- Two guided games drives per day with coffee (morning) and sundowner stops (evening)
- 5 Meru-style tents built on raised wooden platforms, each with:
  - Private wooden balcony with small table and seating
  - En-suite bathroom
  - Outdoor shower & Indoor spa bath
  - Eco air conditioning & standing fans
  - In-room tea and coffee making facilities



## A TYPICAL DAY AT SAUSAGE TREE SAFARI CAMP

This is what a typical day on safari looks like—times are subject to change according to the seasons.

### 05h00 - 05h30

Wake up call, followed by quick coffee & rusks

### 05h30 - 06h00

Depart for 3 hour morning game drive - including coffee stop

### 08h30 - 09h00

Return to camp for a hearty breakfast served on the deck

### 10h00 - 13h00

Enjoy the day at leisure—spend time around the pool or in the bar

### 14h00

Lunch is served

### 15h30 - 16h00

Depart for a 3-hour afternoon game drive, with sundowners

### 19h00

Return to camp for dinner in the boma

## LOCATION

Sausage Tree Safari Camp sits in an enviable location in the heart of the Big 5 Olifants West Nature Reserve, which forms part of the Greater Kruger area. The camp enjoys over 3500 ha of traversing rights, including 4 kms of river frontage. Both Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa Airports are roughly 40-to-50-minute drive from camp, making it an accessible fly-in and self-drive destination.

## ACTIVITIES

**Game drives:** Two guided game drives take place per day, traversing the concession that spills over from typical bushveld terrain to river frontage vegetation. This means the area is diverse, opening a world of opportunity for guests to spot anything from lions to the rare Pel's fishing-owl. Guides, Themba, Jimmy and Polite, take great care in introducing guests to the less noticeable aspects of the bushveld, in addition to tracking the big beasts.

**Sundowners:** Celebrating golden hour in the bushveld is a must. Prior to the evening game drive departure, drinks of your choice are packed along more-ish canapes or simple snacks. As the sun sinks into the horizon, the team "drops anchor" for a few drinks and nibbles.

**Coffee stops:** Much like the sundowner stop, the coffee stop is a must. Guides usually stop the open-topped vehicle to layout a few morning snacks, along with a hot drink of your choice. It's a great opportunity to stretch your legs and take in the splendour of morning light.

**Skydeck, bush breakfasts and spa treatments:** The Skydeck is used for private, romantic occasions and overlooks the entire bushveld. It's ideal for proposals and anniversary celebrations. Spa treatments are another added value activity that make a great addition after a game drive. Bush breakfasts are another added value activity that can be arranged prior.

**Boma experiences:** The boma is the archetype of any safari experience and provides a fantastic place to connect with guests and experience the true spirit of Africa. A crackling campfire sits at the centre of any true boma safari experience and is usually surrounded by a circle of canvas safari chairs. It's an authentic and not-to-be-missed part of a safari at Sausage Tree Safari Camp.







## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

### WEATHER

The Kruger is a fantastic year-round safari destination that enjoys hot summers with rainfall and crisp, dry winters. The summer is from November to April and winter is from May - August. During the rainy summer season, the landscapes shift to lush emerald green. During November/December is when impala give birth, making it ideal to spot young lambs. Summer is also the best season for birdwatching, as it draws in a wealth of summer migrants from across the globe. Expect full waterholes, rivers, and short bouts of rain with dramatic skylines. The temperature in winter is warm. Evenings and early mornings are cool, and days are warm and dry. The bushveld thins out during winter, making it easy to spot big game. Because water is scarce, predators are attracted to the waterholes and dams; making it easy to track game.

### WILDLIFE

The Olifants West Nature Reserve is a Big 5 reserve but is also home to a plethora of other wildlife like elephant, giraffe, cheetah, hyena, dwarf mongoose, honey badger, and more. In total, there are 94 mammal, 280 birds, 72 reptile and 128 tree species. Because of the river forming part of the traverse, guests can also spot crocodiles, waterbuck, African fish-eagles and the Pel's fishing-owl.

### MALARIA

The Olifants West Nature Reserve region is a low-risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice before travelling to a recognised malaria region. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Melfloquine. Mosquitos are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

### WHAT TO PACK

During the summer months the weather can be hot. Safaris take place in open-topped game viewers, so be prepared with warm clothes during the cold season. You may want to bring a few outfits, in addition to the following items:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunblock
- Cameras and binoculars
- Light, neutral coloured clothing
- Bathing suit
- Warm jackets essential in winter (May – Oct)
- Beanie & gloves – the mornings are cold during winter

