

## The Elephant Sanctuary

The Elephant Sanctuary provides a safe-haven for our elephants and offers a platform for guest education and interaction.

They offer guest and elephant driven programs where the most important part of our operation is happy elephants and satisfied guests. Their programs offer one of a kind elephant interaction and are unique to the Elephant Sanctuary.

All the elephants are rescued African elephants whose trust has been gained through their unique reward-based training. Believing in forming bonds between humans and elephants, all the elephants are exercised and stimulated daily which provides a firm foundation for trust. There are two operations: one in the Craggs, near Plettenberg Bay on the Garden Route and one at the Hartbeespoort Dam, only an hour's drive from Pretoria.

Elephants are highly intelligent and delightful and you will discover a different character, personality and temperament within each one. The Sanctuary is a family orientated operation catering for the young and old. Focus is on education through interaction, so you will not only learn a lot about elephants, but also get to touch, feel, feed, walk trunk-in-hand and even ride these magnificent animals.

### The Elephant Sanctuary the Craggs

is home to six African Elephants: Maroela, Jabu, Thandi, Mopani, Thaba and Tumelo. Meet them in a beautiful indigenous forest setting. It sets itself apart from anything that the Garden Route has previously had to offer in terms of elephant interaction. All programmes are fully guided and guest numbers are limited to ensure personal attention and maximum elephant interaction for each guest which makes for a truly enriching experience.

Please note that booking is advisable on all the programmes.

All Programs are 100% wheelchair friendly!

Flat walking shoes and sun hats are recommended and bring a camera!

### 1: The one hour Trunk-in-Hand program

An experienced guide will introduce you to the elephants, and you will learn about their backgrounds, behaviours, characters and more while being able to touch, feel, feed, interact and walk trunk-in-hand with the elephants. Suitable for all ages.

The program lasts approximately one hour and the rate is R125,- for children (3-12yrs) and R250,- for adults.

### 2: Elephant-back Ride

This includes the full Trunk-in-Hand program followed up by an approximately 15 minute ride - a privilege historically reserved for kings! It is a truly amazing experience to ride these magnificent animals. Long pants and closed shoes are recommended.

The rates are R295,- for children (8-12yrs) and R595,- for adults. Please note children have to be a minimum of 8 years old in order to ride.

### 3: Elephant Brush Downs

This is a very special program

- you take part in the morning grooming of the elephants. Afterwards you join the training- and stimulation program the handlers do with the elephants every day. All this is followed up by the Trunk-in-Hand program.

The duration is approximately 75 minutes and the rates are R150,- for children (3-12yrs) and R325,- for adults. Booking essential.

#### 4: Sundowner

##### Elephant Experience

This program includes all the other programs for the full Elephant Experience: The Trunk-in-Hand, the Brushdown, the Elephant Back Riding all followed up by drinks and snacks.

The duration is approximately 2 hours and the rate is R450,- for children (3-12yrs) and R775,- for adults. Minimum 6 adults required, booking essential.

#### The Elephant Sanctuary Hartbeespoort Dam

##### Nestled

in the Magaliesberg Mountains only one hour from Johannesburg and Pretoria, the Elephant Sanctuary lies in a malaria-free area. It is surrounded by natural indigenous bush and is home to impala, klipspringer, baboons, porcupine, caracal, leopard, a host of other small mammals, 350 bird species and of course six magnificent African Elephants.

Booking is essential for all the programs.

Please request special programs for corporate groups and teambuilding events.

Flat walking shoes and sun hats are recommended and bring a camera!

Join us for an intimate overnight stay in our ten-bedded Indo-African lodge.

Your room shares a common wall with one of our elephant's stables - you will be amazed at how quiet they actually are!

Overnight Elephant Experience:  
Duration from 16h00 to 10h00 the next morning

16h00 Arrival - Welcome drinks

Check in and chill out observing the elephants from the main deck or have a swim in the lodge pool.

17h00 See the elephants stabled for the night followed by a walk to the mountain deck for sundowners. Return to the lodge for a four course dinner in the boma where you can relax around a log fire.

07h00 - next morning - Be ready on the main deck for morning brushdowns of the elephants. You will get introduced to the elephants with a chance to interact and form bonds with them, walk with them, feed them and learn more about their behaviour, anatomy, social structure and more.

Breakfast is usually served after the brushdowns and walk.

10h00 Programme ends. Rooms to be vacated by 10h30 please.

Accommodation Options:

Khumba Suite:  
R1495.00 per person per night sharing

R1745.00 for single person

Twin-bedded, en-suite bathroom (two three quarter beds). Bedroom open-plan to bathroom which comprises shower, basin, toilet.

## Small suite

### Mosadi Family Suite:

R1695.00 per person per night sharing

R1995.00 single person

Two twin-bedded bedrooms (two three quarter beds per room). Shared bathroom between the two rooms with interleading doors. Bathroom comprises a ball-and-claw bath, shower, basin and toilet. The suite has four beds and one bathroom.

This room is suitable for Dad, Mom and children.

Children Rates: 3 - 14 yrs 50% of adult rate

### Thandi Honeymoon Suite:

R1895.00 per person per night sharing

R2245 single person

A queen bed with an exquisite open-plan bathroom complete with ball-and-claw bath, shower, basin and toilet. Mini bar and tea/coffee station. Very

romantic.

### Jabu Thatch Luxury Suite:

R1895.00 per person sharing

R2245.00 single person

A very spacious suite comprising two double beds next to one another.

En-suite bathroom, comprising toilet, double basins, shower with bath combination. Mini bar and tea/coffee station.

50% Deposit required on the Overnight Elephant Experience

ELEPHANT RIDES ARE AN AVAILABLE EXTRA ON ALL ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS!

Lodge facilities:

Accommodation adjoins the elephant stables.

A covered patio and lounge for relaxing/reading.

A secluded swimming pool in the forest a few steps from the lodge.

Main deck overlooking the elephant boma/adjoining curio shop and bar.

Treehouse deck to observe elephants swimming.

Fully licensed bar. Curio shop with interesting mostly elephant related items.

Meals:

Four course dinner around an open fire in the boma; breakfast served on main deck overlooking elephants. Tea, coffee and welcome drink included.

For own account:

Bar beverages, curios and gratuities

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Eight o'clock Morning Elephant

Program: Duration: 08h00 to 09h45 approx 1.45hours

Guests will brush and groom the elephants, walk trunk-in-hand with them and interact with the eles in the forest area. You will see the special relationship that the elephant handlers share with their elephants and become a part of it.

Guides will provide in-depth information and insight into African elephants.

Guests learn about their anatomy and feed them and form relationships and

bonds with the elephants.

Flat walking shoes recommended, and bring cameras.

#### RATES:

R325.00 per adult R195.00 per child (3-14 years)

Arrival Time: Gate opens at 07h50 Programme will start at 08h00

Departure Time: 09h45

Ten o'clock Morning  
Elephant Program: Duration approx 2.5hours (Lunch optional extra)

Guests are guided in small groups on foot through The Elephant Sanctuary. Guides will provide in-depth information and insight into African elephants. You will be introduced to our elephants in the forest area, and here you will be able to touch and interact with the elephants. You will see the special relationship that the elephant handlers share with their elephants and become a part of it forming your relationship and bond with the elephants.

Short walk with the elephants trunk-in-hand. See where the elephants sleep at night in their stables.

Guests learn about their anatomy and feed them.

On some hot days you may even see the elephants swimming .

Enjoy a drink from the cash bar on the main deck before departure.

Pre-booked lunch served on the deck.

Flat walking shoes, sun hats and sun screen recommended, and remember to bring cameras.

**RATES:**

**Morning Tour**

R425.00 per adult R195.00 per child (3- 14 years)

Pre-Booked Lunch Available: (3 Course Buffet Lunch)

Adults: R120.00 Children: R60.00 (3 - 14 years)

Arrival Time: Gate opens at 09h45 Programme starts at 10h00

Departure Time: 13h30 if staying for lunch

**Two o'clock Afternoon**

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Arrival Time: Gate opens at 13h45 Programme starts at 14h00

Departure Time: 16H45

Two o'clock Afternoon  
Elephant Program with Dinner (14h00 to 21h00)

approx 7 hours

50% Deposit required

Afternoon tour as per above plus watching stunning sunsets from the mountain deck and dinner around a fire. Add-on: Watch elephants going to bed, sundowner drinks on the mountain deck, return to lodge for four course dinner around a log fire in boma.

Special Note: Remember to wear flat walking shoes, sun hats and bring your camera. Bring a light jacket in case it is cool at night. Beverages for own account.

RATES:

R595.00 per adult R350.00 per child (3-14 years)

Arrival Time: Gate opens at 13h45 Programme starts at 14h00

Departure Time: 21h00

Elephant Riding Program:  
This is an add-on to above programs

A short Educational Ride to experience elephants from a different perspective, a privilege historically

reserved for kings!

(Only for the fit and adventurous)

The elephant rides may be added on to any of the day tours or the overnight experiences.

BOMA RIDE: R350.00 per adults  
R250.00 per child 8 - 14 years

Children must be 8+ to ride

BUSH RIDE: R550.00 adults only

PRE-BOOK: Riding to be booked when paying for the programme

WHAT TO WEAR: Jeans are best for riding

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