

KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

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Kwandwe Private Game Reserve lies approximately 65 km from the coast and 45 km inland from Grahamstown, a pristine safari destination in 22,000 hectares of private wilderness – making it the largest private Big Five game viewing area in South Africa. With 3 exclusive-use villas and 2 intimate lodges, Kwandwe guests enjoy a variety of safari activities tailored for couples, families, and groups of friends.



Location & Access

BY AIR: Daily scheduled flight from Port Elizabeth International Airport to Kwandwe's private airstrip. There is also a 2km tarred runway where private charters land.

BY ROAD: From Port Elizabeth it is only 160 km to the reserve on excellent roads. Travel time is around 1 hour and 45 minutes, and transfers can be arranged. Self-drive guests leave their vehicles in the car park at Heatherton Towers, and are transferred to their lodge. All transfers on the reserve are done in an open safari vehicle.



Owners & Managers

Owned by the Chouest Family.

Managed by Graeme Mann.

Classic Factors

- **Explore:** One of South Africa's largest privately owned Big 5 reserves.
- **Diversity:** Wide variety of wildlife and bird species.
- **Malaria free:** Perfect family destination.
- **Seasons:** Low rainfall from December to March.
- **Great Fish River Lodge:** Calm and Serene - natural interiors with views of the Great Fish River.
- **Ecca Lodge:** Fun and interactive - social spaces bringing people together.
- **Melton Manor:** Perfect 8 - exclusive, fully serviced 4-bedroom villa for friends.
- **Fort House:** Location - the most spectacular view of the plains and wildlife at the nearby waterhole.
- **Uplands Homestead:** Safari Home - exclusive safari villa for a multi-generational family.



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Giving Back



Kwandwe is truly a conservation and community success story – conserving their environment and improving the prospects of community members is at the heart of all they do. They seek to maintain a low impact on the land while deriving high yield for their conservation initiatives by creating very small luxury lodges that support enormous tracts of bio diverse land, which remains untouched.

At every lodge, Kwandwe seeks out small (and sometimes not so small) but meaningful ways of putting their values into action every day. Kwandwe's community development initiatives are facilitated by the Ubunye Foundation, which works on economic development, education and health initiatives in eleven villages surrounding Kwandwe, for more information, please see www.ubunyefoundation.co.za.

Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge

Closed 24 May – 19 June

Great Fish River Lodge is located on a steep bank with fantastic views over the Great Fish River, which is frequented by grazing game. Each suite has fold away glass doors that open-up to the expansive landscapes of the Eastern Cape.

LODGE FACILITIES

IN-ROOM FACILITIES

Number of suites	9	Maximum guests	18	Extra beds	✘	In-room safe	✓
Children	12 yrs+	Electricity	220V	Fans	✓	Double vanity	✓
Childminding	✘	Wi-Fi	✓	Air con	✓	Separate WC	✓
Fenced/patrolled	patrolled unfenced	Mobile phone	limited	Private plunge pool	✓	Mini bar	✓
Check in	12:00	Private dinners	✓	Mosquito nets	malaria free	Telephone	✓
Check out	11:00	Swimming pool	✘	Bath	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Credit cards	✓	Keep fit	gym in a bag	Indoor shower	✓	Laundry included	✓
Private vehicle	✓*	Spa facilities	in-room	Outdoor shower	✓	Disabled access	✘

*PRIVATE VEHICLE: Open 6-seater safari vehicle available at an extra charge.

Kwandwe Ecce Lodge

Closed 24 May – 19 June

Ecce Lodge guests enjoy views over an acacia, aloe and spekboom-studded valley. Ecce Lodge has 3 double suites for couples and 3 family suites that come with a private open 6-seater safari vehicle, guide & tracker; perfectly suited for families of 4 with 2 children under 16.

LODGE FACILITIES

IN-ROOM FACILITIES

Number of suites	6	Maximum guests	12 adults 6 children	Extra beds	✘	In-room safe	✓
Children	✓	Electricity	220V	Fans	✓	Double vanity	✓
Childminding	✓	Wi-Fi	✓	Air con	✓	Separate WC	✓
Fenced/patrolled	unseen fence	Mobile phone	limited	Private plunge pool	✓	Mini bar	✓
Check in	12:00	Private dinners	✓	Mosquito nets	malaria free	Telephone	✓
Check out	11:00	Swimming pool	✓	Bath	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Credit cards	✓	Keep fit	gym in a bag	Indoor shower	✓	Laundry included	✓
Private vehicle	✓*	Spa facilities	in-room	Outdoor shower	✓	Disabled access	✘

*PRIVATE VEHICLE: Included in the rate for Family Suite bookings. Available at additional cost for guests staying in a double suite.

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Kwandwe Melton Manor (Exclusive use)

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Melton Manor is a 4-bedroom, contemporary frontier farmhouse designed with many communal living spaces as well as private corners to retreat into. The Manor is designed around a central courtyard with a large swimming pool where families and friends can play, relax and enjoy meals. It is available for parties of up to 8 people, and comes with a private safari vehicle, a tracker, a ranger, chef and a butler.

FACILITIES

Number of rooms	4	Maximum guests	8	Extra beds	✘*	In-room safe	✓
Children	✓	Electricity	220V	Fans	✓	Double vanity	✓
Childminding	✓	Wi-Fi	✓	Air con	✓	Mini bar	✓
Fenced/patrolled	unseen fence	Mobile phone	limited	Mosquito nets	malaria free	Telephone	✓
Check in	12:00	Swimming pool	✓	Outdoor terrace	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Check out	11:00	Keep fit	gym in a bag	Bath	✓	Laundry included	✓
Credit cards	✓	Spa facilities	in-room	Indoor shower	✓	Disabled access	✘
Private vehicle	open 9 guests	Private dinners	✓	Outdoor shower	✘		

*EXTRA BEDS: 1 infant cot available for child 0 – 2 years.

Kwandwe Fort House (Exclusive use)

Closed 24 May – 19 June

Kwandwe Fort House is a modern, sole-use safari villa in a private setting with sweeping views over the expansive reserve. The villa features a private wine cellar, spa treatment room, guest pantry, and expansive lawns with a boma for outdoor dining. It has 2 master bedrooms and 2 twin bedrooms (all en-suite) which accommodate 4 adults, 4 children and a toddler 2 year or younger in a cot. The Fort House is perfect for 2 families travelling together, it is fully staffed, serviced daily, and comes with a private chef, butler, ranger, tracker and safari vehicle.

FACILITIES

Number of rooms	4	Maximum guests	8	Extra beds	✘*	Keep fit	gym in a bag
Children	✓	Electricity	220V	Fans	✓	In-room safe	✓
Childminding	✓	Wi-Fi	✓	Air con	✓	Spa facilities	✓
Fenced/patrolled	fenced	Mobile phone	✓	Mosquito nets	malaria free	Mini bar	✓
Check in	12:00	Swimming pool	✓	Outdoor terrace	✓	Television	✓
Check out	11:00	Private dinners	✓	Double vanity	✓	Telephone	✓
Credit cards	✓	Wine cellar	✓	Bath	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Private vehicle	open 9 guests	Guest pantry	✓	Indoor shower	✓	Laundry included	✓
Boma	✓	Study	✓	Outdoor shower	✓	Disabled access	✘

*EXTRA BEDS: 1 infant cot available for child 0 – 2 years.

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Kwandwe Uplands Homestead (Exclusive Use)

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Uplands Homestead is an elegant farmhouse built in 1905 and beautifully restored to retain its old-time charm. Located in a tranquil valley and offered for the sole use of families and small parties of up to 6 people. Guests enjoy ultimate privacy, and are carefully catered to by a private chef, dedicated butler and a team of friendly staff, the ideal setting for families with young children.

FACILITIES

Number of rooms	3	Maximum guests	6	Extra beds	✘*	In-room safe	✓
Children	✓	Electricity	220V	Fans	✘	Underfloor heating	✓
Childminding	✓	Wi-Fi	✓	Air con	✓	Double vanity	✓
Fenced/patrolled	unseen fence	Mobile phone	limited	Mosquito nets	malaria free	Mini bar	✓
Check in	12:00	Swimming pool	✓	Outdoor terrace	✓	Telephone	✓
Check out	11:00	Keep fit	gym in a bag	Bath	✓	Hairdryer	✓
Credit cards	✓	Spa facilities	in-room	Indoor shower	✓	Laundry included	✓
Private vehicle	open 7 guests	Boma	✓	Outdoor shower	✘	Disabled access	✘

*EXTRA BEDS: 1 infant cot available for child 0 – 2 years.

Winter Wilderness Walking Fly-Camp

Available 01 May – 30 September

Book the Winter Wilderness Walking experience in addition to any stay of minimum 3 nights at Kwandwe Private Game Reserve. Walk from your lodge/villa through the dynamic landscape, enjoy a picnic lunch in the bush and continue on to arrive at your private fly-camp for the evening. The fly-camp is set up per booking in a suitable location determined at the time. Sit around the fire and cook a meal over open flames. Share stories and listen to the night sounds beneath the African sky. A vehicle is available for guests to choose to walk or drive.

FACILITIES

Number of tents	2	Maximum guests	4	Twin / Double	✓	Raised bed, full linen	✓
Private vehicle	✓	Children	16 yrs+	Hot bucket shower	✓	Eco toilet	✓

Activities

Day game drives	✓	Night game drives	✓	Walking safaris	✓ 12 yrs+	Bush meals / drinks	✓
Winter Walks	Walk from your lodge/villa to explore the vast wilderness of Kwandwe on foot, en route to your private fly-camp for the evening. Cook over open fire, share stories beneath the stars. Available for up to 4 guests 16 years and older who stay at any of the lodges or villas for at least 3 nights. Between May and September only.						
Special activities	Rhino Conservation Safari (subject to whether there are rhinos that need to be notched), Campfire Cooking, photographic safaris, birding safaris, water-based safari by boat / floating pontoon						
Children safaris	A private vehicle is included for the Ecca Lodge Family Suites as well as for Melton Manor and Uplands Homestead. There is no age restriction for safari on a private vehicle and times are flexible to suit the family's needs.						
Children activities	Eco-nect kids safari program; Blue Crane Conservation Club takes kids on 'Poo safaris' & spoor tracking, and a 'Hooves & Stripes' adventure for kids under 6 years. Minnow's fishing trip; daily treasure hunt; creature cookie baking & pizza making; African bedtime stories with cookies & milk, finger-painting & making clay animals, beading, face painting and sand art. KWANDWE FAMILIES						
Community visits	Mgcamabele Community Centre. Voluntourism offers sustainable guest/local resident interactions.						

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Travel Information

SEASON	Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is closed from 24 May - 19 June for annual maintenance and refurbishments.				
WEATHER	Daytime temperatures are temperate and mild throughout the year, but it gets colder in winter months.				
RAINFALL	It doesn't rain that often but most of it falls in the summer months from October to March.				
TEMPERATURE		Jan- Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec
	Average day	27°C / 81°F	22°C / 72°F	21°C / 70°F	24°C / 75°F
	Average night	16°C / 61°F	9°C / 50°F	10°C / 46°F	16°C / 55°F
GPS COORDINATES	Great Fish River Lodge	Ecca Lodge	Melton Manor	Fort House	Uplands Homestead
	33.129654°S	33.130292°S	33.128621°S	33.12300°S	33.134245°S
	26.537561°E	26.537422°E	26.539106°E	26.50789°E	26.532755°E
MALARIA	Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is in a malaria free area.				
CURRENCY	ZAR - South African Rand				
TRAVEL VISA	Required for certain countries, please check with your local embassy.				