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- *Siswati for*

*We invite you*  
to be part of our story



MDLULI SAFARI LODGE  
*Kruger National Park*

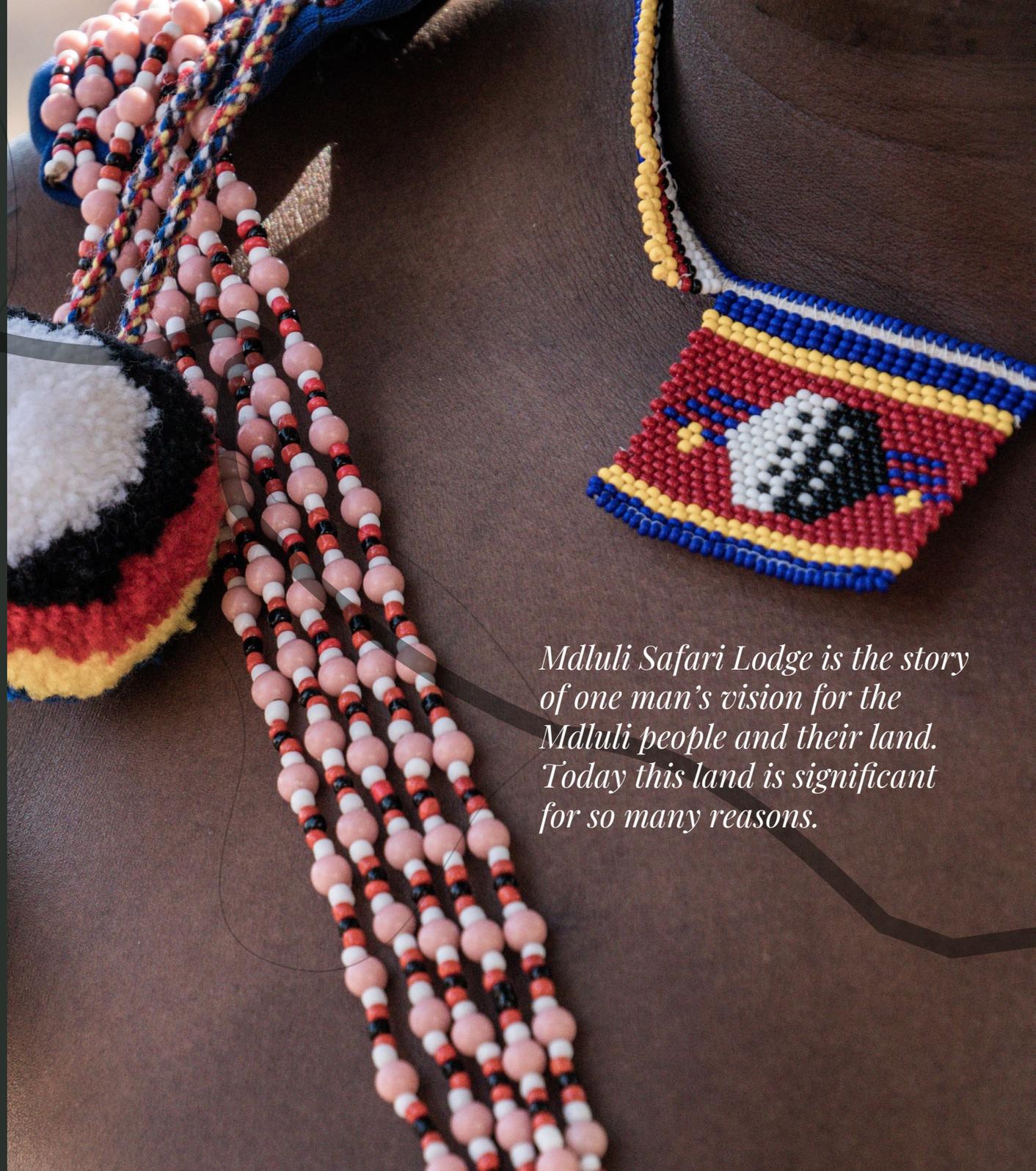
The lodge is a sustainable tourism initiative through its proud partnership with the local Mdluli Community.

After a long journey of land restitution, the Mdluli Community have freehold title of 850 hectares of land, inside the borders of the iconic Kruger National Park. This luxurious, private safari lodge was developed with the purpose of sustainably improving the lives and infrastructure of the 45,000-strong Mdluli Community.

The Community, who live in villages adjacent to the Park, receive direct financial and indirect social and economic benefits from the lodge's operations. Alongside skills-based job creation, whereby nearly 90% of the lodge's team comes from the Community, the lodge creates sustainable small business opportunities as well as increased land value.

It's taken years of dedication towards the realisation of this project. A development like this is dependent on establishing a harmonious relationship between tourism, environment and community. Mdluli Safari Lodge is a blueprint for best practice community development projects in South Africa.

We are committed to a lasting and productive partnership with the Mdluli Community, whose energy is infused into the lodge experience.



*Mdluli Safari Lodge is the story of one man's vision for the Mdluli people and their land. Today this land is significant for so many reasons.*

# *Cultural enrichment*

## Open the mind, deepen the soul

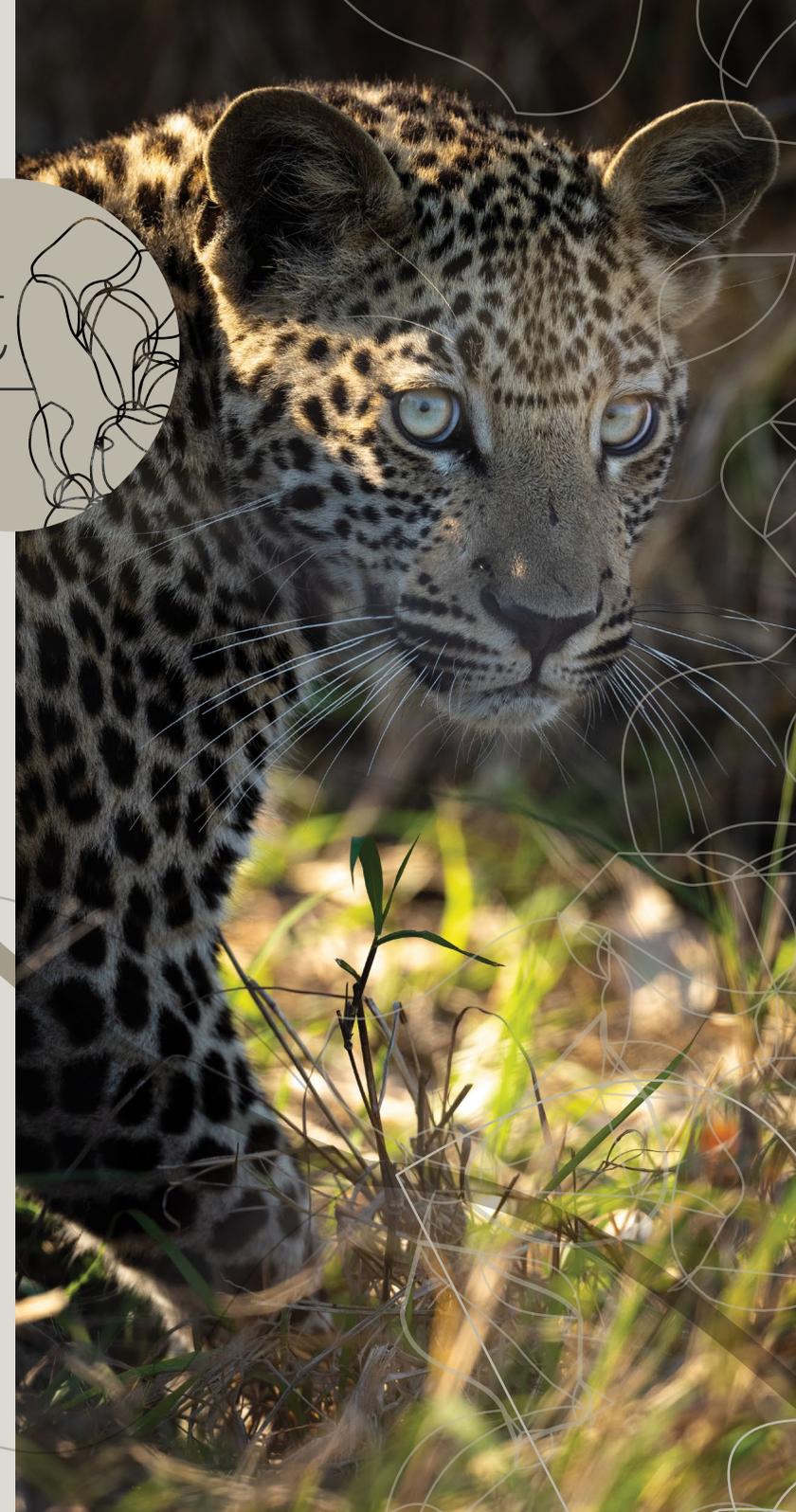
The story of Mdluli Safari Lodge is grounded in the dynamic fusion of the rawness of the African bush with the authentic charm of Siswati tradition.

The essence of the lodge's experience, is expressed throughout, connecting guests to the unique, yet ancestrally familiar natural environment.

*The leopard is regarded as sacred by the Mdluli Royal Family. The stylized leopard's rosettes extend across carefully curated elements of the visual experience.*

The considered angles of the architecture and design are interwoven into the experience, literally emerging from the intricacy of the line-work of Mother Nature in the surrounding land, rock formations, majestic Marula trees, and distinct energy of its people.

The Cultural Immersion Centre, due for completion early in 2020, journeys guests through the 3 core pillars on which the lodge is created - namely, a partnership with the Mdluli Community, wildlife conservation and preservation, and ecological design.



## Location

The lodge is located inside the south-western region of the Kruger National Park.

Being located inside the south-western borders of the Park offers guests prime Big 5 game viewing - on safari drives and walks with experienced guides, or when self-driving.

Big  
*territory*



## Location & gate entry options

Although Numbi Gate is the closest entry gate, the lodge is also conveniently accessible via Phabeni, Malelane and Kruger Gates, which offer a scenic drive (likely lots of sightings too) en route to the lodge.

Approximate driving times:

- Phabeni Gate: 5 hours drive from Gauteng, 45 minutes to the lodge once inside the Park.
- Malelane Gate: 4 hours drive from Gauteng, 3 hours drive to the lodge once inside the Park.
- Kruger Gate: 5.5 hours drive from Gauteng, 2 hours drive to the lodge once inside the Park.

For guests who choose to use Numbi Gate, a vehicle escort through the neighbouring villages can be arranged, free of charge, by prior arrangement with lodge reception.

Whichever entry gate you choose, you will access the lodge via a private road located inside the Park near the Numbi Security & Control Point.

The private road to the turnoff to the lodge is well signposted. Once on this private road, it will take you approximately 6km/20 minutes drive to reach the lodge main gate. To note, once you have entered the Park through any of the above gates, you do not exit the Park to get to the lodge. Please contact our team if you need any further information in planning your trip

For guests who prefer to use Numbi Gate, a vehicle escort can be arranged on request for arrival/departure. Numbi Gate is the closest access gate to the Park from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA). Shuttles can be arranged.





Tented luxury

# 50 luxurious & spacious tents.

Each tent's interior is approximately 70 square metres. Every en-suite tent sleeps a family of four and features air conditioning, lounge area, indoor and outdoor showers and private patios. The lodge has 4 disability-friendly tents. The style sets the ideal scene for relaxation in the African bush.



# *Eco-design*

The use of canvas and natural timber materials give the lodge a true safari feel. The interior palette takes inspiration from the tones and textures found in the surrounding natural environment.







*Cast bronze statue of the late Chief Inkhosi MZ Mdluli, sculpted by Zelda Stroud, which stands proudly in the main reception area.*

The reception and main area of the lodge are designed around a central *lekgotla*, which means ‘the meeting place for village assemblies’. The layout of the main building surrounds the majestic Marula tree, which canopies over this central meeting place, and gently shades the bronzed statue of the late Chief MZ Mdluli, who’s outstretched arm welcomes guests into this special place.

Each area of the lodge is intentionally positioned to maximise views into the Park, creating a feeling of always being connected to the beauty and serenity of the natural surroundings.

The main area offers guests a bar, restaurant, deck and infinity swimming pool, each looking out across the Park and the adjacent river bed.

Mdluli Safari Lodge specializes in personalised conferencing arrangements for smaller groups of up to 40 delegates - or alternatively full lodge capacity, of up to 100 guests (50 persons sharing).



## *Experience*

*One can't help but leave Africa  
feeling deeply moved by its wonder.*





# Savour

the best the African wilderness has to offer.



Enjoy big 5 game viewing and sundowners in open safari vehicles, with experienced guides. An option to self drive in the Park is also available to guests.

The Boma area gives guests a social, relaxed and authentic African dining experience around the fire, under the African sky.

A unique bush braai dining experience for groups of 10 or more

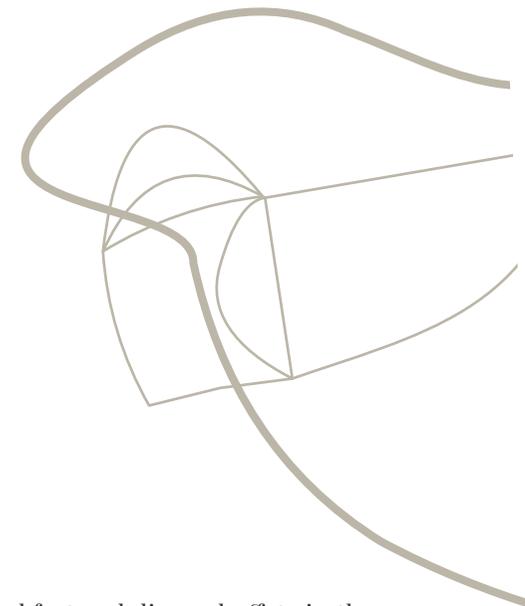


*Boma Dining*



*Game Drives*

The lodge is fully fenced, with the fences monitored 24/7 through an external control centre, allowing guests to move freely and safely around the lodge.



Indulge in sumptuous breakfast and dinner buffets in the restaurant, ala carté dining on the deck or at the pool, and drinks and snacks menu at the bar. All meals can be enjoyed while looking out for game across the expansive vistas of the Park.

Watch elephants drinking from the river while cooling down from the hot African sun in the large infinity swimming pool, just meters from the fence.



Something that is quite unique to the location of Mdluli Safari Lodge is our

*exquisite*  
*granite rock formation,*  
*located within our perimeter.*

Join us on our private, naturally elevated viewing deck and enjoy a complete 360 panoramic view of the magnificent Kruger National Park.

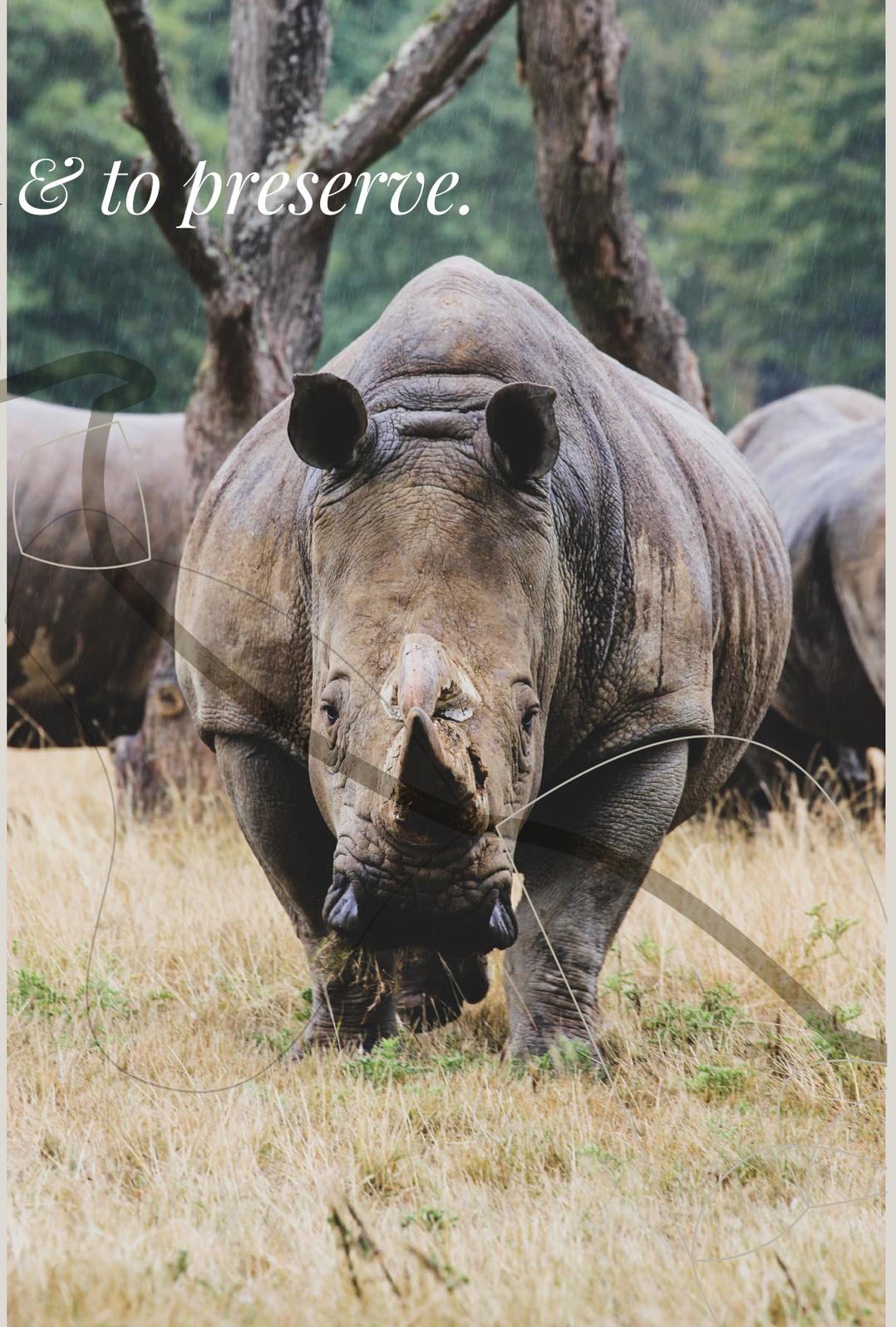
Granite underlies more than 80 per cent of the Park's southern region and produces the characteristic rounded koppies.

Come to see, to learn *& to preserve.*

## *With* purpose

Everything we do has the goal of giving back to the land, which we are privileged to call home. Conservation is a multi-faceted issue, and it is our role and responsibility to promote conservation through responsible tourism, preserving the majesty of the Kruger National Park and all of its wildlife, fauna and flora.

Through a partnership with Davidé Bomben, from Il Diamanté, Italy's largest tour operator, and working closely with SANParks, Mdluli Safari Lodge is engaged in active poaching prevention programs along the western border of the Park. These initiatives employ and train individuals from the Mdluli Community, many of whom have never been employed before, in anti-poaching skills and tactics.



*feel*  
good

& leave some goodness behind



Mdluli Safari Lodge is a celebration of the African safari experience, for locals and internationals alike.

Each guest's stay has a far reaching, positive impact on the vitality of the Mdluli Community.