



MAKUTSI
SAFARI SPRINGS

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Dear Makutsi Friends,

GREETINGS FROM THE BUSH! We are excited to catch up with you again - a lot has happened since our last update! In the last quarter of 2024 we certainly felt the ebb and flow of change on Makutsi; we had to say a few goodbyes but also experienced growth and the cycle of life continues here in the bush. Let's take a moment to reflect!



Belated New Year's greetings!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! From our family to yours, we wish nothing but health and happiness for 2025 and hope that you experience many safe travels in the upcoming year!

As always, the festive season is a very busy, happy time here in the bush – great sightings on drives, lovely guests, an electric atmosphere and African Christmas décor, what more could you ask for?!

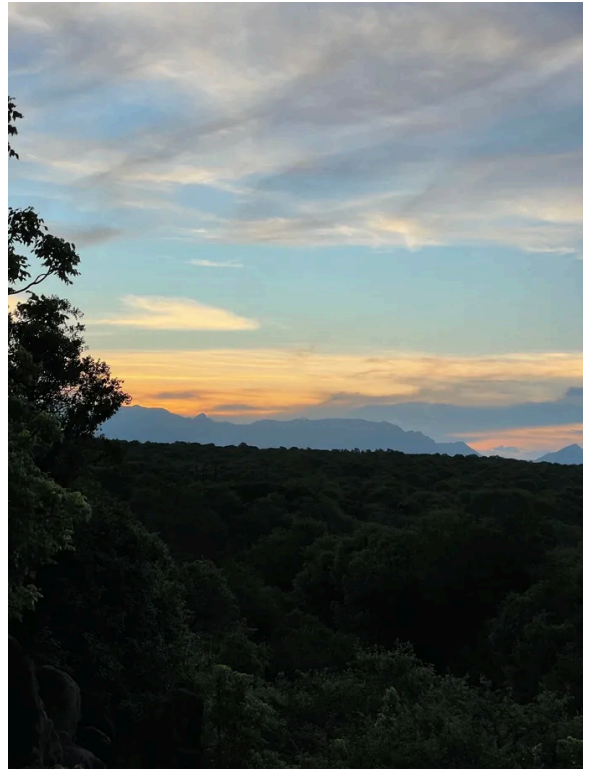






We celebrated the last sunset of 2024 with a sundowner at the Makutsi Tented Camp. Then, in between drives, stargazing, dancing & drumming from some of our staff and a delicious buffet dinner – we kicked off another year of adventures here in the bush. Hopefully we will get the opportunity to see each other again soon!





A LIFE WELL LIVED...

In October 2024 we had to bid farewell to Makutsi's founder and head of our family, Gerhard Weber, who passed away. After over 45 years of living out his dream here on Makutsi, we are determined to make him proud going forward, and let his legacy live on.



MAKUTSI MONTH-BY-MONTH

OCTOBER

While Makutsi guests always had the opportunity to spot Wild Dogs on an excursion to the Kruger National Park, we are excited to inform you that you now have a higher chance of seeing these beautiful animals...Two Wild Dogs have been brought onto the Karongwe Conservancy, where we conduct many on our game drives. So, in addition to spotting the Big Five (Lion, Elephant, Rhino, Leopard and Buffalo) from Makutsi, you can add the "Magnificent 7" of game viewing to your list (The Big Five in addition to Cheetah and Wild Dogs) as well as other creatures, big and small!



NOVEMBER

Hip-hip-hooray! Finally some rain! As many of our guests who visited us in September and October can attest to, the bush was becoming very dry as 2024 continued... A collective sigh of relief could be felt from humans, animals and vegetation alike as the first raindrops began to fall – the signal for growth! The first shoots of bright greenery and the birthing of the Impala lambs is always a much-welcomed visual representation of the change in seasons.



Rains also mean more water in the dams for the rhinos to cool off in

DECEMBER



A bitter-sweet retirement celebration was held for Maria, who has been working on Makutsi for 45 years! We thank her for her many delicious meals, her infectious laughter and all her contributions to the Makutsi family over the years. Although we will all miss hearing her singing and cooking, we hope she enjoys her well-deserved time at home with her family. We will miss you Maria - thank you for your service!



VISITORS IN CAMP

Who says you need to be out on game drive to get in on the action?! Life in camp has been very exciting the last couple of months... Besides the “usual” crowd of monkeys, nyalas, impalas and abundance in bird life, we have also received some more “unusual” visitors:

One afternoon, our newest guests were greeted with the customary welcome drink and a little more unc customary cheetah lazily resting next to the tennis court.



The ride back home after dinner can also get quite exciting... after all, you never know when you're going to have a leopard admiring its' reflection in your glass door or sniffing the airconditioning!





We had more incredible cheetah and leopard sightings in the early hours of dawn, on two separate occasions, guests have been picked up for their morning game drives and didn't need to drive far to spot their first cat for the day!



A very rare sighting: A leopard caught a jackal right in between the rondavels



The female Cheetah caught an impala in front of the Makutsi laundry

We can't wait for you to come check out the action in camp for yourself!



If you are considering a visit to Makutsi, please contact us to find out about availability & prices.

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See you soon!

The Makutsi Family

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