



MAKUTSI
SAFARI SPRINGS

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Dear Makutsi Friends,





"SAWUBONA!"

This is a Zulu greeting that can be literally translated to "I see you". This expression symbolises the recognition of the worth of each individual. We felt this is a very applicable greeting to you, our dear past or future guest, in this newsletter, as we recognise your support and worth to Makutsi. Thanks for tuning in to another newsletter as we catch-up on the last couple of months here in the bush.

We can hardly believe that 2024 is already halfway over. Time has certainly flown by, amidst the welcoming of new generations of animals on Makutsi as well as having to say goodbye to others. We have also seen growth and improvements and will use this newsletter to give you a closer look at some of the "behind-the-scenes" action.



MAKUTSI MONTH-BY-MONTH

APRIL

In between the day-to-day activities on Makutsi, we were privileged to have a successful rhino capture and release. One of our young rhino bulls had reached maturity and it was time to find him a new home before territorial fighting would begin with the current male. The guides assisted the vet and we are pleased to inform you that everything went very well and the male was brought to his new home without any complications.



MAY

The responsibilities of Makutsi guides does not only entail taking you on amazing drives and tours in and around Makutsi, and sharing our little slice of the world with you. Another important duty of the guides is "Ranger-work". This includes bush-clearing and road maintenance to make sure you are kept as safe and comfortable as possible on your drives.



JUNE

In our last newsletter, we alluded to the possibility and promise of Cheetah Cubs in the near future. Now, as some of you may have already seen on our social media (if you're not connected with us on other platforms, please feel free to check us out on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) for regular updates) we are very pleased to announce that our female Cheetah, Rita, welcomed her first litter of 3 cubs a few weeks ago. We've been keeping our fingers crossed that she has good maternal instincts and is able to keep her cubs alive. Cheetah cubs typically have an unfortunately high mortality rate. However, we are very pleased to report back that all three cubs are alive and well and cute as can be!





GOOD AS NEW!

As many of you are already aware, Makutsi closes it's doors for 3 weeks in June. This allows our hardworking staff to take some time off and relax. We can also use this time to work on renovations and improvements so that we can once again be at our very best when we (hopefully!) welcome you back to your home in the bush!

Some of the improvements this year included:

Repainting the Pool

The pool has never looked better: with a fresh coat of paint, our tropical oasis is waiting for you!



Makutsi Main Gate

The main gate has been electrified and altered to ensure a seamless welcome from the second you enter the property!



River Lapa

We are pleased to inform you that we have made improvements to the roofing and water drainage system of the River Lapa ahead of the rainy season... we can't wait for you to come check it out for yourself!



Housekeeping

We all know how vital sleep is... especially after some exciting days out on safari! So we understand the importance of making sure your home away from home is nice and cozy. We have now begun replacing mosquito nets in the Rondavels as well as slowly updating the decor.



First Aid Training

Not only have we made structural and physical improvements, we have also refreshed our First Aid Skills!



**WARMTH & HOSPITALITY...DESPITE THE COLD
WINTER MONTHS**



Makutsi experiences the colder, winter season between the months of May and August. But please don't think that we let the colder months of the year hold us back! There's still so much to see and do and we will do our best to ensure you're kept nice and toasty!

The dewy morning drives are made comfortable with the hot water bottles and blankets that we take along. And the excitement of spotting animals is also a sure way to keep you nice and warm! However, we still recommend layering up and bringing some warm clothes along for your visit in Winter.



Despite chilly mornings and evenings, balmy days can be spent soaking up sunshine around the Makutsi Pool or playing a round of tennis on the court. Or, if the outdoor pool is still a little bit too nippy for you, there is no better place than the indoor pool! This little haven is refilled daily with warm, fresh mineral water from the springs.

After an eventful day here, you evenings may be spent around the Lapa campfire, warming up with good conversation and sharing stories of all your safari-adventures.



Ultimately, we are super excited to be open for business again and, more importantly, to welcome our wonderful guests from all over the world to share some adventures in the South African bushveld.

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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