



Helpful Info

- Your final day-to-day itinerary will be given to you on your arrival at Makutsi.
- For payments on Makutsi: Cash (€, U\$, A\$, NZ\$, CHF, Rand), Visa and MasterCard are accepted. No Amex.
- Makutsi has a no-cash bar. All drinks, lunch, shopping, and other extras are put on your room bill and settled on the day of your departure.
- Please remember to change some money into Rand at the airport — you will not be able to change money once on Makutsi. Most places accept credit cards, but some cash is always useful.
- Electricity — South Africa uses 220/230 volt AC (50 Hz). A limited number of adaptors are available to borrow at reception, but please bring your own if possible.
- Our office uses a satellite phone, which can occasionally be out of order in bad weather. Not all international providers support calls to satellite numbers. Mobile phone reception on Makutsi is very limited. MTN has best reception
- Free Wi-Fi from 07:00 to 19:00 located in the Library / Coffee Shop
- South Africa Time Zone: UTC/GMT +2 hours.
- A safe for personal items is available at reception.

Life in camp

There is no boundary fence around camp — animals roam freely through the grounds at any time. Monkeys, warthogs, giraffe, and occasionally elephant pass through as they please. This is their territory, after all. On arrival, all guests receive a thorough safety briefing.

Walking in camp is permitted between **07:00 and 17:30 only** — children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Outside walking hours, guests are collected and dropped off by vehicle. Awareness, common sense, and respect for the environment and its wildlife are essential at all times in camp.

Your accommodation

Individual thatched rondavels (bungalows) are set throughout the 10 hectares of tropical grounds, each with en-suite bathroom (including shower & hand soap), air conditioning, ceiling fan, mini-bar, tea and coffee facilities, mosquito nets, and a private terrace with lounge chairs. Bath and pool towels are provided in all rooms. What people come to Makutsi for is nature, wildlife, and the sounds of the bush — so there are no televisions, radios, or room telephones to get in the way. Consider it a welcome technology detox.

All tents at Makutsi Tented Camp have electricity, a private covered deck, a standing fan, and an en-suite bathroom with shower, hot and cold water, and flush toilets.



Dining on Makutsi

Meals at Makutsi are a social affair — guests gather at long tables to share the stories of the day. Breakfast and dinner are included in your package. Lunch can be ordered on days you are in camp.

Breakfast 08h00–09h00: Buffet breakfast with fresh seasonal fruit, cereals and muesli, egg orders as you like them, toast, and coffee or tea.

Lunch 12h00–16h00: Lunch is not included in your package. We offer a lunch menu and home-baked cakes, which can be ordered at breakfast time — at own cost.

Dinner 19h00: A 3-course set menu served in the open-air Lapa.

Please advise us in advance of any dietary requirements. We will do our best to cater for your needs, but please keep in mind we are very remote and some ingredients are difficult to source. With a small organic vegetable garden, a herd of cattle, and local game, we ensure that meals are fresh and made with care.

Camp facilities

The gold of Makutsi is our water. Warm mineral spring water emerges naturally from the earth at around 34°C, flowing directly into our outdoor 33-metre pool and indoor Roman Bath. The same water, cooled in storage reservoirs, flows by natural pressure to every rondavel. It comes straight out of your shower and tap — natural spring water safe to drink. Feel free to refill your water bottles from the tap in your rondavel.

Facilities available on the reserve:

- 33-metre outdoor mineral spring pool
- Indoor Roman Bath
- Viewing Deck & Hippo Hide
- Free Wi-Fi — 07h00 to 19h00 in Coffee Shop & Library
- Tennis court (racquets available from reception)
- Safari Shop
- Laundry service
- Coffee Shop & Library
- Table Tennis & Outdoor Chess
- Garden games — Badminton, KUBB, Swing ball

Suggested packing list

Clothing in neutral colours — avoid bright colours and white for improved game viewing. Safari hat, safari jacket, and for winter visits: gloves, beanie, scarf, and warm pyjamas. Comfortable short- and long-sleeved safari shirts (2 or 3 of each), shorts and long trousers (2 or 3 of each), swimwear, sunglasses, sandals, and sturdy walking or hiking shoes.

Insect repellent, high-SPF sunscreen, binoculars, torch or headlamp, camera gear and charging equipment, travel alarm clock, electrical adaptor, and reading material (also available in the Library).

Most important: valid passports, flight tickets, and money!



Health and safety - Malaria

Makutsi is in the Limpopo Lowveld — a low-risk malaria area. The risk is lowest in the dry winter months (May–September) and higher during the summer rains (October–April). Note that most packages include a trip to the Kruger National Park, which falls in a higher-risk area.

The simplest and most effective precautions include:

- Sleeping under mosquito nets — provided in all rooms
- Using a good DEET-based insect repellent
- Wearing lightweight long sleeves and trousers at dusk

We strongly recommend consulting your doctor or a travel health clinic before travelling. If you feel feverish during or after your stay, see a doctor and mention that you have been in a malaria region.

Lowveld climate

Makutsi sits in the Limpopo Lowveld — a summer rainfall area. Despite occasional afternoon showers, the average daytime temperature between September and March is around 30°C. At night it can cool down by approximately 10°C. Winters bring clear sunny days above 20°C, but nights and early mornings can drop well below 10°C — though it rarely reaches freezing point.

Summer:	November to March
Winter:	June to August
Autumn:	April to May
Spring:	September to October

Winter nights and early mornings get very cold! If travelling in winter, pack a warm jacket, beanie, gloves, scarf, and warm pyjamas — they don't weigh much and you will be very glad you brought them.