

Free calendars, Valentine's cards, and new Madikwe access requirements

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## Kicking off 2026 with some important updates

Dear Moseitlha Friends,

Whilst January may feel like a time for reflection and anticipation for many, we have begun the year with a wonderfully busy reservations office, as guests plan well ahead for 2026 and even 2027... A heartening sign of the continued love for Moseitlha.

And there is much to look forward to this year! If you are considering a longer stay, this is a good time to plan ahead - our **long-stay discount** applies when booking a minimum of five nights, offering the chance to truly slow down and immerse yourself in the bush.



Photo courtesy of Mick Pearce

### 4 for 3 Offer

There's a lovely little 3-day gap between the end-of-April long weekends that often goes unnoticed... From **27 April to 1 May**, we're offering **four nights for**

**the price of three**, on stays falling between the long weekends (midweek dates only).

Taking **three days off work** could turn into **nine days away** - and instead of joining the rush elsewhere, retreat to the quiet of the bush with us. Fewer crowds, golden Autumn light, unhurried game drives and time to truly settle into the rhythm of the bush.

The offer applies to a four-night stay, and availability is limited - but if you've been waiting for the perfect excuse to plan ahead, this might just be it.

Here are some other public holidays in South Africa that might be useful to take advantage of... The perfect opportunity to escape everyday stress and schedules (*a minimum 3-night stay applies to long weekends*):

- **Friday 3 April & Monday 6 April** - The 4-day Easter weekend: We still have availability, so snap it up quickly!
- Monday **27 April** - Freedom Day
- Friday **1 May** - Worker's Day
- Tuesday **16 June** - Youth Day
- Monday **10 August** (we are full for this weekend)
- Thursday **24 September** - Heritage Day
- Wednesday **16 December** - Day of Reconciliation
- Friday **25 December** - Christmas Day

## Retreat Update

Our next **Retreat** is tentatively planned for Monday 10 - Friday 14 August 2026... 4 nights with limited spaces, full details to follow.

If you haven't already, you can see what the Retreat was all about [HERE](#).

**Reply to this email to join our Retreat Waiting List** and you'll be the first to hear the details before they are published elsewhere.

## Kruger National Park

We are deeply saddened by the devastating flooding currently affecting parts of the Kruger National Park, and extend our support and solidarity to the teams and communities impacted.

📷 Photo courtesy of Daily Maverick



During this time, we have received several last-minute requests from guests whose Kruger plans had to be cancelled, and we were grateful to be able to accommodate a number of them here in Madikwe.

One such group was a dedicated photographic party, who enjoyed exceptional sightings including all of the Big Five, cheetah, wild dogs, a rare brown hyena, and magical sunsets over the course of seven nights.

An exclusive-use vehicle allowed them to focus fully on their shared photographic goals, adding to an already memorable safari.

A common question has arisen from many of these enquiries - whilst Madikwe has had a bit of rain and is looking lush and green right now, rest assured that we are not affected by flooding, being on the opposite side of the country, approximately an eight-hour drive from Kruger.

## Camp News

Christmas 2025 was surprisingly quiet, followed by a fully booked New Year. Eighteen guests welcomed

2026 together, managing to stay awake until midnight to toast the year ahead under the stars on the deck.

It is also very much baby season. Recent sightings include a wildebeest calf with its umbilical cord still visible, tiny zebra foals, and plenty of baby warthogs, affectionately nicknamed "walkie talkies" by some, thanks to their often-upright tails.

A reminder that our **rate increase will take effect from 1 July 2026**. Guests staying with us before the end of June will still enjoy our current rates.





📷 Photos courtesy of Tara Turkington

## Important Access Update for Madikwe Game Reserve

A new access system has been implemented at all reserve gates.

Ahead of your stay, we will send you a **personal Reservation Document**. Upon arrival at the gate, you will be asked to enter your name and reservation number from this document.

The system may request an email address, which is not mandatory for entry. As there is no need for the Parks Board to contact guests directly, we recommend using a generic placeholder email address of your choice.

Please also note that **valid ID or passports are required for all guests**, including children, and must be presented at the gate.

## Download our 2026 calendar

Our **2026 Madikwe Wildlife Calendar** is available to download: A month-by-month celebration of the reserve and its wildlife, shared by guests who have stayed with us at Moseitha, taken during our sought-after game drives in Madikwe Game Reserve.

With January having already flown by, we've added a bonus month extending into 2027.

The calendar is suitable for printing if you would like a physical copy - either print at home or take to a printer for high quality printing and binding.

[Download now](#)

We also promised additional calendars for the more niche interests, such as birds, babies, and cats. These took little longer due to **so** many enquiries and bookings coming in over January – we've even confirmed an exclusive use birthday stay for August 2027!

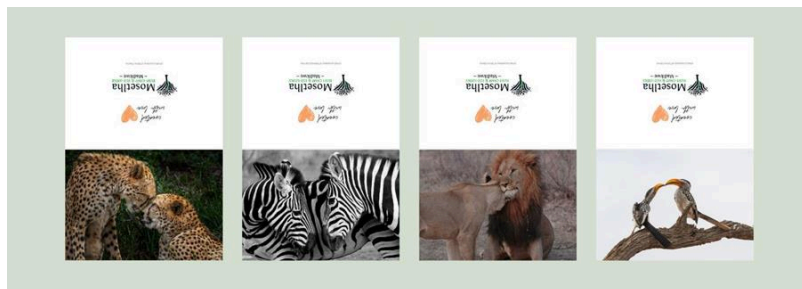


### Valentine's Month

February is often called the Month of Love, and to mark the occasion we have created four **free downloadable** Valentine's cards, featuring wildlife photographs generously shared by our guests (and credited of course).

These are available via the same link above - just tap the Download button.

Once downloaded, the cards can be printed on A5 card, folded, and personalised with your own message – a small way to share a bit of Madikwe magic with someone special.



We also have availability over **Valentine's weekend**, from Friday 13 to Monday 16 February, for stays of

two or three nights – or longer, should you wish to linger.

Guests booking four nights may take advantage of a fifth night free, provided the stay does not include a long weekend.

Whether you are travelling solo, as a couple, or with friends, February is a wonderful time to be in the bush – with spectacular sundowners on afternoon and evening game drives, followed by unhurried dinners and stargazing on the deck or around the fire.

### Guest Mentions

Recent guest Marc Bozon is undertaking a fascinating personal project - ticking off wild cat sightings across the globe. While he did see lions during his short stay with us, he was only here for two nights before moving on.

Interestingly, the day after his departure, other guests enjoyed sightings of both cheetah and leopard – a perfect example of why we strongly recommend **four nights or more**, particularly for guests with specific wildlife hopes, or a bucket list to check off.

You can follow Marc's journey here: <https://mybigcatyear.com>

### Thank you for your recent Reviews!

Thanks to your wonderful reviews, we enjoyed a brief moment of glory in **second place on Tripadvisor** just behind the magnificent Jamala Lodge. Morukuru has since reasserted itself, and we're now back at third - a position we're delighted to hold.

Thank you for your continued support - your feedback helps other travellers plan a truly memorable safari.

Please help us keep our position by sharing your feedback - it'll take just 2 minutes.

Tap the image below or scan the QR code with your phone camera to go straight there!



### Share Your Moseilha Memories

We love seeing Moseilha through your eyes!

If you have special photos from your time with us, please do send them to us – we may feature them in our next newsletter or on our social pages (crediting you of course!)

You can send large files easily and for free via WeTransfer.

[Click here to send yours →](#)

### Missed out?

If you've missed any of our previous news and updates, you can now catch up on them all (including some of our favourite recipes).

[View our past newsletters](#)

We look forward to a busy 2026, and wish each and every one of you a wonderful year ahead.

If you have any questions or would like to check availability, email Kelly at [info@thebushcamp.com](mailto:info@thebushcamp.com) (or just reply to this one!)

Warm regards,  
*The Moseilha Bush Camp Team*  
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