



## DISCOVER YOUR DREAM AFRICAN SAFARI

### Embracing our Safari Traditions



#### Dear Valued Guest

Over the years, we've celebrated the incredible legacy of Thornybush—from our humble beginnings as a safari lodge to our ongoing commitment to conservation, luxury hospitality, and sustainability.

Recently, we asked our Guides what they love most about Thornybush, and their answer was unanimous: **the tradition of morning game drives and the cherished sunrise coffee stop.** While this may not be unique to us, it remains a timeless ritual that holds a special place in the hearts of our guests from around the world.

This year, we're embracing the magic of our safari traditions—the golden-hour sundowner ritual, the iconic bush breakfast, boma dinners under the stars, immersive bush walks, and the enchanting storytelling and traditional dancing that connect us to South Africa's rich heritage. These moments define the Thornybush experience, making us the ultimate classic safari destination in the Greater Kruger region.

In this newsletter, find out how you are able to make a meaningful impact with [Thornybush Community](#).



#### Video: Our Most Loved Tradition

#### 2025 Rates and Special Offers

Whether you're traveling solo, planning a honeymoon, or seeking the perfect family getaway, our promotions and special offers are thoughtfully curated to match your dream safari experience, ensuring an immersive and luxurious adventure.

**Saseka Tented Camp:** From ZAR 26 000

**Little Saseka:** From ZAR 36 000

**Thornybush Game Lodge:** From ZAR 18 500

**Simbambili Game Lodge:** From ZAR 25 000

\* Above rates are quoted as per person per night sharing

**Kamara House:** From ZAR 85 000 sole-use 1-4 guests

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We're committed to continuously enhancing our products and facilities, and this year is no exception!

#### Updates:

**Simbambili Game Lodge:** Conservation Fee Increase: ZAR 750 per person per night + new spa offering.

**Little Saseka:** Soft upgrades in progress - scheduled to open in April 2025

**Thornybush Game Lodge:** New wellness team and spa offering.

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#### On the Blog

##### Lions: New Beginnings and Shifting Dynamics

Last year began with an exciting shift in the lion population. The Black Dam males, a group of four formidable lions, sired their first cubs on Thornybush. These cubs, born to the Evoka pride, marked the beginning of a dramatic transformation in the region's lion social structure. Having taken over the south of the reserve in 2023, the Black Dam males pushed northward, claiming more territory and solidifying their dominance. [read more](#)



#### Thornybush Community: Beyond Our Fences

At Thornybush, our commitment extends far beyond the safari experience—we are deeply invested in **community, social impact, and sustainability**. By focusing on **youth and skills development, education, poverty alleviation, and meaningful community partnerships**, we continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our neighbouring communities.

Did you know that your stay at any Thornybush lodge directly supports local community programmes? A portion of your guest conservation levies goes towards initiatives that make a real difference and we're excited to keep you informed on the progress made through our NPO.

We believe that every guest has the opportunity to be part of this journey. Whether it's **packing for a purpose**, joining a **community tour**, or witnessing the incredible work of our **K-9 unit**, there are countless ways to engage, give back, and create personal and family traditions of impact while on safari.

Together, we can ensure that the traditions of Thornybush extends beyond our fences—leaving a positive footprint for future generations.

[Find out More](#)

Your stay truly makes a difference!

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