



Escape

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Nambiti Hills Private Game Lodge

In a land where private lodges are plentiful, and most deliver on every promise made, Nambiti Hills Private Game Lodge stands out as a beacon of elegance and sophistication, and is the ideal place for you to indulge in the elusive art of relaxation.

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Being one of South Africa's most ruggedly scenic provinces, KwaZulu-Natal presents the perfect alternative to travellers who would traditionally seek out the more northern parts of the country. Geographically diverse, the Nambiti Private Game Reserve offers so much more than the traditional bushveld environment, and presents an aura of wildness and authenticity to the Nambiti Hills Private Game Lodge.



Unmistakably five-star, Nambiti Hills offers intimate and sumptuous accommodation in the heart of the reserve. The eight luxury suites and one honeymoon suite are carefully positioned for ultimate privacy and feature contemporary yet eclectic African interiors designed to exude a natural warmth which entices one to spend your time indoors.

Lofty glass-enclosed dining and lounge areas in the main lodge building provide



panoramic views of rolling hills and savannah by day, and thousands of stars in the clear skies by night. The wide verandah with its neighbouring bar is the central point of social life at Nambiti Hills. Here, relaxing in the rock pool is a treat, or one can join other guests around one of two boma fires, and share the adventures of the day.

As elegant as the lodge is, the distinctive dining experience at every sitting further distinguishes Nambiti Hills from other lodges. Although menus are quite structured, they offer enough sumptuous variety to please the most particular tastes. Nambiti Hills' highly skilled chefs prepare meals in view of the dining area of the main lodge where dinner is usually served. Breakfast on the viewing deck is the textbook way to start any day, and guests can also look forward to a surprise boma dinner, a meal at the waterfall or even in a private enclave just outside your suite.

Often described as 'heaven on earth', the reserve is a complex natural environment that is home to the Big 5, cheetah as well as over 30 other animal species, a variety of birds and indigenous flora. According to Nambiti Game Ranger, Ross Cairns, the reserve is one of the few in private hands in Africa where species have the space and habitat to display their natural tendencies. The sheer size of the reserve allows herbivores to roam in large herds, as they would have done centuries ago. Depending on personal preference, one can explore the reserve by 4x4, on foot or by helicopter. The Le Seur Cheetah Project at Nambiti gives guests an unforgettable experience of hands on interaction with these cats in their enclosures. This project has a long term goal of reintroducing the offspring of their three Cheetahs back into the wild in order to help with the dwindling numbers of this endangered species.

Whilst equipped with its own airfield and

helipad, the lodge is situated 23 kilometres east of Ladysmith, and is a lazy afternoon's drive from the bustle of either Durban or Johannesburg. If you take an interest in history, enjoy a great hike, or simply revel the vibrance of African culture in general, Nambiti Hills is within comfortable driving distance from several significant battlefields of the South African War, and the majestic Drakensberg mountains with its ancient San rock paintings.

There are many reasons to consider visiting Nambiti Hills. Whether it is a discreet getaway to commune with the beauty of Africa in the comfort of luxurious accommodation, to celebrate a special event in style, or to gather for a corporate breakaway, this place is the perfect escape.

For more information or to make a reservation, call +27 31 818 0340 or visit www.nambitihills.com.