



## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

Be part of a wildlife conservation experience that is saving rhino. Your participation directly funds a strategic wildlife operation aimed at saving critical wildlife species.



Somkhanda Game Reserve is located in the Pongola district of Zululand and is home to valuable populations of both white and black rhino as well as leopard, elephant, buffalo, lion, wild dog and all the common game species.

Join our team of dedicated wildlife professionals on a rhino darting operation as they undertake horn reductions, or fitting of a radio tracking device, as part of the ongoing conservation interventions and strategies to protect critical populations black and white rhino. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a conservation success story. To add to the experience you will also join field rangers and wildlife monitors in their daily task of monitoring the reserve's wild dog, elephant and black rhino.

### Programme:

#### Day 1:

Arrival at Somkhanda at approximately 15h00. After a welcome drink and settling in there is an

optional game drive, or relax and enjoy the view from the deck overlooking the waterhole. Sundowners and snacks will be served whilst your host talks about the vision and mission of Somkhanda and provides an overview of the state of rhino populations, current conservation strategy as well as an overview of the rhino darting operation you will experience. Key reserve staff will join us for dinner.





### Day 2:

We kick off with an early morning game monitoring activity - either elephant or wild dog - enjoying coffee and a snack in the field. During this time the ground team will be locating the correct animal and the vet and helicopter will arrive on site. After a final briefing on the procedures, roles and responsibilities the vet and pilot will take off and dart the first animal. We, the ground support team, will follow by vehicle. As soon as the animal is down it is time for action. With a limited window to complete our task we must work quickly. After administering the antidote we retreat to a safe distance and observe the animal get up and is safe. Returning to the lodge for Lunch you have an

opportunity to engage with the vet, pilot and reserve conservation management. After lunch we dart a second animal. In the evening we enjoy a boma dinner.

### Day 3:

A full days programme starting off with a game monitoring activity - coffee and snacks in the field. We return to lodge for late breakfast and an opportunity to relax. For the hyperactive another game drive. In the afternoon another game monitoring activity rounding off with sundowners and a short night drive before a farewell dinner.

### Day 4:

For those that have still not had enough early coffee and snack and a guided bushwalk before breakfast, packing up and departing.



**Cost: R22, 650.00 per person sharing  
(Min 6 people and Max 12 people sharing)**

#### Includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation (Arrive Friday & Depart Monday)
- All Meals
- Community Levies
- Conservation Contribution

#### Excludes:

- Transfers (arranged on request)
- Drinks
- 30% single supplement

**DATES: 04 – 07 August 2017**

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