

Tswalu Game Lodge | The Green Kalahari

Personal Impression

Many people had told us how beautiful the Kalahari was and when we arrived, we were not disappointed. The mountains, red soil and green flora is not what is expected in the Kalahari but this is the GREEN Kalahari. The game was so different to what I had experienced before we felt privileged to be in this unique environment. Accommodations were very good and the food exceptional. It is a comfortable lodge, offering luxury but with a casual flair.

Logistics of Getting to Tswalu

There is only ONE way in and out of Tswalu serviced by a private charter company and the size of the plane depends on the number of people visiting Tswalu. This is run by an air charter company owned by the Oppenheimer's who also own Tswalu. Flight duration between Johannesburg and Tswalu is about 1 ½ hours and between Cape Town and Tswalu about two hours.

Arrival: You can fly to Tswalu from either Cape Town at 7.50 am or Johannesburg at 11.50 pm

Departure: You can fly from Tswalu to Johannesburg at 10.20 am and to Cape Town at 2.30 pm
Luggage is limited to a total of 44lbs per person – to include checked and carry on.

The Game – A Unique Experience

A trip to Tswalu Kalahari Reserve is unique in many ways. Each suite has its own private ranger and vehicle. Couples travelling together can share a vehicle. This reserve is divided into two sections. One with the predators, and one without predators. The reserve is focused on only animals that are endemic species to the Kalahari. You will see and experience game here you will not see anywhere else.

A few examples below:

- There is a habituated Meerkat colony. At morning light begin by walking up to a meerkat colony as they emerge to warm themselves in the sunshine before scampering off to forage. The meerkats will stand right at your feet.
- Marvel at the rare Black Desert Rhino (see photo below).
- At the end of the day, you can walk an armadillo.
- One of the few areas where you may see a pangolin – we saw them on all three of our trips.
- See huge Kalahari Lions.
- Follow wild dogs on the hunt.
- See the stunning Sable Antelope.

- The very graceful Oryx.

Simply a different experience than the Kruger Park private reserves.



They offer the same experiences as most safari lodges - Guided Bush Walks, Spa Treatments and they also offer Horseback Riding

Accommodations

The Motse suites are large, elegant and yet have a nice simplicity to the design. There is a large rock fireplace in the middle of the room, a large staging area for all your "stuff" on entry to the room. There is also a long desk that is so wonderful for your computer and paperwork. The bathroom is large with a large bathtub, separate shower and double vanities. They do not have any drawers but plenty of shelves and hanging space. The Family suites are really not suitable for two adult couples as the second bedroom is small with small twin beds. However it is an option for a couple that want two bathrooms and a separate lounge area.

The Motse | [Motse Suites](#)



Public Areas

At the main house in the Motse, guests can relax in the spacious lounge with a nice fireplace, comfy couches and several different seating areas. The main lounge leads onto a patio overlooking the outdoor heated swimming pool and pool terrace. There is a mezzanine library with TV/satellite, - a small gift shop run on the honor system. Write in the book what you took and it will appear on your bill. This epitomizes the relaxed atmosphere of the lodge. You are a guest and treated as a guest in their home. There is also a gym. The dining area is on one end of the main lounge with plenty of tables for privacy for all guests.



Food and Beverage

The food was outstanding. You can eat at any time you wish and they have an “all-day dining menu”. Other facilities include a walk-in wine cellar stocked with South African wines, where you can select the wine you wish for the evening, a stocked refrigerator where you can help yourself to what soft drink or water you wish. The bar is manned but it is nice to have the option to select your own beverage.

A new addition to Tswalu dining is Restaurant Klein Jan who was the first South African chef to receive a Michelin Star for restaurant in Nice, France.

You are first invited to step back in time on the stoep of a 100-year-old farmhouse. Boscia House, that inspired architect Adrian Davidson’s daring subterranean design. It was respectfully restored to set the scene for Klein JAN’s modern dining experience. Dining at Klein JAN is a culinary adventure from start to finish. Guests are served different courses in theatrical spaces, igniting all the senses, which keeps the dining experience exciting and interactive.

Tswalu Winter Menu 2017

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GRILL

Twice Baked Goats Cheese Soufflé, Chakalaka
& Crispy Leek Straws

or

Pumpkin Tart Tatin, Confit Baby Tomatoes,
Toasted Seeds & Micro Herbs



Grilled Duck Breast, Pampoen Koekies, Green Beans
& Mulled Wine Jus

or

Pan-Fried Sole, Crispy Marog, Roast Garlic Polenta
& Sage Butter Sauce with Winter Vegetable



Brandied Winter Fruits, Crème Patisserie,
Speculaas Crumble & Pistachio Brittle

or

Roasted Brazil Nut Chocolate Brownie,
Salted Caramel Ice-Cream & Brûléed Banana



ALL-DAY DINING

Karoo Lamb chops – pan fried with rosemary & roasted garlic

Chermoula Chicken – garlic, parsley & lemon zest dressed chicken breast

Maize-Crusted Kudu Loin – like a schnitzel but South African by design, served with wholegrain mustard aioli

Pasta Passion – tagliatelle tangled with tomato, olives, crispy chorizo & caper berries

Venison Fillet Burger – char-grilled and tucked between soft white buns with caramelised onions & truffle mayonnaise

Ostrich Stroganoff – on soft turmeric maize meal

Smoked Salmon Salad – fine green beans, soft boiled egg, goats cheese & crispy capers

Chickpea & Vegetable Salad – curried onion, blush tomatoes, grilled aubergine & toasted pine nuts

Chicken Caesar Salad – with white anchovies & a soft poached egg

Club Sandwich – venison, beef fillet, chicken or grilled halloumi...you choose!

Tempting Tswalu Sides...

- Chakalaka
- Sweet Potato Fries
- Three Green Bean Steam
- Morogo Spinach with Feta
- Parmesan-battered Onion Rings



BREAKFAST

Winter Fruits to Share – simple wonderful winter fruit platter

Four C's Juice Boost – carrot, cucumber, cabbage, celery with a ginger zing

Bush Breakfast Smoothie – a blend of winter fruits, muesli & vanilla yoghurt

Mealie Pap – served soft with butter, brown sugar & buttermilk on the side

Power-Packed Oats – hot rolled oats with goji berries, chia seeds, cinnamon sugar & honeyed mascarpone

Eggs Benedict:

LIGHT... One poached egg on roasted sweet potato & blanched asparagus dressed with hollandaise

LOADED... Two poached eggs on toasted English muffin with hickory ham or smoked salmon or buttered spinach dressed with hollandaise

South African Breakfast – eggs your favourite way served with bacon, grilled tomato, venison sausage, mushrooms, crispy baby potatoes & baked beans

Oh-My Omelette – wilted spinach, blush tomatoes, red bell pepper & melting feta

Spicy Sheba Eggs – two eggs poached in a spicy tomato relish served with crispy rye toasties

French Toast – caramelised banana, crispy sesame-crusted sticky streaky bacon & edamame beans

Buttermilk Crumpets – sizzled stone fruit, vanilla-bean yoghurt & cinnamon dust

Internet

There is internet and WIFI access in the rooms.

Website: Tswalu Lodge