At a Glance

SHAMWARI
GAME RESERVE

Pride of the Eastern Cape

Shamwari, meaning "my friend" in Shona, is the pinnacle of private game reserves and home to the coveted Big 5. Stretching 25,000 hectares over a malaria free landscape, it offers an award-winning nature experience and is one of the largest private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa.

Shamwari is a place where guests can exist in harmony with nature, however fleeting the moment, where wildlife freely roam the landscape under the relentless African sun. Shamwari incorporates five lodges, one villa and one explorer camp; each one unique with its own essence. Lodges are designed in harmony with their surroundings where guests can experience nature in sublime comfort.

Conserving a vanishing way of life...

- World's Leading Safari and Game Reserve and the World's Leading Conservation Company since 1998
- Environmental Award from American Society of Travel Agents
- Traveler's Choice 2008 from Trip Advisor
- Largest private game reserve in the Eastern Cape and one of the largest private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa
- Largest concentration of wildlife in the Eastern & Southern Cape
- A premier Big 5 safari which is private and exclusive to Shamwari guests only
- 5 of South Africa's 7 biomes occur on Shamwari Game Reserve
- Dedicated Wildlife Department (including qualified wildlife veterinarians, ecologist and environmentalist) boasting a breeding centre, Dr Ian Player Rhino Awareness Centre, a rehabilitation centre, an animal hospital, an education centre and an anti-poaching unit. Shamwari Game Reserve has received the Global Nature Fund Award for Best Conservation Practice
- Unique safari based activities to allow for a complete 5-star and tailor-made experience
- Malaria Free
- Approximately 45 minutes drive from Port Elizabeth Airport with daily flights to international airports
- Natural extension of the famous Garden Route
- Ultimate family destination
- Unique activities aimed at children of all ages
- All food items are sourced in an environmentally responsible manner.

Guest Activities

Game Drives

Interactive game drives, lasting up to 3 hours, take place in the tranquil moods of sunrise and sunset. You are guided by your game ranger in an open game viewing vehicle and you are asked to share any particular interests with your ranger who will try to incorporate these into your game drive. On game drives guests will enjoy a sundowner drink at sunset and coffee/tea at sunrise. No persons under the age of 4 years are permitted to join game drives.

Guided Game Walks

Qualified walking guides provide the opportunity for guests to experience the excitement of approaching species on foot. No persons under the age of 16 years are permitted to join the game walks. Kindly ensure to request this activity at the time of booking accommodation as game walks are subject to the availability of qualified guides.

Guided Nature Walks

Qualified walking guides provide the opportunity for guests to experience the excitement of tracking, bird, insect, plant and animal dropping identification. No persons under the age of 16 years are permitted to join the nature walks. Kindly ensure to request this activity at the time of booking accommodation as nature walks are subject to the availability of qualified guides.

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Relaxation Retreats
Various treatments can be enjoyed at our Relaxation Retreats which are situated at Eagles Crag, Bayethe Lodge and Long Lee Manor. Treatments can be booked prior to arrival with reservations. Kindly visit our website for the latest list of treatments available.

Animal Rehabilitation Centre / Animal Hospital
The Shamwari rehabilitation centre is amongst the best in Southern Africa and is fully registered to provide veterinary care to young, abandoned, orphaned or injured animals. On arrival you will be met by a member of this caring team who will show you the facilities and explain what it is that they do. During the recovery phase; "patients" are kept in custom built bomas. Provided there are patients in care, an opportunity to meet them should arise during your visit. The animal rehabilitation centre operates on donations only; therefore no entrance fee is requested, but a monetary donation will be much appreciated.

Dr Ian Player Rhino Awareness Centre
The Dr Ian Player Rhino Awareness Centre, was created in conjunction with the Wilderness Foundation to highlight the devastating effect of rhino poaching which South Africa and the rest of the continent is facing. The centre offers guests the opportunity to learn about the plight of the rhino and more about these magnificent endangered animals, as well as the many conservation and anti-poaching activities presently underway at Shamwari Game Reserve.

Born Free Foundation, Animal Rescue & Education Centre
In partnership with actress and conservationist, Virginia McKenna's Born Free Foundation, Shamwari Game Reserve designed the Born Free Foundation, Animal Rescue and Education Centre to incorporate a museum and educational facility with the goal to create awareness of the horrific way in which wildlife is exploited in captivity around the world. Over the years the Born Free Foundation has been able to rescue several big cats from situations where they focused on promoting the conservation of species and the protection of habitat whilst maintaining a humane and compassionate approach to the welfare of animals. The Born Free Foundation is a registered charity organization and therefore solely relies on donations. No entry fees are charged, but a monetary donation is requested.

Where to stay

Eagles Crag
9 Suites - S 33° 24' 59.2" E 26° 05' 32.3"
Bayethe Lodge
12 Tents - S 33° 24' 01.2" E 26° 11' 04.3"
Long Lee Manor
15 Suites/Rooms - S 33° 28' 01.3" E 26° 03' 01.6"
Riverdene Lodge
9 Rooms - S 33° 29' 29.1" E 26° 02' 52.8"
Sarili Lodge
5 Suites - S 33° 30' 11.0" E 26° 02' 57.9"
Villa Lobengula
6 Suites - S 33° 21' 31.7" E 26° 06' 28.4"
Explorer Camp
3 Tents - Guests arrive at and depart from Eagles Crag

What to pack

- Sun block
- Hat/cap
- Walking boots
- Comfortable and casual clothing
- Warm jackets for game drives
- Camera (300 - 600mm lenses for good photographs)
- Medication for allergies

General Information

- Private airstrip, situated adjacent to Long Lee Manor. Guests will be transferred by Shamwari rangers in open game vehicles. Ensure to contact Shamwari Game Reserve with the estimated time of arrival at least 24hours prior to arrival and on the day of arrival
- Runway details: Elevation 695ft - 1 000m in length, width 20m, compacted gravel surface, caution: animals; Co-ordinates S 33° 27' 42" E 26° 03' 13"
- Landing areas for helicopters are available at Long Lee Manor (30 meters from lodge), Eagles Crag (1 minute drive from lodge), Bayethe Lodge (3 minute drive from lodge) and at Villa Lobengula (within walking distance from the lodge)
- Driving distances between lodges: 10/15 minutes between Long Lee Manor, Riverdene and Sarili (Southern Lodges)
  20/30 minutes between Eagles Crag, Bayethe Lodge and Villa Lobengula (Northern Lodges)
  30/45 minutes between Southern & Northern Lodges