



FIFTYSEVEN

WATERBERG

WELGEVONDEN BIG FIVE GAME RESERVE

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Fifty Seven Waterberg

Situated three hours north of Johannesburg lies Fifty Seven Waterberg, a gem nestled in the heart of the Welgevonden Game Reserve and home to the Big Five in a malaria-free area. The Waterberg Biosphere Reserve was declared an official UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001. This magnificent five-star establishment is synonymous with tranquillity, solitude and luxury; not to mention the surroundings of the breath taking panoramic views of the Waterberg mountains.

The excellent game viewing makes Fifty Seven Waterberg a fantastic holiday destination in a world of easy-going grace.

Crystal clear streams have, over the millennia, carved the scenic topography of the Waterberg mountain range and wilderness. Rock art sites dating as far back as 2000 years can be found in Welgevonden and the greater Waterberg area. Historically, wildlife on the reserve has never been hunted so game viewing is always up close and personal.

The Waterberg, and in particular Welgevonden, with its privately owned lodges such as Fifty Seven Waterberg has been a well-kept secret for a long time, but it is fast becoming the destination of preference for local and international guests. Fifty Seven Waterberg is certainly one of the finest places to experience wildlife, a sense of wilderness and touch the spirit of true Africa in comfort and style.

Fifty Seven Waterberg is a twenty bed lodge situated in the Welgevonden Game Reserve which consists of nearly 36 000 hectares of unspoiled African bushveld ranging from rocky outcrops where the leopards watch from their hidden crevices to wide open savannah where the herds of Zebra, Wildebeest and Impala abound. Welgevonden Game Reserve is considered to be one of the best managed game reserves in the world and a leader in conservation and anti-poaching strategies.

Fifty Seven Waterberg Facilities

General:

- Fifty Seven Waterberg welcomes full board guests (excludes beverages, excludes Welgevonden daily conservation levy, inclusive of meals, inclusive of selected game drive beverages).
- Please note: Collection point is at the Welgevonden Private Game Reserve West Gate, where you must leave your vehicle. There is 24-hour security. Link to the West Gate: <https://goo.gl/maps/p1gp4VaZEPVrPvkEA> – please use the Welgevonden Private Game Reserve West Gate directions and not the lodge if you are using Google Maps.
- Check in time is at 13h30 at the Welgevonden West Gate Collection Point. Should a guest request a different collection time; an additional surcharge applies for their account, due to the remote location. Check out time is at 10h00. No private vehicles are permitted, which ensures minimal human impact and an ultimate wilderness experience.
- All beverages to be purchased on site
- Special diet meals upon request
- Daily housekeeping
- Gift shop on site



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Suite Types:

The three suite types on offer are five (5) classic suites, four (4) luxury suites, and one (1) honeymoon suite. All suites sleep two.

Classic Suite – Suite Number 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

The five spacious classic suites are placed strategically along the small hill to provide maximum privacy and intimacy. All are equipped with king-sized beds and relaxing private deck where you can unwind while listening to the birds sing.

- King sized bed – sleeps two (four of the five rooms can be converted to a twin room)
- Fans and air conditioning
- Shower, bath, double vanity and separate toilet
- Dressing room, safe, writer's desk, armchair and private patio
- Non-smoking

Luxury Suite – Suite Number 7, 8, 9, 10

Four luxury suites are equipped with private solar heated plunge pools for the ultimate de-stressing pleasure or sipping on a glass of sparkling wine.

- King sized bed – sleeps two
- Fans, air conditioning and fireplace
- Shower, bath, double vanity and separate toilet
- Dressing room, safe, writer's desk, armchair and private patio
- Non-smoking
- Solar heated plunge pool
- Suite 9 & 10 have interleading doors and can be set up as a family unit and have closed bathrooms
- Suite 9 & 10 can be set up as a twin
- Suite 7 & 8 have open baths and showers, however the WC is closed

Honeymoon Suite – Suite Number 3

The honeymoon suite is equipped with a heated jet pool. It overlooks the waterhole, ravine and is situated next to a large rock fig tree.

- King sized bed – sleeps two
- Air conditioning and fireplace
- Shower, bath, double vanity and toilet
- Dressing room, safe, writer's desk, armchair and private patio
- Non-smoking
- Heated jet pool
- Outside shower



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Game Drives:

Game drives operate in the early mornings and late afternoons when viewing is at its best. Enjoy a crisp morning game drive with the beauty of the rising African sun as well as an evening drive, where the animals can be viewed with the aid of a spotlight.

Child Policy:

Unfortunately, we do not accommodate children under the age of six (6) years unless the entire lodge is booked for exclusive use. Children aged 6 and older that are allocated a suite/bed will have first option on game drives, whereas children sharing a suite with their parents will only be able to go on a game drive if there is availability on the day. A seat is not guaranteed on the game vehicle. An extra bed can be set up in suite to accommodate up to two (2) small children in the suite with their parents.

Landing Facilities:

Welgevonden also offers landing facilities for light aircraft and helicopters by prior arrangement.

Common Areas – Swimming Pool:

Cool down and relax in the hot African sun and enjoy your favourite drink at our heated infinity pool while enjoying the sights and sounds of the tranquil African bush.

Common Areas – Curio Shop, Lounge, Bar, Dining Room and Boma:

At the main lodge area, meals are served in the dining room. Drinks can be enjoyed either at the cosy inside bar or the outside deck area with fire pit, which overlooks the waterhole. For a real South African treat, guests can unwind next to the boma fire under the spectacular Milky Way. The curio shop is stocked with an array of luxury clothing, trinkets, gifts and basic toiletries.

Conference Events and Weddings:

The lodge can be arranged for the purposes of catering, corporate retreats and breakaways. There are numerous "break-out" areas for brainstorming, workshops and idea generation. Small, intimate weddings can also be arranged.

Food & Beverage:

All meals are included, selected beverages are included (breakfast beverages, selected local bar items on game drives) and all other beverages are to be purchased on site.

FAQ's:

HOW MANY GUESTS DO YOU ACCOMMODATE AT THE LODGE?

The lodge consists of 10 suites, accommodating 20 adults (excluding children). Meals are served at the communal main lodge areas.

CAN I BOOK THE LODGE FOR EXCLUSIVE USE?

Yes.



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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CLASSIC SUITE, LUXURY SUITE AND HONEYMOON SUITE?

Classic suites may use the communal pool at the main building whereas the Luxury suites have private solar-heated plunge pools. The honeymoon suite has its own heated jet pool and outdoor shower. Classic suites have a traditional atmosphere and luxury and honeymoon suites have a contemporary atmosphere.

DO YOU CATER FOR VEGETARIANS?

Yes, but due to our remote location, please ensure that you communicate your requirements well in advance.

CAN I BRING MY OWN FOOD / BEVERAGES?

Unfortunately not. All beverages to be purchased on site from our cash bar.

DO YOU HAVE WIFI?

Yes, free of charge.

WHERE IS THE COLLECTION POINT AND WHAT IS THE CHECK-IN PROCEDURE?

- Collection time: 13h30, standard.
- Collection point: Welgevonden West Gate, where you must leave your vehicle – there is 24-hour security.
- Please inform us of your estimated time of arrival.
- **Phone the lodge when you reach Vaalwater.**
- Early collection time: 11h30 (access to suite will only be at 14h00).
- Any other collection time will carry a R500 surcharge.
- Specify any dietary requirements well in advance.
- Arrival lunch: 14h00.
- Please do not use the lodge on Google maps for directions, but rather the Welgevonden Private Game Reserve West Gate or the map on our contact us page. Collection and drop off from the Welgevonden Main Gate can be arranged at additional costs.

DO I HAVE MY OWN GAME VIEWER FOR EXCLUSIVE USE?

Game drives occur collectively as a group; maximum 10 guests per vehicle allowed.

CAN I SELF-DRIVE IN WELGEVONDEN?

No, your vehicle must be left at the Welgevonden West Gate – there is 24-hour security.

CAN I WALK/RUN IN WELGEVONDEN?

Welgevonden is home to the Big 5 and should not be approached.

DO YOU HAVE A SPA?

We offer in-room spa treatments.



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IS THE LODGE LOCATED IN A MALARIA AREA?

No, we are in a Malaria-free area. This is the malaria risk map as released by the Department of Health:

<https://www.santhnet.co.za/index.php/travel-health-advice/travel-advice/malaria-advice-for-travellers/item/330-malaria-risk-map-for-south-africa-2017.html>

WHAT IS THE DAILY ITINERARY?

Daily game drives take place in the mornings between 5h00 and 6h00 and in the afternoon at 15h00 or 16h00 and lasts approximately 2,5 – 3 hours. This may change due to weather and seasonal conditions. Breakfast is at 9h00 (dependent on game drive arrival), lunch 13h00, dinner 19h30.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK?

Sunscreen, insect repellent (don't worry too much – we are a malaria free area), hat, bathing suit, closed shoes when walking between suites, warm clothing, reading material, binoculars. Cash / credit card should you want to buy something from our curio shop or would like to tip the staff.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

Relax, you are in the bush, we recommend practical and comfortable clothing; no need to dress to impress. Please remember warm clothes such as scarves, gloves, beanies and jackets; especially in Winter (May – September). May we suggest earthy and neutral colours in order to blend in with nature.

ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED?

Children older than 6 years are allowed but please contact us regarding our child policy.

WHAT SORT OF CLIMATE CAN I EXPECT?

The climate of the Waterberg area can be described as warm temperate with three distinct seasons. From May to July it is dry with mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures of 22.3°C and 2.6°C respectively. Ground frosts occur regularly, particularly in low-lying areas. From August to October, daily temperatures begin to rise, with mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures of 27.6 °C and 8.6°C respectively, and although generally dry, occasional thunderstorms develop. The annual wet season extends from November to April, with mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures of 29.3°C and 14.5°C respectively.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT?

This is a matter of personal choice but there is no good or bad time to visit.

Here are a few "Pros" of each season:

SUMMER (Nov – Feb)

Pros

- Lots of greenery and baby animals
- Good for colourful photography
- Pleasant early mornings and evenings with long days



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AUTUMN (Feb – May)

Pros

- Crisp mornings, less rain
- Beautiful Autumn colours
- Animals are healthy

WINTER (May – Aug)

Pros

- Easy to spot wildlife
- Almost no rain
- Less insects and mosquitos

SPRING (Aug – Nov)

Pros

- Good birding time
- Great climate
- Nature is starting to blossom





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Map

Directions:

1. Take the N1 North towards Polokwane.
2. After the Engen garage at the Kranskop tollgate, take the R33 Modimolle / Marble Hall offramp and keep left towards Modimolle.
3. Continue past Modimolle and Vaalwater.
4. NB Please inform staff when you reach Vaalwater: +27(0)14 754 8930.
5. At Vaalwater keep straight to Bulgerivier / Thabazimbi for about 46km (you will pass the Welgevonden Main Gate).
6. Turn left at the Schoongelegen gravel road.
7. After about 17km, the West gate will be on your left. <https://goo.gl/maps/p1qp4VaZEPVrPvkEA>

Please allow roughly 3 hours' travel time from Pretoria

Directions to Welgevonden West Gate:

1. Take the N1 North towards Polokwane
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West Gate GPS Coordinates: S 24° 14'586" E 027° 43.080"
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