



## Garonga Safari Camp Fact Sheet:

**Owner:** Bernardo Smith (UK) – Phone +27 (0)71 896 2312.

**Opening:** Safari Camp: June 1997. Little Garonga: December 2007. Both Camps received a major refurb in 2016.

**Location:** Situated in the Greater Makalali Pidwa Private Nature Reserve (22,000 HA) near Hoedspruit, Limpopo, South Africa.

**Safaris:** One in the morning, and one in the afternoon. Game drives, walks, or a combination OR sleep In/stay In -no pressure! Open air Landrovers capable of taking 8 guests, but normally 6

**Game:** The Big “5” (Black and White Rhinos). In addition there are Cheetah, Hippo and Croc, Spotted Hyaena’s, Wild Dog and excellent Plains Game

**General:** Voltage 220V, room safes, Wifi in the Main Area at Safari Camp and in the Gift Shop. There is good Phone Signal with MTN..

**Recommendations:** Ants Nest/Ants Hill (Waterberg), and Jaci’s Safari Lodges (Madikwe – NW Province), Savanna Lodge (Sabi Sands), Makakatana Lodge (KZN Wetlands), Olivers Hotel and Spa near White River, Fugitives Drift Lodge (Zulu Battlefields) and Three Tree Hills Lodge (Boer War Battlefields).

**Access: From Johannesburg International;** the closest airports are Hoedspruit (SA Express and SA Airlink)) and Phalaborwa (SA AirLink). Both these flights take about one hour. There are also direct flights from Cape Town to Hoedspruit every day. SA Airlink also operates daily flights from KMIA (Kruger Airport) from/To Cape Town and, and also flights from/To Livingstone (Victoria Falls).

**Federal Air** operates twice daily between ORT Johannesburg International and Garonga. This is well worth taking. These are scheduled Air Charters.

**Cessani Air:** The Company operates in the Lowveld Area between Kruger Airport and all the Lodges in the Lowveld. So you can fly to another Lodge from Garonga or Vice Versa. It saves a lot of time, and allows you to spend more time on Safari and have your Meals.

**Medical:** Low risk malaria area (strongly recommend anti-malarial precautions). Please consult either a Travel Clinic or a Tropical Diseases Clinic for advice. MEDEVAC facilities through Africa Safe-T. Suggest bringing Imodium, Valoid, and Panadol. MEDEVAC is complimentary as long as you have Medical Insurance.

**Road Transfers:** We have our own Transfer vehicle that operates between Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa only. We use local transfer Companies for further afield. Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa are about 80 Minutes away.

**Self Drives:** Strongly suggest an SUV or 4x4 vehicle .

**Gate Access Times:** 0700-1800hrs. Self Drive Vehicles will NOT be allowed in after these times even if you get lost or have a breakdown or Puncture. If you phone to say you will arrive after 1800hrs then you will be informed to find a local hotel to stay overnight in Hoedspruit, Phalaborwa or Tzaneen. You need to be at the first gate next to the Public Road by 1700hrs in order to get into the Garonga Gate which is about 45 minutes drive from the Road.

Please ensure you phone the Camp (Little Garonga or Safari Camp) 24hours before arrival for the gate Access Code and also your time of arrival. Please ensure you try and reach our Garonga Gate by 1400hrs to give you time for Safari in the afternoon.

**Seasons:**

*High:* September – April (summer). Rains: Average 500mm pa. Can reach up to 40 degrees C in peak summer and fall to 25 degrees at night. It starts cooling down from March.

*Low:* May – August (winter). Generally no rain at this time. Cold mornings and evenings/night. Temperatures reach about 25 degrees C max during the day and fall to between 5 - 10 degrees C at night. Electric blankets are put on the beds during the winter. It is very cold first thing in the mornings (Winter); this is also due to wind chill factor on the vehicles. Please be prepared.

**Clothing to consider also bringing:**

*High Season:* Waterproof Jacket, swimming costume, light cotton type clothing, sandals, good walking boots, and a Cap.

*Low Season:* Fleece, Jacket, jersey, scarf, gloves, cap/hat.

Other useful items: Camera, bino's, adaptor plug, sun cream, sunglasses.

**Laundry:** Complimentary Service. Laundry is collected during the afternoon game drive, and returned the following day at about 1300hrs. Only essential laundry is done.

**Credit Cards:** M/C and Visa only.

**Currency:** We do accept Foreign Currency for tipping purposes only, but we cannot change it into Local Currency.

**Dietary Requirements:** Most, if not all are covered, as long as we have good notification.

**Phones:** We have good mobile signal. Please be aware we do not allow usage of private phones in the Public Areas or on Safari.

**Affiliations:** Classic Safari Camps of Africa ([www.classicsafaricamps.com](http://www.classicsafaricamps.com)), ATTA, and SATSA.

**Weddings:** We do these often. It is a very painless experience. Check [www.garonga.com](http://www.garonga.com) .

**Safari Camp:** Accommodation: 6 x Luxury Tents (En-Suite) – indoor and outdoor showers. Can accommodate a maximum of 2 x Guests in one tent. Ceiling fans and an extra side Fan are in the rooms. Each tent looks down onto a normally dry riverbed. Each tent has their own Mini Bar fridge and numerous Goodies (Yoga Mats etc) . Also the tents have their own platform decks with hammocks. 12 guests can be accommodated.

**Facilities:** Open air Bush Bath, Star Bath, , Sleep Out Experience, Massage (we have a full time therapist on site), Swimming Pool, Large Open Lounge with “help yourself” Bar, Boma, and a Gift Shop.

**Activities:** Apart from Safaris we also offer Microlite Flights, and Tours (Road and Helicopter) of the Blyde Canyon. Area. Costs are in the Room Information Folders.

**Wine Cellar:** An excellent selection of South African wines are cooled here.

**Wireless:** We have wireless reception in the Main Area and also at the Curio Shop. Wifi is complimentary.

**Guide Room:** There is one room for Guides or Pilots to stay in. It is en-suite, practical and comfortable.

**Meals:** Guests have their own private table for breakfast and lunch. We vary the location and theme for dinner by providing either a communal round table in the main lounge, or a boma dinner, or private tables which all have their own unique position. We also do breakfasts out in the bush. Health meals/Options are always available.

**Little Garonga:** This Luxury Bush Camp can be taken out independently (ie, using one or two suites), or for Exclusive Use. It is ideal for a Family or group of friends to take over. This camp is more traditional and built under thatch. It is more luxurious and very private and intimate. Wifi is in all the Suites and Public Area.

**Accommodation:** 3 x Suites all built under thatch. Can accommodate 8 guests (including 2 Children).

**Hambleton Suite:** Consists of the main bedroom for 2 x adults, and a closed off room for 2 x children with their own Bathroom; so it can be used by a couple or a family without either imposing or intruding. There is an indoor and outdoor lounge (covered), a huge bathroom consisting of a beautiful hand beaten copper bath tub, separate indoor shower and outdoor shower, two basins and a toilet. It has its own swimming pool with deck and hammock. The suite has its own mini-bar, and is fully air conditioned as well as having ceiling fans.

**Chiltern and Buckingham Suites:** Each suite has their own platform deck and hammock. On the deck there is a covered area, and an open area. There is a lounge area in the main bedroom consisting of a mini-bar, and air-conditioning unit as well as ceiling fans. The bathroom consists of a bath, two basins, an indoor shower and vast outdoor shower. They each have their own writing desk.

**Main/Lounge Area:** There is an indoor and covered outdoor Lounge.. The swimming pool area consists of a small pool (much bigger than a plunge pool), deck with loungers, and a barbeque area. The indoor lounge is fully air-conditioned, and also has ceiling Fans. It has a dining area, lounge/seating area, fireplace, self-service bar, and reading area.

**Meals:** Breakfast can be taken on the breakfast deck. Lunch inside the main lounge or outside depending on the weather. Dinner either outside on the swimming pool deck by the fire, or inside the main lounge area. BBQ's can be done easily on request

**Safari:** The camp has its own guide and vehicle.

**General:** The Camp is run separately from Safari Camp. It has its own host, chef, waiter and housekeeper and so is totally self-contained.

**Facilities and Activities:** As Above.

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