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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, Accommodation, and Curio 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 Airport is Hoedspruit. Fly with Airlink or CEMAIR. 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 to Hoedspruit. We use local transfer Companies for further afield. Hoedspruit is 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.

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.

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.

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), ATTA, and SATSA.

Weddings: We do these often. It is a very painless experience. Check 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, Accommodation, and 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.

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