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Bongela Private Game Lodge

Introduction:

Welcome to Bongela Private Game Lodge, a hidden gem in the heart of the Waterberg region of Vaalwater, Limpopo, South Africa. "Bongela," which means "to be grateful for," perfectly encapsulates the essence of this exclusive lodge. It offers an unparalleled escape into nature, where guests can immerse themselves in the beauty and tranquillity of the bushveld. Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or a unique wildlife experience, Bongela Private Game Lodge provides the perfect setting for an unforgettable stay.

Location:

- Bongela Private Game Lodge
- Waterberg, Vaalwater, Limpopo, South Africa
- **Malaria-Free:** Situated in a malaria-free area, ensuring a safe and comfortable visit.

Overview:

- **Type:** Private Game Lodge
- **Setting:** Nestled in the heart of the Waterberg region, surrounded by the scenic beauty of Limpopo's bushveld.
- **Accessibility:** Easily accessible from major cities like Pretoria and Johannesburg

Accommodation:

- **Lodging Options:**
 - Four wooden chalets (2 of the chalets are elevated)
 - One stone chalet
 - Three newly built chalets
- **Capacity:** Suitable for small to medium-sized groups, families, and couples.





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Facilities:

- **Dining:** On-site, offering a range of local cuisine.
- **Amenities:**
 - Bar area (fully licensed)
 - Boma
 - Conference facilities
 - Games area
 - Swimming pool
 - Lounge areas
- **Activities:** Game drives, guided bush walks, and bird watching.

Wildlife:

- **Species:** Home to a variety of wildlife including buffalo, as well as numerous species of antelope, giraffe, zebra, and an abundance of birdlife.
- **Conservation Efforts:** Committed to sustainable practices and wildlife conservation.

Unique Selling Points:

- **Exclusive Experience:** Private and secluded, offering an intimate and immersive wildlife experience.
- **Scenic Beauty:** Located in the Waterberg region known for its stunning landscapes and biodiversity.
- **Adventure Activities:** Offers a range of outdoor activities and experiences for nature enthusiasts.

What to Pack:

- **Clothing:**
 - Light, breathable clothing for daytime
 - Warm clothing for evenings and early mornings (especially during winter)
 - Comfortable walking shoes
 - Swimwear
 - Sunhat and sunglasses



- **Toiletries:**
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
 - Personal hygiene products
- **Accessories:**
 - Binoculars for wildlife viewing
 - Camera
 - Reusable water bottle
- **Other Essentials:**
 - Any necessary medications
 - Travel documents (ID, reservation details)
 - Chargers and power banks for electronic devices

How to Get There:

- **From Pretoria:**
 - Drive north on the N1 highway towards Polokwane.
 - Take the R33 exit towards Modimolle/Vaalwater.
 - Continue on the R33 and follow the signs to Vaalwater.
 - The lodge is approximately 250 km from Pretoria, about a 2.5 to 3-hour drive.
- **From Johannesburg:**
 - Drive north on the N1 highway towards Pretoria and continue towards Polokwane.
 - Take the R33 exit towards Modimolle/Vaalwater.
 - Continue on the R33 and follow the signs to Vaalwater.
 - The lodge is approximately 300 km from Johannesburg, about a 3 to 3.5-hour drive.

General Travel Information:

- **Climate:** Warm with a subtropical climate; cooler in winter (May to August).
- **Best Time to Visit:** All year round, with each season offering unique experiences.
- **Health:** No malaria precautions are needed as the lodge is in a malaria-free area.





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Child Policy:

- Children of all ages are welcome.
- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult during game drives and bush walks.
- Special activities and programs are available for children to ensure a family-friendly experience.

A Typical Day at Bongela:

- **Morning:**
 - Early morning wake-up call
 - Tea, coffee, before the morning game drive
 - Morning game drive with a professional guide
 - Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast
- **Afternoon:**
 - Relaxation time
 - Lunch served at the dining area or outdoor patio
 - Optional guided bush walks or birdwatching
- **Evening:**
 - Evening game drive with a chance to spot nocturnal animals
 - Return to the lodge for dinner
 - Relax by the campfire in the boma, sharing stories and enjoying the night sky

Nearby Attractions:

- **Waterberg Biosphere Reserve:** A UNESCO designated biosphere reserve known for its rich biodiversity.
- **Local Culture:** Opportunities to explore local culture and history in nearby towns and villages.

