



# THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT PROJECT

*A day in the life of an elephant caregiver  
1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018*

## ACCOMMODATION

The guests staying at Camp Jabulani for the duration of the elephant caregiver programme have a choice of accommodation – either the 6 luxury suites or the Zindoga Villa. Please note this programme is only for in-house guests.

While staying at this accredited Relais & Châteaux lodge, we want you to be able to relax in the Spa, catch up on some reading in your beautiful suite or simply sit back and enjoy beautiful scenery from your private decks. Over and above the self-evident perks you will be further rewarded for your unselfish and impactful immersion in this programme with two game drives a day, as well as the opportunity to spend time with magnificent giants.

## COSTS

**R1850** NETT per person additional per day. Less than 6 pax to book a private vehicle (additional cost).

## PROPOSED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Meet the herd

Today is an early start. Before heading out to the Elephant Camps, enjoy an early morning snack to build up energy for the tasks at hand today.

Arrive at sunrise as the elephants exit their Camps – all ready for a new day and early morning check-ups. Participants will join the elephant grooms in an observation capacity

It is critical that the Elephant Camps are in an impeccable condition at all times, as well as stocked with fresh water and food in time for the elephants' return after sunset.

Participants get dressed in cleaning gear (gumboots, gloves and overalls) and prepare to put in some muscle to clear out dung and waste that has accumulated overnight. Surfaces are cleaned and water troughs replenished. Fresh lucerne is stocked in the stalls and paddocks.

At midday, return to the Lodge for a well-earned lunch. The afternoon is at leisure, which no doubt will be needed for resting some weary muscles.

Afternoon activities include an elephant interaction and/or a game drive within the Kapama Reserve.

Return to the lodge for dinner, before retiring for some reflection and a good night's rest. Tomorrow will be another fulfilling day.

### Did you know?

You can **help** to change the life of an elephant

Taking care of an elephant is no easy task. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will give participants a highly personalised and experiential perspective view of a day in the life of an elephant caregiver.

## Day 2: Out and About with Elephants

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge before heading out to the natural area near the Elephant Camps. Today is a physical one, and will involve sourcing food and cutting branches.

An option today is for the participants to view the elephants foraging in the bush on a game viewer vehicle, before leaving to source food. You will then accompany the elephant grooms as they chaperone and supervise the elephants swimming in the waterhole. This is really a very special experience, as watching the elephants in their natural environment (and in one of their favourite states) is both rewarding and entertaining in equal measure.

\*Sunblock (for UV protection) and water are mandatory, especially during the hot African summer months from September to April.

Return to the Lodge in an open safari vehicle – try and spot some animals in the African bush while en route.

Enjoy a sumptuous lunch before retiring for an afternoon at leisure. Options are plentiful: spoil yourself with an indulgent spa treatment; or enjoy reading a good book on your private deck while overlooking the bush, or off course you can just have a restful afternoon siesta.

Late afternoon, participants will again have the option of an elephant interaction and/or evening game drive before returning to the Lodge for dinner.

## Day 3: Until we meet again

The morning is spent at leisure before an early lunch.

Before sundowners participants are taken to the Elephant Camps. Here they will check the Camps themselves and ensure that everything is in place to welcome the elephants back for the night ahead; water levels must be measured, and the electric fencing surrounding the Camps checked to ensure that no unwelcome animal visitors disturb the elephants in the night. Once the daily checklist has been completed and signed off by senior elephant grooms, participants will get to enjoy the fruits of their labour by watching (from a distance) as the elephants voluntarily meander into their chosen sleep areas, ready to retire for the night.

## Day 4: Departure

Today sadly marks the end of your extraordinary holiday and elephant experience. End your wildlife experience with one last early morning game drive. Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of Camp Jabulani and getting transferred back to Hoedspruit Airport for your onward journey home.

***Head home after a busy and active, but wonderfully rewarding three days – comfortable in the knowledge that a measurable difference has been made in the life of an African elephant.***

## IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Hand and shoe sizes of participants must be provided in advance when making the reservation. The wearing of gumboots and gloves (provided by Camp Jabulani) are mandatory. Gear used during this period will be donated to the local community and be put to good use.
2. Elephant grooms are present at all times to provide support and assistance where required.
3. Additional daily tasks at the stables may include:
  - a) The washing of pellet bags
  - b) Additional support to grooms, as required
4. Daily administrative tasks will also be assigned to participants, including;
  - a) The ordering of food supplies (such as lucerne, pellets, etc)
  - b) Assisting grooms to complete the requisite 'behaviour' feedback forms
  - c) Assisting with the booking sheets for the day's activities

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- This package cannot be booked in combination with any of our other special offers
- We can offer the package for 2 or 3 nights, please note that the package cannot be offered on the day of arrival
- Block-out dates: June, July, August & 16 December 2017 - 9 January 2018
- Private vehicle to be booked (subject to availability)



## RESERVATIONS

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