



KWANDWE KIDS

Kwandwe provides an exciting and stimulating experience for children. Not only are there a host of tailor-made activities on offer through the reserve's Blue Crane Conservation Club to keep little ones enthralled and entertained, but our malaria-free status and proximity to a range of family and child-friendly activities in the area make this a safari experience without parallel for families.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is specific depending on which lodge is booked.

Ecce Lodge

- ✧ Children of all ages are welcome (Ecce is ideal for families with younger children)
- ✧ Two children under 16 can share with two adults - children are accommodated in the separate lounge area; the relevant child rate applies (children aged 5 and under stay free of charge)
- ✧ Cots are available for children aged 0 – 2 years; children 3 – 16 sleep on individual single beds
- ✧ A playroom area with games and interactive activities is close to the main pool/ lodge area
- ✧ The interactive kitchen caters for children, with cooking and baking classes between safari activities
- ✧ Separate dining can be arranged
- ✧ Unfenced private plunge pools with each suite (nets are available on request) and an unfenced communal swimming pool
- ✧ Due to vehicle restrictions, Ecce can accommodate a maximum of 4 children sharing with parents in camp

at any one time – 2 quad rooms, or 1 quad/2 triples, or 4 triples

- ✖ Children 5 years and younger cannot participate in normal game drives unless an exclusive-use vehicle is booked (refer to the Rates sheet for prices), however a daily 'Hooves & Stripes' one hour game drive is offered to children (at no additional charge, with or without parents) to view non-dangerous animals such as zebra, warthogs and giraffe; children aged 6 to 11 can be accommodated on game drives at the lodge manager's discretion
- ✖ Child-minders are available at no additional cost with advance notice
- ✖ The lodge is unfenced

Great Fish River Lodge

- ✖ Children 12 and older are welcome but recommended for families with older teenagers (16 years and older)
- ✖ One child aged 12 – 16 can share with 1 adult in a suite
- ✖ The lodge is unfenced

Melton Manor

- ✖ A sole-use safari villa and ideal for families, children of all ages are welcome
- ✖ The lodge is U-shaped, with 2 sets of interleading suites on either side of the central courtyard
- ✖ The villa can accommodate a maximum of 8 guests + 1 infant under 2 (in a cot)
- ✖ Children 3 – 16 are accommodated in their own room (next door to parents' room, with interleading doors)
- ✖ Lounge offers TV with a library of DVDs and games
- ✖ Outdoor play areas include open bushveld areas around the villa for children to run around and an unfenced swimming pool
- ✖ Private vehicle and guide offers tailor-made flexibility for safari activities
- ✖ The Manor is fenced (perimeter fencing unseen to the eye to keep wild animals out)

Uplands Homestead

- ✖ Children of all ages are welcome and ideal for families with smaller children
- ✖ A private safari home for exclusive use only, Uplands can accommodate a maximum of 6 guests + 1 infant under 2 (in a cot)
- ✖ Outdoor play areas include large lawns for children to run around, unfenced swimming pool and shaded gazebo area
- ✖ Lounge offers TV with a library of DVD's and games
- ✖ Private vehicle and guide offers tailor-made flexibility for safari activities
- ✖ The Homestead is fenced (perimeter fencing unseen to the eye to keep wild animals out)

BLUE CRANE CONSERVATION CLUB

There is a myriad of exciting activities on offer for children of all ages at Kwandwe. Through the Blue Crane Conservation Club, the Reserve teaches young guests about green living in a fun way, and encourages them to start their own initiatives once back home.

- ✎ Children receive a welcome gift on arrival which includes a Blue Crane Conservation Guide comprising animal checklists, themed games and activities, and a pledge to 'live green' ('Junior' for under 6's and 'Senior' for ages 6 and up), crayons/ pencils, a BPA free water bottle and a 'Frolicking Rhino' range of bath products including shampoo, body lotion and bubble bath (Kwandwe supports the Bespoke Amenities Co., who created this range in support of their efforts to eradicate rhino poaching).
- ✎ Activities for children include a 'Bugs & Bones' walk (a great way to stretch little legs and learn all about this ecologically diverse reserve whilst searching for insects, bones and skulls and being taught how to identify animal tracks and droppings), sand art, face painting, making moulds from Plaster of Paris, beading, chocolate fun (making spider webs and insects from chocolate), Minnow's fishing trip with a ranger, special game drives outside of normal times where available, baking and pizza making with specially designed 'Chefs in Training' aprons and toques, DVDs and popcorn, eco educational board games (learning about recycling and the how to care for our planet in a fun way), chocolate mould making, creature cookie baking, and African bedtime stories.
- ✎ Giving back: children have the opportunity to plant Spekboom, a type of thicket vegetation that is native to the Eastern Cape and prolific on the reserve, and one of the top five carbon-storing vegetations on the planet. In this way they are encouraged to offset their (own small!) carbon footprint. Families can also participate in Kwandwe's voluntourism activities through the reserve's Angus Gillis Foundation, which works with communities living in and surrounding the reserve. Activities are tailored according to individual and family interests and skillsets. For young guests this includes assisting with gardening projects at the local Mgcamabele Community; participating in arts and craft activities; and toddlers are invited to join in playtime at the pre-school. Children are also welcome to participate in Kwandwe's 'Knit a Bit' program. The knitted squares are joined to make blankets and given to the Angus Gillis Foundation that distributes them to the needy communities surrounding Kwandwe.
- ✎ Sole-use bookings for Uplands Homestead and Melton Manor can design their own family safaris, with no minimum age restrictions and game drives at flexible times to suit their needs.
- ✎ Ecce Lodge: Regretfully, children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game drives unless a sole use vehicle is booked. When available this will be provided at no charge - ideally during the day so as not to clash with scheduled game drives (early morning and evening), otherwise a charge will apply. Children aged 6 to 11 can be accommodated on game drives at the lodge manager's discretion. Children of all ages are welcome to join a 'Stripes & Hooves' adventure which is a daily one hour morning game drive after breakfast with or without their parents to view 'non-aggressive' game such as giraffe, zebra, monkeys, warthogs etc at no additional cost.
- ✎ A children's menu is available at all lodges, including fun and nutritious mealtime options such as fish cakes with veggies and homemade chips; vegetable soup and freshly baked bread; DIY pizzas with fun toppings; fresh fruit salad; homemade chocolate brownies and more!
- ✎ Child-minders are available with prior arrangement at no additional cost. All child-minders are first-aid trained.