

Mashovhela Lodge

Morning Sun Nature Reserve · Soutpansberg



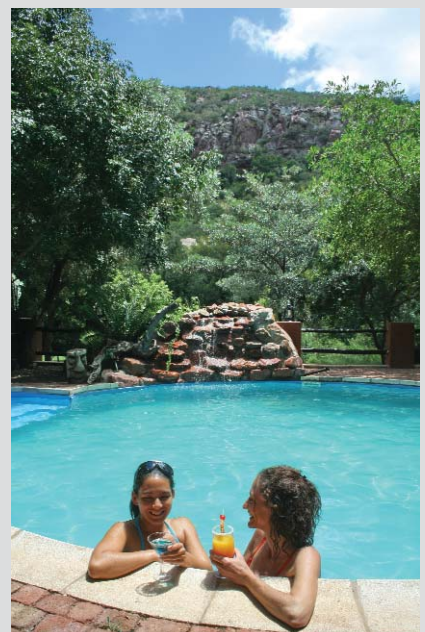
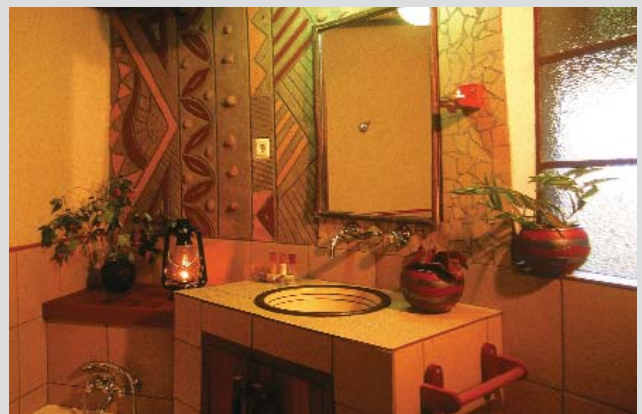
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THE LODGE

The lodge takes its name from the scenic Mashovhela rock pool - an ancient and sacred site of Venda folklore, known as the "Place where the Drums Beat".

The lodge has a tranquil atmosphere and bears the unique and distinctive character of the Venda people. It is built on the site of an abandoned settlement in ethnically inspired style and décor, with the addition of eco-friendly facilities (solar powered lights and hot water).

Ten cozy, thatched Venda en-suite rooms designed and sited to minimize ecological footprint. Each unit is surrounded by magube walls - sure to evoke the special Venda village experience.





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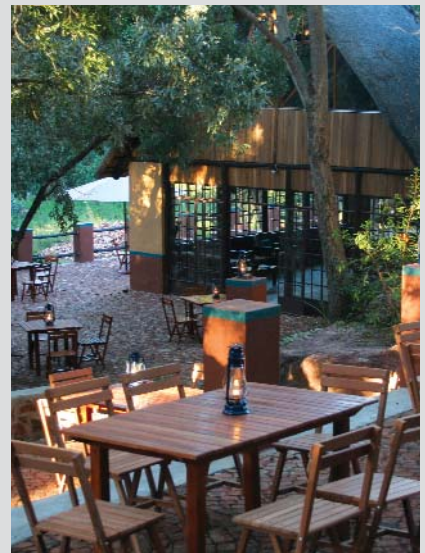
DRUMBEAT RESTAURANT

The Drumbeat Restaurant serves African and international cuisine in an ethnic environment where guests will be introduced to the wide variety of traditional and exciting new flavours.

The excellent service and atmosphere is culturally inspired by the Venda people and will make the dining experience a special occasion to remember.

In addition to our main restaurant, a verandah, a boma and outside terrasses as well as the cocktail bar guarantee not only a variety in food, drinks and good wines but also different settings for various occasions.

Weather permitting, breakfast and sundowner snacks will also be served in the natural surroundings of Morning Sun Nature Reserve.





LODGE FACILITIES

Sparkling swimming pool with a view on the mountain cliffs where rare black eagles nest; spacious terraced boma for outdoor dining; fully licensed bar lounge; fine restaurant; curio shop; function and conference venue; scenic trails.



Morning Sun Nature Reserve

Mashovhela Lodge lies in the Morning Sun Nature Reserve which is part of a natural heritage site situated in the heart of the Soutpansberg Mountains in Limpopo Province.

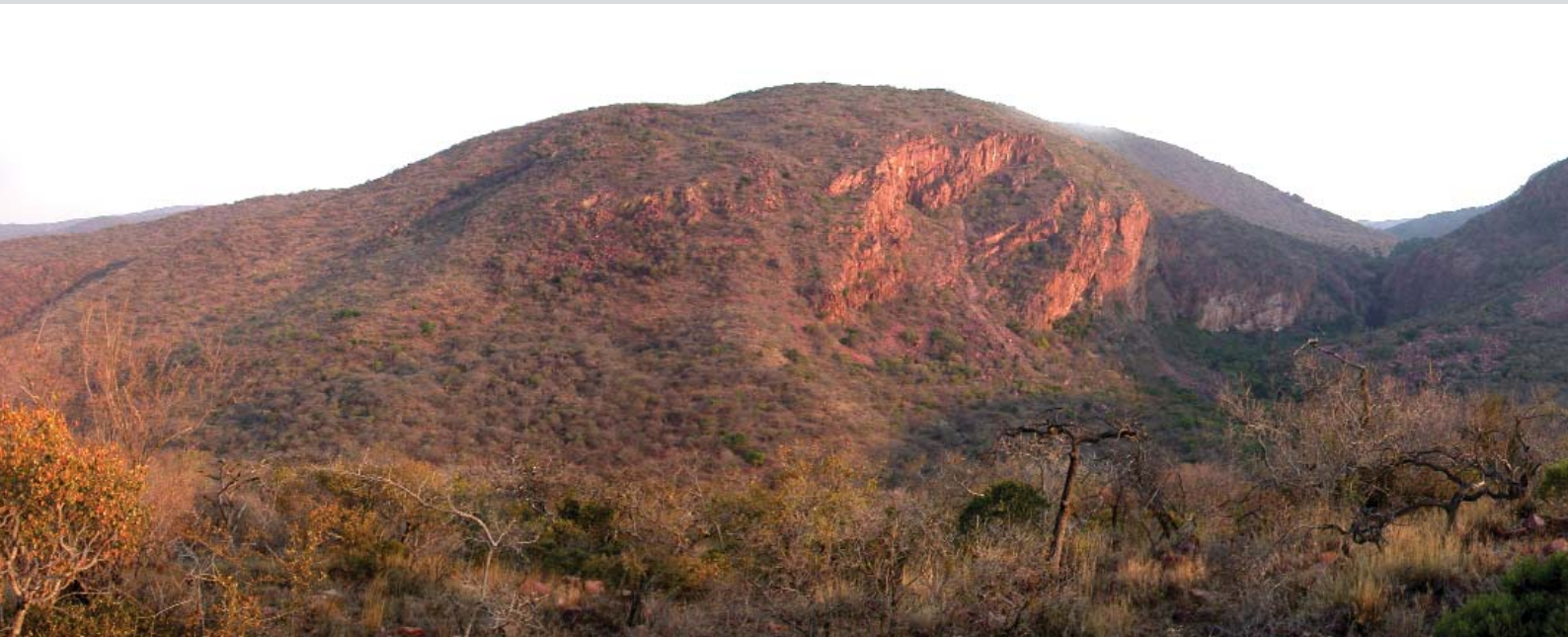
BOTANICAL DIVERSITY

The Soutpansberg is recognised as a centre of endemism and biodiversity with nearly 600 different trees, of which almost 400 occur in the Reserve, as well as thousands of other floral species.

The Reserve is home to more than 400 bird species, including Black Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Pink-throated Twinspot, Golden-backed Pytilia, Blue-mantled Flycatcher, Narina trogon, Purple-crested Lourie and Crested Guinea Fowl.

Mammal species include Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey, Thick-tailed and Lesser Bushbabies, Leopard, Brown Hyena, Clawless Otter, Honey Badger, Wild Cats, Aardvark, Warthog, Bushpig and Porcupine. 19 antelope species have been sighted: Kudu, Bushbuck, Mountain Reedbuck and Klipspringers are viewed regularly; shy Sharpe's Grysbok, Red Duiker and Reedbuck can be sighted close to the Lodge. Hartman's Zebra live in the mountains.







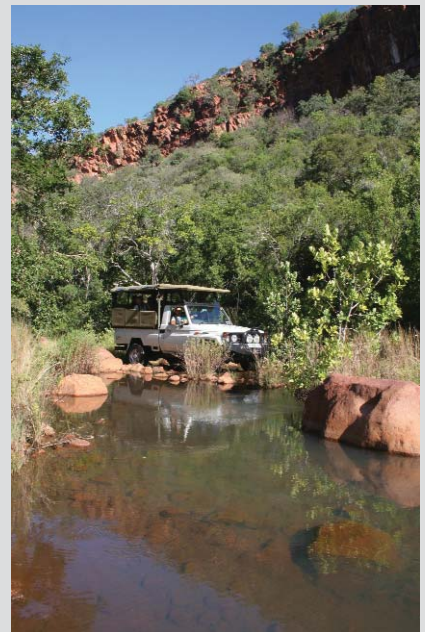
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ACTIVITIES

- Eco-hikes
- Guided walks
- Birding
- Scenic 4 x 4 bush drives (including night drives)
- Mountain climbing and abseiling (only for experienced climbers with their own equipment);
- Venda cultural events.

By special arrangement: regional excursions focusing on ecology, archaeology, culture, arts and crafts, and Big 5 game viewing. Special interest workshops (including photography, botany, dendrology, ethno-botany, birding, geo-sciences).

Or simply come to enjoy and relax!

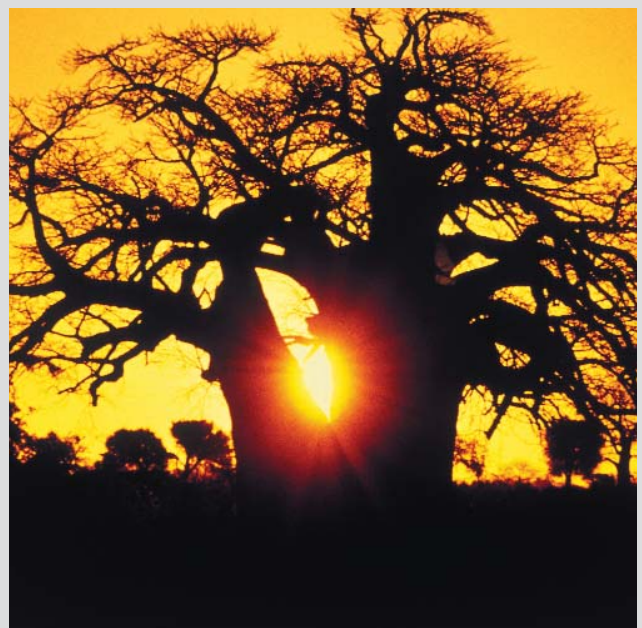


Exploring the Region

Mashovhela Lodge is the ideal gateway to explore some of South Africa's most scenic and fascinating areas: the Soutpansberg with its Venda people & culture and the Limpopo Valley with its plentiful treasures.

- Mapungubwe National Park & World Heritage Site
- Northern Kruger National Park (Parfuri area, Crooks corner, Thulamela archaeological site)
- Art, Crafts & Cultural Routes along the Soutpansberg (Venda Culture)
- Musina Nature Reserve with its high number of Baobab Trees
- Nwanedi Nature Reserve (Wildlife & Scenic)
- Tshipise Hot Springs
- The "Big Tree" at Sagole Spa
- Blouberg Nature Reserve with the largest colony of Cape Vultures
- Venetia Mine Nature Reserve (Wild dog tracking)

All tours can be done as self-drives or as guided tours from Mashovhela Lodge.







Our Vision

Enjoyment of a unique eco-experience amidst stunning scenic beauty and biodiversity in a malaria-free area providing guests with an escape from the busy city life in an atmosphere of warm and friendly hospitality. Promoting understanding, respect and preservation of the Venda culture, upliftment of local communities and conservation of the Soutpansberg.



The Lodge is located 16km north of Louis Trichardt - just five hours by road from Johannesburg. It is the ideal relaxing stop-over en route to Botswana, Zimbabwe, the Northern Kruger National Park and the Mapungubwe National Park.

Reservation & Information

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