



Bucket list experience

Ximuwu Safari Lodge presents a remarkable bucket list experience, tailor-made for individuals, friends, and (grand)children seeking a wheelchair-accessible safari without compromising on luxury. Our exclusive lodge, adorned with five-star amenities, caters to the needs of wheelchair users while maintaining a visually stunning aesthetic.

With a wheelchair-accessible airport shuttle bus equipped with ramps and swivel seats, and specially designed game-viewing vehicles featuring slide-out seats, we ensure that every guest can fully participate in the adventure. Discover a world where inclusivity and beauty merge seamlessly, creating unforgettable memories amidst the breathtaking African wilderness at Ximuwu Safari Lodge.



Factsheet

Wheelchair friendly*
 Exclusive use possible for 6-8 persons +1 child
 under 12 per room
 All drinks and meals included
 Greater Kruger, South Africa

*Ximuwu, the only safari lodge with the highest available universal access level





Welcome

At Ximuwu Safari Lodge, we warmly welcome all guests, regardless of ability or disability. Over the past two years, we've proudly hosted guests from around the world, and every single one of them has rated us 5 out of 5 on our lodge evaluation forms.

Our commitment to accessibility goes far beyond just offering an accessible room—it's the entire experience. From wheelchair-friendly game drives and bush dinners to breakfasts and drink stops in the wild, every detail has been carefully designed to ensure all guests can fully enjoy the magic of the African bush.

Contact us today to discuss how we can tailor your safari adventure to be truly exceptional and inclusive.



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The Suites

- Approx. 100 square meters
- 2 single beds convertible to king-size
- Bathroom with bathtub and hobless shower with handrails
- Outside shower hobless with handrails
- Wheelchair accessible
- Coffee and tea station
- Minibar
- Airconditioning
- Fan
- 220Volt 50Hz no load shedding
- Wi-fi
- Telephone
- Self-programmable room safe
- Separate w/c
- Alarm clock with bluetooth music function
- Wardrobes
- Private deck
- l'Occitane amenities

Your Comfort, Your Choice – Free of Charge
At Ximuwu Safari Lodge, we provide a variety of assistance materials to ensure your stay is comfortable. Let us know your preferences, and we'll prepare your room with the equipment you need

- Cooling vests
- Heated seat covers
- Height adjustable bed
- Lifting bed pole/ Bed rails
- Bath lift
- Shower wheelchair
- Wheelchair (electric or manual)
- Option of 2 different shower chairs
- Electric adjustable bed with pressure relief mattress



WHEELCHAIR SAFARI FACTSHEET 2025-2026





Featured by Sophie Morgan

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Traveler

The Lodge

- Large swimming pool with pool lift
- Sun loungers with parasols
- Separate toilet for wheelchair user with automatic door opener
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
- Exclusive use with 6 people possible in 4 luxury suites (maximum 8 guests)
- + 1 child under 12 per room
- Air conditioning and fans in each area
- 2 Fireplaces in main lodge and 1 in each suite
- Open fire pit overlooking the waterhole
- Wood fired pizza oven on the outside deck
- Cinema projector, smart tv in bar
- Music system throughout the lodge
- Separate room for nurse, pilot or private guide
- Gift shop
- Fitness room with Life-Fitness equipment
- On site spa facility
- Laundry service
- Top quality R.O. plant for high quality drinking water
- Sleep-out deck/ Not accessible by wheelchair
- Photographic hides fully accessible
- L'Occitane products throughout the lodge
- Fully wheelchair accessible





Wheelchair friendly with elegance

- All door entrances at least 90cm wide
- Electrically adjustable beds
- Lifting Pole & bedrails
- Orientation lights in rooms
- Hobless showers with hand rails
- Open space under vanities
- Separate toilets in bathrooms with handrails
- Separate toilet in main building with electric door opener
- Airport shuttle bus with Braun Ability swivel chair and wheelchair ramp
- Large sliding doors with fully recessed tracks open to deck
- Spa area accessible
- Height adjustable spa bed (mobile)
- Accessible shuttle bus
- Sliding seats in game viewer
- Pool lift
- Mobile ramp for bush functions
- Mobile ramp for helicopter access
- Electric wheelchair with vertical height adjustment
- All decks and seating areas accessible by ramps
- Accessible photo hides
- Telephone
- Personal alarm button on request
- Cooling vests for hot days
- Heated seat covers for cold days





Activities

- Game drives
- Sound safari
- Night safari with thermal vision
- Bushwalks
- Spa treatments*
- Helicopter flight**
- Free use of photographic hides
- Free use of our sleep-out deck***
- Gym
- Relax at the pool
- Bush breakfast
- Bush dinners

Day trips to: ***

- Hoedspruit
- Blyde River Canyon
- Hoedspruit endangered species
- Jessica the Hippo

*60 minutes spa treatment included
**30 minutes p/p included. Weather permitting
***For safety reasons not for guests with a mobility impairment
****Day trips not included in price



Blyde River Canyon Cruise

Location

What makes Ximuwu Safari Lodge truly special is our unbeatable location and unparalleled privacy.

Exclusive Game Drives

Enjoy sightings at your own pace, with no other vehicles queuing up. Whether at the lodge or on a game drive, your experience is 100% private and personal.

Bordering the Kruger National Park

The Klaserie Private Nature Reserve shares an unfenced border with the world-famous Kruger National Park—THE ultimate safari destination. Since 1992, animals have roamed freely between the reserves, allowing natural migration to flourish and conservation efforts to thrive.

Easy Accessible

- By air: Ximuwu is just 20 minutes from Hoedspruit (Eastgate) Airport or 35 minutes from Hoedspruit town. Our friendly staff will meet you upon arrival and transport you to the lodge via game viewer or shuttle bus.
- No additional transport cost from Hoedspruit airport.
- By road: If you'd prefer to drive from Johannesburg, Ximuwu is approximately 5.5 hours from O.R. Tambo International Airport. Contact us for detailed directions.
- Private air travel: Guests with private planes can fly directly to Ximuwu's registered airstrip, which is 950 meters long with coordinates S24°18'04" E31°05'03" and an elevation of 483m (1585 ft).

Wheelchair-Friendly Travel Options

For those who prefer not to fly, we cooperate with Johannesburg-based taxi company DAATS specialising in wheelchair-accessible transport. While this option is available, flying remains the most recommended and convenient way to reach us.

Emergency Situations

For your peace of mind, a new private hospital with 72 beds has recently opened in Hoedspruit, just a short distance from Ximuwu. Additionally, Ximuwu is connected to Africa Safe-T, a mobile ambulance and emergency health provider, ensuring swift medical assistance if ever needed. Your safety and well-being are always our top priorities.

Contact us today to plan your seamless journey to Ximuwu Safari Lodge!



Terms and Conditions

- Rooms can accommodate two guests.
- Provisional reservations will be held for a maximum of seven days, after which a nonrefundable deposit of 20% will be required for confirmation
- Payment of the balance will be due 60 days prior to travel; bookings with 60 days or less to travel require full payment upon confirmation
- Cancellations made with more than 60 days to travel forfeit the 20% deposit, while cancellations made with 60 days or less to travel forfeit their 100% deposit
- The full invoiced amount of all deposits and payments (including VAT) must clear in our account; kindly ensure that all bank charges are deducted from our account
- All rates are quoted in South African Rand and are subject to change without prior notice. In case of an amendment to the rates, confirmed bookings will be honoured at the rate quoted at the time of confirmation

Suites	Rate 2025	Rate 2026
Per person sharing per night	ZAR 24,000	ZAR 26,500
Single use per night	ZAR 29,000	ZAR 32,000
Exclusive use possible by 6 guests up to 8		
Children 8-12 when sharing a suite with 2 adults	ZAR 9,000	ZAR 10,000
A single child accommodated in their own suite will attract the full adult rate		
Pilot/Nurse room* per guest	ZAR 9,000	ZAR 10,000

*The Pilot Room is reserved for caretakers, pilots and freelance guides. it does not include game drives and alcoholic beverages

- Ximuwu offers the ultimate luxury experience by allowing you to book per room or reserve the entire lodge for exclusive use.
- Imagine having this stunning lodge all to yourself, starting with just 6 guests. Whether it is family or friends, your group can enjoy complete privacy and unparalleled luxury in our exclusive setting.
- All bookings are subject to a 3 nights minimum stay
- Children over 8 are welcome
- All meals and drinks included (except imported wines)
- Each guest receives a one-hour spa treatment and a 30-minute helicopter ride included in their price during their stay.
- Conservation levy ZAR 480 (VAT inclusive) per person, per night
- Airport transfer to Hoedspruit airport is included
- Gratuities not included



2025 Trade Shows



5-9 May 2025
Cape Town, South Africa

2024 Trade Shows



14-16 May 2024
Durban, South Africa



5-9 May 2024
Cape Town, South Africa

2023 Trade Shows



22-26 October
UTAH, USA



9-11 May 2023
Durban, South Africa



9-11 October 2023
Dubai, UAE

Press Articles 2024

December 2024

December 2024 & January 2025



Ximuwu mentioned in an article about accessible travel with FORA travel US



Ximuwu promotion movie 4x per hour at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport

August 2024

June 2024



The African Voyager

Scandinavian The African Voyager selected Ximuwu on top as Private Safari Lodge in Kruger Park

May 2024

March 2024



Inflight magazine
A world without barriers



On May 8th, Ximuwu's co-owner Elly Suverein proudly participated as a panel member at a symposium on accessible travel in South Africa. This event highlighted the importance of inclusive tourism, and Elly shared insights from Ximuwu Safari Lodge's groundbreaking efforts to provide fully accessible luxury safari experiences.





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Ximuwu clearly shows that accessible accommodations can be stylish and luxurious. Admittedly, this requires investments in facilities like pool lifts and many other thoughtful adaptations, but collaborating with experts and individuals who have firsthand experience of disabilities will ensure that the end result is something people of every ability can enjoy. Ely acknowledges that awareness is the catalyst for change and initiatives like Accessible Journeys play a pivotal role in educating and enlightening potential travellers about accessible options. She believes the advent of accessible travel guides is a monumental step forward, providing invaluable insights for travellers with disabilities.



Instagram December 2023

@beautifulnewssa

What makes a holiday truly accessible for people with mobility impairments? When Patrick Suverein, owner of Ximuwu Lodge, underwent back surgery, he not only became temporarily reliant on a wheelchair – he also realised the need to restore dignity to differently-abled travellers. “I found out how difficult it is to travel, especially the way you’re treated as if when you’re in a wheelchair you’re also mentally disturbed,” he recalls. “In airports, they only spoke to my wife. After she mentioned I could speak, they would speak louder or talk to you like you’re a child.” Driven to create a better experience, Patrick together with his wife Ely designed South Africa’s first 100% wheelchair-accessible safari.



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Nestled within Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, Ximuwu is a private piece of land of 2,000 hectares. Founded by Netherlands couple Patrick and Ely Suverein, Ximuwu Lodge opened in 2021. Leaving their European life behind, Patrick and Ely embarked on an African odyssey in 2017 and fell in love with the untamed beauty of their surroundings in South Africa. This is the only truly exclusive lodge as you and your guests are the only ones driving on these 6,500 hectares with this being the only commercial lodge in this part of Klaserie Private Nature Reserve.

With the ability to host up to 10 guests at once, including provisions for two wheelchair users, Ximuwu promises an unforgettable experience for all.

www.Signatureluxurytravel.com.au September 2023



Inside South Africa's first luxury wheelchair-friendly safari lodge

While many safari lodges claim to be 'accessible', Ximuwu Safari Lodge is the first to provide a true luxury experience in a built-for-purpose wheelchair-friendly environment.

Dutch couple Ely and Patrick Suverein fell in love with the bush and wildlife of South Africa 30 years ago. It was their first visit to the country and it ignited a lifelong passion for the region within them. In 2016, Ely and Patrick purchased their own plot of land there, with the intention of building a private home for themselves. It was a decision that led the pair to become leaders in the accessible travel space.



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Beyond Barriers: the world's first luxury wheelchair-accessible safari
The African bush and all of its delights are just waiting to linger in the memories of those who are able to experience her. Now, the world's first luxury wheelchair-accessible safari is ensuring that privilege can belong to everyone.



Defining disability has long been a contentious and polarising endeavour. For some, the word carries a heavy burden; for others, it's a source of pride. Each person's relationship with the label will be as complex, personal and nuanced as their impairments themselves.

There is no single definition, no one size fits all, but in recent years our community has agreed to move away from the medical model of defining disability and towards the social model. This new way of looking at the term outlines that disability is created by society and the environments in which we live – not by our individual impairments. Disabled people face barriers that stop us from participating in society the same way as non-disabled people. So, instead of wanting to fix us and remove our disabilities, the social model instead stipulates that we fix the barriers ourselves

