

## SHASHANI MATOBO HILLS, MATOBO – FACT SHEET

### LOCATION:

Matobo holds a magic like none other. Its environment, ambience and lasting impact is unique to its location, found nowhere else in Africa. Shashani Matobo Hills is situated on a private game reserve 65km out of Bulawayo and an hour and a half away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Landing at the Bulawayo airport, a transfer awaits to take you to the lodge.

### GPS CO-ORDINATES:

Shashani Matobo Hill, Matobo: 20.5572° S, 28.5125° E

### CLIMATE:

Summer months are from October to March and tend to be quite hot. This period also has the highest rainfall of the year. April to September are the cooler months with cool to warm days, with evening and night temperatures being rather chilly.

### ACCOMMODATION:

Built on the edge of a giant rock dome, Shashani Matobo Hills encourages one to observe the landscape in all its splendour, from private patio to the horizon and beyond. Each of the 10 en-suite rooms gaze upon the Shashani Valley, interlaced with characteristic granite rock formations and golden grass, viewed from one's verandah.

### CHILD POLICY:

Children of all ages are welcome.

\* Children aged 0 – 17 years (Maximum 1 children) stay free of charge when sharing with 2 adults.

\* Children occupying their own room:

- children aged 0 – 12 years pay 50% of the adult rate; 13 to 17 pay 75% of the adult rate; 18 years pay full adult rate.

### THE MAIN CAMP: LODGE

The main building is open-planned and spacious, with a lounge, bar, outdoor dining and fireplace for chilly winter nights. A swimming pool allows for relaxation with either a book or cocktail in hand, succumbing to your surroundings. A rolling lawn in front of the lodge is an invitation to take in the scenery, seated above the valley and beside a giant granite *kopje* (hill) known for rain making ceremonies of ancient Zimbabwean culture. The lodge, the view and the history of the surroundings emanate peace, a quiet beauty settled in solid rock and distant horizon.

**FOOD:** We utilize the surrounding areas to supply fresh produce to the lodge where possible.

This will facilitate empowering the local farmers and support the villages in a continuous and sustainable way.

**GUEST AMENITIES:**

All guest amenities include shampoo, conditioner, liquid shower gel and soaps.

**WATER SUPPLY:** [Filtered borehole water](#)

**ACTIVITIES OFFERED:****Game Drives:**

A game drive through the concession which borders the National Park. The drive will gift plains game, viewed through golden savannah grass. The drive also allows for guests to take in the fascinating granite kopje formations which are so characteristic of Matobo - filled with ancient rock paintings and cultural meaning. Driving through the National Park, guests may come across the elusive Rhino - a bucket list sighting for any safari aficionado.

**Game & Rock Painting Walks:**

Walking through the Matobo Park is an invitation to fulfill cultural and historical curiosity. With rock painting and ancient grain bins accessible by foot from the lodge, one may take an educational journey into the past of Zimbabwe. Immersed in nature, beneath breathtaking rock formations with a chance to see plains game following in the footsteps of old is a spiritual and fascinating experience.

**Rhino Tracking:**

A day into the Matobo Hills National Park is an experience unlike any other in the safari realm. The diversity of the day satiates a variety of interests - from tracking one of the big five on foot through the bush, to climbing granite hills of historical significance which hold Cecil John Rhodes's grave, and finally witnessing some of the oldest cave paintings in the world. Led by a private guide, this full day tour will leave you fascinated, educated and in awe of the beauty and diversity of Zimbabwe.

**Bulawayo City Tour:**

Bulawayo is a city of historical and cultural significance in Zimbabwe. Its wide streets and old colonial buildings hold many stories of the past - shared with you by raconteur and historian Rob Burret. A half day tour will reveal tales of old which now sit beneath a bustling city - as well as show the resilience and character of the local people through exploring backstreets and hidden markets. A train museum holds the visions and hopes of Cecil John Rhodes, another contains the natural history of the country - respectively proud in their contents, ready to share the past.

<b>Activities: Frequently Asked Questions</b>	
1. How long are the half-day game drives?	Half-day game drive: +- 3 hours
2. Are drinks/snacks provided on the game drives?	Drinks and snacks are provided on game drives.
3. Is there a fence around the concession?	No, there is no fence
4. Can I go for a walk on the concession without a guide?	Yes
5. What kind of animals can I expect to see?	Giraffe, kudu, impala, rhino, leopard, rock rabbits, black eagles, wildebeest

<b>Room Facilities: Frequently Asked Questions</b>	
1. How many suites are there?	10 en-suite chalets
2. Do suites have electricity?	Yes
3. What view do the suites have?	All suites face the panoramic Shashani Valley
4. How many people can fit in 1 suite?	Two
5. Are there family suites for children?	Two family suites which <a href="#">have an Indian day bed</a>
6. Which suite is closest to the Main Area? Recommended for old people?	Suites 3 and 4 are the closest. Suites 9 and 10 are the furthest (family suites)
7. Is there internet in the suites?	No, only in the main area
8. What are the suite facilities?	Double or two single beds, mosquito net, en-suite bathroom, inside shower, hot water bottle in winter, fan, tea & coffee facilities, mosquito repellent.
9. Are there safes in each suite?	Yes
10. Is there a fridge in the suite?	Yes
11. Are there laundry services available?	Yes
12. What time does rooms service clean?	When guests are on activities

<b>Main Area: Frequently Asked Questions</b>	
13. Is there a spa?	No
14. Is the dining area outside or inside?	Outside and inside
15. Does the lodge have a pool?	Yes
16. What time is breakfast/lunch/dinner served?	Discussed with guests
17. Can I have a boma dinner?	No
18. Is there a bar?	Yes

<b>Other Info:</b>	
1. Where are the Shashani Matobo Hills transfers to/from?	<a href="#">Bulawayo</a>
2. Can I self-drive?	Yes
3. What are the directions?	Directions provided on request
4. When is the best time to visit?	From May to November
5. What type of clothing do you recommend I pack?	Neutral-coloured clothing, warm jacket in winter, long cotton pants for walking in the bush
6. Can we charge phones?	Yes, charging station in main area as well as in each chalet, adapter available
7. Check-in & check-out times	Check-in: after 12pm. Check-out: 11am Earlier check-in or late check-out can be arranged.
8. Mobility / Accessibility: are we geared for disabilities (wheelchairs, etc.)?	<a href="#">No</a>
9. Can guests walk to their suites?	Yes