



ROYAL MADIKWE

LUXURY SAFARI RESIDENCE

July 2007

Royal Madikwe – Bigger & Better

Indaba, South Africa's largest travel trade show was held during May this year and was another great success for Royal Madikwe.

The four days spent in Durban once again proved to be a great meeting ground for both national and international delegates from the travel and hospitality industry. The time spent with old colleagues and new contacts made during this time have already proven to be invaluable and we look forward to more future working relationships to grow from this event. It was during Indaba this year that Royal Madikwe was officially awarded with Fair Trade in Tourism, something that we are very proud of and look forward to build on.



Winter has definitely arrived in Madikwe. It has been an extremely dry summer and even though there is still a little bit of water around, the bush is very dry. With the vegetation being a lot less thick the game viewing has been amazing. Awesome sightings of the Big 5 have been the order of



the day and it also seems that leopard sightings in Madikwe are on the rise. One group of Royal guests were lucky enough to spend almost an hour with a female leopard as she treated them to a show of tree climbing, rolling in the grass and relaxing in the afternoon sun. Numerous such sightings have been reported during the last few weeks and this is a promising sign for guests visiting Royal Madikwe. Combined with the great diversity of general game, Royal Madikwe guests are in for the African experience of a lifetime.

At the residence it has been nice and busy with all the guests truly embracing the 'residence' concept and making Royal Madikwe their home during their visit. It is great to receive email and pictures from guests a few months after their stay saying that they are still speaking of their time at Royal Madikwe with fond memories. Some guest comments from the last month include *"Thanks for making this place our home in Africa"* and *"Thanks for this wonderful house"*. It is great to see how families and friends make themselves a part of the residence and along with the Royal Madikwe team create memories that last a lifetime.



During the last few months Royal Madikwe has undergone a facelift which includes landscaping at the front gardens and around all the suites. These changes have enhanced the exterior appearance of the buildings yet still keeping the refined, African feel that is distinctively Royal Madikwe.



To end off with, we are very excited to reveal that we will be launching the brand new Royal Suite in September this year. Along with this, Royal Madikwe will be adding another sole and exclusive use residence in the Western Cape. More on these exciting developments in our next newsletter so as they say "Watch this Space" ...

As always we look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest Royal regards,

Riaan & the Royal Team

Image Gallery – July 2007



Landscaping around the Main Residence



Landscaping around all Suites



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Royal Madikwe at Indaba 2007



Leopard walking away



Great Sighting - Hyena inspecting the Royal Madikwe game drive vehicle



Elephant playing



Lioness hunting



Tlou Dam still has enough water to attract animals