

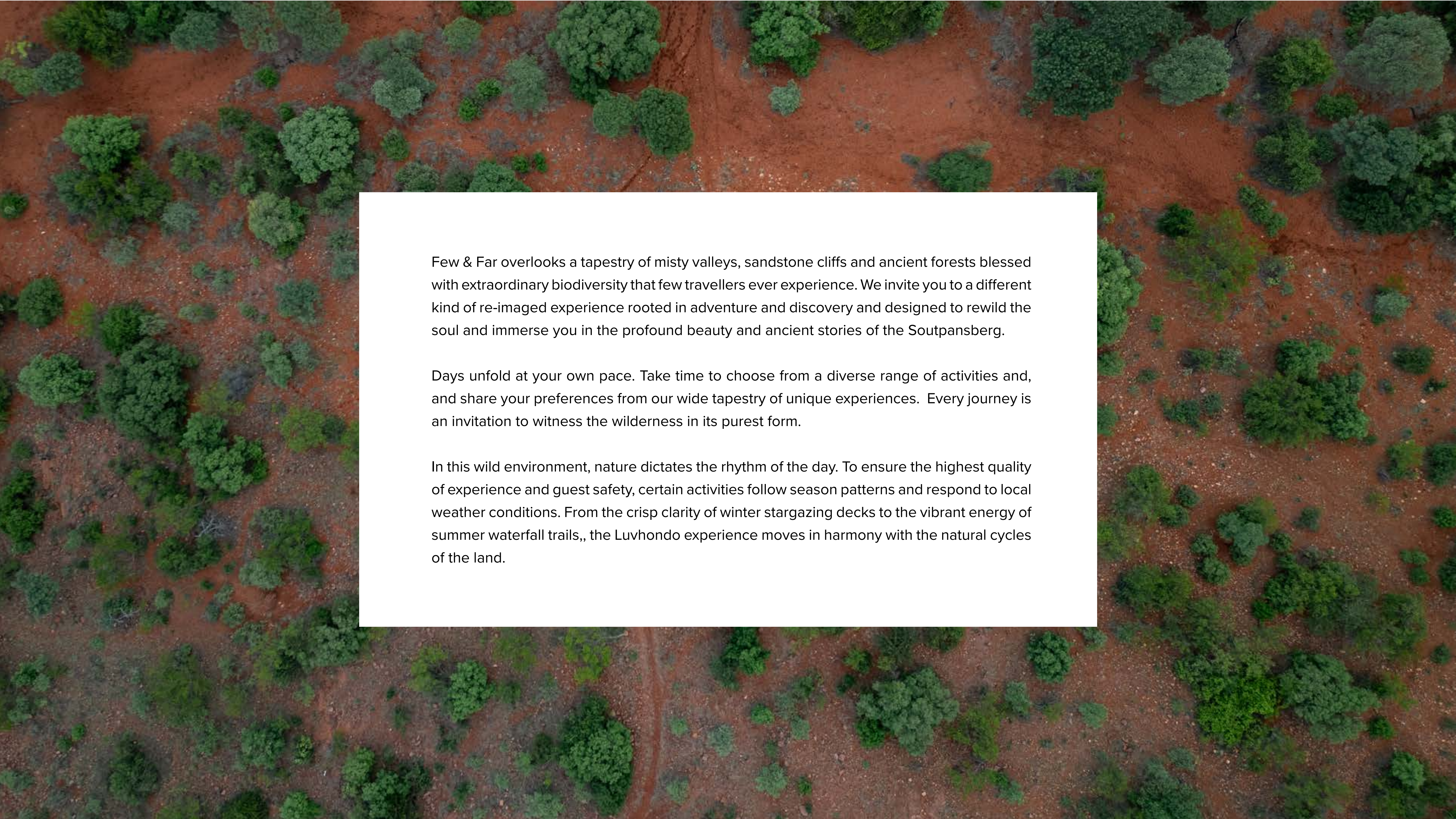


FEW & FAR
LUVHONDO

EXPERIENCES



RELAIS &
CHATEAUX

An aerial photograph of a savanna landscape. The ground is a rich, reddish-brown color, dotted with numerous small, rounded green shrubs and trees. The vegetation is scattered across the terrain, creating a textured pattern of green and red. The lighting is even, highlighting the natural beauty of the environment.

Few & Far overlooks a tapestry of misty valleys, sandstone cliffs and ancient forests blessed with extraordinary biodiversity that few travellers ever experience. We invite you to a different kind of re-imaged experience rooted in adventure and discovery and designed to rewild the soul and immerse you in the profound beauty and ancient stories of the Soutpansberg.

Days unfold at your own pace. Take time to choose from a diverse range of activities and, and share your preferences from our wide tapestry of unique experiences. Every journey is an invitation to witness the wilderness in its purest form.

In this wild environment, nature dictates the rhythm of the day. To ensure the highest quality of experience and guest safety, certain activities follow season patterns and respond to local weather conditions. From the crisp clarity of winter stargazing decks to the vibrant energy of summer waterfall trails,, the Luvhondo experience moves in harmony with the natural cycles of the land.

CATEGORIES



NATURE
& WILDLIFE



WALKING
& HIKING



WELLNESS



MOUNTAIN
BIKING



CONSERVATION
FOCUS



BEYOND
THE LODGE



GAME DRIVES

Observe fascinating wildlife species in their natural habitat. Experience unforgettable game viewing opportunities in a variety of ecosystems ranging from arid savannahs to lush, forests.

Encounter: giraffe, kudu, zebra, impala, nyala, sable and perhaps the elusive leopard. The underbrush teems with smaller mammals like the bushbaby and African wildcat.

*Observing wildlife in their natural rhythm
reminds us that true conservation begins with
presence, respect, and understanding.*



Activity specs:

2 - 3
hours

2 - 20
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous



ALL
ages

SLEEP-OUT UNDER THE STARS

Witness nature's tranquility illuminated by the African night sky. Sleeping out under the stars on the luxury stargazing deck at Few & Far Luvhondo offers an unapparelled blend of comfort and immersion in nature. Your guide will spend the evening with you hosting a gourmet private dinner cooked over the fire. Guests can enjoy a hike to the sleep out decks or arrive by vehicle with a short walk.



*Under an endless sky, we remember our
smallness and rediscover the profound peace
that comes with belonging to nature.*

Activity specs:

1.5 or 30
hours or minutes
(walking) (by jeep)

3
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

April to October
(weather dependent)

12+
years old

SAMANGO MONKEYS

The Southern Samango Monkeys thrive in dense canopies, where they leap between trees and live in social groups. Their presence is an indicator of a healthy & mature forest eco-system – an exciting day for visitors exploring the rich biodiversity of the Soutpansberg mountains. Head out on an adventure to a different part of our reserve to observe these social primates.

◦ Additional Permit cost: US\$ 500 per person.



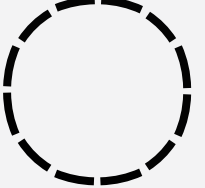
Observing Samango monkeys reveals the delicate balance of a thriving forest — where every species plays a vital role in keeping the ecosystem alive.

Activitiy specs:

6 - 8
hours

5
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

Year round


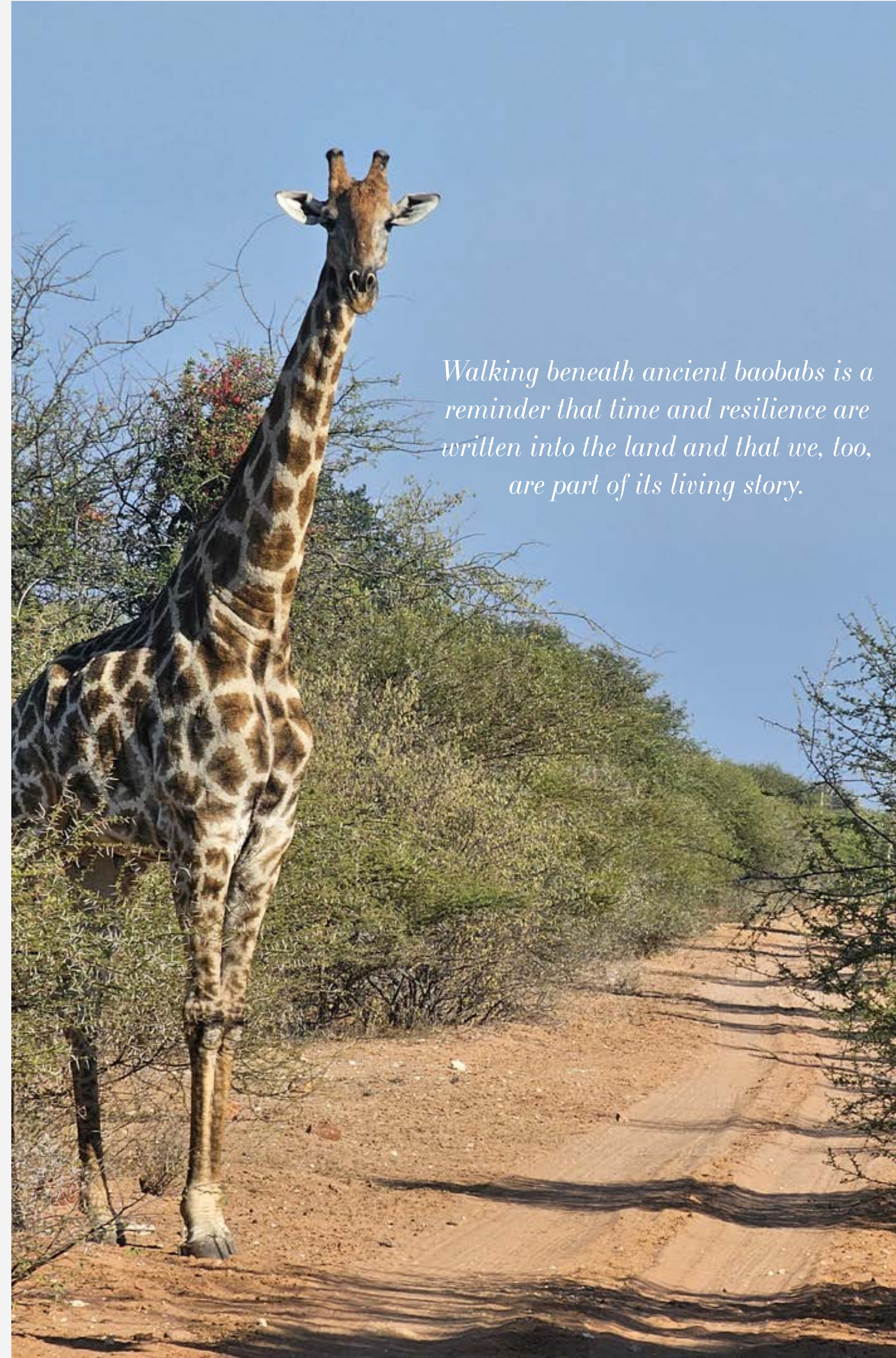
12+
years old

GIRAFFE & LEOPARD TRACKING

Step quietly into the ancient art of tracking as you follow the subtle signs and stories of the land in search of giraffe and leopard.

Guided by your experienced guide, this immersive on-foot experience reveals the hidden language of footprints, broken twigs, and scent, offering a deeper understanding of how these iconic animals move through their world. More than a pursuit, tracking is a slow and mindful journey that sharpens the senses and fosters a profound connection to the wilderness.

Each encounter is a privilege, shaped by patience, respect, and the ever-unfolding rhythms of nature.



Walking beneath ancient baobabs is a reminder that time and resilience are written into the land and that we, too, are part of its living story.

Activity specs:

2 - 3
hours

1 - 2
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous



9+
ages

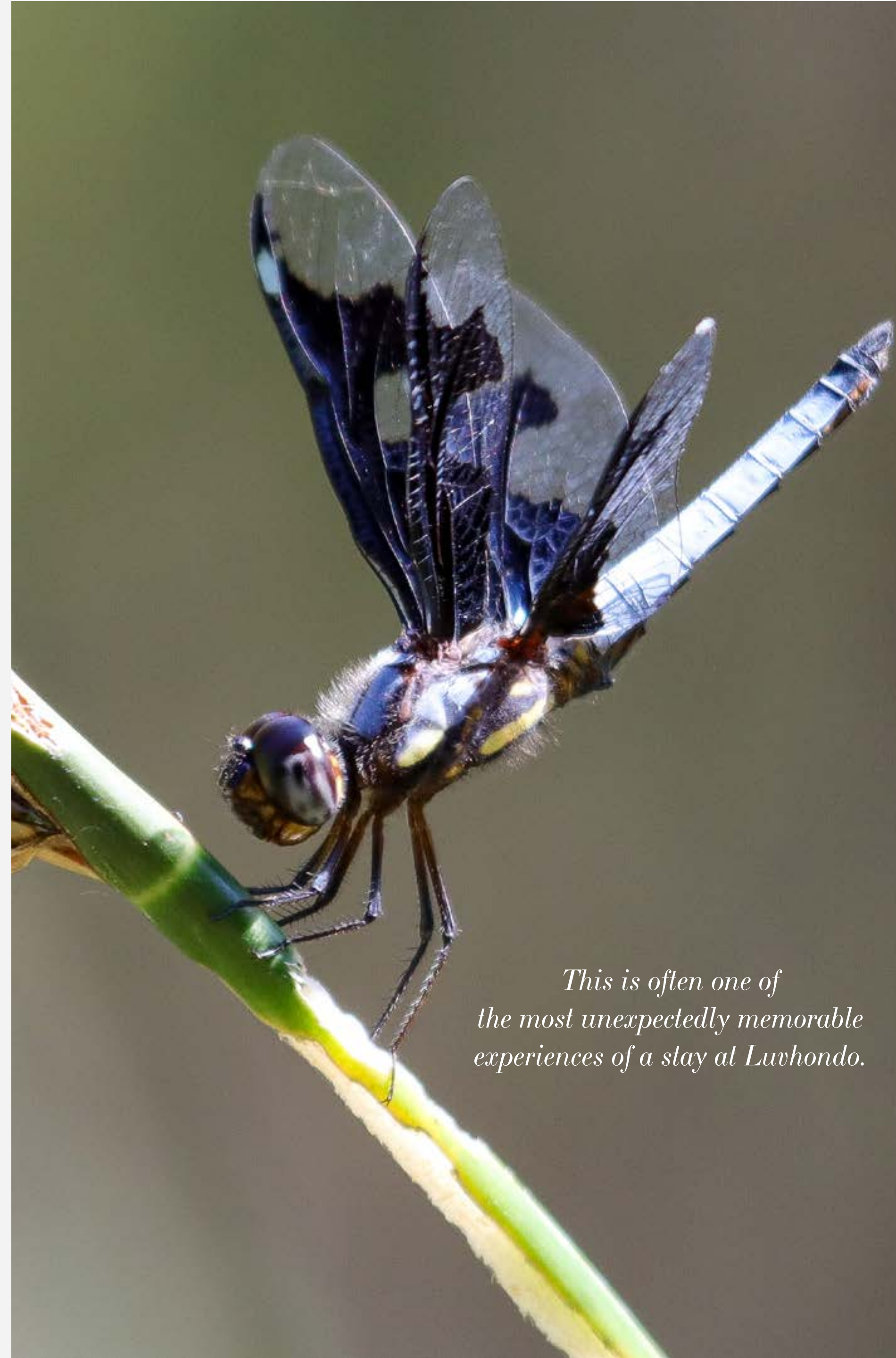
WINGS OF LUVHONDO

Here at Luvhondo the skies and riverbanks come alive with extraordinary detail. With over 216 species of butterflies and 88 species of dragonflies (nearly a third of all those found in South Africa) this is a rare opportunity to witness this vibrant aerial world up close.

Flowering slopes come alive with butterflies and on the cool edges of the Sand River and Crocodile Crossing dragonflies gather and patrol the water. In the early morning light, their wings catch the sun in flashes of silver and colour, hovering, gliding, and darting across the surface like living jewels.

Butterflies drift through the landscape in bursts of colour, like nature celebrating in slow motion, while damselflies hover delicately above the streams, revealing a quieter side of the wilderness that many travellers rarely notice.

This is chance to slow down, observe, photograph, and appreciate the intricate rhythms of this ancient mountain ecosystem.



*This is often one of
the most unexpectedly memorable
experiences of a stay at Luvhondo.*

Activity specs:

2 - 3
hours

1 - 2
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

November - March

ALL
ages

BIRDING SAFARI

Set out with your guide to explore the rich birdlife of the Soutpansberg Mountains. This is one of southern Africa's most diverse birding regions, with more than 540 recorded species across forest, riverine and mountain habitats.

Year-round residents often include striking species such as the skulking Eastern Nicator, Green Wood Hoopoe, and Emerald-Spotted Wood-Dove, frequently encountered in the forests and valleys of the range.

During the warmer months, migratory visitors like the Woodlands Kingfisher, Violet-backed Starlings, Red-chested Cuckoos and other summer arrivals add movement and sound to the skies and rivers. With a bit of luck, you may get a glimpse of the African Fin-Foot

Moving slowly through the landscape, the experience invites you to listen, observe, and discover the remarkable birdlife that makes this ancient mountain ecosystem so special.



Activity specs:

2 - 3
hours

1 - 2
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous



ALL
ages

FLAVOURS OF THE WILD

Venture into the bush with our expert guides to discover nature's living pantry. This immersive walk invites you to touch, taste, and smell the wilderness whilst learning how plants have long nourished, healed, and inspired those who live close to the land. Along the way, you'll forage for aromatic herbs, wild teas, and edible treasures that the kitchen transforms into unique Luvhondo dishes. It's a sensory journey through the medicinal heart of the landscape, where every leaf and root tells a story.



*Foraging reconnects us to nature's generosity,
awakening our senses and reminding us how
intimately our wellbeing is tied to the wilderness.*

Activity specs:

2
hours

1 - 2
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous



7+
years old

WALKING AMONG GIANTS

Step quietly into the ancient presence of the baobabs, Africa's great living monuments.

On this guided learning walk, you'll wander beneath their vast canopies and discover the remarkable ecology, history, and folklore that surround these trees of life. With your guide, learn how to take valuable measurements to monitor the growth rates and health of Baobab trees on Luvhondo. Each trunk tells a story: of resilience, time, and the deep relationship between people and the land. Walking among them is not just a stroll through nature, but a journey into the soul of the wilderness itself.

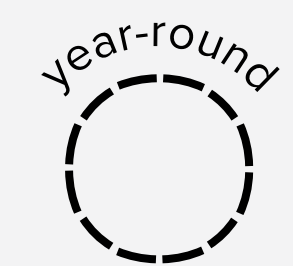
Walking beneath ancient baobabs is a reminder that time and resilience are written into the land and that we, too, are part of its living story.

Activity specs:

1
hour

2
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous



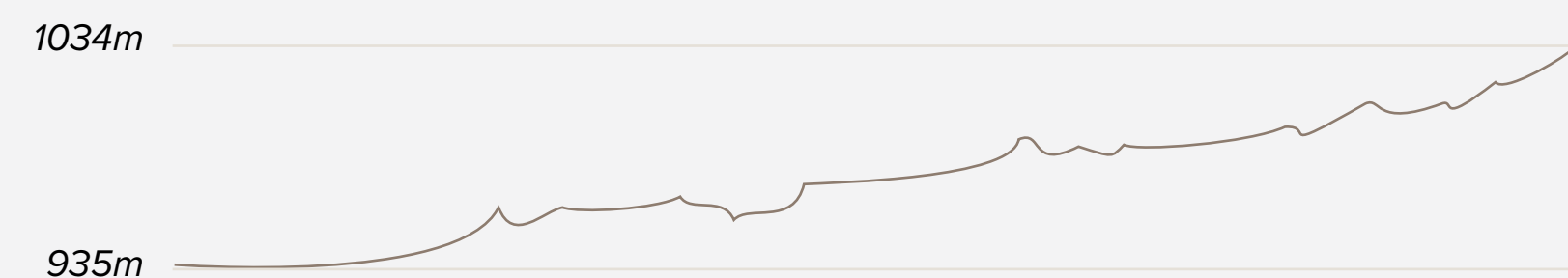
ALL
ages



HAMASHA GORGE EXPEDITION

Set off in an open safari vehicle through semi-arid bushveld and forest as you journey toward the breathtaking Hamasha Gorge in the heart of the Vhembe Biosphere Reserve. The trail begins gently, following a clear mountain stream through riparian forests, sandstone overhangs, and quartzite outcrops, with refreshing stream crossings along the way. Your guide reveals the gorge's natural secrets such as swimming pools and wildlife tracks while you pause beneath ancient trees to soak in the sounds of birds and flowing water. A gourmet picnic lunch awaits beside the stream.

The trail then climbs to a hidden quartzite plateau, rewarding your effort with sweeping views of the Soutpansberg mountains before descending through waterfalls, shaded glades, and tranquil pools which are perfect for a cooling dip before the return journey.



*This journey through ancient gorges
mirrors nature's enduring power and
renews our awe for landscapes shaped
by time and water.*



Activitiy specs:

6 - 8
hours

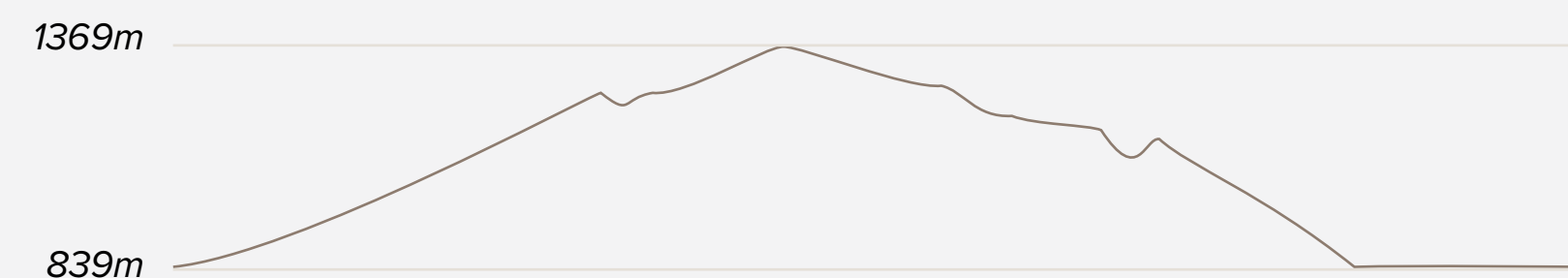
9
Kilometres



12+
years old

KUDU HIKE

Begin your hike just after sunrise, venturing into the dramatic escarpments and ancient valleys of the Soutpansberg range. The trail ascends steadily across rugged quartzite ridges and through secluded forest pockets, revealing striking rock formations that tell the story of the land. Along the way, your ecologist guide shares fascinating insights into the region's rare plants, elusive wildlife, and rich birdlife, helping you uncover the intricate web of life within this biodiversity hotspot. Scenic rest stops offer snacks and panoramic views where the vast mountain landscape stretches endlessly to the horizon. As you descend through a lush, bird-filled valley, the day ends with a rewarding sense of accomplishment; returning to the lodge by afternoon, tired yet deeply connected to this extraordinary wilderness.



Immersing yourself in this untamed terrain offers a rare chance to slow down, listen deeply, and rediscover your place in the natural world.

Activity specs:

6 - 8
hours

9
Kilometres

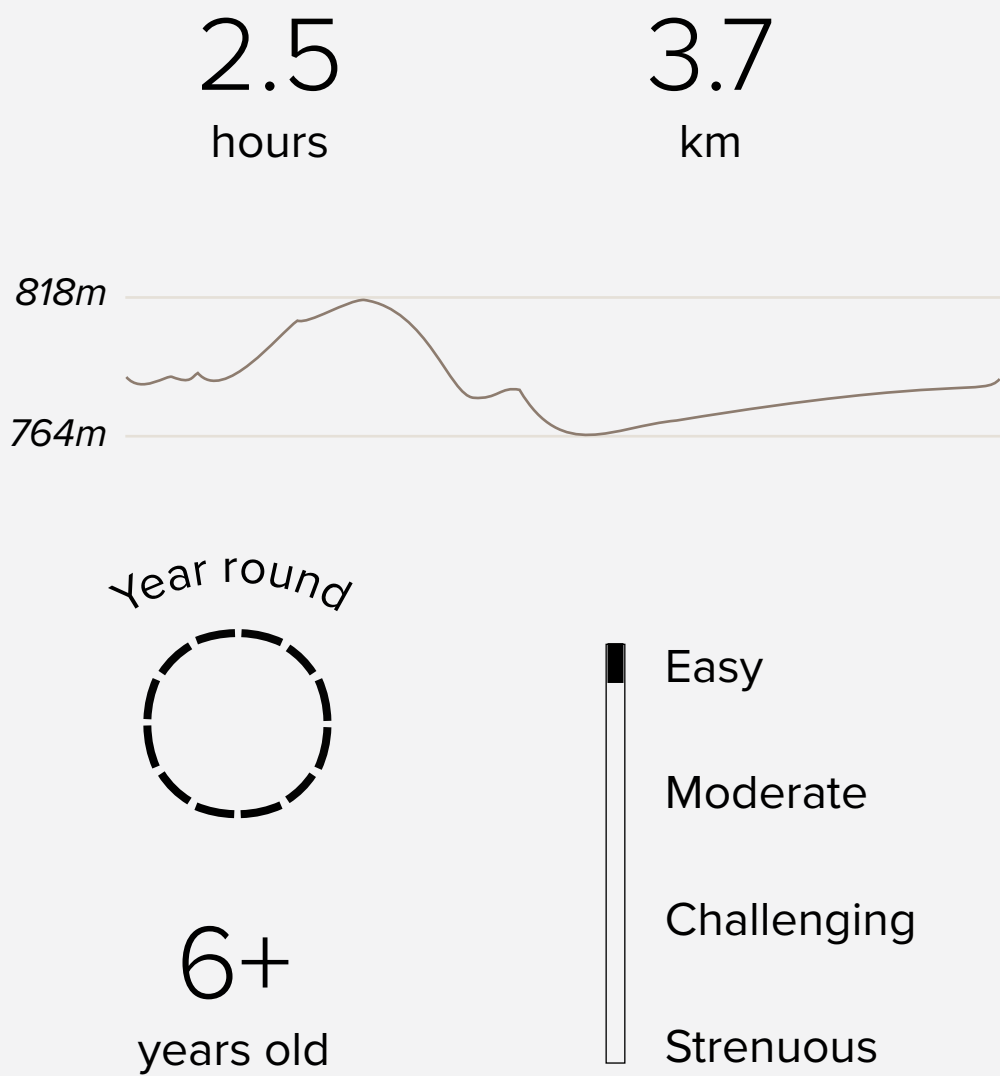
Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

June to September

12+
years old

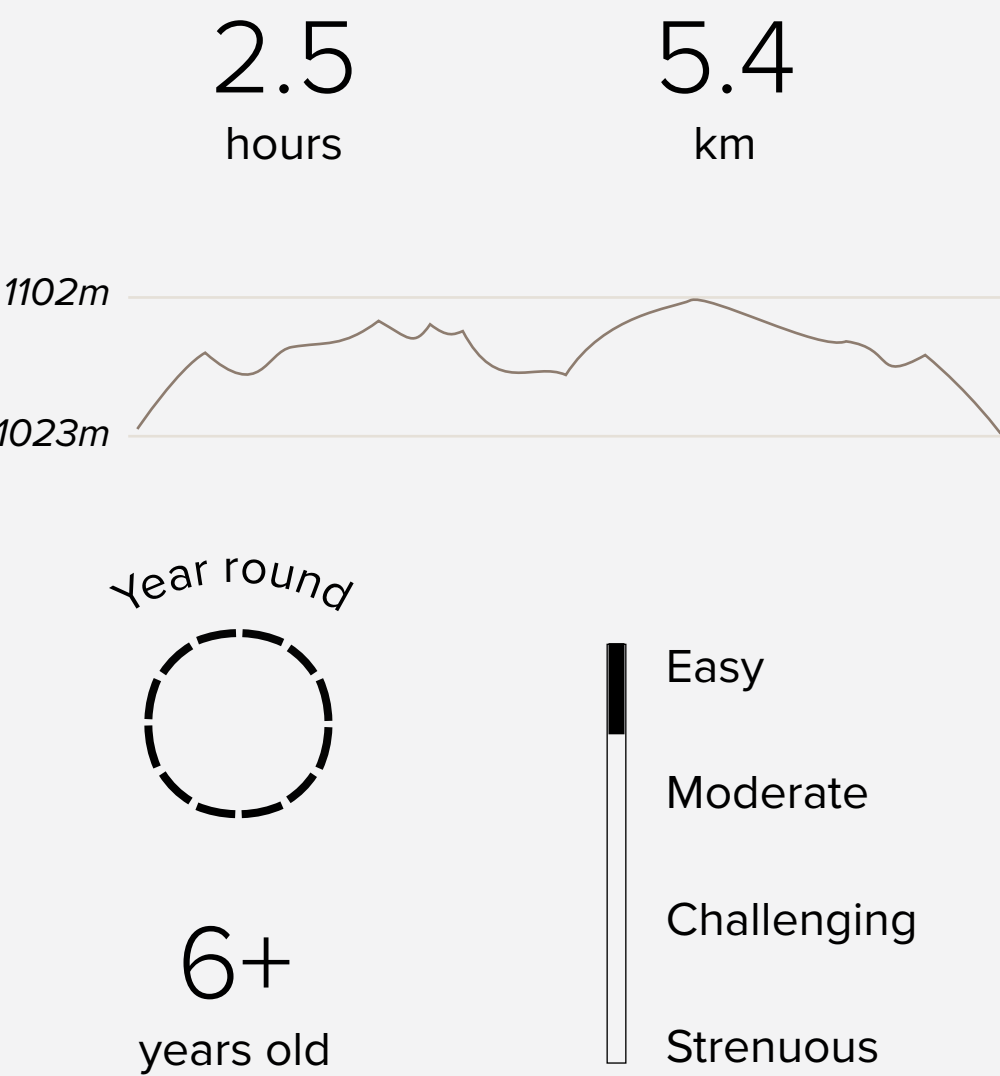
BUFFALO HIKE

A relaxed, scenic trail through a riparian zone and bushveld. This easy trail offers peace and beautiful views with minimal effort.



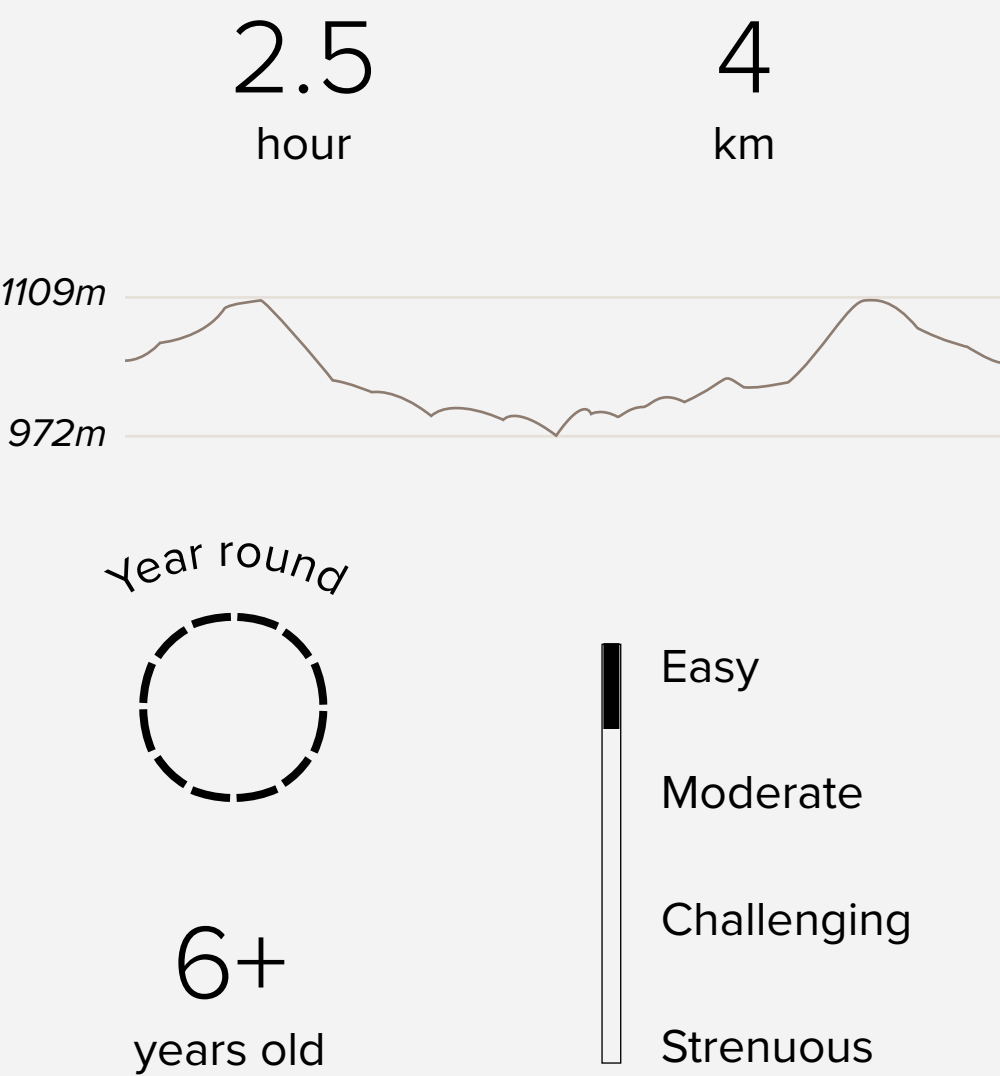
BOULDER TRAIL

Venture through a landscape of dramatic boulders and stunning vistas. This moderate trail is perfect for those seeking adventure and picturesque views.



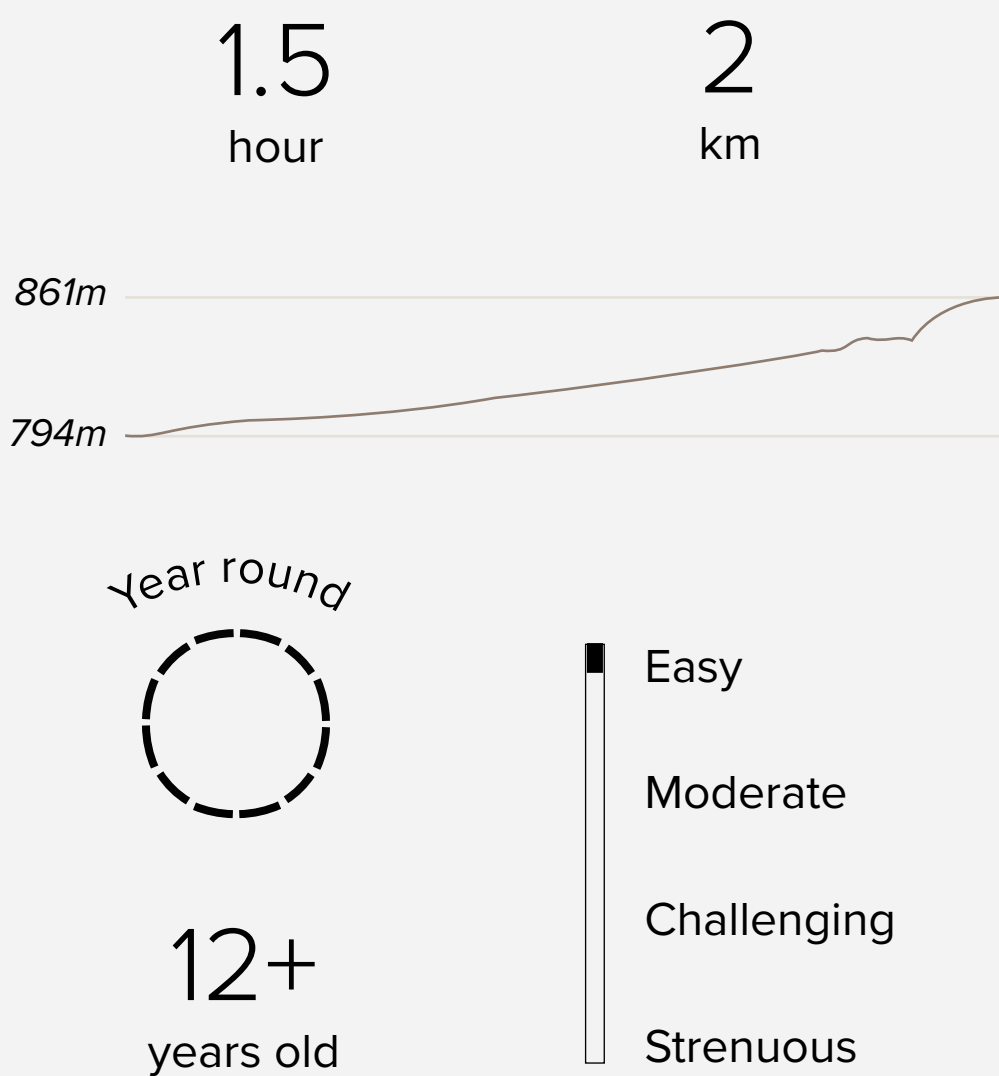
WARTHOG TRAIL

This mid-slope hike offers varied vegetation, intriguing rock formations, and stunning valley views. A rewarding option for those with moderate fitness.



GIRAFFE TRAIL & HIKE

Choose from a shorter, easy trail (1.5 hour) or a longer, moderate hike (3 hours) that rewards adventurers with dramatic mountain views.





VHUDKZIKI SPA

Relax & unwind at our immersive spa. At Few & Far Luvhondo wellness and relaxation are seamlessly woven into the fabric of your stay offering a sanctuary of tranquility amidst nature. Spa treatments include massages and facials and are all holistic treatments making use of home-made, organic oils and products.

Don't forget to step out into our meditation labyrinth before or after your treatment.



Rest is a form of restoration; when we slow down, we tune back into the healing pulse of the wilderness around us.



VHUDZIKI RENEWAL RITUAL

A three-hour journey of restoration inspired by the rhythms of the wild. Your experience begins with a gentle exfoliating scrub and mineral-rich body wrap, followed by a deeply therapeutic massage that releases tension and restores balance. The ritual concludes with an indulgent bath infused with botanicals gathered from the surrounding hills — a quiet moment to soak, unwind, and return to yourself. At Vhudziki Spa, renewal is not rushed; it unfolds slowly, in harmony with the land.



*This ritual mirrors nature's own
cycles of renewal — inviting body
and mind to find balance through
the rhythms of the earth.*

Activity specs:

3
hours

Please arrange at
the time of making
your reservation.



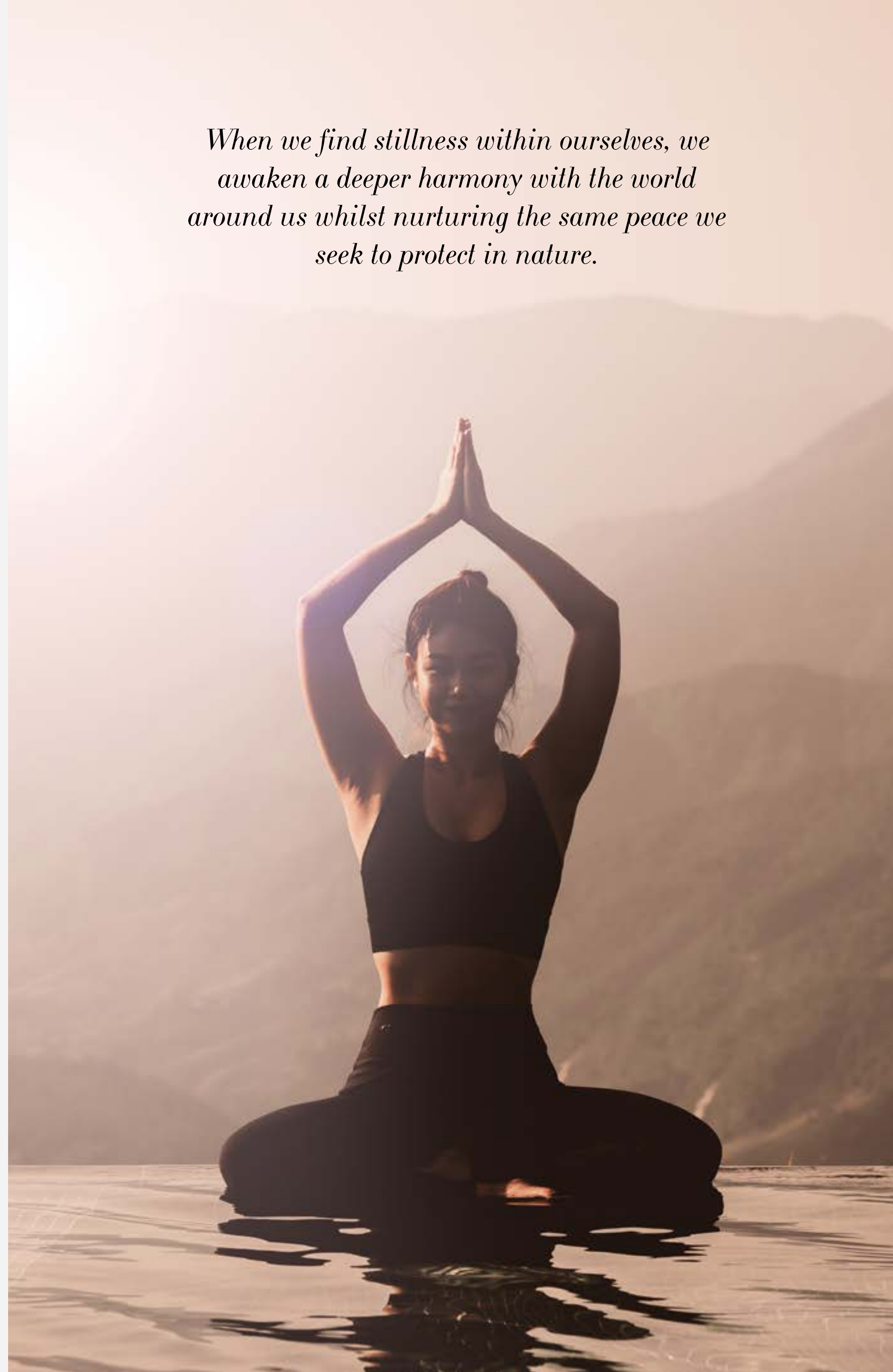
18+
years old



VHUDZIKI YOGA – HARMONY IN THE WILD

Welcome to your yoga journey: a gentle awakening of stillness, connection, and renewal. Here, your practice unfolds in the embrace of the wilderness: soft mountain breezes carry the scent of wildflowers, birdsong drifts through the trees, and each breath moves in rhythm with the land itself. Whether on the pool deck, the terrace of your Cliff Suite, or beside the river’s edge, Vhudziki Yoga invites you to let go of the noise of the world and return to what is essential: balance, peace, and presence. This is not just yoga; it’s communion with nature, where the quiet between breaths feels as alive as the earth beneath you.

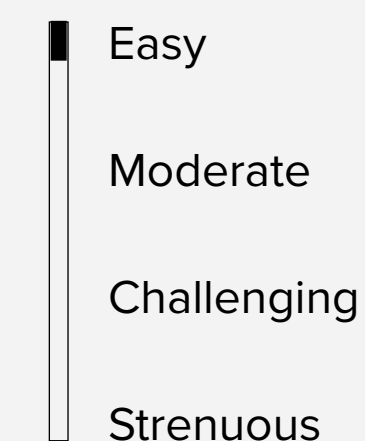
*When we find stillness within ourselves, we
awaken a deeper harmony with the world
around us whilst nurturing the same peace we
seek to protect in nature.*



Activitiy specs:

30 to 1
minutes hour

Please arrange at
the time of making
your reservation.



16+
years old



MOUNTAIN BIKING

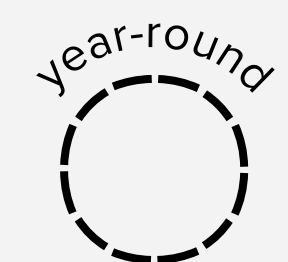
An opportunity to ride through the red rocks and cliffs of the Few & Far Luvhondo Reserve. The rugged terrain challenges riders with steep ascent and thrilling descents, all set against a backdrop of panoramic views. Trails weave through indigenous flora, revealing hidden river beds and ancient baobab trees; don't miss out on stopping for wildlife which you may come across during your exploration. For your comfort, we have a small number of E-bikes available.

Riding through rugged landscapes awakens a sense of freedom and respect for the raw, resilient spirit of the land beneath your wheels.

Activitiy specs:

1 - 3
hours

2, 5 or 10
Kilometres



(be aware of the heat during summer months November to February)

12+
years old



CONSERVATION FOCUS

Regenerative conservation practices honour this fragile ecosystem and invite a deeper, more restorative connection to the land.

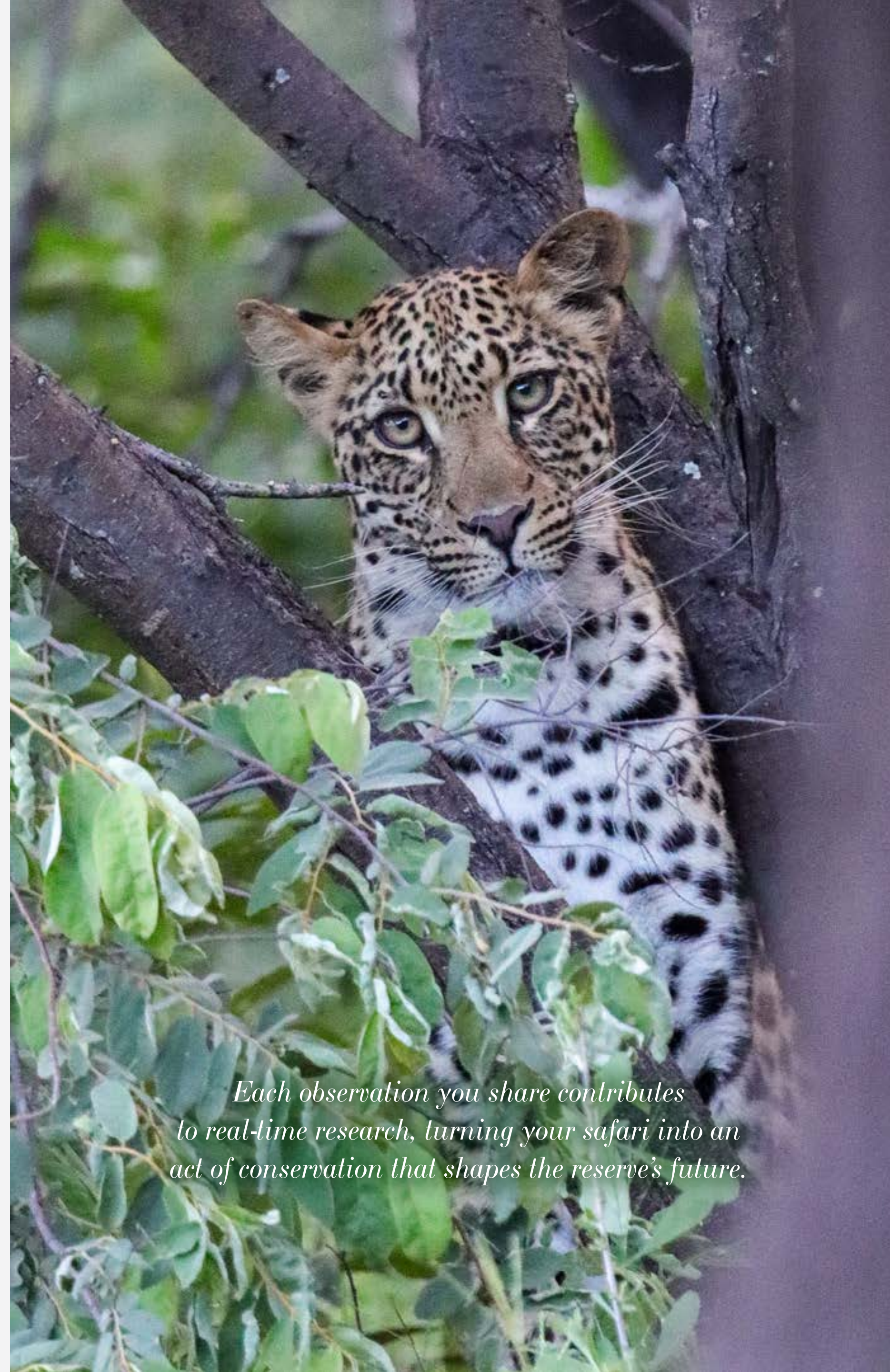
Explore a number of conservation-led activities to elevate your adventure



CONSERVATION SAFARI ADVENTURE

At Few & Far Luvhondo, families can engage in a hands-on conservation experience that goes beyond a typical game drive. Guests are invited to spot, record, and report sightings of key species such as leopards and pangolins, aardvarks, bat-eared foxes, sable, gemsbok, and both brown and spotted hyenas. Photographs, precise locations, and behavioral notes contribute directly to ongoing research, helping guides understand how these animals navigate and use the landscape. This invaluable data informs the lodge's conservation strategies and enhances the management of the reserve, while also increasing the likelihood of encountering some of the region's most elusive species. As an added extra we can arrange for you to join our river guardians for a snare sweep.

It's an important activity that combines family-friendly adventure with meaningful contribution to wildlife conservation.



*Each observation you share contributes
to real-time research, turning your safari into an
act of conservation that shapes the reserve's future.*

Activity specs:

3
hours

2 - 10
Kilometres



7+
years old

WILDLIFE CENSUS – THE “BIOBLITZ EXPERIENCE”

Join our conservation team for an immersive morning in the field as you help catalogue the incredible diversity of life at Luvhondo. Armed with notebooks, cameras, and curiosity, you’ll assist in recording sightings of birds, insects, mammals, and plants across different habitats. Every observation contributes valuable data that supports our long-term biodiversity monitoring and management. This hands-on experience offers a rare glimpse into the science behind conservation — where every footprint, call, and bloom tells a story. No experience is needed, just a love for nature and an eagerness to explore.

This activity takes place quarterly - please connect with your travel specialist to request available dates.



*Every sighting you record helps shape
the future of Luvhondo’s biodiversity -
transforming your curiosity into lasting
conservation impact.*

Activity specs:

3
hours

2 - 10
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

Quarterly

7+
years old

EARTHKEEPERS: EROSION CONTROL IN ACTION

Step into the heart of our land restoration work with the Earthkeepers activity. Join our conservation team as you learn how erosion shapes (and sometimes scars) the landscape. Together, you'll work to stabilise vulnerable slopes and watercourses using natural materials such as brush, logs, and stones, helping to protect topsoil and nurture new plant growth. Along the way, you'll discover how these small, mindful interventions create lasting change for wildlife and ecosystems. It's a grounding experience that connects you directly to the rhythm of the land and its renewal.

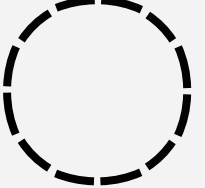
*By stabilising the land with your own hands, you
help the wilderness reclaim its balance: healing
the soil that sustains all life here.*

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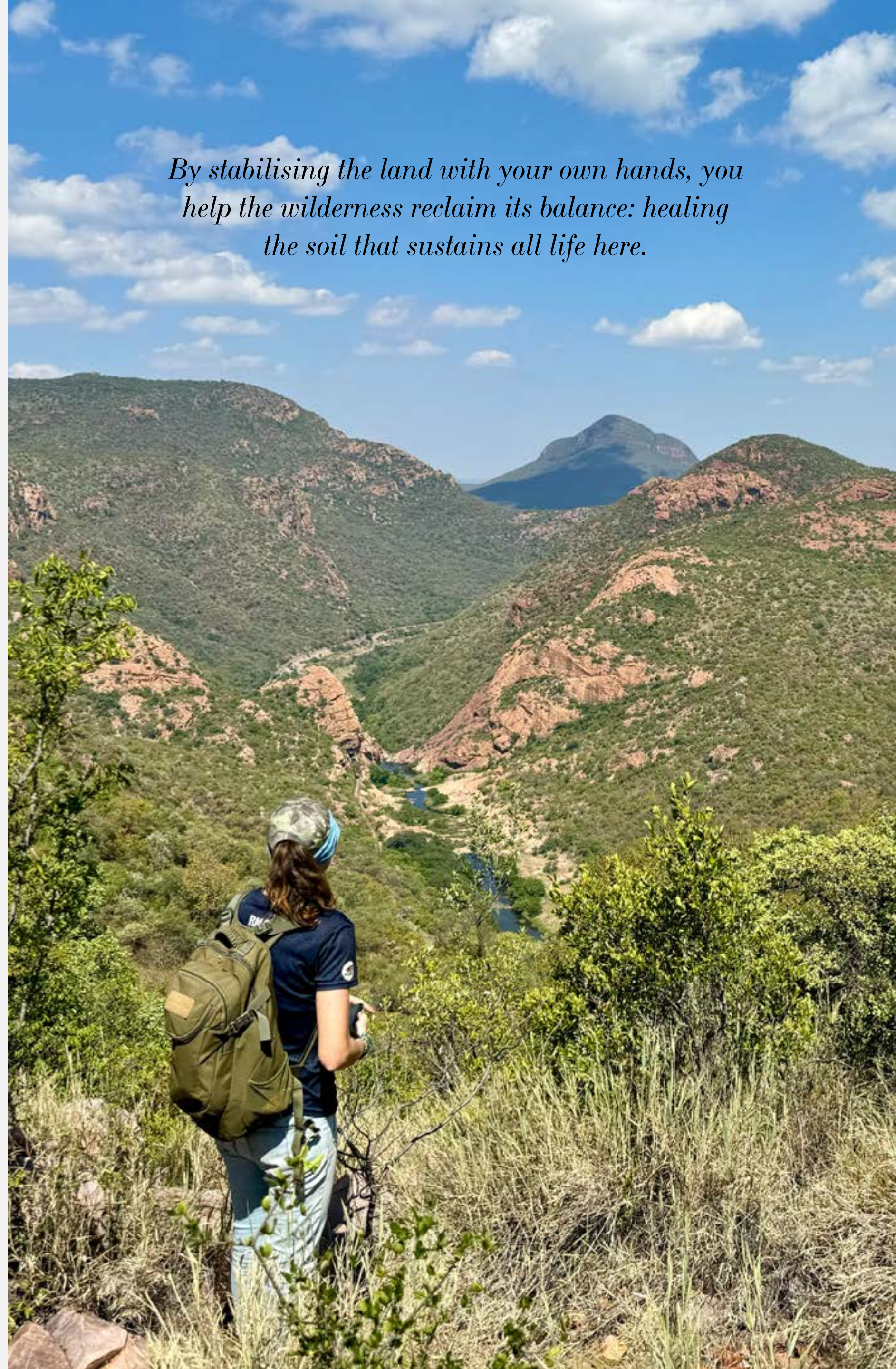
3
hours

2
Kilometres

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

Year round


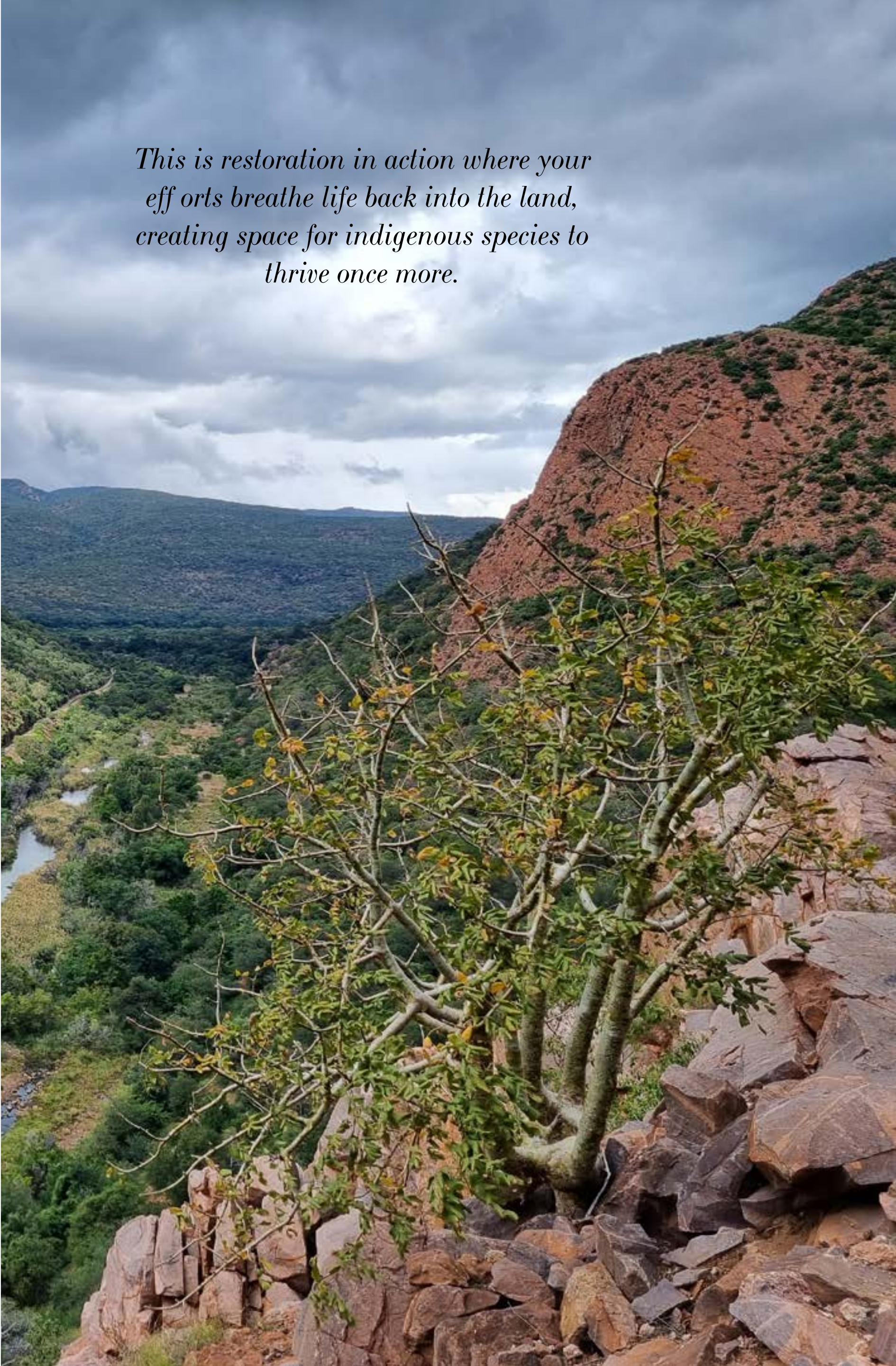
7+
years old





RESTORING THE WILD: HABITAT REHABILITATION EXPERIENCE

Become part of our ongoing mission to heal the landscape in this rewarding hands-on conservation activity. Working alongside our team, you'll help remove invasive alien plants and assist in bush thinning to restore balance to the natural ecosystem. These efforts improve soil health, promote the return of indigenous flora, and create suitable habitats for a variety of wildlife species. As you work, you'll gain insight into the ecological relationships that make Luvhondo so unique and leave knowing you've played a tangible role in its restoration and future resilience.



This is restoration in action where your efforts breathe life back into the land, creating space for indigenous species to thrive once more.

Activity specs:

3
hours

2
Kilometres



7+
years old



BEYOND THE LODGE

— a curated experience outside the Few & Far Luvhondo Reserve

MAPUNGUBWE GAME DRIVE EXPERIENCE

Embark on a full-day adventure in Mapungubwe National Park, exploring its rich history and stunning landscapes. The game drive offers views of baobabs, ancient cliffs, and diverse wildlife, from kudu to predators. Guides share the legends of the Kingdom of Mapungubwe, creating magical moments that linger long after the experience. Guests also can visit the Mapungubwe Museum, an incredible experience filled with fascinating artefacts and stories that bring the region's history to life.

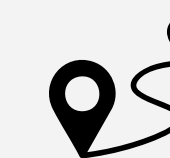
Your experience:

- 07h00: Departure from the lodge
- 09h30: Arrival at Mapungubwe National Park after scenic drive
- 10h00 - 14h00: Game drive and picnic lunch
- 16h30: Return to Few & Far Luvhondo

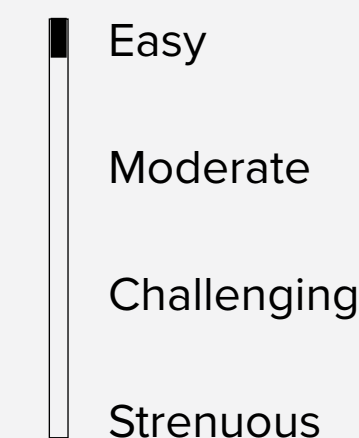
*Exploring Mapungubwe's ancient
landscapes connects you to a story that
transcends time where nature, culture,
and history converge.*

Activitiy specs:

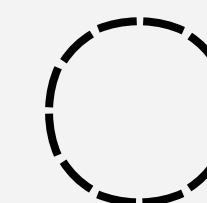
6 - 8
hours



Beyond Few & Far
Luvhondo Reserve



Year round



12+
years old



BEYOND THE LODGE

— a curated experience outside the Few & Far Luvhondo Reserve

ENDANGERED WILDLIFE TRACKING EXPERIENCE

This immersive experience allows guests to track endangered species with expert conservation guides in a private game reserve near Mapungubwe National Park. You will learn to read spoor, recognise behavioural patterns, and search for rare animals like rhinos, cheetahs, and pangolins. This hands-on adventure fosters a deep connection to wildlife and highlights the importance of conservation, offering an unforgettable encounter with endangered species.

Your experience:

- 07h00: Departure from the lodge
- 09h30: Arrival at private game reserve after scenic drive
- 10h00 - 14h00: Expert tracking experience with local conservation guides including picnic lunch
- 16h30: Return to Few & Far Luvhondo

Tracking endangered species deepens your connection to Africa's most vulnerable wildlife turning each footprint into a call to protect.

Activitiy specs:

6 - 8
hours



*Beyond Few & Far
Luvhondo Reserve*



12+
years old



BEYOND
THE LODGE

— a curated experience outside the Few & Far Luvhondo Reserve

BIG 5 GAME DRIVE — WALKING SAFARI EXPERIENCE

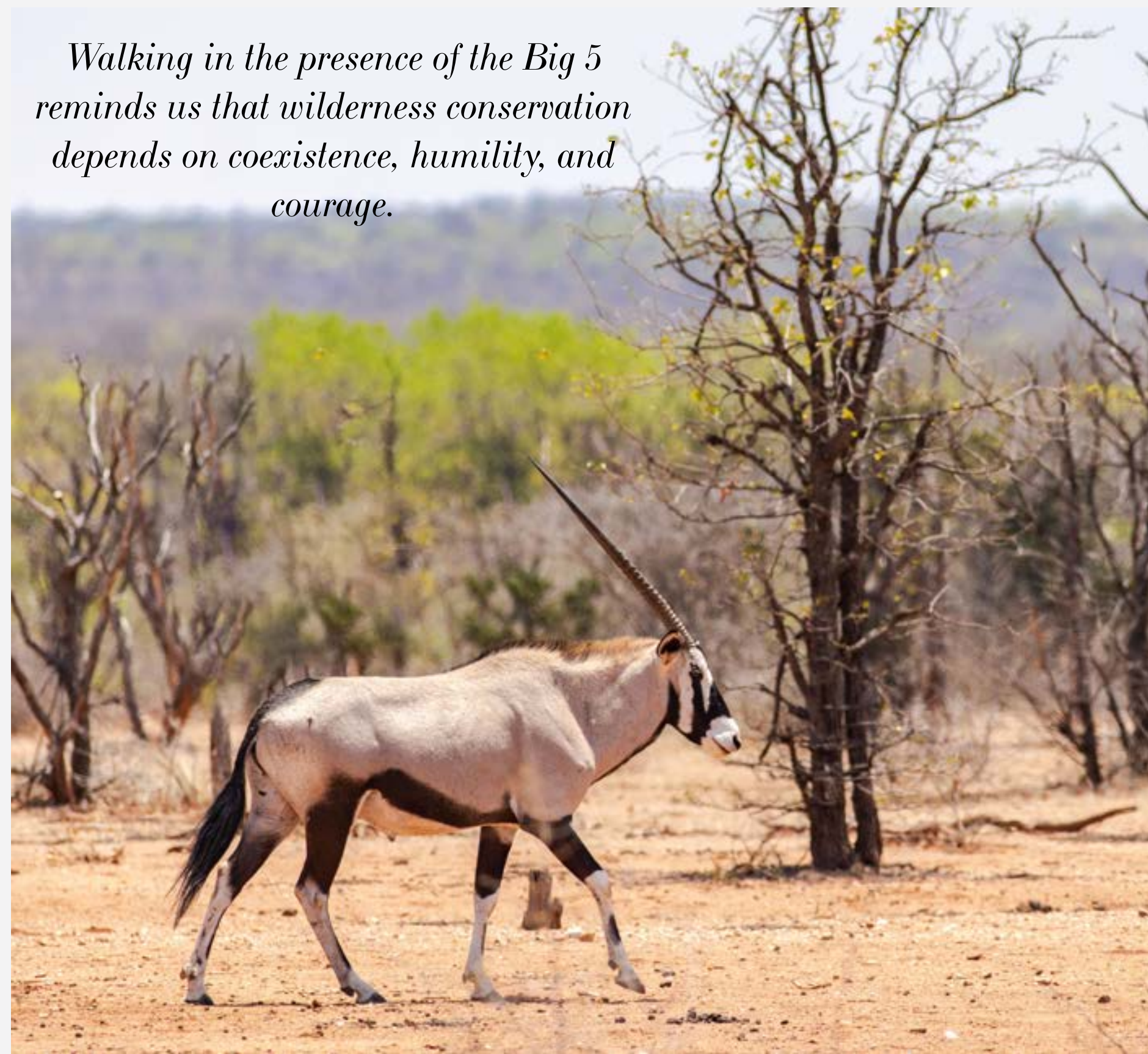
Step into the rhythm of the wilderness with a guided walking safari through a private game reserve bordering Mapungubwe National Park. This isn't just a gentle stroll - it's a full sensory immersion where every sound, scent, and footprint tells a story. With expert guides leading the way, you'll explore ancient paths, discover medicinal plants, and observe some of South Africa's largest animals from a completely different perspective - all while soaking in the untamed magic of this sacred landscape.

Your experience:

- 07h00: Departure from the lodge
- 09h30: Arrival at private game reserve after scenic drive
- 10h00 - 14h00: Game Walk and Safari experience, picnic lunch
- 16h30: Return to Few & Far Luvhondo

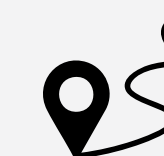


*Walking in the presence of the Big 5
reminds us that wilderness conservation
depends on coexistence, humility, and
courage.*



Activitiy specs:

6 - 8
hours



*Beyond Few & Far
Luvhondo Reserve*

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous



16+
years old



BEYOND
THE LODGE

— a curated experience outside the Few & Far Luvhondo Reserve

THE SACRED SALT PANS EXPERIENCE

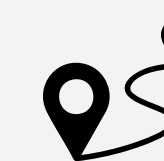
Just 40 kilometers from the lodge, discover Limpopo's ancient salt pans - the source of the Soutpansberg's name. This historical landscape has seen salt harvested for over 2,000 years. Explore the natural formation of salt, experience its purity, and connect with a tradition linking people to the land and its memories.

*Visiting the salt pans is a journey into the earth's memory:
a reminder that conservation also means honouring the cultural
landscapes of the past.*



Activitiy specs:

2
hours



*Beyond Few & Far
Luvhondo Reserve*

Easy
Moderate
Challenging
Strenuous

Year round
○

16+
years old

FOR OUR TRAVEL TRADE PARTNERS

This Experience Brochure has been created as a source of inspiration and a practical overview of the many ways guests can explore, discover, and connect with the landscapes of Few & Far Luvhondo.

All experiences featured in this brochure, with the exception of those within the Wellness section and the Samango Monkey Permits, are included in your guests' stay.

Should you require any further details, imagery, or guidance, or if you would like to indicate particular experiences that would resonate with your type of guests, our team is always delighted to assist. We are equally happy to note preferred activities in advance to help shape each guest's journey.

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