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# HIGHLIGHTS

**EMBARK ON A 6-NIGHT LUXURY SAFARI AT KARIEGA GAME RESERVE, STAYING 3 NIGHTS EACH AT UKHOZI LODGE AND SETTLERS DRIFT LODGE.**



## Rhino Conservation

Participate in exclusive rhino conservation activities, including a rhino veterinary procedure with renowned wildlife vet Dr. Will Fowlds.



## Wildlife Encounters

Engage in daily safari drives, bush walks, and river cruises, offering intimate wildlife encounters and exceptional bird-watching opportunities.



## Expert Insights

Interact with conservation experts, including Kariega Foundation's Director Lindy Sutherland, to learn about reserve management and ecological initiatives.



## Relax and Unwind

Enjoy leisure time at the lodges, with options to relax by the pool or indulge in spa treatments (additional expense).

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# INTRODUCTION



Join Helping Rhinos for a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and experience a real-life rhino conservation safari with the Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari.

Guests will not only enjoy the rich diversity and natural beauty of the amazing wildlife and stunning landscapes on Kariega Game Reserve in South Africa's Eastern Cape but will participate in exclusive rhino conservation initiatives and play a very real part in safe-guarding rhino in this key rhino stronghold.

Home of miracle poaching survivor Thandi and her ever-growing family of rhino children and grandchildren, the incredible Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari will take place 20th to 26th May 2026 for 6 nights and will be a must for the discerning rhino conservation supporter and luxury safari goer.

# YOUR STAY

This exclusive Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari costs £5,500\* per person for two people sharing\*\*

With just four rooms available, you'll enjoy an exclusive stay at two luxurious properties within Kariega Game Reserve—the stunning Ukhozi Lodge and the award-winning Settlers Drift Lodge.

Single supplement available.

Your safari includes:

- 6 night Rhino Conservation Safari staying 3 nights each at Ukhozi Lodge and Settlers Drift Lodge on Kariega Game Reserve
- All meals, selected beverages and safari activities
- Exclusive behind-the-scenes rhino & wildlife conservation experiences
- A dedicated guide and vehicle
- Return transfer from Port Elizabeth International Airport
- Conservation levy

Your safari excludes:

- All Flights
- UK airport transfers
- Travel insurance

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# ITINERARY



## Day 1 – UKHOZI LODGE

**20 May 2026**

**14:00** – Arrive and enjoy a warm welcome to Kariega Game Reserve’s stylish and uniquely designed Ukhozi Lodge from the in-house team.

**14:15** – Settle into your luxurious room and then enjoy a light lunch in the lodge.

**15:00** – Depart on your first afternoon safari drive to view the magnificent wildlife on the reserve and enjoy a relaxing sundowner in the breathtaking scenery. Fingers crossed you’ll see miracle poaching survivor Thandi and her family!

**19:00** – Welcome drinks with Helping Rhinos and the Kariega Foundation in the warmth and comfort of the lodge and roaring fires.

**20:00** – Dinner under that African sky in the Boma, hosted by Lindy Sutherland, Director of the Kariega Foundation. Lindy will warmly welcome you to your first dinner at Kariega Game Reserve and will speak to you about the history of the reserve, the incredible work of the Kariega Foundation and conservation in the wider Eastern Cape.

## DAY 2 – UKHOZI LODGE

**21 MAY 2026**

**06:00** – Wake-up call, tea and coffee.

**06:30** – Depart for your morning safari game drive, with a bush walk and the possibility of approaching a wild animal, (white rhino, giraffe, zebra) on foot if conditions allow. Observing wild animals on foot is a very connected experience. A respectful distance is kept so as not to stress the animals (or guests!).

**09:30** – Return to the lodge for breakfast.

**11:00** – Time to relax and enjoy Ukhozi Lodge’s fantastic facilities (including the stunning pool and spa) and bask in the panoramic views of the African plains with your very real chance of spotting rhino, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and many other species of wildlife directly from the pool and lodge patio.

**14:00** – Enjoy a light and delicious lunch in the lodge.

**15:30** – Depart on your afternoon safari game drive – which wildlife species will you see on this day? Enjoy another stunning spot for your sundowner drinks where you will be joined by Lindy Sutherland, family-owner of Kariega Game Reserve and Director of the Kariega Foundation who will speak to you about the history of the reserve, the incredible work of the Kariega Foundation and conservation in the wider Eastern Cape.

**20:00** – Dinner hosted by Lindy Sutherland.



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## Day 3 – UKHOZI LODGE

**22 May 2026**

**07:00** – Wake up call, tea and coffee.

**08:00** – Meet for an exclusive behind-the-scenes and immersive rhino veterinary procedure, including collaring and health check procedure hosted by renowned local veterinarian Dr William Fowlds.

**08:30** – Depart for your wildlife procedure and experience a game drive along the way. This is a special opportunity for you to witness the reality of rhino conservation and the efforts of the veterinary and conservation teams to protect the rhinos in their natural habitat on this reserve.

**11:00** – Return to the lodge for breakfast.

**14:00** – Light lunch in the lodge.

**15:30** – Depart for your afternoon safari game drive and enjoy another wonderful chance to see the stunning landscape of Kariega Game Reserve and the wildlife that call the reserve home.

**19:00** – Drinks back at the lodge and informal chat with Dr Will Fowlds who will share his experiences of growing up in the Eastern Cape and his career choice as a wildlife vet in the region.

**20:00** – Dinner hosted by Will Fowlds.

## DAY 4 – Settlers Drift

**23 MAY 2026**

(Transfer to Settlers Drift Lodge on this day)

**07:00** – Wake up call.

**08:00** – Early Breakfast at the lodge.

**09:00** – Pack and check out of Ukhozi Lodge.

**10:00** – Depart Ukhozi Lodge in safari vehicles for a truly behind-the-scenes visit to meet the Anti-Poaching Unit and watch a K9 training demonstration.

**11:00** – Enjoy a safari drive to the jetty bound for your next destination.

**13:00** – Transfer to a boat cruise to Settlers Drift Lodge and your unique 5-star luxury tented safari suite.

**14:00** – Arrive at Settlers Drift, settle in and enjoy a light lunch in the lodge.

**15:30** – Depart for an optional afternoon safari game drive or sit back and enjoy the remote surroundings of the stunning Settler's Drift.

**19:00** – Drinks in the bar.

**20:00** – Dinner in the wine cellar.



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## Day 5 – SETTLERS DRIFT

**24 May 2026**

**06:00** – Wake up call, tea and coffee.

**06:30** – Depart on your morning safari game drive to explore the newly expanded habitat on the reserve – a real success story that you will see first-hand.

**08:30** – Meet up for a bush breakfast with the Kariega Game Reserve ecologist and enjoy your chance to experience an exclusive Q&A session on ecological and wildlife management, research projects and wildlife range expansion.

**10:30** – Return to the lodge and enjoy time in your luxurious tented suite or admire the view from the lodge's decks overlooking the Bushman's River before lunch.

**13:00** – Presentation by Alan Weyer on the history of the frontier landscape of which Kariega Game Reserve is a part. Alan is the foremost raconteur in the area and was General Manager of Kariega Game Reserve for a decade.

**14:00** – Light lunch in the lodge hosted by Alan Weyer.

**15:30** – Depart for your afternoon safari game drive.

**19:30** – Dinner at the lodge.

## DAY 6 – Settlers Drift

**25 MAY 2026**

**06:00** – Wake up, tea and coffee.

**06:30** – Depart for your morning safari drive and to enjoy another early start in the South African bush.

**09:30** – Return to the lodge for a delicious breakfast.

**10:00** – Enjoy the luxury facilities at Settlers Drift Lodge – take a dip in the pool, relax on your private viewing deck or treat yourself in the onsite spa. Make the most of your free time to really indulge yourself in this gloriously remote setting of the Kariega Wilderness.

**14:00** – Light lunch in the lodge.

**15:30** – Depart for your afternoon safari game drive and final sundowner drinks out on the reserve.

**19:30** – Final dinner hosted by Simon Jones, CEO of Helping Rhinos. This will be your chance to ask any final questions and reflect on your experiences at the Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari. Share your highlights with your new friends as you celebrate the end of your fantastic trip!



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## Day 7 – Departure day

**26 May 2026**

**06:00** – Wake up call, tea and coffee.

**06:30** – Depart for your final morning safari game drive and enjoy your last view of the fantastic landscape and wildlife sightings on the reserve.

**09:30** – Return to the lodge for your last breakfast.

**11:00** – Say goodbye to newfound friends and depart Kariega Game Reserve to head to the airport bound for home or on to your next travel destination (if you are extending your stay in South Africa or beyond!)

If you would like to stay on at Kariega Game Reserve to experience more of the luxury safari life and incredible wildlife viewings, you will have the opportunity to book extra nights at any of the onsite safari lodges (subject to availability) at the time of booking on to your Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

We hope this exciting itinerary has whetted your appetite to join us on the first-ever Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari in South Africa's Eastern Cape. As a reminder, these are the trip highlights:

Trip dates: 20-26th May 2026

Maximum of ten places available

Six-night stay at two luxury lodges on Kariega Game Reserve – three nights at Ukhozi Lodge and three nights at Settlers Drift Lodge on a full board basis

Enjoy two game drives per full day

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Go behind the scenes on an exclusive veterinary procedure with Dr Will Fowlds and watch a special demonstration by the K9 APU and mounted unit teams, meet and learn from the Kariega ecologist, hear about the work of the Kariega Foundation, see abundant wildlife on the reserve and discover the reality of Helping Rhinos' mission to create Rhino Strongholds.

Details on how to book your place are below!



# WHAT TO PACK



## What Clothes Should I bring?

During the autumn and winter months, South Africa can get quite cold at night, so we recommend packing **layers, including warm clothing** such as a winter jacket and/or raincoat. However, daytime temperatures can be warm, **so lighter clothing is also advisable**, Zip-off trousers are a great versatile option.

If you plan on joining the bush walk, **comfortable walking shoes** are essential.

There's no need for formal wear at dinner.



## What else should I pack?

For a safari trip to South Africa in May, we recommend packing the following essentials:

- **Sun protection:** Sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat or cap, and sunglasses.
- **Insect protection:** Mosquito repellent and long-sleeved clothing for the evenings.
- **Gear & Accessories:** A reusable water bottle, camera, spare batteries, and if you have your own binoculars, you may find them useful for wildlife spotting.
- **Other Essentials:** A small backpack for daily excursions, a headlamp or flashlight, and any personal medications you may need.



## Amenities

All chalets, suites and luxury tents are equipped with hairdryers. There is a Curio shop at Main Lodge which is very close to Ukhozi Lodge. Settlers Drift have it's own Curio shop. All Curio shops stock safari memorabilia as well as basic necessity items ranging from clothing and jackets to basic toiletry items as well as insect repellent, sunblock and batteries. Please note that the Curio shops only accept South African currency but you can pay with a credit card.

We look forward to welcoming you on safari and sharing this unforgettable adventure with you. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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# ENQUIRE NOW



An exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime journey with limited spaces available.

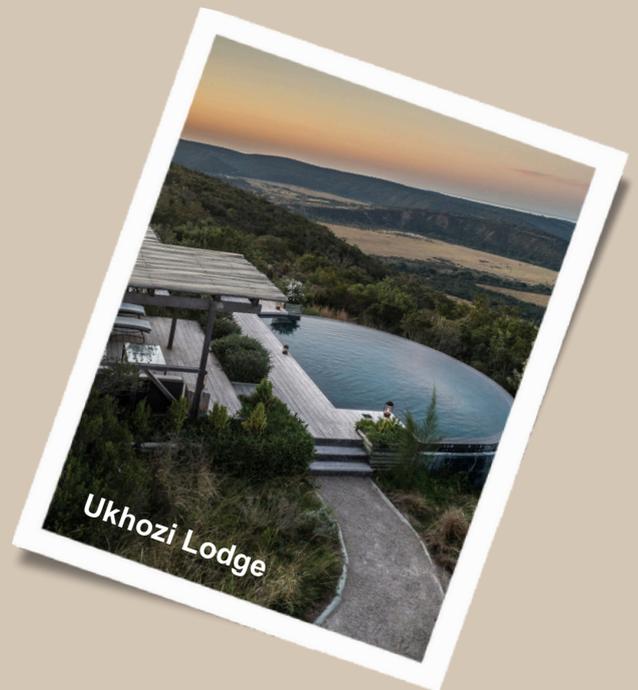
Be part of a small group of like-minded travellers for an unforgettable adventure that combines luxury, wildlife, and hands-on conservation. Don't miss your chance to be part of something truly extraordinary.

Join us for a journey that goes beyond adventure—where every moment helps protect the future of rhinos.

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*\* The price of your Helping Rhinos Conservation Safari includes all of the above activities and a contribution to the work of both Helping Rhinos and the Kariiega Foundation. You will receive an invoice from Kariiega Game Reserve for the safari activities and an invoice from Helping Rhinos for the contribution to support our conservation work.*



Settlers Drift Lodge