



Greater Kruger National Park



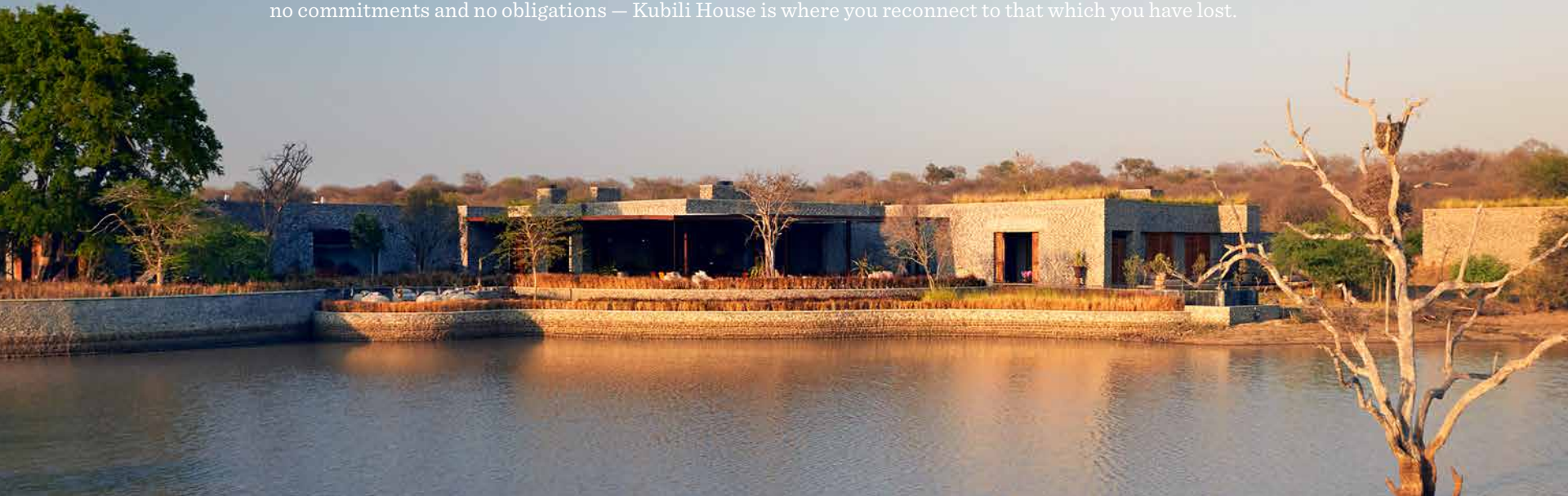
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KUBILI HOUSE

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Kubili House is a 26,900 square feet luxury private residence set within Thornybush Game Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger National Park. What we offer is a Safari Lifestyle and not just the experience. The house includes 5 bedrooms, 3 swimming pools, steam room, a private game viewer and 3 fully equipped camping vehicles. The house is directly situated on the bank of the largest dam in the reserve which is the main watering hole in the north of the reserve, providing a consistent flow of animal activity viewable from any of the many decks. Game drives accompanied by a personal field guide and tracker are available at any time. Our style is discreet and tailored specifically to guest requirements.

Kubili House is the dream of owners Julian and Aida Koski. The Lodge offers complete solitude from the outside world and embraces the ancient understanding that there is no time in Africa. There are no schedules, no commitments and no obligations — Kubili House is where you reconnect to that which you have lost.





KUBILI HOUSE

THINK DIFFERENTLY, MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

We are passionately driven by our love for nature and share the responsibility to preserve it for future generations. “Think differently, make the difference” is much more than a slogan — it’s how we think and it’s at the heart of our mission.

This ethos is woven into everything we do, from its architecture and design, to its culinary and game viewing experience. Most importantly, it is expressed in the way we treat the people working for us — it’s different.

What few people know is that seventy percent of all rhino poaching incidents start with “information” provided by employees working inside the lodges. What does this mean? It’s clear that money and incentives are at the heart of stemming the destruction caused by poaching and illegal hunting.

Any hotel’s or lodge’s greatest asset is its people. It’s no secret that the economic realities of living are harsh and driving this problem.

WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Our model of “Responsible Tourism” is a revolutionary way to harness the power of tourism dollars to create social change. It’s quite simple, really — we believe that when people in Africa live better lives it creates a powerful incentive to protect their natural resources.

At Kubili House we have a no tipping policy. Instead, 10% of our published gross rate is pooled and shared equally amongst our staff. This wealth effect is not only set to change the lives of our staff, who will make sure that your stay with us will be exceptional, but importantly, it also removes the incentive to provide the “information.”

A photograph of a modern architectural space. The scene is framed by two high, textured stone walls that meet at a top edge. The walls are made of irregular, light-colored stones. The floor is a dark, polished wood. The ceiling is a smooth, light-colored surface with several small, circular recessed lights. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text "THE ARCHITECTURE" is centered in the image, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

THE ARCHITECTURE

ROMANTIC MODERN

The house is conceived in two parts, drawing on both ancient and modern influences: earthy, organic materiality expressed in abstracted modernist-inspired forms. One part is an open Mies van der Rohe's inspired pergola with a floating roof, and the other is its weighty, rocky, monolithic counterpart with a "more Moorish, Moroccan, Zimbabwean ruins-type look."

Throughout the process of designing and building the house, the owners were very sensitive to the age of the untouched landscape and were wary of constructing something gleaming and brand new.

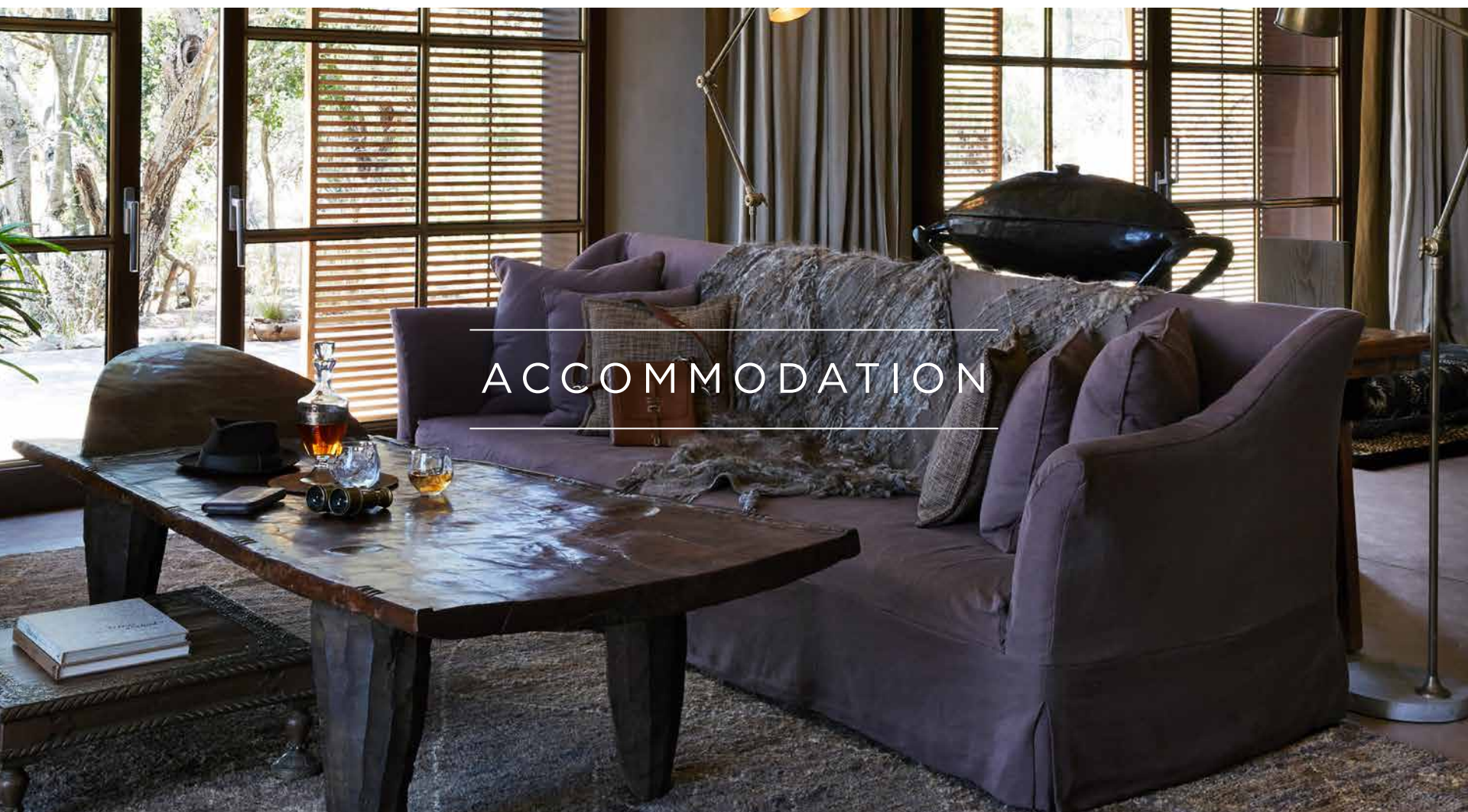
In the pergola, the rocks give way to the smooth finishes of the floors and suspended ceilings. This space is all about openness and looking out. The furniture here — dominated by Donna Karan's Urban Zen solid teak — is low to the ground. The fireplace, too, is on the ground, beneath a massive chimney dome custom made and inspired by the brass bells in the temples of Kyoto. The furniture is designed to immerse you with the landscape. The idea is that you don't want to be up, above the animals. You want to be at the eye level of the animals passing by.

There is a subtle nod to the Japanese Wabi aesthetic, the belief that there is perfection in imperfection, evidenced in the handmade African clay tiles with their almost imperceptible gold-leaf flaws.

The scale of the rooms dictated that much of the furniture had to be custom-made, with no simple thematic approach. The disparate materials and furniture pieces help create a sense of the passage of time and change — of being lived in rather than decorated.

Antique wooden beams from France bring with them a sense of human time. In the villa's reclaimed wood floors, further layer a sense of age and the passage of time onto the architecture.

All these contrasts — the monolithic and the weightless, the open and enclosed, the ancient and modern, the north and the south, water and drought — create an aura of mystery, much like the landscape itself and ruins that inspired the house.



ACCOMMODATION

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MAXIMUM 10 GUESTS

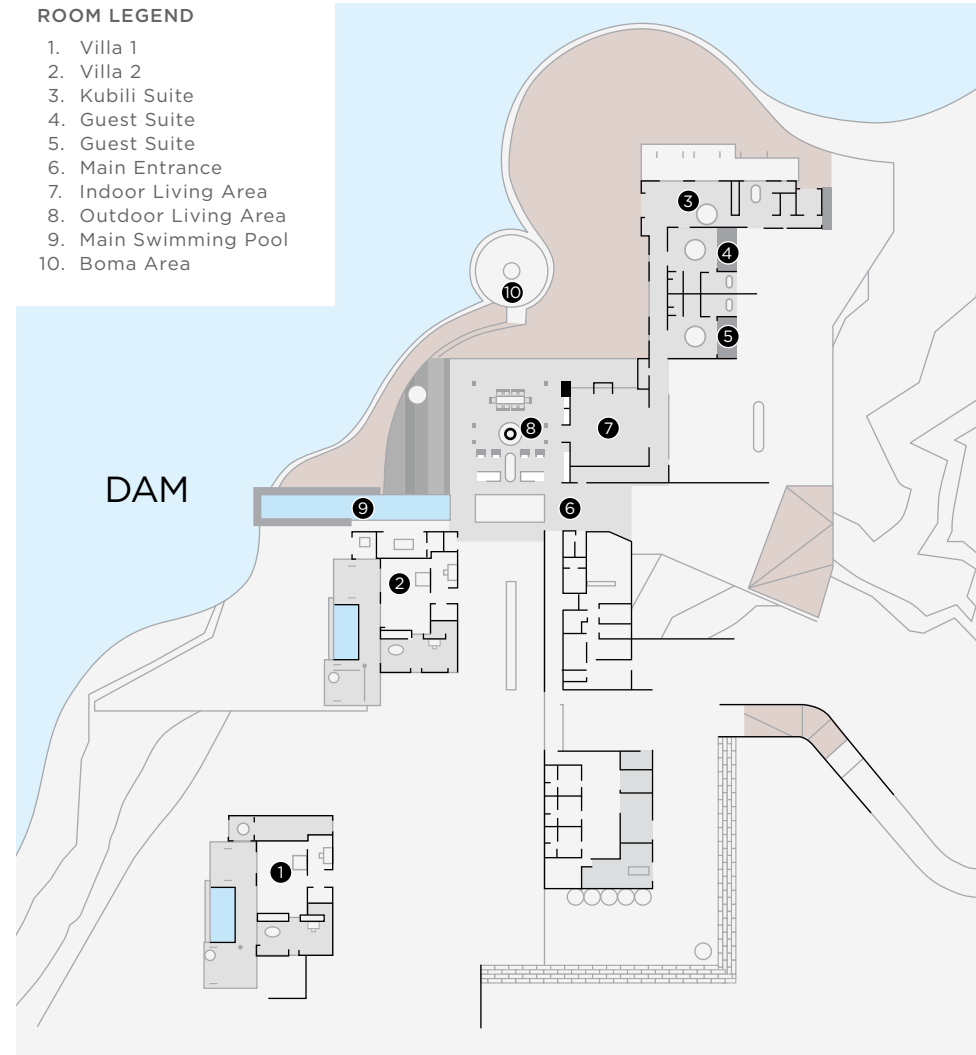
- Children
- Childminding
- Security / Patrolling
- Swimming Pool
- Spa Facilities
- Fitness (In-a-bag*)
- Fans / Air-Conditioning
- WiFi
- Mobile Phone Service
- Laundry Service
- Disabled Access

* Kubili House has a 6th bedroom to host Pilots/Guides travelling with guests

* Each room is equipped with a Gym Bag in which an assortment of wellness / fitness equipment has been provided for each guest.

ROOM LEGEND

1. Villa 1
2. Villa 2
3. Kubili Suite
4. Guest Suite
5. Guest Suite
6. Main Entrance
7. Indoor Living Area
8. Outdoor Living Area
9. Main Swimming Pool
10. Boma Area





KUBILI SUITE



KUBILI SUITE: MAIN HOUSE

170 SQ. M

Kubili Suite includes:

- King Bed (Maximum 2 Guests)
- Bath
- Separate Water Closet
- Private Deck
- Private Dining Area
- Butler Service
- TV
- Coffee Machine
- Mini Bar
- Fans / Air-Conditioning
- Mosquito Nets





VILLA 1 & 2



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250 SQ. M

Villa Suites include:

- Twin / King Bed (Maximum 2 Guests)
- Bath
- Indoor / Outdoor Shower
- Separate Water Closet
- Private Pool
- Private Deck
- Private Casita
- Butler Service
- TV
- Mini Bar
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GUEST SUITE 1 & 2



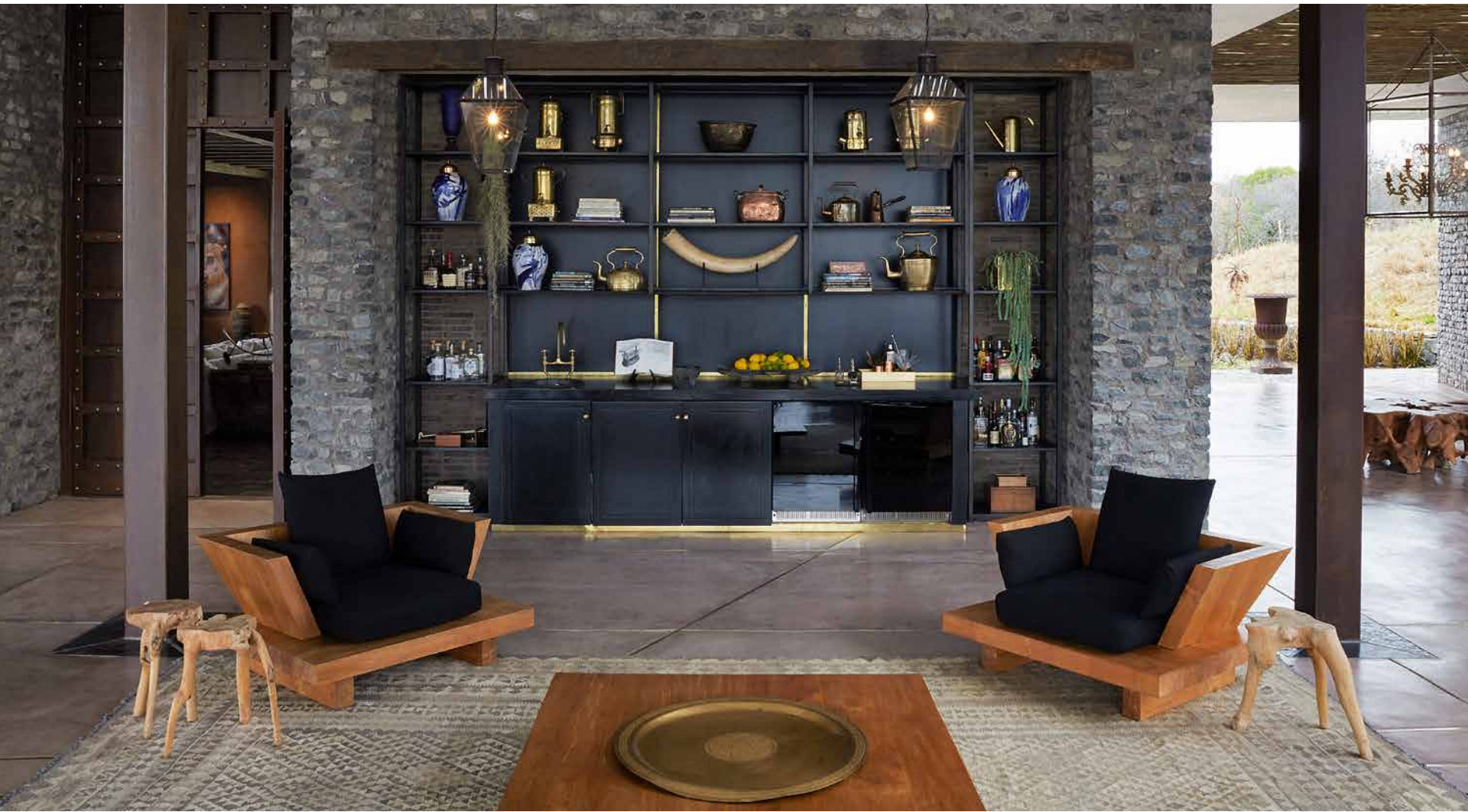
GUEST SUITE 1 & 2

120 SQ. M

Guest Suites include:

- Queen Bed (Maximum 2 Guests)
- Bath
- Shower
- Separate Water Closet
- Private Deck
- Butler Service
- Mini Bar
- Fans / Air Conditioning
- Private Garden
- Mosquito Nets





INCLUDED SERVICES

- Guided Safaris¹
- Guided Walks or Segway Safaris
- Craft Workshops²
- Spa Treatments (Massage)³
- Big 5 Camping Experience⁴
- All Meals & Drinks⁵
- Single Malts & Cigars
- Transfers to and from Airport⁶
- Childminding (18H00 to 22H00)
- Same Day Laundry Service
- Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance
- VAT and all Levies
- Gratuities
- In Room Wi-Fi

1. In open vehicles (1 vehicle for up to 6 people; 2 vehicles for 7 people and more)

2. Arranged on request

3. Other spa services can be arranged

4. Details provided on request. Weather conditions permitting

5. Excluding French Champagne, imported wines

6. Refers to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport, Thornybush and Jackalberry Airstrips





ACTIVITIES



An array of activities is included in your stay including Game drives, Camping, 4x4 adventures, Craft workshops, Archery and Wellness programs designed to each individual guest. Our concierge will happily put together an individualized program with emphasis on flexibility should the guest change their mind at any point.





SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

- Helicopter Tours
- Blyde River Canyon Tour
- Local Community Tour

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Photographic equipment for use during your stay
- Yoga
- Pottery
- Art



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

One of the greatest driving forces around the building of Kubili House was the owner's twin children. Long ago before they were born the owners wanted to make sure that their children's upbringing was counterbalanced with the privileges of growing up in New York City.

Kubili House has created an array of enriching and engaging activities for children which include:

- Pottery with the use of a pottery wheel and kiln
- Painting and art with state-of-the-art equipment and easels
- Segway rides (Back of house, not in the reserve)
- Swimming in the heated pools
- Baking with Thulani our master baker
- Star gazing
- Movies, games and puzzles
- Making animal track molds
- Archery



A still life photograph of a dining table set with various dishes. In the center, a three-tiered copper stand holds several round pastries dusted with powdered sugar. To the left, a wooden platter features breads, sliced cucumbers, and salmon. A chocolate cake with pineapple slices sits on a white plate in the foreground. To the right, a bowl of pomegranate seeds and a glass of iced tea with lemon and mint are visible. The background is a dark, textured wall with a vase of dried flowers. The word "DINING" is overlaid in white capital letters in the center.

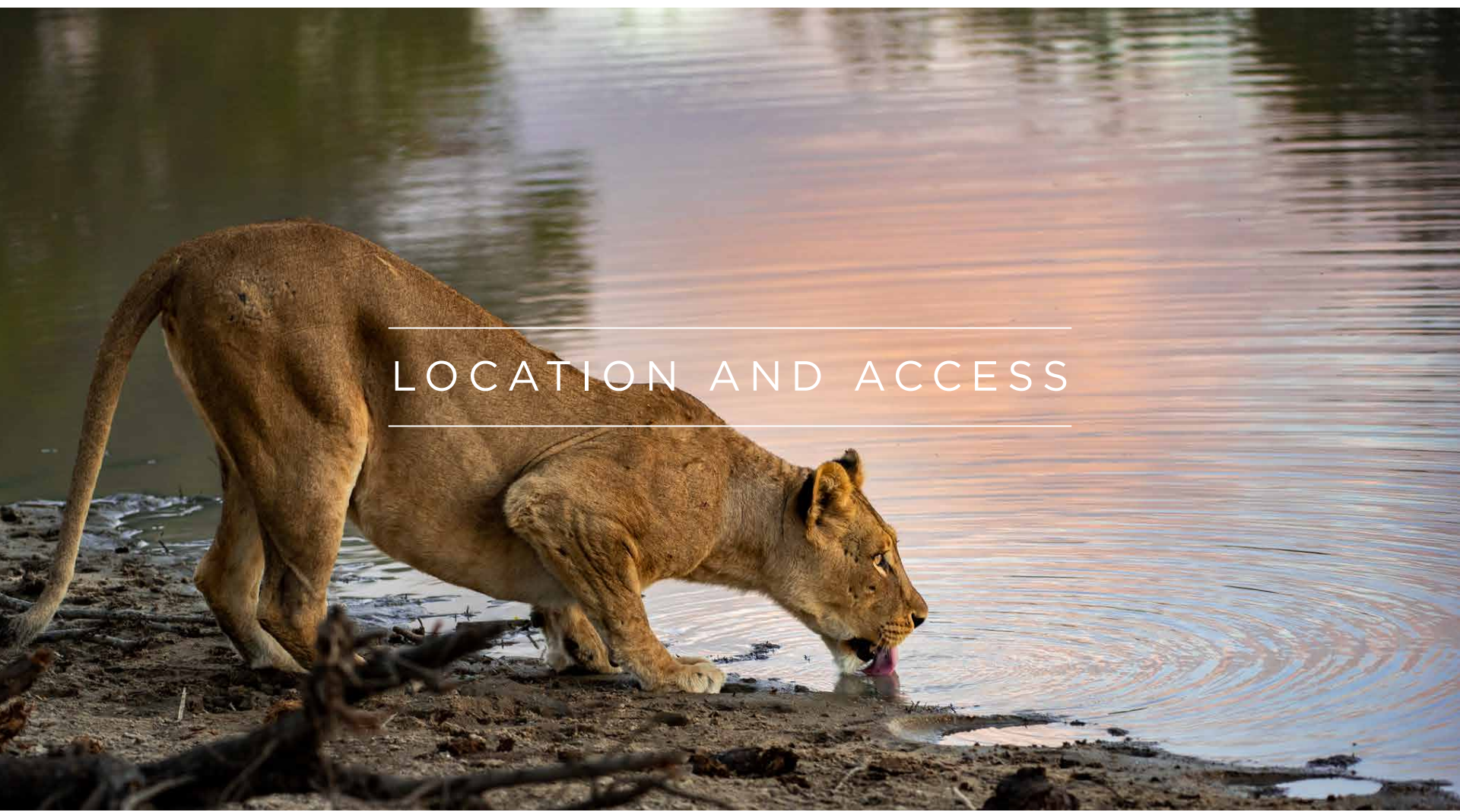
DINING

FOOD EXPERIENCE

A Private chef and sous chef are included in your stay and will design your daily menus according to your preferences.







LOCATION AND ACCESS



GETTING THERE

- Scheduled flights to Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport happen twice daily from Johannesburg – from there a 40min road transfer to Kubili House
- Charter flights direct to the Thornybush or Jackalberry Airstrip, where you are collected in an open game viewer and transferred to Kubili House
- GPS Ordinates: 24°28'11.6"S 31°07'01.6"E





ABOUT THE OWNERS

Julian and Aida Koski live in New York City with their two children. They are passionate about Africa and safari adventures and are fastidiously detailed — always wanting to ensure that their guests have an authentic African Safari Experience. Aida is a renowned chef in New York and is responsible for making sure that the lodge's food is a world class affair. Julian, aside from being a successful business person, is passionate about design and architecture. The architecture of the house reflects Julian's design sense and his ability to blend the home seamlessly into its surroundings.



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