



Elephant Conservation Program



CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST LAPALALA NATURE RESERVE WITH ELEPHANT CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Be a part of Lapalala Wilderness' incredible conservation story, by embarking on Elephant Conservation activities at Tintswalo Lapalala. Depending on which research activity is available at the time, you will have the opportunity to participate in an elephant collaring. Be captivated by these once-in-a-lifetime adventures, as you get up-close-and-personal with these iconic wildlife giants.

Historically, African elephant occurred naturally in the Waterberg. At Lapalala Wilderness it is our aim to re-establish the full complement of large mammals that used to occur in the Waterberg area and for this reason we reintroduced our first herd of elephant onto the reserve in 2017. A second herd of elephant as well as a number of mature bulls arrived between 2018 and 2019. Lapalala Wilderness's entire elephant population now consists of 27 individuals. Numerous research projects have been launched that will be focusing on the sustainable management of our elephant population, including a contraception project and an elephant impact study, which includes the establishment of elephant ex-closure plots to assess the impact our elephant have on Lapalala Wilderness's landscape in the long term.

Tintswalo Lapalala is committed to ensuring the survival of Africa's elephant herds. From time to time, one of the elephant collars utilized in this research will be in need of replacing and we invite groups of up to eight guests each (sharing one vehicle) to participate in this extraordinary experience. Guests will play an active role in the day's adventure. As the veterinary team flies overhead in a helicopter in search of the elephant, guests will follow in hot pursuit with an expert ranger in an open 4x4 safari vehicle. Once the animal is located and darted, the helicopter will land, and guests will have the amazing opportunity to partake in monitoring the elephant's vital signs, such as breathing rate and temperature, and collecting DNA samples while the veterinary team replaces the elephant's collar.

THE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE:

- Subject to the availability of the reserve conservation team with 1-2month notice required.
- A maximum of one vehicle with 8 guests are allowed per experience
- No children under 12 years are allowed on this program
- Minimum 3 night stay required
- A surcharge will be charged for the use of a private vehicle for groups of less than 6 people
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* Any person not adhering to the general rules will be evacuated to the lodge.

The rate is R16 000 per couple, rate subject to other interested parties, R63 000 required collectively for activity to go ahead. for the Elephant conservation package. Accommodation packages charged separately.

TO BOOK THIS EXCURSION CONTACT Reservations: Tel 021 773 0900 / reservations@tintswalo.com

Additional dates are available on request and subject to availability.

The Lapalala Wilderness team reserves the right to cancel or terminate an exercise if deemed necessary.

*Elephant package are subject to availability and when the next elephant project will be scheduled.