



facts & Information

Location

Tintswalo Lapalala is located in the 44,500 hectare malaria-free Lapalala Wilderness Reserve, a short 3.5 hour drive, or a 30-minute charter flight, north of Johannesburg in the greater Waterberg area. Bordered by private game sanctuaries, the sheer expanse of this unspoiled biosphere area results in no light pollution, and dramatic star-gazing on cloudless nights.

Enjoying its sheltered location, the Lapalala Wilderness offers security for the herds of buffalo, black and white rhino, sable and roan antelope that are all bred on the reserve. Twenty-seven kilometres of pristine river meander through the reserve, providing opportunities to boat, fish and swim in the rapids, or simply enjoy the peaceful magnificence of water-rich scenery, teeming with birdlife.

The Tintswalo Lapalala lodge is a tented, eco-friendly camp which is completely off the grid, and solely run by solo power and generators. Travellers can enjoy all the modern comforts of a luxury lodge whilst still experiencing the true beauty of the bush. As there are only two commercial lodges on the reserve, vehicle density is very low, making it one of the most undisturbed safari experiences within the region. The experienced guides and trackers ensure that guests have a high quality, varied and interactive game and wilderness experience.

Lodge Facilities

Traditional cuisine is served in various locations around the lodge, including unforgettable boma dinners enjoyed beneath the sparkling Milky Way, or indulgent al fresco meals shared on the expansive open lodge deck.

Tintswalo Lapalala's main lounge area provides warmth and ambience with its large fireplace, and guests are able to reconnect with home and work via the lodge's free Wi-Fi service. Surrounded on one side by a large relaxation deck overlooking a busy watering hole, guests are invited to take a refreshing dip in the lodge's crystalline swimming pool as they watch herds of game wander by. The Tintswalo Lapalala boutique curio store is brimming with memorabilia and trinkets to take home.

- Luxury lounge area with fireplace
- Wooden decks overlooking the frequented waterhole
- Swimming pool
- Wi-Fi at the main lodge area
- Boutique gift shop with a fine selection of curios
- Sleep out deck (available in May 2019)
- Spa (coming soon)



Accommodation

Eight tented suites overlook a large plain with a watering hole that is frequently visited by wildlife. The suites are linked to each other and to the main lodge by raised wooden walk ways.

- 4 luxury tented suites with indoor and outdoor showers as well as an outside bath, and private plunge pool (Two of the suites can sleep a family of four)
- 2 super luxury tented suites with a large bedroom, en-suite bathroom with an outdoor shower, lounge area, and a private plunge pool
- 2 superior luxury suites with en-suite bathroom, and a private plunge pool (This is sold as a family unit)

Inclusions

- Accommodation
- All meals daily
- House wines, local beers & soft beverages
- 2 game drives a day with refreshments
- Wi-Fi at main lodge area
- Laundry
- Transfers from Eastgate. Pick up time will be at 13h00 and drop off time at 12h00. Any transfers required outside of these times will be charged R250 per trip
- Activities (see pg 3)

Exclusions

- Premium brand alcohol, and/or unspecified items
- All transfers and extra excursions
- Gratuities, spa services & curio shop items
- Conservation/gate levy
- Transfers from the Eastgate outside the pick-up times will be charged R250 per trip
- Transfers to/from reserve airstrip (extra cost)

Room Amenities

- Tea & Coffee Facilities
- Bar fridge
- Electronic room safe
- Aircon
- Wood burning fireplace
- Private plunge pool
- Hair dryer with a vanity table
- Room service available

Child Policy

- Children of all ages are welcome at the lodge, but as it is a predator-rich environment they must be supervised at all times
- Children under the age of 6 are not permitted on game activities unless a private vehicle has been booked. It remains the sole discretion of the guide to allow children between the ages of 3 and 12 on game activities; this is to ensure the safety of the guests and families.
- Children under the age of 16 may not participate in bushwalks.

Packages

Please enquire with our reservations office for our unique wedding and honeymoon packages. We also offer luxury corporate break-away, team building, and executive conferences.



Activities (Weather permitting. On offer to 3 night bookings)

- Game drives – Open 4x4 safari vehicles are equipped with radios for communication, ponchos for wet weather and individual blankets for early morning and evening chill, and spot lights for night viewing
- Our experienced guides are “Field Guide Association” accredited and they offer interpretive and educational game drives through the reserve
- Guided drives through the endangered wildlife breeding camps
- Fishing on the 27km untouched Palala River
- Walks to the iron age site to view ancient historical artefacts
- Visit the well-preserved bushman rock paintings
- Bushwalks – Interactive bush walks, insight into our wildlife, fauna, flora and birdlife (bush walks are arranged on request only)
- The guides are accompanied by experienced trackers who offer stories of the local culture and traditions.
- Private birding or photographic safaris are also available on request (extra charge and advanced booking is essential)
- Children’s activity program – Tintswalo guides offer an exciting activity program to keep our young visitors entertained for hours. The children receive a welcome goodie backpack with educational items and “The Little Ranger” activity and story book
- Excursions to the Lapalala Wilderness School can be arranged, where guests may interact with the children and teachers in their quest for conservation of the African bushveld
- Sleep out deck- Extra charge, quoted on request
- Picnics along the river
- Bush breakfasts
- Boma dinners

Directions

- Local flights from O.R. Tambo, Lanseria or Grand Central Airport to Vaalwater
- Transfers to/from Vaalwater Airport (extra charge)
- Self-drive: approximately 3.5 hour drive from Johannesburg (Pre-scheduled picks up from Lapalala’s Eastgate will need to be arranged prior to arrival)
- Eastgate pick up time will be at 13h00 and drop off time at 12h00. Any transfers required outside of these times will be charged R250 per trip
- Private charters to Lapalala Airstrip

Lapalala Wilderness Reserve

The Lapalala reserve was founded in 1981, by conservationists Dale Parker and Clive Walker who wanted to establish the Wilderness wildlife school. It is a pristine, untouched wilderness located in the Waterberg Biosphere and is a protected nature reserve.

The Lapalala reserve boasts an abundance of game:

300 Bird species	33 Amphibian species
50 Fish species	114 Reptile species
147 Mammal species	

Weather

Summer (Nov-Feb)	15C- 32C+	Winter (Jun-Aug)	5C- 23C+
Autumn (Mar-May)	14C- 28C+	Spring (Sep-Nov)	15C- 28C+

*Please note that this is based on average temperatures.

