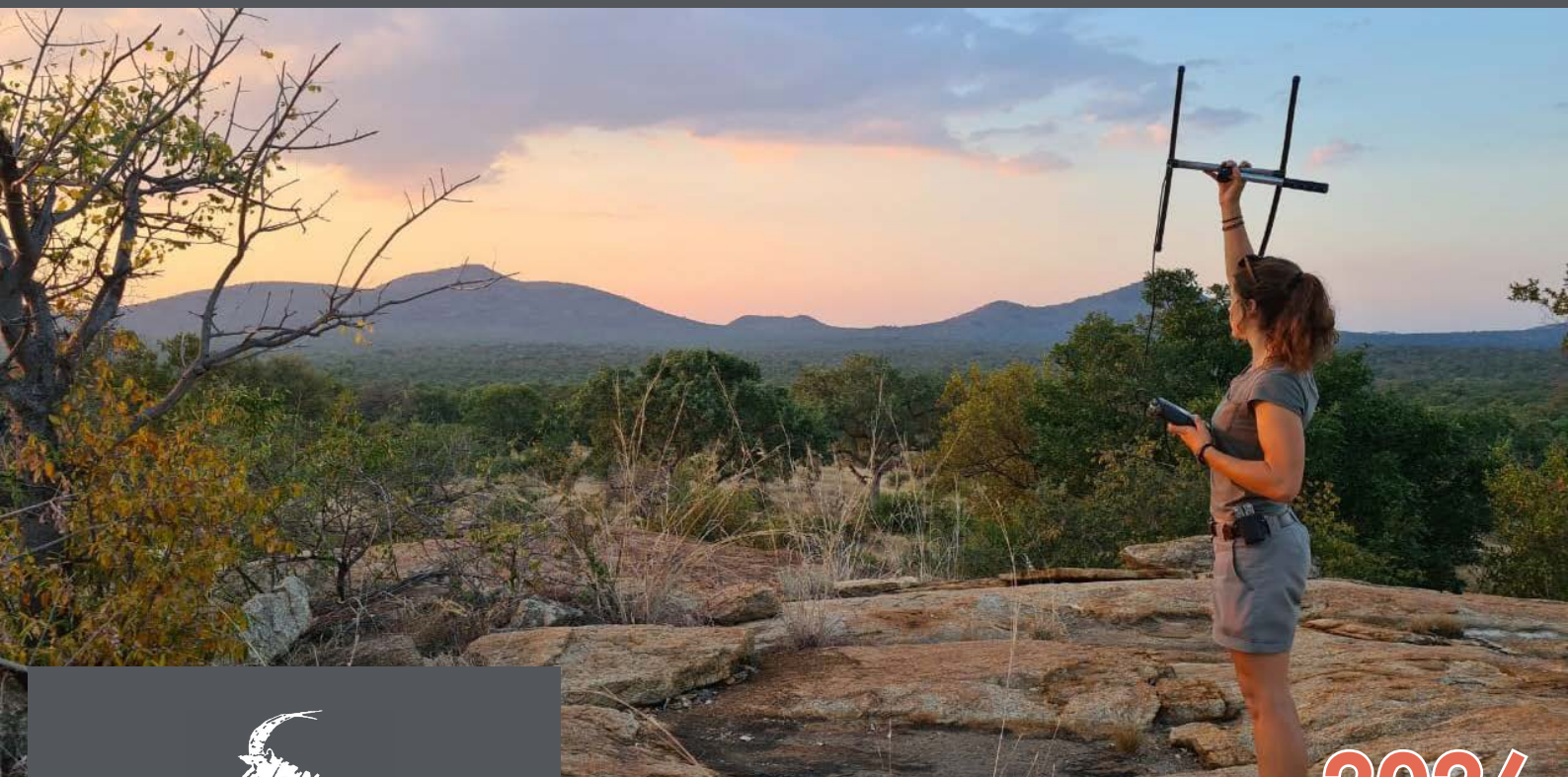




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The Selati Game Reserve is located in the Lowveld region of Limpopo and falls within the Kruger to Canyon Biosphere area.



Founded in 1993, the 27000ha reserve is typical of the savannah woodland biome with six different veld types offering a great diversity of habitats.

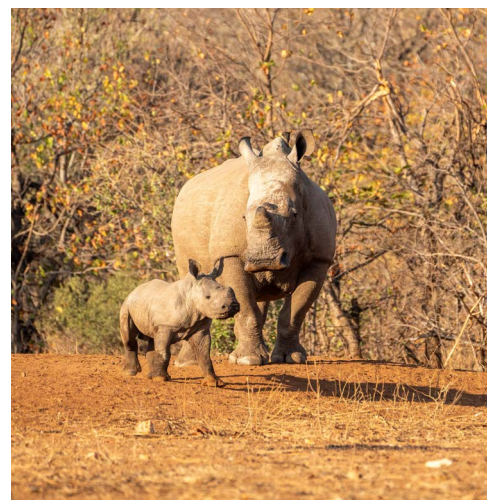


Wildlife likely to be encountered while staying on the Selati Game Reserve includes lion, leopard, elephant, white and black rhino, cheetah, spotted hyena, sable, eland, reedbuck, kudu, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, nyala, black-backed jackal, and several smaller antelope.



Birdlife in the reserve is prolific (current recorded sightings at over 300 different species) and the region has endemic cycads (*Encephalartos dyerianus*) and an impressive range of beautiful riverine and savannah trees.

Selati Research invites you to join us on our quest to understand how to protect and manage this diverse ecosystem. By getting involved in our ongoing research projects and monitoring programmes, you will enjoy an uplifting, conservation-based wildlife experience in a beautiful reserve. Volunteers are at the core of the work we undertake and are key in enhancing the Reserve's conservation efforts. By helping us in the field and supporting us financially, volunteers



are incorporated into the research team. The team is given direction and purpose by the reserve management, with all wildlife monitoring and data collection supporting the management's decisions on the reserve's ecosystems.



Enjoyed every second of it... an amazing reserve with a commendable goal of conserving the whole ecosystem.
- Ali





Why choose Selati Research?

Passionate & experienced team

The volunteer programme is run directly under the reserve management and therefore has input from wildlife managers, scientists, ecologists and qualified field guides. Our friendly and passionate staff will quickly incorporate you into the team to make your contribution meaningful and your experience amazing.

Learn about practical conservation

At Selati Research we aim to share our knowledge about practical conservation and the day-to-day challenges we face on the ground. With ongoing research projects on the reserve we are continually learning more and more about the environment and how best to manage it. We would love you to be involved and learn with us through a wide range of activities and surveys.

Meet volunteers from around the world

At Selati Research you will create lasting friendships with volunteers from all around the world and in years to come you will be able to reminisce about the amazing sightings and unforgettable experience you shared together!

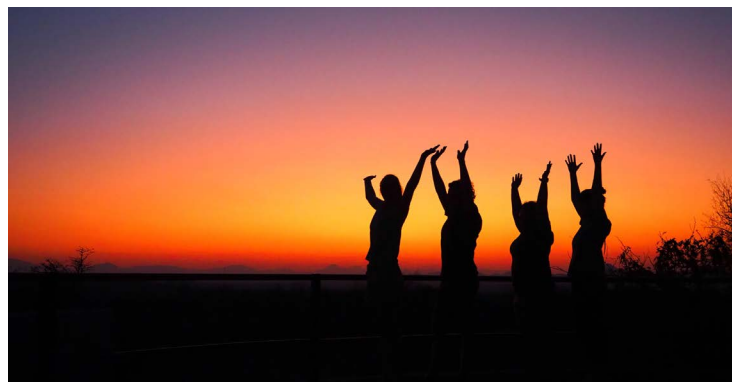
Help us leave a legacy

The needs and aspirations of the Selati Research are informed strongly by our vision to create an enduring legacy. We aim to conserve and enhance the biodiversity of the ecosystem through the astute and sustainable management of resources.

The well-being of the ecosystem is underpinned primarily by the dynamic interplay between climate, geology and the populations of fauna and flora species.

Good management decisions rely on us developing a better understanding of our natural environment. The research team aims to support the ongoing management of the fauna and flora of Selati Game Reserve through monitoring and a wide range of scientific surveys and studies.

Through the data collected in the field, we are able to write reports and inform the reserve management, giving them the best information on how to manage the reserve.





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Selati Game Reserve is absolutely phenomenal! I spent two weeks in this incredible reserve where I learnt so much about conservation and African wildlife.
- Cameron

Typical activities

At Selati Research each day is different. Most days there will be two game drives roughly 3-4 hours long (morning and afternoon/evening), but some days, most of the day will be spent out in the field. The programme is varied as different surveys need to be conducted from season to season and working with wildlife is always unpredictable so flexibility is required.

We have regular and ongoing studies each year in which the volunteers are key to enabling us to collect the data. We also work with university students with personal projects and as a volunteer you will have the chance to help them out in the field.

Some of the current research studies include: elephant impact surveys, water quality assessments, drive counts, and raptor nest surveys.

MONITORING



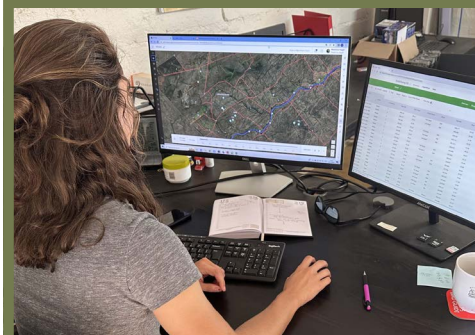
Selati Research is responsible for the reserve monitoring efforts. This includes monitoring our populations of lion, white and black rhino, cheetah and collecting data on leopard, elephant, hyenas and more. As a volunteer you will be directly involved with the monitoring and radio tracking in the field.

CAMERA TRAPS



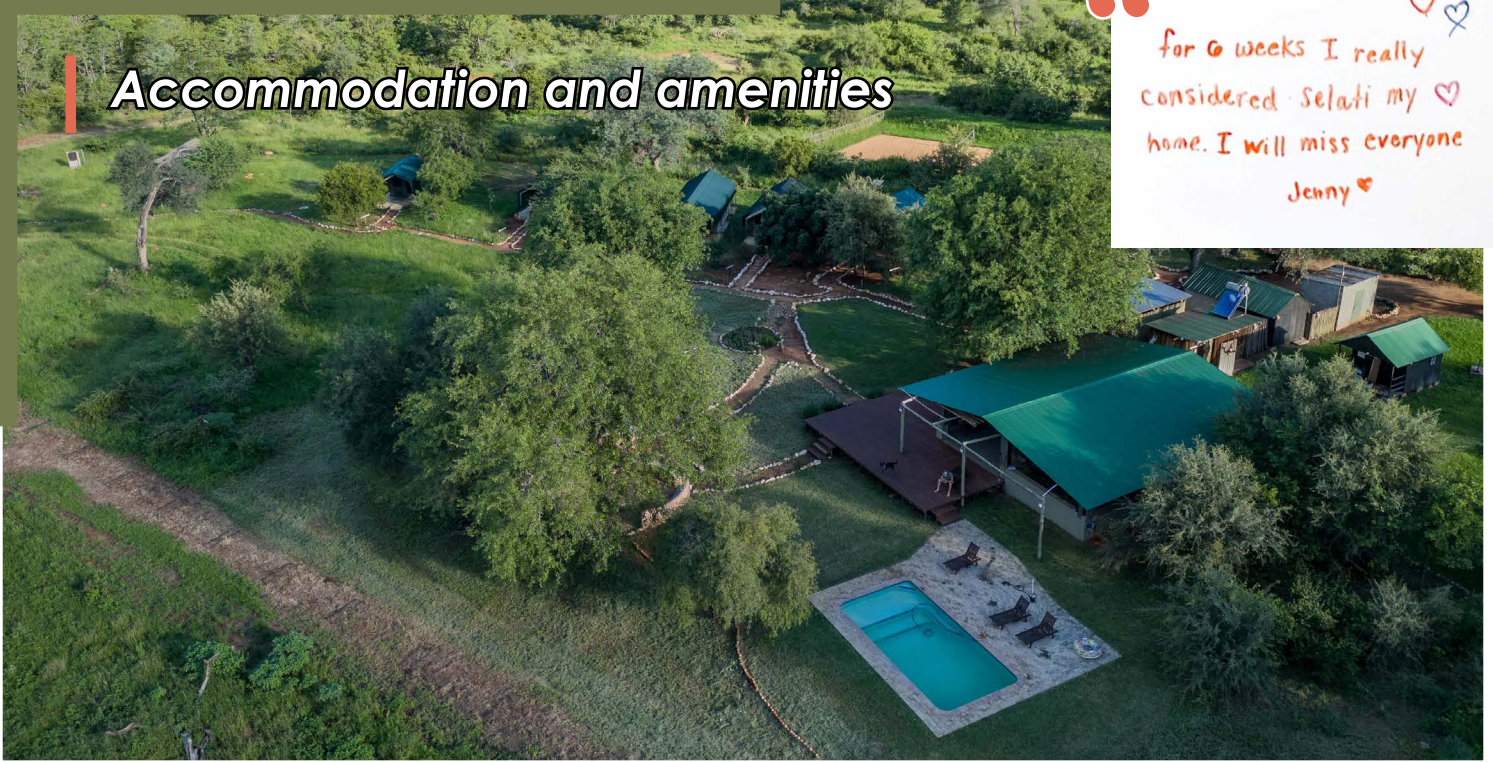
There are a large number of camera traps around the reserve. Selati Research has to maintain and upkeep these cameras, including the changing of batteries, swapping SD cards in the field and processing the photos in the office.

OFFICE WORK



In the midday break, volunteers will help with data input and processing camera trap photos, enabling a better understanding of the work that we do.

Accommodation and amenities



“ for 6 weeks I really considered Selati my home. I will miss everyone Jenny”

The conservation and research effort at Selati Game Reserve provides an amazing opportunity for you to live and volunteer on a beautiful South African game reserve. Volunteers are accommodated in a comfortable tented camp overlooking a waterhole. Each safari tent has an ensuite bathroom and can accommodate 2-3 persons. Volunteers requesting single accommodation are required to pay a supplement.



ELECTRICITY

Electricity is readily available at the camp with South African 3-pin plugs.



WATER

The water supply is pumped from an underground borehole on the reserve, making it safe to drink from the tap.



LAUNDRY

A laundry service is provided free of charge on certain days of the week. Alternatively, there are facilities for hand-washing of clothing.



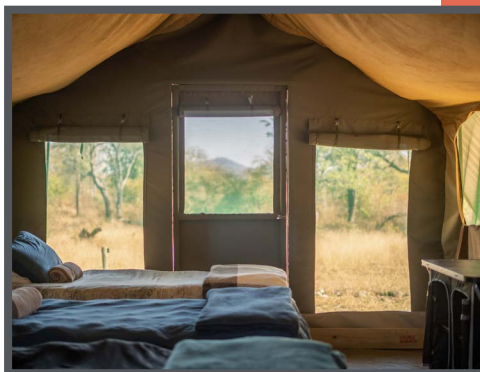
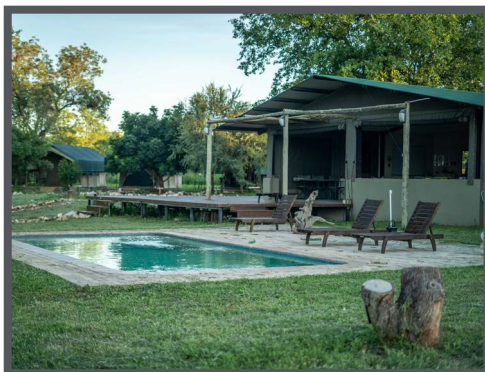
MEALS

The project caters for three meals a day. There is a small tuckshop at the camp with a few snacks and soft drinks available but extra snacks and alcoholic beverages can be purchased during the weekly shopping excursion. We can cater for your dietary needs - please just specify on your registration form.



COMMUNICATION

WiFi is available and accessible within the camp as well as the office. We find MTN to be the best network for signal across the reserve.





Booking information

When is best to visit Selati?

There is lots of debate as to when is the best time of year to visit South Africa. With each season the environment changes and with it the behaviour of the animals.

SEASON	TEMPERATURE	RAINFALL	ANIMAL VIEWING
SPRING (Sept - Nov)	Mild to warm in the day, still cool at night	Mostly dry, rain showers in Oct - Nov	Before the rains, sightings tend to be good as there are fewer leaves on the trees. Watch the veld transform and come to life as the rains arrive.
SUMMER (Dec - Feb)	Hot days and warm nights	Rain and thunderstorms common	With the arrival of rain in the summer months the migrant birds return, fresh leaves, grass and flowers emerge and many mammals give birth.
AUTUMN (Mar - May)	Mild to warm days and mild to cool nights	Chance of rain reduced towards May	As the bush dries out and the leaves fall off the trees, animal viewing becomes easier.
WINTER (June - Aug)	Mild to warm days and cold nights	Usually clear and dry	Animals tend to rely on waterholes making their movements predictable and with the lack of leaves on the trees, sightings tend to be good.

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LENGTH OF STAY	HIGH SEASON (Mar - Oct)	LOW SEASON (Nov - Feb)
14 nights or less	R2600 pp/pn	R2240 pp/pn
15 - 29 nights	R2390 pp/pn	R2055 pp/pn
30 nights or more	R2360 pp/pn	R2030 pp/pn

We offer a 10% discount for all returning volunteers*
We also offer a 10% discount to South African residents*

*only one discount to the maximum value of 10% can be used per booking

CANCELLATION POLICY

The cancellation of the booking is based on the total amount paid less the 50% non-refundable deposit.

30-15 days before arrival date

= 25% of full amount will be refunded

14 days or less before arrival date

= 0% of full amount will be refunded

What's included?

- Accommodation
- Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
 - Tea, Coffee & Cordials
 - Laundry service
- All activities on Selati
- Private paramedic service
 - WiFi access

What's not included?

- Flights & Travel / Shuttles
- Travel and medical insurance
- Any related travel costs such as visas
- Vaccinations and medications
 - Any group excursions
- Any accommodation before and/or after the stay
 - Personal kit and equipment
 - Meals out
- Personal snacks, cool drinks and alcoholic beverages

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Belen

Bye guys! Thanks for everything, I had a great time with you! Hope to see you again someday. Best wishes to you all! Keep in touch

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Leslie Dixon



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FAQs

How to get here...

In terms of travelling to Selati, you will need to consider transfer options before booking your flights. You can fly into either Johannesburg or take a connecting flight from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit. If you fly into Johannesburg (OR Tambo) and want to take the shuttle, it leaves strictly at 7am. Sometimes this requires you to stay one night at a hotel near the airport – depending on when your flight lands. The shuttles takes between 6-7 hours and will drop you at Selati Research. If you choose to take the shuttle back to Johannesburg (OR Tambo), please bear in mind that you may only reach the airport at 5pm. If you take a connecting flight to Hoedspruit, the shuttle can fetch you at whichever time your flight arrives and it is approximately a 1-hour trip to Selati. We can arrange the shuttles for you when you provide your flight information.



When to arrive?

We plan each programme around two, three and four-week "cycles" (Monday to Monday). However, we can accommodate long-term stay volunteers too.

Insurance

It is compulsory to get travel insurance before arrival at Selati Research. Ensure you use a reputable insurance provider and have proper coverage.

Vaccinations

Please consult with your doctor regarding which vaccinations you will require. However, no vaccinations are compulsory for South Africa. Selati Game Reserve is in a low risk malaria area.



~AK

Thank you all for making my time at Selati enjoyable and memorable. It was great to be part of an enthusiastic, knowledgeable, passionate and fun group of nature lovers. I learnt a lot from all of you. I wish you all the best going forward.

Good luck and stay safe.

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FAQs continued

What should I bring?

- Neutral coloured clothing
- Long pants & some short pants
- Closed, comfortable walking shoes
- Open shoes for during the day around camp
- A warm jacket & beanie/scarf/gloves for winter months
- Rain jacket
- Hat & sunglasses
- Swimming towel & swimming costume
- Sunscreen & mosquito/bug repellent
- Water bottle – minimum 1 litre
- Backpack
- Head torch or torch – charger &/or batteries
- Camera & charger
- Binoculars
- Personal toiletries & any medication
- Cash for excursions & tuck-shop. Credit card/cash facilities available for purchasing merchandise
- You do not need to pack a bath towel, bed linen or a sleeping bag



Will there be an opportunity for any extra excursions?

There are lots of tourist attractions in the area surrounding Selati Game Reserve, including the world renowned Kruger National Park, and the scenic Panorama Route. Upon request and availability we can organise excursions to a wide range of different local attractions. A set cost is charged per volunteer for each excursion.

