TRANSFRONTIER PARKS DESTINATIONS AND THE AFRICAN IVORY ROUTE
AFRICAN IVORY ROUTE
The African Ivory Route was established with the adventure traveller in mind and thus offer unique and off the beaten track destinations. One such a destination is Mtomeni Safari Camp, situated on the banks of the Great Letaba River within Letaba Ranch. Unfenced from he Kruger, Letaba Ranch is well known for its large herds of elephant and buffalo. The reserve is also a hot-spot for African Wild Dog sightings. The Camp has 5 safari tents on wooden decks and linen, bedding and towels are provided. No electricity. Guided game drives as well as guided walks are provided.
Transfrontier Parks Destinations (TFPD) operate from Phalaborwa's Bollanoto Tourism Centre, and are the management and marketing team behind a number of Limpopo Province and Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park camps and activities. Starting from Bollanoto, we operate the fabulous Luvuhu Transfrontier 4x4 Eco-Trail which runs from Phalaborwa to Pafuri, through both Letaba Ranch and Makuya Park. With the Head Office team of the African Ivory Route also situated at Bollanoto, TFPD are the new operators for their 10 camps that stretch from the Manyeleti in the south, to Mutale Falls in the North, and over to the Masebe Nature Reserve in the western parts of the province. Across the border at Giriyondo, TFPD also operate the Mozambique concessions of Machampane Wilderness Camp, Hiking, Canoe trails and 4x4 routes through Parque Nacional do Limpopo. In addition they will be opening Awelani Eco-Lodge just outside Kruger's Pafuri Gate which will become a self-catering destination for visitors to the province's most northerly reaches.
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BA-PHALABORWA REGION
Phalaborwa is known as "the town of two summers" and is also referred to as the "Jewel of the Lowveld". It is the ideal stopover for any visitor to this region; seeing that it is the only town bordering the internationally known Kruger National Park. Experience Phalaborwa as one of the Kruger National Park's "luxury camps". It is the ideal base to explore the private game reserves, game sanctuaries and bushveld orientated activities.
The Ba-Phalaborwa cosmopolitan community consists of various international people who have invested in the tourism infrastructure of the region. So too will you still find the true cultural heritage of the local tribe, the Ba-Phalaborwa tribe. You'll find the North Sotho tribe (Pedi) in Makhushane and Namakgale regions. There is also the Tsonga tribe sometimes referred to as the Shangaans to Lulekani side and further north/west. Cultural tours are available.
With the opening of the Giriyondo Border post in the central part of the Kruger National Park it is now possible to enter Northern Mozambique and the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park through Phalaborwa gate into the Kruger National Park.
The Ba-Phalaborwa region can be defined as the central gateway to:
* The Kruger National Park (Phalaborwa is the only town in South Africa bordering the famous Kruger National Park).
* Pro-golfing (18 hole, Par 72 Championship golf course, also bordering the Kruger National Park).
* The coast of Mozambique (the Indian Ocean) through the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park.
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The Giriyondo Border Post
Estimated travelling time between Phalaborwa gate into the KNP to Massingir is in the region of 4h30. The Border Post operational hours:
1 April - 30 September: 08h00 to 15h00
1 October to 31 March: 08h00 to 16h00
DISTANCES
Phalaborwa to Giriyondo = 95km
Giriyondo to Massingir = 75km
Phalaborwa to Massingir = 170km
Massingir to Xai-Xai = 248km
Xai-Xai to Inhambane = 258km
Inhambane to Vilanculo = 306km
Vilanculo to LNP gate = 448km
S131
Kruger National Park
Lulekani
Sport Stadium
Matiko Xikaya
Masorini Bush Lodge
Silonque Bush Estate
Umoja Kruger Bushvilla
Yingwe
Normann Safari Lodge
Tingala Lodge
Humulani
Masorini Iron Age site in KNP
H14
Situated 11km from the Phalaborwa gate into the KNP. The ancestors of the Baphalaborwa tribe stayed here. They made a living from the melting of iron. There's a melting furnace dating back to the 19th century and even implements dating as far back as the stone age. Also a lovely picnic spot at the site.
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Kruger Park Gateway Airport is situated approximately 2km from the Phalaborwa gate providing easy access to the northern part of the Kruger National Park. Airlink offers daily direct flights from Johannesburg (OR Tambo) to Phalaborwa. Most of the major car rental companies are represented. For more info on flights contact the airport directly on: Tel 015 781 5823
AIRLINK
S131
S51
Ben Farm
The Kruger to Canyon Birding Route has 80-90% of all Raptor Species found in South Africa, all Owl Species, and the Blyde River Canyon and the Kruger National Park on your doorstep. Limpopo is the most diverse area for birds in South Africa (610 species in the province) and home of over 50 red data species including extremely rare and sought after species such as Taita Falcon & Pels Fishing Owl.
The town of Phalaborwa has 2 Bird Hides for the birding enthusiasts.
Road to:
Gravelotte (50km)
Tzaneen (110km)
R71
Sport Stadium
Kruger Park Gateway Airport
Palabora Foundation
Sport Stadium
Phalaborwa
H9
Sable Hide
Sable Dam
Mashisimale
Namakgale
Bushveld Terrace
SPAR
Phalaborwa Gate
Eden Square Mall
FOSKOR Museum
Qualito Craft Distillery
Various varieties of gins, vodka and whiskies are created by dedicated distillers. Qualito offers visitors and locals the opportunity to experience the entire distilling process, meet the distillers, learn about the different products and techniques and, most importantly, sample the end results.
Ba-Phalaborwa Region
Amarula Lapa
Visit the Amarula Lapa just outside the town of Phalaborwa. Experience true African hospitality and taste the spirit of Africa together with millions of others worldwide.
TASTING AND SALES
Monday to Friday: 8h00 -18h00
Saturdays: 08h00 - 17h00
Public holidays: 08h00 - 17h00
CONTACT DETAILS
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Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa
Golf Estate
Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa borders the Kruger National Park and is 4,5km from the Phalaborwa gate. World famous 18 hole, par 72 championship Golf Course.
Busisa Safari Lodge
Kokobela Lodge
Impisi Lodge Safari & Golf GH
Hippo's Haven Luxury Lodge
Leriba Golf Lodge
Matimba Bush Lodge
Kruger National Park Safaris
Kruger National Park open vehicle safaris, walking safaris, bush braai's, and night safaris. Do not hesitate to call any of the Tour Operators, as indicated on the map, for professional and on-hand assistance.
Photo: Sefapane Lodge and Safaris
Ga-Makhushane
FOSKOR Mine
Selati River
The Big Hole
View Point
Palabora Mining Company
Phalaborwa has the biggest Open Cast Mine in Africa, and one of the biggest in the world. The hole is approximately 2km wide and 450m deep. View the hole from the view point. A must to see! Take the Selati Road to FOSKOR mine.
Cleveland Game Reserve
aha Sefapane River Lodge
aha Sefapane Tented Camp
R40
Road to Hoedspruit: (74km)
* Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
* Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre
* Boat trips on the Blyde River Dam
* Suncatchers Balloon Rides
* Visit www.hoedspruit.net for info
Security Gate
Alexandra House
Olifants River
Mopaya Safari Lodge
Inyanga Safari Lodge
Mbizi Bush Lodge
Olifants River Safaris
Olifants Dam
Lengau Lodge
Adonsonia Lodge
Grietjie Private Nature Reserve
Ngala Bush Camp (Struwig Eco Reserve)
Fever Tree Lodge
Dinidza River Lodge
Rusermi River Lodge
Lions Place Lodge
Antares Field Guide Training Centre
Muweti Bush Lodge
Casart Game Lodge
Klaserie Private Nature Reserve
Olifants North
Baluleni Safari Lodge
Mfubu Lodge & Gallery
Balule Nature Reserve
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