

# TULI WILDERNESS

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## Eagle View Star Deck 2027

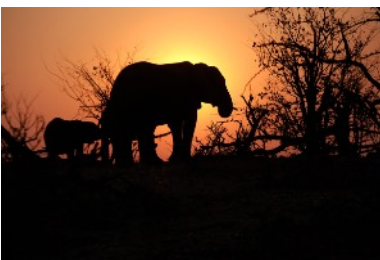
Eagle View Star Deck is situated in a beautiful and wild area in the north-eastern section of Tuli Wilderness and allows the opportunity for spectacular stargazing from a safe and elevated platform.

The deck has been purpose-built to offer magnificent views over the northern ridges of Eagle Rock whilst also overlooking a main movement route of our resident elephant herds and it allows the opportunity for spectacular stargazing from a safe and elevated platform.

Eagle View Star Deck is in close proximity to the Motloutse River, a predator and game-rich area, meaning that we are in the heart of a prime game-viewing area and can expect to hear a wide variety of night sounds.



Accommodation at Eagle View Star Deck consists of the option of sleeping in a safe enclosed upper section of the deck or, alternatively, on comfortable camp cots in spacious dome tents.



There are on-site ablutions under the deck which consist of flush toilets and hot water showers and our catering staff produce mouth-watering meals from the fully-equipped kitchen incorporated underneath the deck. 220V solar electricity is available on site to recharge electronic equipment.

A warm and welcoming fire area forms the focal point of the camp away from the deck.

Tuli Wilderness is home to a diverse range of wildlife and the Tuli Area boasts the world's largest elephant population on privately-owned land (over 1800 elephants) offering some incredible sightings and providing fantastic photographic opportunities. Our vast private and exclusive unfenced concession borders the great Limpopo River at its Southern end and the Motloutse River to the East and encompasses riverine thickets, mopane veld, open plains and boulder-strewn sandstone ecosystems, complete with the game one would expect. The landscapes are breath-taking!



## The Area

Tuli is a spectacular, rugged and wild area that has been described as Botswana's best kept secret. As this is private land and off the beaten track, you can be sure that there will be no crowds and you can revel in an authentic wilderness experience.

Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Spotted and Brown Hyaena are amongst the many carnivore species that occur within the reserve. Large herds of free-roaming Eland, Zebra and Wildebeest are seen regularly and many other plains game species are also to be found in the area.

The area falls within the famous Kalahari geological system and is rich in archaeological heritage with beautiful San rock art sites having been discovered alongside numerous archaeological sites dating back from the Stone Age. Scattered artefacts are still being discovered over the concession.

Game-viewing is excellent during the drier months of April to October and the southern night-skies appear to be studded with more stars than the other seasons. The stark beauty of the landscape towards the end of the dry season is synonymous with the Tswana word "tuli" (meaning dust).

The 'green season' occurs from November to March and this is when the African bush takes on a whole new look. Most animals produce their young while the migrant birds return to their sunny southern African summer homes. Once the rains return to the region, the bush lays a lush green floral carpet and the sky is spectacularly blue, all combining to make this a special season to visit us.



# 2027 Rates and Bookings

EAGLE VIEW STAR DECK	FULL BOARD	FULL BOARD
	RACK Rate ZAR	RACK Rate BWP
Adults: pppn sharing (Min charge 4 guests)	R 4 500	P 3 750
Exclusive Deck Experience (10 guests)	R 27 000	P 22 500

Please note that reserving Eagle View Star Deck **requires a minimum charge of 4 persons** as this is an exclusive experience.

All inclusive rates include four meals a day, tea/coffee as well as two game activities (i.e. professionally-guided walks and/or game drives/night drives in an open 4x4 game-viewer). A guest registration form is to be completed, signed and returned to our reservations department prior to or on arrival. Payment for extras can be made with us by cash or by credit card.

\*\*\*Please note that there is an additional conservation levy charge of P150 per person per stay for SADC residents and P150 per person per night for international guests. This levy is paid on to the Tuli Conservation Trust (<https://tulitrust.org>) to assist in our conservation efforts in the reserve as well as to support our community outreach programme. There is also a Government Bed Levy payable of P10 per person per night.

Tuli Wilderness reserves the right to amend the published rates without notice. Please note that Tuli Wilderness' rates are quoted in Pula and Rand. Please enquire for any specials.



## Deposits and Payments

A 50% deposit is required to confirm a reservation. Tuli Wilderness reserves the right to cancel any such Provisional Reservation, where the 50% Deposit has not been received within 7 days of the Provisional Reservation being made. The balance is to be settled in full 30 days prior to the arrival of the guest(s) at Tuli Wilderness.

## Cancellation Policy

Tuli Wilderness reserves the right to charge the following cancellation charges:

- Less than 14 days prior to arrival 100% of total cost of the reservation
- 15 to 29 days prior to arrival 75% of total cost of the reservation
- 30 days or more prior to arrival 50% of total cost of the reservation
- In the event of a no-show, the total cost of the reservation will be charged for



# General Information

Tuli Wilderness caters for a variety of budgets: from self-catering accommodation in our Stone Cottage to fully-catered options at Serolo Safari Camp and Mohave Bush Camp to an exclusive sleep-out experience at our Eagle View Star Deck. We also specialise in educational conservation experiences for groups so please contact us should you require any further information.

*Check-in Time:* Strictly from 13h00 - *Check-out Time:* Strictly before 10h30

**Birding:** Birders will be pleasantly rewarded with sightings of many of the more than 350 species occurring in Tuli Wilderness' habitat: Species such as Meyer's Parrot, Meve's Starlings, Southern Black Tit, African Mourning Dove and African Scops Owl are resident all year round and summer brings visitors like the Broadbilled Roller, Eurasian Golden Oriole, Woodland Kingfisher and Levalliant's Cuckoo. Raptors include Little Sparrowhawk and Gabar Goshawk. Be sure to look out for the resident breeding pair of Verreaux's Eagles at Eagle Rock. Birding is particularly good between October and March, depending on when the rains arrive. At this time the bush is also particularly lush with wildflowers blooming. The bush thins out from March onwards and is at its driest from July to October.

**Game-viewing:** The following game and more occur here: Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Wild Dog, Spotted Hyaena, Brown Hyaena, Eland, Giraffe, Burchell's Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Kudu, Impala, Klipspringer, Bushbuck, Common Duiker, Steenbok, Black-Backed Jackal, Bat-eared Fox, Warthog, Bushpig, Small-Spotted and Large-Spotted Genet, Civet, Caracal, Porcupine, African Wildcat, Banded and Slender and Selous' Mongoose, Rock and Yellow-Spotted Dassie, Hippo, Crocodile, Aardwolf, Aardvark, Honey Badger, Vervet Monkey, Chacma Baboon, Springhare, Scrub Hare, Lesser Bushbaby.

**Border Entry:** A valid passport is required for entry into Botswana (ensure that it is still valid for at least 6 months after date of entry and there are two blank pages in it). Unabridged birth certificates need to be presented at the border when travelling with minors (children under 18 years of age) as well as a certified affidavit if both biological parents are not present. Please ensure that you have your vehicle papers or police clearance papers and let us know if you require any further information regarding customs and excise allowances. Vehicle entry into Botswana costs approximately P260 and this is payable either in cash with Botswana Pula or by credit card at the border. Please confirm with us just before your visit which border crossing you should use (some may close due to the Limpopo river flooding in the wet season). Please contact us for a list of countries whose nationals require visas.

**Importation of Groceries:** It is the responsibility of the guest to check with the border authorities regarding current restrictions that may be in place regarding bringing in any food products and other items. The lists of these do change and there are a number of restricted food products that may not be imported into Botswana. We recommend that the Botswana government website is checked for the most current list of prohibited items.

**Insurance:** Guests should have their own travel insurance in place.

**Malaria:** Tuli Wilderness is officially in a low risk malaria area, although cases are rare. Guests should consult their doctor for any advice and about appropriate malaria prophylaxes.



**Laundry:** Laundry can be arranged at our camps for an additional charge.

**Children:** All children are welcome at our camps under strict adult supervision. Children under the age of 2 years old will be at no charge when sharing with two adults; rates for children aged 2-12 years of age applicable as per rate sheets. If separate accommodation is required for a child, full adult rates will apply. Note that children under 12 may not participate in bush walks. If parents wish children under the age of 6 to participate in game drives, please advise us in advance as it may be necessary to arrange a vehicle for the exclusive use of the family (for which there may be an additional charge).

**Water:** Tap water is taken from one of our other camps to Eagle View holding tanks and is safe to drink and is regularly tested.

**Special Dietary Requirements:** We can cater for special dietary requirements for full-board options if given advance notice. Please contact us to discuss options.

**Telephone Signal:** MTN (SA) reception is found over most of the reserve but may be unreliable due to load-shedding in South Africa. Orange (Botswana) signal is to be found over most of the reserve. Mascom (Botswana) and BTC (Botswana) are found in scattered pockets. All network providers offer 3G connectivity in our area.

**Credit Card Facilities:** Visa cards are accepted. Please note that we do not have facilities to accept any other types of credit card.

**Weather:** Average annual rainfall for this area is 350 mm per annum, with the main rains occurring between December and February. It is generally hot (daytime min 15°C max 40°C) from October to March, and cooler from April to September (daytime min 10°C max 30°C).

**Drinks:** Drinks are available for purchase from Tuli Wilderness. An assortment of beers, ciders, wines, spirits and soft drinks are usually available. Please let us know in advance if you have special drinks preferences.

**Special Occasions:** Should you wish to book a function or special occasion, kindly contact us for a quotation tailored to suit your requirements. We can assist with romantic picnics, sundowners at lookout points, bush dinners under the stars, bush brunches in the river bed etc

**Indemnity:** Tuli Wilderness (Pty) Ltd, Tuli Wilderness Safaris (Pty) Ltd, Wildlife Research Experiences (Pty) Ltd, Redshield Estates (Pty) Ltd, their holding companies or any other associated company, person(s) or trust, shall not be held responsible for any injury, loss or damage to, any guest(s), or their property, caused through whatever nature, or by any acts, or any person(s). The person signing the guest registration form will be held liable for payment of all outstanding invoices should any problem with payment occur. Please note that all guests are required to complete & sign our indemnity form, prior to or on arrival at Mohave Bush Camp. None of our camps are fenced and therefore is not uncommon to find any species of animals in and about the camps.



**We do not permit any unaccompanied walking or driving around the reserve.**

# Getting to Us

GPS co-ordinates: 22° 16' 36.85" S, 28° 59' 33.50 (-22.276903, 28.992639)

Guests staying at Eagle View Star Deck will be met by their guide at Serolo Safari Camp and transferred to Eagle View Star deck from there. Serolo Camp is located in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, approximately a 6 hour drive from Johannesburg and 3 hours from Polokwane. Platjan is our closest border (approximately 30 km to our reception). A 4x4 vehicle is not a necessity to reach our reception (except during the wet season if there have been heavy rains), however, travel in low sedan vehicles is not recommended in the wet season (October to April) - please confirm with us before travel to check on the road conditions if travelling at this time of year.

## FROM JOHANNESBURG

From Johannesburg, guests should follow the N1 to Polokwane then the R521 to Alldays. From Alldays to Tuli Wilderness, Platjan Border should be chosen as the entry point (please note that Pont Drift cannot normally be crossed by vehicle if the Limpopo River is flowing and that a 4x4 is required to reach us via Pont Drift regardless of season).

## FROM GABORONE / MAUN

From Gaborone / Maun: Guests should head to Selebi-Phikwe and then on to Bobonong. Keep to the main road as you enter Bobonong until you come to a roundabout, where you turn right (3rd exit). Follow this road to a T-junction where you must turn right - signposted to 'Lekkerpoet'. Take the first tar road to the left (there is a signboard reading 'Thune Dam'). Follow this road for 62km, passing through Molalatau village en route and continuing straight on past the turnings for Mathathane and Mothlabaneng. After 62km, you will reach a T-junction where you turn left onto a dirt road signed to Pont Drift. After about 8 km, you will come to a control point for Northern Tuli Game Reserve. Immediately after this, you will see the Serolo Camp signboard on your right, turn in here and the reception is about 2km down the dirt track from this point.



## VIA PLATJAN BORDER POST

From Polokwane: Arrive at the T-junction in Alldays and turn right and immediately left onto the R572 to Swartwater. Approximately 40kms outside of Alldays, turn right onto a good gravel road marked 'Platjan Lodge'. You've seen the last of tarred roads now. It is approximately 18kms from here to Platjan border post. After 16km, you will come to a T-junction. Turn right and the border post is less than 2km on your lefthand side. There is a high-level bridge crossing the Limpopo River at Platjan. After passing through the border entry, you will arrive at a T-junction, approximately 8kms from Platjan, turn right here and it is 26km to the Tuli Wilderness entrance. On the way to us, you will cross straight over a T-junction (which is the tar road heading to Bobonong). After 8km, you will come to a control point for Northern Tuli Game Reserve. Just after this, you will see a Serolo Camp signboard on the right side of the road, turn in and follow the main track for 2kms until you reach our reception.

## VIA MARTIN'S DRIFT BORDER POST

When travelling to Martin's Drift please ensure that you follow Google Maps to '**GROBLERSBRUG**' Border and don't put in Martin's Drift as the GPS waypoint is INCORRECT. After passing through the Botswana border control, follow the road for 20km and then turn right (signboards directing to Selebi-Phikwe). After 105km, turn right at the signboard directing to Bobonong (as you have entered Sefophe village). Follow this road for 53 km to Bobonong and take the third exit at the roundabout. After 700m, turn right at the T-junction. A further 650m, turn left at the signboards marked Thune Dam / Pont Drift. Follow this road straight for 65km (passing the Thune Dam wall) until you get to a T-junction where the tar road ends. Turn left onto the gravel road. Turn right after 8km (passing through a control gate for Northern Tuli Game Reserve and at the signboard marked 'Serolo Safari Camp'. Follow the track for another 2kms, turning right again at a small Serolo signboard and the camp is just a short distance down this track.

*There is a charge of around P 260.00 per vehicle for entry into Botswana – please ensure that you have all of the necessary vehicle papers and permission letters to take your vehicle across the border. Only Botswana Pula (BWP) and credit card may be used as a means of payment at the border.*

Please contact the border or Tuli Wilderness prior to travel so that we can advise the best route available at the time should the Limpopo and/or Motloutse Rivers be flowing. A 4x4 is needed if entering at Pont Drift, regardless of time of year. When the Limpopo is flowing then Pont Drift border is be closed to vehicles. We do arrange border pick ups and drop offs for a fee - please contact us should you require more information.

### Useful telephone numbers:

**Tuli Wilderness:** +27 (0) 78 391 4220

**Platjan Border:** +27 (0) 14 767 2959 (SA) / +267 264 6333 (Botswana)



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