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Winter Newsletter

Dear

The muggy heat of summer is over and the days are long, clear and warm. Jean and Bheki have been treating guests to a wonderful time on their game and boat trips as Jean writes below. While we welcome Francois, our new Masseur to the Spa. To entice you to come and explore our part of the world this winter we've created some wonderful packages which we hope you'll take advantage of.

For those of you who will be at Indaba in May, our stand is DECA005. Please do stop by and say hello, it would be lovely to see you again and catch up.

Best wishes,
The GMI team
News from Jean, our Safari Manager

The last few days have been long and hectic but I have had the chance to enjoy them with some lovely guests who were simply out here to enjoy Africa at her very best (no cats involved - sorry)

We started with a wonderful boat cruise and everything played along nicely weather - fantastic, wind and waves - almost not there, animals (especially the elephant herd) - out in force. The day was the first true winter's day this season so it was sunny, crisp

and cool - such a beautiful day that the guests decided not to waste it so we added a trip to Mkhuze game reserve for the afternoon.

Mkhuze chose to deliver one of those antelope days and gave up a lovely white rhino with a calf as an added bonus. We saw zebra, impala, wildebeest, Nyala, kudu, red and grey duiker, warthog, monkeys and baboon as well as a host of beautiful birds. The day ended with giraffe silhouetted against the perfect winter sunset.

Although it is getting late in the season the next day began with early morning fishing. Apart from fishing we saw the fish eagle chase an osprey off its favorite perch as it landed. The osprey proceeded to dive-bomb the fish eagle a few times before it flew off. We did rather well catching two tiger fish (and releasing them again as they are a protected species) as well as some large barble that gave us a bit of a fight. At 10h00 the ladies joined us and we turned the fishing trip into a boat cruise. The elephants were behaving rather oddly so we tied to a tree in a bay and fished whilst they approached. The herd was split with one family appearing on the tree line on the opposite side of the bay from the herd. Normally if a herd has been separated there is a raucous greeting when they meet but in this case the herd approached the family quietly and gently. After a while I saw the reason - a new little one.

I then rushed through to Hluhluwe game reserve for a drive that yielded little of the smaller antelope etc. but dished up magnificent views, rhino for the whole of Africa, elephant buffalo and giraffe. All in all a spectacular afternoon.

Today ended the rush with a lovely serene boat cruise with lots of drifting past just enjoying the sights and sounds. The elephants and hippos behaved beautifully, the fish eagles were calling and I saw my first knob-nosed duck of the season (I think they have been renamed but the brain can't remember to what at the moment)

And that concludes a few busy but fun-filled days for this jeep jockey

Ghost Mountain Spa news...

This month we welcome Francois Rosseau to our team of Spa Therapists as our resident Masseur. Francois is blind, having lost his eyesight at a young age. But, losing his sense of sight has undoubtedly heightened his sense of touch. His hands manage to find the right spots, and he works with an intensity that is thoroughly healing and therapeutic.

For more information on our Spa click here

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Special Winter Packages

STAY FOR FREE

Long Weekend Special

24 April to 5 May

Treat yourself to a an additional complimentary night's stay when booking our 3 Night Game and Spa package on our website www.ghostmountaininn.co.za
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WINTER ESCAPES

Have a look at our website to discover some super deals for 2 and 3 nights which include exciting safaris and pampering spa treatments.

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Indaba 2008

This will be our 10th year at Indaba. If you're attending please stop by our stand DECA005

to say hello

If you'd like to make an appointment please email Christine at

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Competition

Win a weekend this winter at the GMI

Your prize includes complimentary
two nights accommodation for two
breakfast daily

A back, neck and shoulder massage each
a boat cruise on lake jozini

To enter

simply email us at

win@ghostmountaininn.co.za <<mailto:win@ghostmountaininn.co.za>>

by the 1st of May 2008

Congratulations

To Lana Lee and Peter O'Keefe on their marriage. Held at the Ghost Mountain Inn on the 5th of April 2008

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