



Mashatu May 2018 Update



ELEPHANT HIDE BIGGER & BETTER

The well renowned Matebole Elephant Hide is now able to accommodate 8 guests per session. After much digging, dusting and painting, the newly refurbished photographic hide is officially welcoming guests. Where previously only four guests could be accommodated, there is now ample room for eight guests. Varnished wooden work benches provide the perfect platform to place camera equipment when taking award-winning photographs, while shelves and spare hanging space ensure all jackets and bags are neatly stored during the sessions. Enter the hide before day-break and sit, sipping on tea and coffee, whilst waiting for the first of the smallest mammals to emerge... mice, squirrels, birds, baboons, cats, antelope and finally the elephant. This is one activity which comes highly recommended for all who visit Mashatu, but please be sure to book prior to your arrival. Many of the photos captured in this incredible photographic hide go on to win accolades around the world. Check out some of the latest awards in [Mashatu's newsletter](#).

ALL DECKED OUT

Sitting on a deck overlooking the mopani bushveld, as a bushbuck wanders past, is something which guests are now enjoying from the privacy of their own suites. Mashatu Lodge has been reimagined and each suite now offers a private deck for reading and relaxing between safaris. The common areas at the lodge have also been revived with traditional patterns and colours covering cushions and sofas. Large canvases hanging on the walls captivate wildlife enthusiasts with action-packed images taken by our resident photographic experts or talented guests. Watch this space for the first reveal of the brand new swimming pool....



THE NEXT GENERATION AT MASHATU

Mashatu has added a new member to the team. Kelly Evans has joined Mashatu in a sales and marketing capacity. She officially joined in April and will be guided into her new role by her father, David Evans who is the Managing Director and now her boss! Kelly has been fortunate enough to have grown up in the game reserve industry, where her passion for conservation was fuelled from a young age. Her experience in hospitality and love of the wilderness have formed the basis of her new position, and Mashatu is proud to have her on board.



CONSERVATION LEVY

Most areas in Africa, which are earmarked for the conservation of wildlife and natural environment, are realising the increasing necessity for ecological preservation and support of the communities who live on the periphery of these areas, as well as the retention of their culture. In addition to the major contribution which the custodians of these sanctuaries make, they garner additional support from guests who enjoy these areas. This is done by way of charging the guests a daily levy, which is earmarked for conservation, community and culture.

With effect from the 1st of January 2019, all reservations at Mashatu, irrespective of the nature, will attract a conservation levy of \$10 per person per night. This conservation levy will be included in all reservation pro-forma invoices for settlement prior to arrival at the respective camps within the reserve. For standing reservations made post the 1st of January 2019, these will be amended to include the levy.

The sustainability of wildlife areas in Africa is only possible through an association of three partners namely; custodians of the wildlife areas, the communities who reside on the periphery and those reputable travel professionals whose guests share this ethos.