

# The Re-imagining of MalaMala Underway



2017 marks ninety years since MalaMala, probably South Africa's most iconic Private "Big 5" Game Reserve, came into existence. With this important milestone comes what the owners are calling the "re-imagining" of Main Camp and Sable Camp. Michele Throssell Interiors and her design team have shared some artists impressions – and we are pleased to say the refurbishment is already ahead of schedule just a week in. The work will take place in 3 carefully planned phases so that guests are not affected and it is hoped that all 26 rooms will be complete by the end of June 2018.

MalaMala has always been known for leading by example. They were the first private game reserve to completely ban hunting and focus solely on luxury photographic safaris, providing a blueprint for others to follow – and are still, today, the largest tract of private "Big 5" private reserve at 33,000 acres. The land is now owned by the local N'Wandlahmari Community with an the operating company, MalaMala Game Reserve Pty Ltd (a partnership between the community and the former management team, headed up by Alison Morphet) leasing this world renowned tract of game viewing land and running the camps thereon.

MalaMala has the perfect location! Wedged between the famous Kruger National Park (12 miles of MalaMala's eastern boundary are unfenced to allow for the natural movement of game) and the Sabi Sands Wildtuin to the west. The life-giving Sand River runs the length of the reserve drawing vast numbers of wildlife to it guaranteeing unrivalled game viewing – with all 3 camps right on the riverfront! They also have no access roads to the east of the river and allow no other vehicles traversing rights so you will never see a "queue to view" in MalaMala. There are so many reasons why MalaMala is so epic in terms of safaris, and for the animals that call it home - which can be seen on their [website](#).

For the duration of the refurbishment, Sable Camp will not be open for bookings as a separate camp but will be used to accommodate some of the Main Camp bookings and provide central facilities when needed to minimise disruption for guests. All works will be discreetly hidden from sight.

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