

MULTIGENERATIONAL FAMILY JOURNEYS · 10 NIGHTS

The Thornybush *Dynasty*

The rhino walks out of the mopane at first light and the youngest in the vehicle forgets to breathe.

AT A GLANCE

NIGHTS	PARTY	COUNTRIES
10	4–6 guests	South Africa

FROM	BEST SEASON
Price on application	Year-round

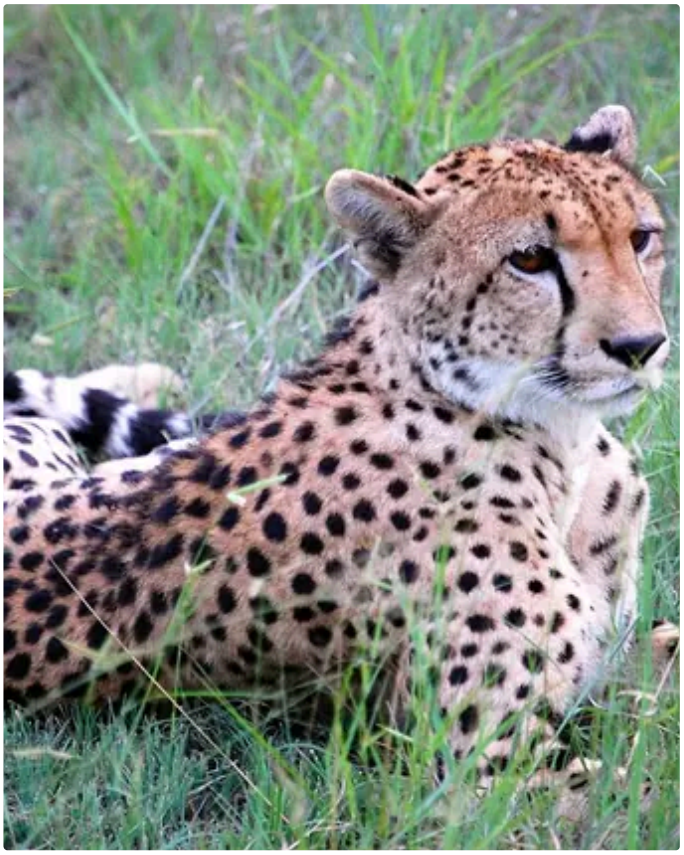
Waterside House is the smaller of the two private houses at Royal Malewane, and it suits a family of four to six. It is a house on the river, let to one party only, with four suites for up to eight guests and its own chef, host, guide and tracker. There are two twin Aloe Rooms that children take to straight away, and the two-bedroom Baobab Suite for the grandparents, with plunge pools and a deck that looks over the water.

Thornybush is flat and its roads are well kept, which matters more than people expect when a grandparent's back sets the pace. Royal Malewane's guides also work with black rhino, which you rarely see in the Greater Kruger. We put that morning on the plan for the whole family together.

Highlights

- Waterside House to yourselves, with a private chef, host, guide and tracker
- Black rhino tracking with the Royal Malewane guides
- Royal Malewane spa, or treatments in the house for anyone who would rather not move
- Robben Island by chartered boat with a historian, from The Silo
- A private bush breakfast in the Thornybush
- Last dinner at Grei in The Saxon, Johannesburg





The route

DAY 1–2

Cape Town, The Silo Hotel

Adjoining rooms above the Zeitz MOCAA. Day one: chartered boat to Robben Island with a historian who lets each of you go at your own pace. Day two: helicopter over the Peninsula for the energetic, a road trip to Klein Constantia for the grandparents. The family meets at the rooftop pool in the late afternoon.

DAY 3

Cape Town to Thornybush

One King Air 350 or Pilatus PC-12 from Cape Town to Hoedspruit, with our ground team helping with boarding. Your guide drives you to Waterside House for lunch on the deck.

DAY 4–7

Royal Malewane, Waterside House

Drives leave when your family is ready. With a second vehicle, the grandparents go at 07:00 and the parents at dawn. One morning is set aside for black rhino, the whole family in one vehicle. One afternoon at the Royal Malewane spa.

DAY 8

The bush breakfast

Your guide sets breakfast in a clearing on the reserve and talks you through Thornybush's rhino protection work. A slow drive home.

DAY 9–10

Johannesburg, The Saxon

The aircraft flies you from Hoedspruit to Johannesburg. Two nights at The Saxon, with the last dinner at Grei.

DAY 11

Departure

Transfer to OR Tambo for your international flight.

Flown by turboprop and helicopter. How we choose the aircraft

How each generation spends the days

Grandparents

A 07:00 drive instead of 05:30, the deck over the river in the heat of the day, an afternoon at the spa.

Parents

The full dawn drive with the tracker, a walk in the reserve, wine with the host before dinner.

Children

Twin beds in the Aloe Rooms, junior ranger mornings with the guide, the plunge pool, and the rhino.

Included

- All private flights in one aircraft: Cape Town to Hoedspruit, Hoedspruit to Johannesburg
- 2 nights The Silo Hotel, adjoining rooms
- 6 nights Waterside House for your family alone, with chef, host, guide and tracker
- 2 nights The Saxon, Johannesburg, with dinner at Grei
- All meals and drinks at Royal Malewane
- All game drives and walks; a second vehicle and guide on request
- Spa access at Royal Malewane, with in-house treatments if preferred

- Robben Island by chartered boat, Peninsula helicopter flight, Klein Constantia visit
- All ground transfers by private vehicle
- Pre-departure delivery package and post-journey coffee table book

Price on application. Every family is different, so we price each journey on the number of guests and the ages of the children. Excludes international flights.

Treat this journey as a starting point. Your Journey Architect will change the pace, swap a lodge, add a round or take one out.