



**KOLOLO**  
GAME RESERVE

Madi a Thavha  
TRAVEL | LODGES | DEVELOPMENTS

**MOFANE BUSH LODGE**  
WILDERNESS LODGES

**Leshiba**  
WILDERNESS

# PEARLS OF LIMPOPO



## The Pearls of Limpopo

### 11 day / 10 night Self Drive Safari & Explore

*The Pearls of Limpopo offer a combination of wildlife, culture, heritage and nature. Each lodge offers you tranquillity, space, and privacy combined with very comfortable accommodation, service and an outstanding cuisine.*



**Kololo Game Reserve:**

Family friendly, luxury lodge offering varied wildlife experiences



**Madi A Thavha Mountain Lodge:**

Serene farmhouse sanctuary celebrating Venda culture and tradition



**Mopane Bush Lodge:**

A tranquil bush retreat with attentive personal service and quality guiding



**Leshiba Wilderness:**

Hidden paradise set in a magical game reserve. Lodge created around extraordinary sculptures





**Day 01**

Arrive Johannesburg Airport, collect your hire car and drive 3.5-hours to the beautiful malaria-free Waterberg Mountains, a UNESCO biosphere reserve renowned for its diversity of plant and bird life.

After checking in at Kololo Game Reserve set off on a walk to see the small game such as giraffe, kudu, wildebeest, zebra, eland and impala that roam freely across the reserve. Kololo is part of neighbouring Welgevonden Game Reserve where you can spot the Big 5 – elephant, rhino, leopard, lion and buffalo – and many other animals including an abundance of birdlife.

At Kololo enjoy your stay in a chalet, villa or in the tented camp. Relax at the pool with snacks and drinks, enjoy a bush braai or a drink on the restaurant deck.

**Overnight: Kololo Game Reserve**

**Day 02**

On safari. Rise at dawn to take advantage of the best game viewing conditions of the day. Two full days devoted to game viewing within the private Kololo Game Reserve and the neighbouring “big-five” Welgovenden Game Reserve.

Open-vehicle game drive in Kololo Game Reserve The absence of dangerous game allows the freedom to set off on guided walks or go cycling through the bush past antelope, wildebeest and curious giraffe.

**Overnight: Kololo Game Reserve**

**Day 03**

On safari. Game drive in the adjacent Welgevonden Reserve., accessed through a private entrance at the bottom of Kololo land. Guests can anticipate lion, elephant, white rhino, buffalo, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, eland, kudu and many other species of game which occur in the area. There are occasional sightings of leopard and cheetah.



Additional game drives in Welgevonden can be arranged locally. Visit the nearby cheetah rehabilitation sanctuary or go on an elephant back safari

**Overnight: Kololo Game Reserve**

**Day 04**

Today drive a leisurely 5-hours northwards towards Louis Trichardt, a picturesque town situated in the foothills of the Soutpansberg Mountains. Set in a beautiful valley against a dramatic mountain backdrop, Madi a Thavha is a vibrant farmhouse retreat offering a hospitable and relaxed stay

surrounded by a beautiful collection of local arts and crafts. Relax by the pool, cycle, walk and visit the on-site gallery of Venda and Tsonga traditional and contemporary crafts and culture.

**Overnight:**

**Madi a Thavha**

**Day 05**

Depart on a full day tour to learn more about the arts, crafts and lifestyle of the local Venda people, with the opportunity of interacting with the local community. You can participate in craft workshops, children's workshops and sewing activities.

**Overnight: Madi a Thavha**



**Day 06**

After a 2.5 hour drive from Madi a Thavha you arrive at Mopane Bush Lodge, a tranquil bush lodge completely built in African thatched roofed style. Enjoy great walks to discover the surrounding nature, ave a drink in the lapa, dine in the open dining room or in the boma (open air barbecue)

**Overnight: Mopane Bush Lodge**

**Day 07**

Depart on a guided tour of Mapungubwe National Park: listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site because of the impressive archaeological findings of the remainders of a civilisation that lived in Mapungubwe in 1200 and 1300 AD. Its highly sophisticated people had a well-developed class system and traded gold, ivory, copper and exotic beads with China, India and Egypt. A small gold foil rhinoceros was found in a royal grave at this important archaeological site, as well as other artefacts from this advanced African civilisation.

**Overnight: Mopane Bush Lodge**

**Day 08**

Visit the confluence of the mighty Shashe and Limpopo rivers where Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa meet. Visit the superb gallery forest and see the big game, including elephant and lion in the National Park. Continue to the San Rock art site where an experienced guide shares insights into rock art.

**Overnight: Mopane Bush Lodge**

Optional extension: Extend your trip with a two night stay at Masahtu, just 40 minutes away in neighbouring Botswana.



**Day 09**

Two hours drive from Mopane to Leshiba Wilderness. The mighty climb to the lodge can only be done in a 4x4 car so you are collected at the bottom of the mountain by one of the rangers.

Leshiba is a lodge built on the foundations of an old Venda village. Beautiful art and sculptures have been added to the lodge by renowned local artist Noria Mabasa. Check in and relax in this beautiful region of endless horizons.

**Overnight: Leshiba Wilderness**

**Day 10**

Walk with a ranger or ride on horseback through the forests and valleys. Be enchanted by the beauty of this place.

Local activities include game drives, game walks, birding,

botany, rock art walks and horse riding f(or experienced riders).

**Overnight: Leshiba Wilderness**

**Day 11**

Drive two hours to Polokwane Airport. Return your hire car and connect with flight to Johannesburg Airport and your onward connections.





## Package price 11 days / 10 nights R 15 730 - pp sharing

*(Excluding air fare, transfers and car rental. Valid until 31-10-2013)*

### **INCLUDES**

#### **Accommodation:**

3 nights Kololo Game Reserve in standard luxury chalet

2 nights Madi a Thavha in Venda inspired deluxe rooms

3 nights Mopane Bush Lodge in African style rondavels

2 nights Leshiba Wilderness in unique Venda village sculpture room

#### **Food & Beverage**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Teas and Coffees

Refreshments while on activities at Mopane

#### **Activities Included:**

- A game drive on Kololo Game Reserve
- A game drive in Welgevonden Game Reserve
- Unlimited use of mountain bikes and walking trails at Kololo
- A full day guided tour through Venda country, including transport and picnic lunch while at Madi a Thavha
- Visit to on site art gallery museum and walking trails to baobab tree and waterfall
- World Heritage Tour in Mapungubwe
- Tour to the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers
- San Rock Art Tour

- Walk on Mapesu Game Reserve
- Guided walks in the untamed wilderness of Leshiba
- Bushman painting site
- Leshiba Game drive (Horse riding optional)



### **EXCLUDES**

All beverages, gratuities, additional activities, car hire, all flights