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Designed for independence. Created for dignity.

Delivered with five-star luxury

Ximuwu Safari Lodge offers a once-in-a-lifetime luxury safari experience, purpose-built for guests who require wheelchair access and refuse to compromise on comfort, design, or authenticity.

Accessibility is often claimed in safari travel.

At Ximuwu, it is proven — by design, not by adaptation.

This is a safari without limits. A place where families, friends and (grand)children create memories that last forever.



Factsheet

Fully wheelchair-accessible luxury safari lodge

Purpose-built, not adapted

Awarded 5-star Premium by TGCSA

Highest available Universal Access level





Welcome

At Ximuwu Safari Lodge, we believe everyone deserves a world-class safari experience.

Our guests consistently rate us 5 out of 5 for service, comfort, and accessibility.

The lodge is modern and elegant.

Accessibility is fully integrated into the architecture, so discreet that most guests do not realise how accessible it truly is.

This is luxury without compromise.

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The Suites

Everything in your suite is designed to support comfort, independence, and peace of mind.

- Approx. 100 square meters
- 2 single beds convertible to king-size
- Bathroom with bathtub and hobless shower with handrails
- Outside shower hobless with handrails
- Wheelchair accessible
- Coffee and tea station
- Minibar
- Air-conditioning
- Fan
- 220Volt / 50Hz (no load shedding)
- Wi-Fi
- Telephone
- Self-programmable room safe
- Separate WC
- Alarm clock with Bluetooth music function
- Wardrobes
- Private deck
- L'Occitane amenities

At Ximuwu Safari Lodge, we provide a variety of assistance materials to ensure your stay is comfortable. Let us know your preferences, and we'll prepare your room with the equipment you need

- Cooling vests
- Heated seat covers
- Height adjustable bed
- Lifting bed pole/ Bed rails
- Bath lift
- Shower wheelchair
- Wheelchair (electric or manual)
- Option of 2 different shower chairs
- Electrically adjustable bed with pressure-relief mattress

Your Comfort,
Your Choice – Free of Charge



Real guests. Real moments. Real accessibility.





Featured by Sophie Morgan

Condé Nast
Traveler

The Lodge

Spaces designed to feel like home, surrounded by wilderness.

- Large swimming pool with pool lift
- Sun loungers with parasols
- Separate toilet for wheelchair users with automatic door opener
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
- + 1 child under 12 per room
- Air conditioning and fans in each area
- 2 Fireplaces in main lodge and 1 in each suite
- Open fire pit overlooking the waterhole
- Wood-fired pizza oven on the outside deck
- Cinema projector, smart tv in bar
- Music system throughout the lodge
- Separate room for nurse, pilot or private guide
- Gift shop
- Fitness room with Life-Fitness equipment
- On-site spa facility
- Laundry service
- Top quality R.O. plant for high quality drinking water
- Sleep-out deck/ Not accessible by wheelchair
- Photographic hides fully accessible
- L'Occitane products throughout the lodge
- Fully wheelchair-accessible

Please contact us to discuss exclusive-use options.





Wheelchair friendly with elegance

Thoughtful design that disappears into beautiful architecture.

Every detail exists for one reason: effortless living.

- All door entrances at least 90cm wide
- Electrically adjustable beds
- Lifting Pole and bedrails
- Orientation lights in rooms
- Hobless showers with handrails
- Open space under vanities
- Separate toilets in bathrooms with handrails
- Separate toilet in main building with electric door opener
- Airport shuttle bus with Braun Ability swivel chair and wheelchair ramp
- Large sliding doors with fully recessed tracks open to deck
- Spa area accessible
- Height adjustable spa bed (mobile)
- Accessible shuttle bus
- Sliding seats in game viewer
- Pool lift
- Mobile ramp for bush functions
- Mobile ramp for helicopter access
- Electric wheelchair with vertical height adjustment
- All decks and seating areas accessible by ramps
- Accessible photo hides
- Telephone
- Personal alarm button on request
- Cooling vests for hot days
- Heated seat covers for cold days

This level of accessibility is unique in African safari travel





Professional care support

Your care. Your choice. Your control.

At Ximuwu, guests remain fully in control of their care preferences. You may travel with your own caregiver or choose trusted local professionals.

For caregivers brought by guests, accommodation is available in our private pilot/caregiver room.

- ZAR 10,000 per night, per person (full board – meals and non-alcoholic drinks included)

Ximuwu also offers a second option.

We work with local, certified nurses and caregivers who can support you during your stay.

They assist with daily routines such as:

- Dressing
- Personal hygiene and showering
- Toileting and bowel routines
- Abdominal or bowel massage
- Oral care
- Support with catheter or stoma (non-medical handling)
- Bed and wheelchair transfers
- Positioning and pressure care
- Preparing mobility aids or medical equipment
- Light stretching and mobility support
- Medication reminders (non-medical)

Estimated Cost local caregiver

- 2,200 ZAR (approx. \$130 exchange rate may vary) per day for care support
- 2,200 ZAR (approx. \$130 exchange rate pay vary) per day for transport and gate fees

At Ximuwu, you are free to choose the option that suits you best.

Bring your own caregiver or use a local professional.

Either way: you will enjoy a worry-free, wheelchair-accessible luxury safari.

Note:

Caregivers are hired independently by the guest.

Ximuwu accepts no liability for caregiver services.

Our role is to support your preferences, not dictate them.





Activities

Enjoy Africa at your own pace, without limitations.

- Game drives
- Sound safari
- Night safari with thermal vision
- Bush walks
- Spa treatments*
- Helicopter flight**
- Free use of photographic hides
- Free use of our sleep-out deck***
- Gym
- Relax at the pool
- Bush breakfast
- Bush dinners

Day trips possible to: (not included)

- Hoedspruit
- Blyde River Canyon
- Hoedspruit endangered species
- Jessica the Hippo

*60 minutes spa treatment included

**30 minutes p/p included. Weather permitting

***For safety reasons not for guests with a mobility impairment



Blyde River Canyon Cruise



Location

Remote in feeling. Easy in access.

Ximuwu Safari Lodge combines exceptional privacy with easy and reliable access for wheelchair travellers.

Exclusive Game Drives

Enjoy sightings at your own pace, with no other vehicles queuing up. Whether at the lodge or on a game drive, your experience is 100% private and personal.

Bordering the Kruger National Park

The Klaserie Private Nature Reserve shares an unfenced border with the world-famous Kruger National Park—THE ultimate safari destination. Since 1992, animals have roamed freely between the reserves, allowing natural migration to flourish and conservation efforts to thrive.

Easily Accessible

- By air: Ximuwu is only 20-30 minutes from Hoedspruit (Eastgate) Airport or 35 minutes from Hoedspruit town. Upon request and at a competitive rate our friendly staff will meet you upon arrival and transport you to the lodge via game viewer or shuttle bus.
- By road: If you'd prefer to drive from Johannesburg, Ximuwu is approximately 5.5 hours from O.R. Tambo International Airport. Contact us for detailed directions.
- Private air travel: Guests with private planes can fly directly to Ximuwu's registered airstrip, which is 950 meters long with coordinates S24°18'04" E31°05'03" and an elevation of 483m (1585 ft).

Wheelchair-Friendly Travel Options

For those who prefer not to fly, we cooperate with Johannesburg-based taxi company DAATS specialising in wheelchair-accessible transport. While this option is available, flying remains the most recommended and convenient way to reach us.

Emergency Situations

For your peace of mind, a new private hospital with 72 beds has recently opened in Hoedspruit, just a short distance from Ximuwu. Additionally, Ximuwu is connected to Africa Safe-T, a mobile ambulance and emergency health provider, ensuring swift medical assistance if ever needed. Your safety and well-being are always our top priorities.

Contact us today to plan your seamless journey to Ximuwu Safari Lodge!





CLEAR PRICING. NO HIDDEN SURPRISES

XIMUWU SAFARI LODGE RATES 2026/27

PLEASE CONTACT US TO DISCUSS EXCLUSIVE USE OPTIONS

RATE PER NIGHT	2026 RACK	2027 RACK
PER PERSON SHARING PER NIGHT	ZAR 26 500	ZAR 28 000
SINGLE ROOM USAGE	ZAR 32 000	ZAR 33 500
One adult and one child under 12 years of age are charged at the single occupancy rate plus the applicable child rate.		
PILOT ROOM*	ZAR 10 000	ZAR 10 500
*Pilot room reserved for caretakers, pilots and private guides. It does not include game drives and alcoholic beverages		
CHILDREN 8-12 YEARS WHEN SHARING A SUITE WITH 2 ADULTS	ZAR 10 000	ZAR 10 500
CONSERVATION LEVY, +12 YEARS PER NIGHT	ZAR 520	ZAR 560
TRANSFER HOEDSPRUIT AIRPORT PER PERSON EACH WAY	ZAR 800	ZAR 850

LOW SEASON OFFER AT XIMUWU SAFARI LODGE

Valid from 1 February to 31 March and from 1 November to 14 December. Pay for 4 nights and stay 5 nights

INCLUDED

- Two daily game drives with our highly skilled guide and tracker team
- All meals and beverages, excluding imported wines
- One 30-minute helicopter flight (weather permitting)
- One 60-minute spa treatment at the Ximuwu Spa
- Complimentary use of our photographic hides
- Complimentary use of our sleep-out deck
- Limited laundry service (no dry cleaning)
- Bush experiences such as breakfast and/or dinner in the bush (weather permitting)

NOT INCLUDED

- Conservation levies
- Airport transfers
- Staff gratuities

TERMS & CONDITIONS

All bookings are subject to a minimum stay of three nights.

Provisional reservations are held for a maximum of seven days. After this period, a non-refundable deposit of 20% is required to confirm the booking.

The balance is due 60 days prior to arrival. Bookings made within 60 days of arrival require full payment upon confirmation.

Cancellations made more than 60 days prior to arrival will forfeit the 20% deposit.

Cancellations made within 60 days of arrival will forfeit 100% of all payments made.

All cancellations are only valid once confirmed in writing.

Any approved refunds are subject to bank charges and/or commission fees.

The full invoiced amount, including 15% VAT, must be received net in our account. Please ensure that all bank charges are paid by the sender.

Tour operators and travel agents may not publish rates lower than the published public rate without prior written consent from Ximuwu Safari Lodge

STO rates are nett and non-commissionable.

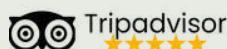
All rates are quoted in South African Rand (ZAR) and are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of a rate change, confirmed bookings will be honoured at the rate confirmed at the time of booking.

Ximuwu Safari Lodge reserves the right to waive or amend cancellation terms in exceptional circumstances, at its sole discretion.

FORCE MAJEURE

Ximuwu Safari Lodge shall not be held liable for cancellation, delay, or interruption of services due to events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to weather conditions, natural events, government restrictions, or safety considerations.

All wildlife experiences are subject to natural animal movement and reserve regulations.



Recognised globally as a leader in accessible luxury travel.

2025 Trade Shows



5-9 May 2025
Cape Town, South Africa

2025 Trade Shows



14-16 May 2025
Durban, South Africa



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October 2025

Australian traveller Malcolm Turnbull shares his unforgettable experience at Ximuwu Safari Lodge

September 2025

Article in Klaserie Chronicle about Ximuwu as Wheelchair Accessible Safari Lodge

April 2025

Article in spring edition Out of Office from ITP Media in the UAE on Ximuwu Safari Lodge



January 2025

CBS Bay area News article with Fora Travel about accesible travel with Ximuwu Safari Destination



January 2025

I went on a fully accessible african safari, article by Kyle Warendorf



Ximuwu Safari Lodge has won at the international Tourism Film Festival Africa 2025 for its short film Ximuwu the first truly accessible safari lodge.



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2024 Trade Shows



14-16 May 2024
Durban, South Africa



5-9 May 2024
Cape Town, South Africa

Press Articles 2024

December 2024

The power of accessible travel agents



Ximuwu mentioned in an article about accessible travel with FORA travel US

December 2024 & January 2025



Ximuwu promotion movie 4x per hour at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport

August 2024



June 2024



The African Voyager

Scandinavian The African Voyager selected Ximuwu on top as Private Safari Lodge in Kruger Park

May 2024



March 2024



Inflight magazine
A world without barriers



On May 8th, Ximuwu's co-owner Elly Suverein proudly participated as a panel member at a symposium on accessible travel in South Africa. This event highlighted the importance of inclusive tourism, and Elly shared insights from Ximuwu Safari Lodge's groundbreaking efforts to provide fully accessible luxury safari experiences.





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<https://melangeandco.com>

Ximuwu clearly shows that accessible accommodations can be stylish and luxurious. Admittedly, this requires investments in facilities like pool lifts and many other thoughtful adaptations, but collaborating with experts and individuals who have firsthand experience of disabilities will ensure that the end result is something people of every ability can enjoy. Ely acknowledges that awareness is the catalyst for change and initiatives like Accessible Journeys play a pivotal role in educating and enlightening potential travellers about accessible options. She believes the advent of accessible travel guides is a monumental step forward, providing invaluable insights for travellers with disabilities.



Instagram December 2023

@beautifulnewssa

What makes a holiday truly accessible for people with mobility impairments? When Patrick Suverein, owner of Ximuwu Lodge, underwent back surgery, he not only became temporarily reliant on a wheelchair – he also realised the need to restore dignity to differently-abled travellers. "I found out how difficult it is to travel, especially the way you're treated as if when you're in a wheelchair you're also mentally disturbed," he recalls. "In airports, they only spoke to my wife. After she mentioned I could speak, they would speak louder or talk to you like you're a child." Driven to create a better experience, Patrick together with his wife Ely designed South Africa's first 100% wheelchair-accessible safari.



Online Publication December 2023



www.Trazeetravel.com

Nestled within Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, Ximuwu is a private piece of land of 2,000 hectares. Founded by Netherlands couple Patrick and Ely Suverein, Ximuwu Lodge opened in 2021. Leaving their European life behind, Patrick and Ely embarked on an African odyssey in 2017 and fell in love with the untamed beauty of their surroundings in South Africa. This is the only truly exclusive lodge as you and your guests are the only ones driving on these 6,500 hectares with this being the only commercial lodge in this part of Klaserie Private Nature Reserve.

With the ability to host up to 10 guests at once, including provisions for two wheelchair users, Ximuwu promises an unforgettable experience for all.

www.Signatureluxurytravel.com.au September 2023



Inside South Africa's first luxury wheelchair-friendly safari lodge

While many safari lodges claim to be 'accessible', Ximuwu Safari Lodge is the first to provide a true luxury experience in a built-for-purpose wheelchair-friendly environment.

Dutch couple Ely and Patrick Suverein fell in love with the bush and wildlife of South Africa 30 years ago. It was their first visit to the country and it ignited a lifelong passion for the region within them. In 2016, Ely and Patrick purchased their own plot of land there, with the intention of building a private home for themselves. It was a decision that led the pair to become leaders in the accessible travel space.



Sky Ways Airlink onboard
magazine
September 2023



BY SOPHIE MORGAN
24 August 2023

Beyond Barriers: the world's first luxury wheelchair-accessible safari
The African bush and all of its delights are just waiting to linger in the memories of those who are able to experience her. Now, the world's first luxury wheelchair-accessible safari is ensuring that privilege can belong to everyone.



Defining disability has long been a contentious and polarising endeavour. For some, the word carries a heavy burden; for others, it's a source of pride. Each person's relationship with the label will be as complex, personal and nuanced as their impairments themselves.

There is no single definition, no one size fits all, but in recent years our community has agreed to move away from the medical model of defining disability and towards the social model. This new way of looking at the term outlines that disability is created by society and the environments in which we live – not by our individual impairments. Disabled people face barriers that stop us from participating in society the same way as non-disabled people. So, instead of wanting to fix us and remove our disabilities, the social model instead stipulates that we fix the barriers themselves





Safari should be accessible to all
And at Ximuwu, it truly is.

