

# Excellent Food and Game Viewing at Thuru Lodge

Thuru Lodge's unique variety of vegetation types, which is broadly classified into Nama Karoo, Kalahari and Karoo mountain vegetation, runs for 45 000 acres and therefore a wide variety of fauna and flora can be seen and experienced.



In 2010, Hennie Gous and his family bought the lodge and since then his daughter Mardoret Bekker and her husband Braam Bekker started managing the lodge. Thuru Lodge is part of a family business and we strive to give all our guests the best possible experience, arriving as clients but leaving as friends.

Thuru Lodge is near the Orange River and also not far from the local wine cellar (Orange River Wine Cellar).

Thuru Lodge offers a wide and open landscape with 30+ different game species that will take your mind of things during your stay with us. This 5 star luxurious lodge will give you the opportunity to experience Africa at its best.

They also offer various activities like horse riding, quad biking, game drives, dune dinners, serenity spa, swimming pools, Jacuzzi etc. Thuru Lodge specialty is a formal dinner and they offer there clients in the red sand dunes under the open sky.

Every lodge room at Thuru Lodge is build and furnished different than the other rooms to give all returning clients a different experience every time they visit the lodge.

They have a full time qualified SPA therapist and you will enjoy all the Kalahari treatments and products.

We offer a high standard service with the focus on detail from years of experience among all the Thuru Lodge staff. William, our butler will make sure you get that extra attention to feel at home and treated.

## **The Northern Cape, South Africa**

Vast expanses of space and silence, drought and blazing summer sunshine. Across the arid landscape, the Orange River flows, at places in a sluggish tide, at others in a powerful explosion of sound and fury. Were it not for the river, much of the region may well have remained bleak and populated only by nomadic bands of Bushmen. Instead, prosperous towns and villages have risen from its banks, and large stretches of once-barren land have been transformed into fields of cotton, Lucerne, dates and grapes.

In addition to the fabulous diamonds discovered which catapulted the city of Kimberley to fame and fortune, and changed the course of history, a rich bounty of alluvial diamonds is mined off the west coast. The wild and lonely western coastline is also one of the world's most prolific fishing grounds, providing yet another source of revenue. Wealth there is too, in copper, but to some, the greatest gift of all lies in the extravagant beauty of Namaqualand's wild

flowers. The area is also notable for fine examples of Bushman art, abundant deposits of semi-precious stones, and friendly hospitality. Four major wildlife sanctuaries and a number of smaller reserves provide endless opportunities for getting back to nature.

Also historically interesting, the town of Kurman provides a pleasant base from which to explore the surroundings. Westward, the facilities at Upington offer a relaxing interlude, and from there, it's a short and pleasant drive to the spectacular Augrabies Falls. Wildlife enthusiasts should spend a day or two in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, and those who are looking for an unparalleled adventure should head for the Richtersveld. Visitors to Springbok, in the centre of the country's famous wild flower region, will find fascinating relics of the early copper mining days. Apart from stunning scenery, Calvinia enjoys a pollution-free atmosphere, providing excellent views or stargazing opportunities.

Southward, the immense, spacious plain of the Great Karoo, covered with grass and acacia trees, forms the backdrop for far-flung towns and villages, old battlefields and epic adventures. This is not a soft, gentle landscape. The wide open spaces and distant horizons are characterised by crisp dry air, clear skies, flamboyant sunsets, brilliant starry nights, and enormous sheep farms. To serve the needs of the farmers, typical South African towns, each dominated by an imposing Dutch Reformed Church, are inhabited by genuine, hospitable people with wisdom that comes from respecting Nature's rules.

The semi-desert wilderness area of the Kalahari supports sweet grasses and water-storing plants, which in turn sustain enormous herds of wildlife, mainly in reserves. The dunes and dry river courses of the Kalahari are also the last refuge of a few nomadic Bushmen (San), living their hunter-gatherer lives in harmony with the natural world.

The green agricultural belt which flanks the Orange River as it nears the Atlantic Ocean provides a lush contrast to the ruggedness of the Richtersveld. Nestled between the river and the ocean, the saw-toothed mountain peaks, winds sculpted boulders and colourful indigenous flora of the Richtersveld have a unique beauty found nowhere on earth.