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**AFRICA**  
EXCLUSIVE SAFARIS



**WALKING MARAKELE**

2 nights | Marakele National Park

Price from: \$1,375 | R18,950 per person sharing



## JAW-DROPPING LANDSCAPES & WALKING

Marataba Trails Lodge was designed and created for seasoned hikers who are looking for diverse and challenging trails in a spectacularly beautiful big 5 private reserve where a rich abundance of wildlife roams free.

The emphasis here is less about wildlife and more about the experience, the land, the air and the walking trails. Although encountering wildlife is often, it is not the focus or guaranteed. Here is where you break free from everyday life, capturing the glare of the sunset as it drapes across the mountain valley following a day spent in the wilderness.

Knowing you'll be heading back to such a stunning lodge and room after an exhilarating hike, set in spectacular surroundings, you'll be hard pushed to find a better break. If walking is right up your street, then be inspired and book Marataba Trails Lodge.

### MARATABA TRAILS LODGE | MARAKELE

#### 2 NIGHTS

Marataba Trails Lodge is perched on the side of the mountain, with 180degree views into Waterfall Valley. It is utterly remote, in a wilderness world of its own for never more than 8 guests at a time. The original brief to the architect and interior designer was simple. Every stone, ledge, window, piece of furniture and soft finish had to take its cue from the natural environment.

The essence here is on the outside, and the lodge had to complement and enhance that – not compete with it. But at the same time every comfort had to be met, and no compromise was to be made on the quality of every single element a guest would encounter through their senses. Only the finest of materials (from timber to cotton sheeting) were to be used, and carefully put together in imaginatively simple ways. And finally, to respect the earth.

The result was an off-the-grid 'Scandi-Safari' style luxury lodge perched lightly on the earth and fully powered by the sun's energy. Those seeking a digital detox will find it here.

The lodge is cleverly situated on the hillside at the bottom of Waterfall Valley. It is surrounded by mountain streams, the source of the Matlabas River (which flows into the mighty Limpopo River, and eventually into the Indian Ocean).

The area surrounding the lodge has sweet savannah grasslands in the valley below, and broadleaved sour veld habitat on the hills above, while some of the gorges are filled with riverine forest habitats.

All units have spectacular views down into Waterfall Valley, which is particularly magical at sunset!

#### THE TRAILS

A variety of trails options are available, differing in respect of degree of difficulty and fitness required. Trails range from trekking over the top of the Kransberg range, to traversing through gorges. Regardless of the route, the one thing that remains consistent is the likelihood encountering wildlife along the way.

Evenings are spent in good company around the fire in the boma, learning about bush cooking techniques, local customs and legends. Astronomy finds its best practical application beneath these heavens!



## A TYPICAL DAY

There will be an early start to the day prior to meeting in the main lodge for a coffee and pre-trail snack. This early trail will be the longer (3-4 hours) of the two trails of the day. Trail options will be discussed and agreed to the night before. A mid-walk refreshment break will be offered at one of the stunning view or points of interest.

On return to the lodge a sumptuous, healthy breakfast will be served before walkers get the chance to relax, read, snooze, sketch, paint and just be at one in the camp. They can even avail themselves of a complimentary foot & hand massage!

A light lunch will be served at the lodge before a recommended afternoon nap!

The shorter afternoon walking trail starts after a snack – these walks include water holes with hippos, vantage points and short gorge walks.

On return to camp, a special sundowner is offered prior to heading to an interactive experience in the BOMA where guests will learn about the intricacies of cooking “bush style”

After dinner there are stories around the fire – including local legends, traditional tribes of the region and astronomy. In winter one of the two full days will be swapped around with a lie in, later breakfast, followed by one long walk and a picnic, returning to camp mid-afternoon for some R&R.

## DEPARTURE DAY

Guests will have the option of heading out on a short two hour trail or having a relaxing lie in. The trail taken will be of a gentle nature so as to let the guests “take it easy” before their onward travels

A final “Trails Breakfast” will then be served at the lodge.

A chance to freshen up, pack up and take in the incredible views for one last time

Guests will then be transferred by their guides back to Marataba Safari Lodge, arriving back at the lodge at 11:30 for their return home or onward travel.

## WHAT'S MARATABA SAFARI LODGE?

Combine Marataba Trails Lodge with Marataba Safari Lodge for a perfect 4-5 night escape.

Marataba Safari Lodge is a simple extension of the natural environment beyond its walls - rich, bold, organic and patently magnificent. The lodge is a game drive away from the Trails Lodge and offers the traditional game drive/wildlife experience, set in beautiful lodge and tented rooms and in the stunning landscape of its Waterberg location.

Rates start from \$410 | R5,545 per person per night sharing



## QUICK ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Depart Johannesburg with Captured In Africa Transfers to the stunning Marakele National Park.

### DAY 1 AND 2

Accommodation and walking trail activities at Marataba Trails Lodge

### DAY 3

Final activities in the morning before driving back to the main lodge ready for your departure, head back to Johannesburg with Captured In Africa Transfers for your return home or onward travel arrangements.

*Optional stay at Marataba Safari Lodge – enquire with our team if you would like this option of an extended stay in Marakele.*

### INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in a Luxury Eco Suite
- Transfer from Johannesburg to Marakele return (please enquire if you do not require this or would like transfers from another location to Marakele)
- All meals, teas & coffees
- All beverages (including soft drinks, beers, spirits and wines)
- All trail activities
- Refreshments & snacks on the trails
- Transfers between Marataba Safari Lodge and Marataba Trails Lodge where required

### EXCLUDES:

- International airfare
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Premium brand beers, spirits, cellar wines & champagnes
- All flights and transfers not specified
- Gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Curio shop purchases
- Marataba Reserve entrance/ conservation fees
- Any additional extras will be for the guests account

Rates in US Dollar and South African Rand subject to currency fluctuations.  
General Terms and Conditions apply

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...OR AS PART OF A LARGER ITINERARY WITH CAPTURED IN AFRICA**