

## Tariffs

All tariffs are available from reception or on our website:  
www.sanparks.org

## Sightings

There are so many creatures to see and sightings of rare species can be the highlight of your trip! Keep up to date with the movements of the wildlife in the Kruger National Park by consulting the sightings map at reception, it is updated daily!

## TRAVEL ROUTES AND TIMES FROM JHB/PTA

**PHALABORWA GATE:** Take the N1 toll-road to Polokwane (Pietersburg). 40kms before Polokwane turn right onto the R71 and head for Tzaneen. After Tzaneen head towards Phalaborwa and the gate. Allow between 6 to 7 hours for the trip to the gate. Olifants Main Rest Camp is 83km away from the gate. Allow about 3 hours for the drive to the camp; however if you want to enjoy the game viewing possibilities give yourself more time!

## AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### In Camp:

**MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS:** The procedure for MTB Trails is very similar to the guided bush walks. There is place for a maximum of 6 participants per trail. Two qualified and armed field guides will lead the trails. Olifants Camp supplies the mountain bikes. Backpacks, water bottles, bicycle helmets and snacks are also provided. Full bush interpretation is done on the trail (interesting nature signs and wild life sightings).

**NDLOVU RESTAURANT:** Named after the elephant (like the camp) the restaurant is situated to the right of the viewpoint and our dedicated chefs prepare traditional South African cuisine in black cast iron pots from the buffet. There is always plenty to choose from, but remember to leave space for our freshly baked desserts and fresh fruit and salad.

### Out of Camp:

- N'wamanzi Lookout
- Olifants Lookout
- Engelhard Dam
- Balule Bridge
- Ngotso Pan
- Baobab Tree on Gravel Road to Letaba



## FAUNA AND FLORA

### Game

The Olifants area plays host to most of the Kruger National Park's classic larger game. As the name of the camp suggests, elephant are common in the area. Baboon and vervet monkey both inhabit the camp, as do fruit bats and thick-tailed bush babies at night. Lion and leopard are regularly seen on game drives. Cape clawless otter has been seen from the Olifants lookout point on the gravel road to Letaba.

### Birding

Two birds to look out for on the Olifants River are white-fronted and white-crowned plover, both of which can be seen in the riverbed. The bridges on the main tarred road and at Balule are the best places to look for these species. Search the riparian trees on the Olifants River near Balule for the Pel's fishing owl. It is occasionally seen on night drives from the low level bridge. This low level bridge adjacent Balule is an extremely productive venue. During the day one will get close encounters with several stork, heron and kingfisher species while the lure of the fishing owl by night is a big incentive. Only a few metres away, a white-backed night heron is sometimes seen. Camp bird-life in Olifants, like all camps is busy. Red-winged starlings are particularly prominent. Trumpeter hornbills and pied barbet are regularly seen in camp, and when the many aloe plants in camp are in flower, they act as a magnet for sunbirds. Rufous-bellied heron has been recorded on the Olifants River.

### Vegetation

Olifants is situated in rugged veld on rhyolite / basalt soil. Lowveld cluster-leaf, raisin bush and mopane are all prominent in the area. Just south of the river is the transition zone between thornveld and the mopane belt. In the camp itself there is a plethora of trees and plants, some of which are scarce elsewhere in the Kruger National Park. A variety of aloe species are a real highlight. Next to the filling station there is a sesame bush. This is probably the only accessible place in the Kruger National Park where it can be seen. In early spring the sjambok pod (yellow flowers) and weeping boerboon (red flowers) are both in bloom so the veld is a contrast of colour. Also look out for tree euphorbia.



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## Olifants

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