



The Ant Collection

ANT'S NEST & ANT'S HILL PRIVATE BUSH HOMES
A home from home experience in the malaria free Waterberg

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Ant's Nest and **Ant's Hill** are both very special bush homes situated on adjoining private game reserves in the Waterberg, a couple of hours south of the Limpopo River. Ant and Tessa Baber have a policy of taking only one family or group, allowing our guests exclusive use of the property. The aim is to provide tailor-made safaris so you can experience life in the African bush. Their personal service and flexibility keeps everyone entertained from the youngest to the oldest, the fittest to those most in need of a rest.



Ant's Nest



Ant's Nest is hosted by Ant and Tessa Baber with their competent and friendly team. Lying in a natural amphitheatre the original homestead, with its wide veranadahs, has a classic African atmosphere. The luxurious en-suite rooms accommodate a maximum of only ten guests. Tessa, who grew up in Kenya, brought the colonial home a stylish warmth using classic furniture fashioned from local fabrics, timber and stone. There is a refreshing pool in the garden surrounded by extensive lawns and beds of indigenous plants. A wide variety of game frequent the waterhole in front of the house where horses and dogs abound. It is a children's paradise.



Ant's Hill



Ant's Hill is hosted by wonderful staff who create an open, friendly atmosphere. Built by Ant on the edge of a cliff next to a waterfall, the bush home offers breathtaking views across the Waterberg. With spacious rooms and vast folding doors the thatched lodge blends into the bush while the exotic furniture and brightly coloured African fabrics make it both sophisticated and comfortable. The draped four-poster beds are seven foot wide and every bathroom is amazing. Set in boulders on the edge of the cliff the swimming pool cascades over the lip of the gorge, inducing you to relax there for hours. Ant's Hill caters for a maximum of 12 guests and is perfect for a group of four or five couples or a couple of families traveling together.



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T H E R E S E R V E

The reserves have been created to preserve the fauna and flora of the diverse region. Since the Waterberg lies on the inter-continental convergence zone there are probably as many different species of trees on Ant's land as in the whole of western Europe. Along with warthog, giraffe, zebra, wildebeeste and white rhino you have the chance of seeing a wider variety of antelope than elsewhere including sable, nyala, oryx and Livingstone Eland. There are over forty species of game including the rare brown hyena and aardvark, as well as over 300 species of resident and migrant birds.

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R I D I N G



You can canter along open sandy tracks or transverse high ridges with spectacular vistas. The pace can be as fast or relaxed as the rider would like. When you come across game you can often get so close the experience is unforgettable. We have fit, reliable and responsive horses, providing a choice for both for the professional rider and the absolute beginner. The herd of 30 horses is made up of big thoroughbreds and Arab-boerperd crosses and include some fabulous children's ponies. We use comfortable Maclelan saddles and have English saddles available. Rides are led by two competent guides and the emphasis is on safety at all times. Many children learn to ride here and how to appreciate the environment.

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G U I D E D B U S H W A L K S

For those who prefer walking, Ant & Tessa will guide you through the bushveld on foot. These walks are informative and interactive, enabling guests to glean knowledge of the flora, fauna and animals resident on the reserves. Learning to recognise tracks is great fun. Whilst these walks can be in the form of a gentle stroll the more energetic can hike over the plains and down impressive gorges.

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GAME DRIVES

A game ranger will be available to take you out in an open 4x4 Landcruiser whenever you wish, using a spotlight at night to find elusive nocturnal animals. .

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FAMILY SAFARIS

Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill will give your children a life-changing experience. Special activities are laid on for children and teenagers who enjoy getting involved in the running of a game ranch. Toys and games are available to keep young ones occupied between activities and the lawned gardens surrounding both bush homes create a safe haven for them to play in. Special food and meal times can be arranged and children are welcome to come to supper in their dressing gowns. While the variety of activities keep all well entertained you will all learn a great deal about wildlife and gain inspiration to last you a lifetime. It's quite educational.

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W I N I N G & D I N I N G

We take great pride in our sumptuous home cooking, dining outside whenever possible under shady trees. We often end game drives with a bush breakfasts, while at night we sit around open fires under the stars. Excellent South African estate wines are served. We can cater for all dietary requirements and have a vegetarian menu.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

We are very happy to take you through the Waterberg to see other interesting sites including:

- Bushman paintings and Iron Age villages.
- The rhino and cultural museum, visiting orphaned rhino.
- A crocodile farm with 10,000 reptiles and hippo in the Palala River.
- To a local 'Big Five' game reserve, so you can try to find the lion and elephant we would rather not ride with.
- Ant's father, Charles Baber will give you the historical background to the area, taking you on a tour of his cattle stud and farm, where 9 hippo have invaded the irrigation dams. There is a tennis court and pool below the beautiful gardens at Charles' house.
- We go to a historic thatched church on Sundays where you can meet local people and see the 1914 building designed by Sir Herbert Baker. Children can attend a colourful Sunday School where the Sotho children sing choruses in rousing harmony.
- We are happy to take you shopping in the local town.
- Whilst not traveling around you can lounge by the pool or enjoy a massage.
- We have a library of books and a curio shops stocked with original, handmade crafts. The staff often sing traditional songs after dinner.



FACT FILE AND DIRECTIONS:

Location: The reserves are situated on an escarpment looking out over the Waterberg Plateau in the Limpopo Province, 3 hours north of Johannesburg International Airport. We are 4 hours east of Madikwe and 5 hours west of the Kruger National Park.

Getting there: We can arrange private road transfers or air charters between destinations but let us know if you would rather hire your own car.

Airstrip co-ordinates: S24.12.08 E28.05.58, Length 1000m Grass Strip

Recommended stay: 3-7 nights

What's included: accommodation on a full board basis, food, wine, all beverages, laundry and all activities at Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill.

Meals: We can cater to your every whim; just let us know what you like to eat and drink.

Facilities: Ant's Nest consists of the main house, which has two double rooms. There are also two double rooms, with private bathrooms and verandahs across the lawns.

Ant's Hill consists of 2 honeymoon chalets situated away from the main lodge with a family cottage that has two bedrooms, ensuite bathrooms as well as a private sitting room and balcony. Another luxurious double bedroom with a private verandah is located above the main lodge.

What to bring: Sunglasses, suncream, swimming costume, bush clothes: shorts, trousers, shirts, riding helmets and leather chaps with comfortable old riding clothes, walking shoes or trainers novels, sketch book, paints.

We do not take credit cards but accept cash, personal UK cheques, traveler's cheques.

MEDICAL:

The whole area is malaria free and since we have excellent local doctors with one of the countries' leading pediatricians living nearby, the Waterberg is one of the safest places to visit in Africa. You will only need to ensure your tetanus injections are up to date.





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