

**INTRODUCTION TO BA-PHALABORWA**

Phalaborwa is known as "the town of two summers" and is also referred to as the "Jewel of the Lowveld". It is the ideal stopover for any visitor to this region; seeing that it is the only town bordering the internationally known Kruger National Park. Experience Phalaborwa as one of the Kruger National Park's "luxury camps". It is the ideal base to explore the private game reserves, game sanctuaries and bushveld orientated activities.

The Ba-Phalaborwa cosmopolitan community consists of various international people who have invested in the tourism infrastructure of the region. So too will you still find the true cultural heritage of the local tribe, the Ba-Phalaborwa tribe. You'll find the North Sotho tribe (Pedi) in Makushane and Namakgale regions. There is also the Tsonga tribe sometimes referred to as the Shangaans to Lulekani side and further north-west. Cultural tours are available.



The Ba-Phalaborwa region can be defined as the central gateway to:

- \* The Kruger National Park (Phalaborwa is the only town in South Africa bordering the famous Kruger National Park).
- \* Pro-golfing (18 hole, Par 72 Championship golf course, also bordering the Kruger National Park).
- \* The coast of Mozambique (the Indian Ocean) through the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park.

With the opening of the Giriyyondo Border post in the central part of the Kruger National Park it is now possible to enter Northern Mozambique and the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park through Phalaborwa gate into the Kruger National Park.



**WANT TO FLY TO PHALABORWA?**

Kruger Park Gateway Airport is situated approximately 2km from the Phalaborwa gate providing easy access to the northern part of the Kruger National Park. Airlink offers daily direct flights from Johannesburg (OR Tambo) to Phalaborwa. Most of the major car rental companies are represented. For more info on flights contact the airport directly on: Tel: 015 781 5823



## WHAT TO DO

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### BUSH TO BEACH

Exciting is that the Ba-Phalaborwa region forms the centre of three very distinctive tourism routes which incorporate very diverse tourism products. These three routes have been defined as the Rixile Routes.

The Bush to Beach Route links South Africa to Mozambique through a unique experience in the newly proclaimed transfrontier conservation area. The route starts at Phalaborwa, and leads through the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park, to the towns of Massingir, Chokwe and Xai-Xai, before heading north to the tourism centres of Inhambane and Vilankulo.

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### CANYON TO KRUGER

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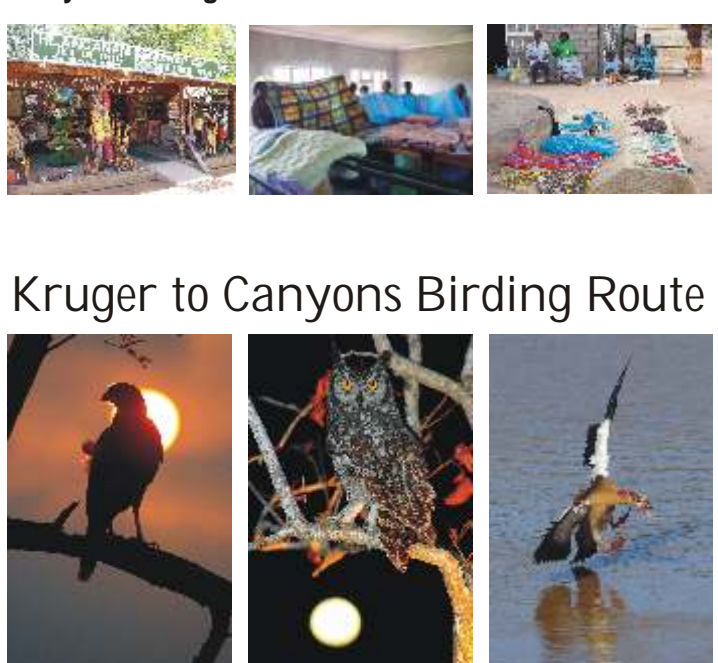
### CULTURE TO KRUGER

The Kruger to Canyons (K2C) Route stretches from Phalaborwa in the north, through Hoedspruit and connects with Graskop via several roads. The K2C covers a large area and as the name implies, offers a journey from the Kruger National Park, past the Olifants River and its canyon to the magnificence of the Blyde River Canyon, the world's third deepest canyon.

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### CULTURE TO KRUGER

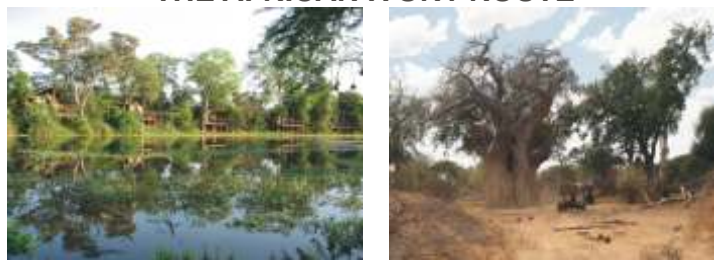
The Culture to Kruger Route meanders its way between the small town of Giyani and the only town with a gate into the KNP, Phalaborwa. The Limpopo Province has a rich cultural history and there is much to do in this land of myths and legends.



The Kruger to Canyons Birding Route has 80-90% of all Raptor Species found in South Africa, all Owl Species, and the Blyde River Canyon and the Kruger National Park on your doorstep. Limpopo is the most diverse area for birds in South Africa (610 species in the province) and home of over 50 red data species including extremely rare and sought after species such as Taïta Falcon & Pels Fishing Owl.

**The town of Phalaborwa has 2 Bird Hides for the birding enthusiasts.**

**TRANSFRONTIER PARKS DESTINATIONS AND THE AFRICAN IVORY ROUTE**



Transfrontier Parks Destinations (TFPD) operate from Phalaborwa's Bollandoto Tourism Centre, and are the management and marketing team behind a number of Limpopo Province and Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park camps and activities. Starting from Bollandoto, we operate the fabulous Luvuvhu Transfrontier 4x4 Eco-Trail which runs from Phalaborwa to Pafuri, through both Letaba Ranch and Makuya Park. With the Head Office team of the African Ivory Route also situated at Bollandoto, TFPD are the new operators for their 10 camps that stretch from the Manyeleti in the south, to Mutale Falls in the North, and over to the Masebe Nature Reserve in the western parts of the province. Across the border at Giriyyondo, TFPD also operate the Mozambique concessions of Machampane Wilderness Camp, Hiking, Canoe trails and 4x4 routes through Parque Nacional do Limpopo. In addition they will be opening Awelani Eco-Lodge just outside Kruger's Pafuri Gate which will become a self-catering destination for visitors to the province's most northerly reaches.

For more info:  
Tel: 015 781 1823  
info@dolimpopo.com  
www.dolimpopo.com



## WHAT TO DO

### Bollanoto Tourism Centre

A visit to this Tourism Centre is a must when in the Phalaborwa region. A feast of artwork from various African artists are on display.

Hendrik van Eck Road  
Tel: 087 151 1164  
www.phalaborwa.org.za

### Golf in the Wild @ Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa

Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa borders the Kruger National Park and is 4,5km from the Phalaborwa gate. World famous 18 hole, par 72 championship Golf Course.

3 Copper Road Tel: 015 781 3931  
www.hansmerensky.com

### Olifants River Safaris

Experience the abundant wildlife in and on the banks of the Olifants River.

Olifants River Lodge & Safaris  
Cell: 082 889 4797

Shona Langa River Safaris  
Cell: 078 197 8715

Jambo River Safaris  
Cell: 083 580 5703

### Masorini Iron Age site in KNP

Situated 11km from the Phalaborwa gate into the KNP. The ancestors of the Baphalaborwa tribe stayed here. They made a living from the melting of iron. There's a melting furnace dating back to the 19th century and even implements dating as far back as the stone age. Also a lovely picnic spot at the site.

### Kruger National Park Safaris

Kruger National Park open vehicle safaris, walking safaris, bush braai's, and night safaris. Do not hesitate to call any of the Tour Operators, as indicated on the map, for professional and on-hand assistance.

Photo: Sefapane Lodge and Safaris

## WHERE TO STAY

### Amarula Lapa

Visit the Amarula Lapa just outside the town of Phalaborwa. Experience true African hospitality and taste the spirit of Africa together with millions of others worldwide.

**TASTING AND SALES**  
Monday to Friday: 9h00 - 16h00  
Saturdays: 09h00 - 12h00

**TOURS**  
Monday to Friday: 10h00 & 14h00  
Saturdays: 10h00

**CONTACT DETAILS**  
Tel: 015 781 7766  
www.amarula.com

## WHERE TO STAY

### AFRIKANIA - Pottery of distinction

Studio situated in a Nature Reserve. Peace and tranquility merges the ancient craft of clay working with modern materials and manufacturing, creating unusually beautiful items. Each item is individually crafted by potters trained to appreciate their natural talent and rich heritage.

Silongue: Tel: 015 781 1139  
info@afrikania.co.za  
www.afrikania.co.za

### Cultural tours

If you want to experience true African culture, please give us a call. Our Cultural tours will enrich your understanding of the local traditions.

## WHERE TO STAY

### Bollanoto Tourism Centre

Tel: 087 151 1164  
Hendrik van Eck Road

### ANTARES

ANTARES runs 6-week training courses for people wishing to become professional Field Guides. Further details can be found on the web site [www.antares.co.za](http://www.antares.co.za)

Contact person: Ian Owtrem  
Address: Plot 39 on the Farm Grietjie 6  
Tel/Fax: 015 789 0006  
Cell: 083 286 8281  
info@antares.co.za  
www.antares.co.za

### Open Pit View point

Phalaborwa has the biggest Open Cast Mine in Africa, and one of the biggest in the world. The hole is approximately 2km wide and 450m deep. View the hole from the view point. A must to see! Take the Selati Road to FOSKOR mine.

## TOUR OPERATORS

### SEFAPANE LODGE & SAFARIS

We organize safaris with qualified rangers such as: morning, full day, evening with (bush) braai, river safari, walking safari, mountain bike safari; and excursions to the Blyde River Canyon, animal rehab and cultural tours. You can even have your wedding with us!

Copper Road; Phalaborwa Tel: +27(0) 15 780 6700 Fax: +27(0) 15 780 6711  
reservations@sefapane.co.za  
www.sefapane.co.za

### EcoTrek

Tel: +27 (0)15 781 3540  
Cell: +27 (0)72 783 4281  
info@ecotrek.co.za  
www.ecotrek.co.za

EcoTrek Safaris offers unforgettable safaris in the Kruger National Park! The thrill of exploring the park's untamed environment in an open game-viewing vehicle and experiencing close encounters with the Big-5 will leave you wanting to stay in Africa forever!

### South African Kruger TRAVEL CENTRE

WE SPECIALIZE IN:  
Game Lodges, Flights, Accommodation and Activities in the Kruger National Park and the surrounding area.

45B Lekkerbreek Str. Tel: 015 781 0189  
Fax: 086 676 6875 Cell: 082 888 2026  
info@sakrugetravelcentre.com  
www.sakrugetravelcentre.com

### turn key tours

On the wild side we offer: Domestic Airline Reservations and Air charters; Tailor-made self drive or fly-in packages throughout SA; Accommodation to suit your needs; Kruger National and SANParks Reservations; All major Bus reservations; Adventure activities; Golfing Getaways; Wildcard Application; Walking Safaris; Transfers; Conferencing.

Tel: 015 781 2498/1 Fax: 015 781 5235  
www.phalaborwa.co.za  
info.turnkeytravel@gallieosa.co.za

SANParks and Bus Reservations  
Tel: 015 781 1037

WILDLIFE ASATA TATA  
Tel: 015 781 7760/1 Fax: 015 781 7767  
www.turnkeytravel.co.za  
mariak.turnkeytravel@gallieosa.co.za

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## WHERE TO STAY

### safarires@foreversa.co.za

www.foreversa.co.za

### Phalaborwa Safari Park

Located at the Phalaborwa gate into the KNP. Ten luxury tents, accommodating 4 in each unit. Each tent has 2 bedrooms with en-suite bathroom, outdoor shower, equipped kitchen and wooden deck. Air-conditioned. Rock swimming pool. 47 Caravan sites, electrical points, ablution facility, DSTV and launderette.

Tel: 015 781 7500 Fax: 015 781 7502

### Elephant Walk Backpackers and B&B

Elephant Walk is a small homely backpackers less than 2km from the Phalaborwa Gate into the Kruger National Park. Communal kitchen, camping and BBQ facilities, pool and safe parking. We arrange safaris as well.

Address: 30 Anna Scheepers Avenue  
Tel: 015 781 5888 Fax: 086 675 6202  
Cell: 082 495 0575 elephant.walk@nkn.co.za  
www.backpackersandb.com

### La Lechere Guest House

Situated only 5km from Kruger Park. We offer a peaceful haven for tourists and businessmen alike. Well appointed private guestrooms en suite with private patio and direct access to the enchanted pool. A healthy breakfast is served on the wooden deck. Mediterranean lunch and dinners on request.

Address: 8 Sysie Avenue; Phalaborwa  
Tel: 015 781 1358 Fax: 086 600 7879  
info@lalechere.co.za  
www.lalechere.co.za

### Kaia Tani Exclusive Guest House

Kaia Tani is a well established and luxury Guest House surrounded by a tropical garden with swimming pool. Fully licensed bar and our restaurant provides Italian and local cuisine. Only 1 km from golf course and Kruger Park

29 Boekenhout Street  
Tel: 015 781 1216 Fax: 015 781 1216  
info@kaiatani.com  
www.kaiatani.com

### Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa

Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa borders the Kruger National Park and is 4,5km from the Phalaborwa gate. Four Star graded, internationally recommended luxury accommodation. Currently we have 143 rooms offering a choice of hotel rooms, chalets and self catering units. Indulge Senses Spa, World famous 18 hole, par 72 championship Golf Course.

Tel: 015 781 3331/2577  
www.hansmerensky.com  
reservations@hansmerensky.com

## WHERE TO STAY

### Mopani Country Lodge

10km from the Phalaborwa Gate into the Kruger National Park. Lush garden-like surroundings, we boast 26 spacious air-conditioned and well equipped self-catering chalets with barbeque facilities. A restaurant, sparkling pool and pool room, table tennis, trampolines, game drives, etc. Off the R40 Phalaborwa to Tloca

Tel: 015 781 9111 info@mopanicountrylodge.co.za

### Sunbird Lodge

Family run Guest House, emphasizing on good quality & friendly service. Set in over 2.5 acres of tropical gardens with abundant birdlife. Centrally located and perfect for the business or leisure traveller. Spacious, air-conditioned bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. B&B or self catering.

21 Aalwyn Street, Phalaborwa, Tel/Fax: 015 781 5559  
info@sunbirdlodge.com  
www.sunbirdlodge.com

### Cajori Hotel

The only hotel in Phalaborwa offering comfortable accommodation and fine dining. State of the art conference facility with all required amenities. Also in-house Restaurant, Lobby bar, Room service and Laundry service. 24 Hour reception and security.

39 Palm Avenue  
Tel: 015 781 3156 / 7681

### Boikhutsong Guest House

Only 3km from the KNP gate. We offer comfortable accommodation and exceptional service. With 11 luxurious, air-conditioned en-suite bedrooms. Enjoy the pool and our gardens. Boikhutsong is the epitome of paradise.

31 Lekkerbreek Street  
Tel: 015 781 7012 info@boikhutsong.co.za  
www.boikhutsong.co.za

### SEFAPANE LODGE & SAFARIS

4 Star lodge existing for 21 years and situated 1km from the Phalaborwa gate of the Kruger National Park. Our property contains 10 hectares of tropical gardens and 4 dams with rondavels and Luxury self-catering houses. We have 2 swimming pools, an African style spa, a sunken bar, a la carte restaurant, kiddies lounge and playground.

Copper Road Tel: 015 780 6700  
Fax: 015 780 6711  
reservations@sefapane.co.za  
www.sefapane.co.za

## WHERE TO STAY

### Tengo Guest House

Tengo is a well established with nine beautiful en-suite rooms. Our exquisite dining offers African cuisine in style. We arrange game drives into the KNP. River Safaris and other adventure activities. Situated only 17,5km from the KNP gate & Hans Merensky Golf Estate.

Tel: 015 783 0302 Cell: 072 493 4533  
tengo@telkomsa.net

### Elmecon B&B

This uniquely decorated and stylish B&B offers 7 executive rooms designed for the sophisticated guest, who appreciates style, comfort and privacy and who would like to experience a new, ultra modern, exclusive luxury home away from home! Rooms are en-suite, air-conditioned. Swimming pool, lapa, braai facilities.

17 Selati Road Tel: 015 781 1110  
Fax: 086 604 3845 Cell: 083 448 5991  
info@elmecon.co.za  
www.elmecon.co.za

### Daan & Zena B&B

AFFORDABLE ONE STOP ACCOMMODATION IN PHALABORWA

Reservations: 076 101 5657  
E-mail: daanzena@lanic.net  
www.daanzena.co.za

African Lily - Self Catering  
Daan & Zena's - Bed & Breakfast  
Anti-Farti Backpackers - Budget

### Beverly Hills Guest Lodge

1Km from the Kruger National Park, the lodge presents 14 en-suite comfortable, fully serviced suites (ranging from twin rooms to king bedded mini suites). Swimming pool, cocktail bar and delectable 3 course dinners. We'll gladly assist in arranging car rental, game drives, safaris etc. Corner of President Kruger & President Brand

Tel: 015 781 7391 Fax: 015 781 5918  
info@thebeverlyhills.co.za  
www.thebeverlyhills.co.za

### Gramadoela Oord

Want to experience the real rustic bush environment? Gramadoela Oord provides tent and caravan camping. Also self-catering chalets. Clean ablution block with electrical points. Swimming pool.

Address: Silongue, plot 42, 12 km from the Phalaborwa Gate into the KNP  
Cell: 083 456 1068  
gramadoela@vodamail.co.za

## WHERE TO STAY

### Bothabelo B & B

Strategically set in the heart of Phalaborwa, 2km from the KNP. 7 Beautiful and tasteful en-suite rooms fully equipped with air-conditioner, Wifi and accessories. Local and international cuisine with a personal touch is served in our thatched and stylish lapa.

16 Theiler Avenue Tel: 015 781 7301  
reservations@bakkersbands.com  
www.bakkersbands.com

### Bakkers Bed & Breakfast

"We are a small, but cozy and intimate B&B with a personal touch for everyone. Five minutes from the Phalaborwa Kruger Gate and close to other cultural and nature activities. The place to explore this part of South Africa. We ensure you stay at our facility an unforgettable experience!"

Address: 31 Starling Street, Phalaborwa  
Tel: 015 781 1613 Cell: 078 618 0986  
reservations@bakkersbands.com  
www.bakkersbands.com

### Elegance Guest House

Luxury and Exclusive Guest House with exquisite bushveld surroundings. The facility is 5 km from the Golf Course, Kruger National Park gate and the Airport.

Address: 5 Red Ivory Crescent  
Tel: 015 781 3019 Cell: 072 279 5164  
E-mail: elegance@telkomsa.net  
www.elegance.co.za

### Royal Game Guest House

4\* TGCSA rating. Luxury and Exclusive Guest House. 1 km from Golf Course, Kruger gate & Airport. Lovely Sub-tropical environment with the best there is to offer. 15 Exclusive double bedrooms, air-conditioned, etc.

Address: 42 Essenhout Street  
Tel: 015 781 3158  
Fax: 015 781 0148 Cell: 082 371 0189  
E-mail: royalgame@mweb.co.za  
www.royalgamestay.co.za

### Loerie Lodge Corporate Guest House

14 En suite Garden Units  
Next to the Kruger National Park  
Air Conditioned, fridges and T's  
2 Swimming pools and 4 BBQ's  
4 Star TGCSA graded  
AA Superior Accommodation  
Address: 199 Bataleur Street, Phalaborwa  
Tel: 015 781 7237 Cell: 082 922 4901  
Fax: 015 781 2869 info@loerielodge.com  
www.loerielodge.com

## WHERE TO STAY

### Arimagham Guest House

The Guest House is perfectly based to explore the northern and central KNP. We have 5 luxury en-suite double/twin rooms, spacious and individually decorated. All rooms have air-con or/and ceiling fans. Lovely sub-tropical garden and prolific bird life. Swimming pool and majestic indigenous trees.

19 Tambotie Str.  
Tel: 015 781 1793  
arimagham@telkomsa.net

### Uncle Tom's Guest House

We have offered our guests affordable accommodation for more than 16 years. There's a choice of S/C, single/double rooms or backpackers, all en-suite. All our rooms are air-conditioned to ensure complete comfort. Each room has a separate entrance that will ensure your privacy. Only 3 minutes from the KNP.

52 Bosviller Street, Tel: 015 781 0657  
uncletom@xinet.co.za  
www.uncletoms.co.za

### Tingala Lodge

Tingala Lodge is situated on 300ha of untamed bushveld, just north of Phalaborwa and bordering the magnificent Kruger National Park. We offer a wonderful combination of luxurious accommodation, wild African bushveld scenery, warm hospitality and friendly personal service.

Tel: 015 781 3540 Cell: 072 783 4281

### Sasavona Guest House

Situated less than 10km's from the Phalaborwa Gate into the KNP. We cater for the leisure, business and adventure visitors to the region. 10 Chalets with all en-suite showers. Day and night game viewing are done in neighbouring game farms and the KNP. Cultural tours can also be organised.

R71, Lulekani-Phalaborwa  
Tel: 015 781 0029 c: 083 950 6140  
sasavonacoop@gmail.com

### Masorini Bush Lodge & Safaris

Tranquil hideaway on the outskirts of Phalaborwa. Nestled in the African Bush the lodge offers relaxing B&B and S/C accommodation and an upmarket stay for the weary traveller. The spacious en-suite rooms offer private patios, braai and catering facilities. Only 8km from the KNP. Birding Paradise.

22 Silongue, Phalaborwa  
Mobile: 082 970 3095  
info@masorini.co.za  
www.masorini.co.za

## WHERE TO EAT

### Sefapane Restaurant

Hearty breakfasts, divine lunches and mouth-watering dinners are served in the tropical set up with beautiful gardens all around. Our a la carte restaurant and African boma are the perfect place for any occasion.

Copper Road Tel: 015 780 6700

### Buffalo Pub and Grill

The restaurant is a very sociable restaurant with the best pub lunches in town. The steaks, fillets and seafood are really well prepared, and you will come back for more.

1 Lekkerbreek Street  
Tel: 015 781 0829

### Yurok Spur, Kentucky Fried Chicken & Wimpy

Nelson Mandela Avenue Sealeone Road Phalaborwa Mall  
Tel: 015 781 1091 Checkers Centre Tel: 015 781 3789

### Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa

Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa caters from: Light Lunches at the Greenside Café, delicious fresh pizzas from their wood burning oven at the Pool Bar to the Leadwood restaurant and Lapa with its A la carte menu.

3 Copper Road  
Tel: 015 781 3931 2/3/7

### Villa Luso Lodge and Restaurant

The lodge is only 1,2 km from the KNP entrance gate and golf course. There are 17 air conditioned rooms. The extensive on site restaurant serves Portuguese cuisine. The bar area has several T.V's. Swimming pool and lovely wooden jungle gym.

7 Molengraaf Str. Tel: 015 781 5670