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&BEYOND PHINDA HOMESTEAD REOPENS FOLLOWING REBUILD September 2018

&Beyond Phinda Homestead, the popular sole-use safari villa at &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal Province, has reopened following the complete rebuild of the lodge.

Tucked into the edge of a dappled forest, the lodge looks out over an open clearing, its architecture blending perfectly into its natural surroundings. Blurring the boundaries between the guest and the bush, the lodge's living areas consist of large covered open spaces, while the clever use of large expanses of glass maximises the feeling of being outdoors. Spacious flat-roofed walkways and shaded area open out onto sun decks and a sparkling swimming pool that extends out into the open pan. Rammed earth walls and recycled timber accents bring the natural feel into the indoor spaces.

Raw, earthy materials are combined with quirky accents, as well as the area's local flavours, to create an elegant and contemporary bush home. Inspired by the natural surrounding and the local Zulu culture, the interiors are furnished in clean lines and earthy tones, with highlights of burnt clay, aloe and red. Traditional Nguni hides, intricate basketwork and colourful crafts, all sourced directly from the local communities, are featured throughout the home, paying homage to the area's proud and vibrant Zulu culture.

The design elements used to create Phinda Homestead are proudly and uniquely South African. One-of-a-kind Zulu reed tassel curtains were sourced from a local roadside stall and now take pride of place in the luxury ensuite bathrooms. Intricate hand-woven Zulu baskets produced by Khanyisele Crafts in the Nongoma community are also featured throughout. Zulu basketwork and weaving are celebrated throughout, with subtle lattice patterns brought to play in the most unexpected areas. Quirky design touches pay homage to the history of the land where the reserve is situated, which was once dilapidated cattle and pineapple farms before being reclaimed for conservation and transformed into a renowned Big Five game reserve.

Inviting guest areas blend perfectly into private bedrooms and spacious bathrooms where generous bathtubs look out onto the bush outside. Open to the cooling breezes, shared living spaces invite guests to interact with each other, as well as with the beautiful landscape outside.

A calming water feature in the entrance sets the tone for this soothing and elegant bush home, while the lodge design caters perfectly for al fresco dining. The deep veranda boasts a breakfast bar that converts into a cocktail are in the evening hours. An interactive kitchen brings the lodge's



private chef into the centre of the guest experience, allowing hearty meals to be prepared at the heart of this comfortable bush home. Flavours and fragrances from the hanging herb garden situated off the front kitchen enhance the delicious fare prepared for guests.

A gym and massage area cater to guest comfort, while a nanny's room is available for child minders or staff travelling with the family.

The much-loved lodge, which is booked as a single unit for families or groups of friends, comes with a dedicated ranger and tracker team, as well as a private safari vehicle. Game drives times, as well as meals, are tailored completely to the guests' preference to create a fully personalised safari.

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