



THABA THOLO

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THE THABA THOLO HANDS-ON RHINO CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

INTRODUCTION

Thanks to the concerted efforts and commitment of various organisations, South Africa is home to the world's largest population of free-roaming black and white rhino. Tragically, due to increasingly sophisticated poachers backed by powerful syndicates, it is dwindling fast, despite everything being done to protect them.

Poaching started gaining momentum in the early 1970s, mostly to meet the demands of the illicit trade in rhino horn. Today it has reached a point where their very existence hangs in the balance. Besides being magnificent creatures, rhinos play a crucial role in the ecosystem by grazing large amounts of vegetation and shaping the landscape to the benefit of other animals, making their survival of paramount importance.

However, due to Covid-19 and the subsequent loss of tourism income, the economic pressure placed on anti-rhino poaching initiatives is immense, as their protection requires manpower and equipment that costs millions.



TAKE PART IN ONE OF
THE WORLD'S MOST
IMPORTANT RESCUE
MISSIONS

Thaba Tholo is an exclusive, by-invitation only, 37 000-hectare game farm situated close to Thabazimbi in Limpopo Province, South Africa. Born from the vision of a group of like-minded people, it is committed to the conservation of all wildlife, especially endangered species.

Here, we have created a fully sustainable eco-system where rare antelopes, as well as disease-free buffalo, black and white rhino and the Big Five, amongst many other wildlife species are nurtured and protected. Genetic diversity is safeguarded and enhanced by accommodating sustainable numbers of each species, ensuring an optimal environment and habitat in which to thrive.

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Our vision is to give back to nature so that future generations can admire the beauty and majesty of African wildlife as it roams free in its natural habitat.

Amongst our many accomplishments, we have already successfully reintroduced 20 black rhino to Rwanda after the last one disappeared from that country in 2004.



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YOUR CHANCE TO GET UP CLOSE TO RHINOS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR SURVIVAL

As part of our vision, we have made it possible for wildlife enthusiasts to take part in a hands-on conservation experience with rhinos. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity lets you take part in activities usually reserved for vets, rangers and wildlife specialists. In doing so, you will get on-the-ground, first-hand knowledge of their behaviours, personalities and characteristics. Best of all, by getting involved with hands-on conservation you are assisting with an additional revenue stream to conserve these magnificent animals.

Look forward to these activities you will be able to experience in the African bushveld:

- Microchipping
- Ear-notching
- Data collection
- Monitoring and protecting activities
- Retrieval of photographs from camera traps
- Accompanying a wildlife veterinarian
- DNA sampling
- Interaction with rangers, on-foot, on vehicle and in helicopter patrols
- Pangolin monitoring and data collection



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AN EXAMPLE HANDS-ON RHINO CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE ITINERARY

DAY ONE

- 14:00 – 16:00 Arrival and welcoming
Project information session.
- 17:00 – 19:30 Afternoon / evening game drive
Dinner



DAY TWO

- 07:00 Light breakfast
- 08:00 Ear notching in the bushveld
Introduction to veterinarian and rhino conservation team.
Rhino darting
Rhino data collection
Game drive
- 12:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Bush walk
Afternoon / Night game drive

DAY THREE

- 07:00 Light breakfast
Game drive and setting and checking camera traps at water holes
- 12:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Combination game drive and bush walks
Night game drive during winter months assisting with rhino feeding and monitoring programme
- 20:00 Dinner

DAY FOUR

- 06:00 Light breakfast
- 07:00 Bush walk and rhino on foot monitoring
- 11:00 Brunch
Departure

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