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1. KRUGER SHALATI

Project Overview

Kruger Shalati – The Train on the Bridge Lodge is stationed inside converted 1950s train cars, permanently located on top of the historical Selati Bridge and suspended over the Sabie River in South-Africa's Kruger National Park. The project was spearheaded by Kruger Shalati Pty Ltd, a company that also manages the hotel as well as the Kruger Station restaurant and café. The hotel comprises 31 rooms which provide guests unparalleled views of the Kruger National Park and the majestic Sabie River below. There is also a bespoke lounge carriage with an opulent bar and deck and a swimming pool.

Project Details

1. **Type of Business:** Luxury lodge
2. **Open Date:** 12/2020
3. **Concept:** Hotel housed in restored train carriages.
4. **Location:** Kruger National Park, South Africa.
5. **Number of rooms:** 31 rooms, consisting of 24 Carriage Rooms and 7 Bridge House rooms.
6. **Rates:** Starting at USD 528 per night.
7. **Interior Design:** Hesse Kleinloog Studio (South-Africa); www.hkstudio.co.za
8. **Developer/Operator:** Kruger Shalati Pty Ltd.
9. **Website:** www.krugershalati.com

Location map



The hotel is located in Kruger National Park, one of Africa's largest game reserves, in northeastern South Africa.



The hotel is stationed in a disused train carriage on the Selati Bridge, suspended 50 feet above Kruger National Park. The bridge has been out of commission since 1973 and used to be a popular destination in the days before rest camps and tourist facilities existed.





In addition to the hotel rooms, the hotel consists of a central lounge car, observation deck, and pool that appears to float mid-air.





The interior of the bar and dining area has been infused with elements of local African art and design.





As design brief the designers were asked to interpret “African steampunk, safari-chic with rail influencers.”





The blankets in the rooms were designed by Bonolo Chepape, a young designer from Rustenberg.





The glass-walled, large train rooms allow for infinite views along the length of the Sabie River.

