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Barefoot Luxury at Khayelitshe House

Situated in the heart of the Matobo Hills, just outside the boundary of the National Park lies Khayelitshe House. Enclosed by the iconic balancing rocks and surrounded by a natural amphitheatre of massive boulders, Khayelitshe got its name from the Ndebele words 'Ekhaya' and 'Litshe' which means 'Home in the Rocks'.



Designed as a relaxed weekend escape for Professional Guide Beks Ndlovu and his family, Khayelitshe's charm comes from its simplicity and organic blueprint. Drawing inspiration from Beks' travels throughout Africa and the world, the eclectic design brings both tranquillity and energy. This is a home that is completely off-the-grid, one that inspires peacefulness and being at one with nature. The environmentally-friendly design blends in perfectly with the ancient and majestic landscape that surrounds the property. With a laidback atmosphere and a plaque that reads "if you are barefoot you are overdressed" at the front door, this house is ideally suited for families or groups of friends who want to explore the majesty of Matobo Hills.

Fully serviced, including a private chef and staff, and consisting of 4 en-suite bedrooms with incredible views from every window, the house inspires a feeling of remoteness that is hard to capture. The private land around Khayelitshe covers over 1200 acres of breathtaking wilderness, making it a beautiful escape from the grind of modern life.

Khayelitshe sits amongst the ancient granite boulders of Matobo Hills- a place of exquisite beauty and great cultural and spiritual significance. Matobo, meaning 'bald heads' was the name chosen for the area by the famous Ndebele King, Mzilikazi. The area boasts sweeping panoramic views of famous Matobo landmarks that can be seen at a distance: Mount Efifi, Rhodes' Grave, Inungu, Silozwane Cave and Mbambata Caves.



Matobo National Park is considered one of the most pristine National parks in Africa. The rugged landscape is home to what is thought to be one of the highest concentrations of both leopard and black eagle in the world. Hidden in the caves of the Matobo Hills are over 3,000 registered rock art sites, giving it the greatest density of such art anywhere in the world, and adding to the richness of experience in the area. The park also includes an Intensive Protection Zone where a large population of Black and White Rhinoceros are successfully breeding. There are a range of activities designed to take advantage of this wonderful and mysterious land including nature walks and hikes to explore the ancient rock paintings, rhino tracking on foot, game drives and watching to sun go down from the top of a rock to end of your day of magic in Matobo.

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