

# THE LUXURY OF SPACE

## *Samara Manor House at Samara Private Game Reserve*

Have you ever wished you could escape from the stress of everyday life to a secluded location where you could be waited on hand and foot? The Manor House at Samara Private Game Reserve is an exclusive-use villa ideal for anyone who needs a bit of privacy, indulgence, and complete relaxation.

In the vastness of the Great Karoo, there are many secluded, even isolated spaces where one can soak in the timelessness of the landscape and enjoy the privacy that it brings. Yet, precious few places offer the awe-inspiring views over the plains of the Camdeboo that the 67,000-acre Samara Private Game Reserve offers.

The reserve is a passionate conservation undertaking started in 1997 by Mark and Sarah Tompkins, which has been lovingly restored for over 24 years. Today, Samara continues to work with local stakeholders to





create South Africa's third-largest protected area of 1.3 million acres in a Global Biodiversity Hotspot.

This was the area that previously witnessed one of the world's largest migrations – when millions of springbok, wildebeest, eland, and quagga roamed these plains in search of new pastures. Herds of elephants moved through the verdant river systems, black rhinos were so plentiful they were shot on sight, and the predators – Cape lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyena, even wild dog – accompanied the melee of prey species across this breathtaking landscape.

Situated approximately 270km from

Gqeberha in the Eastern Cape and 53km from the picturesque town of Graaff-Reinet, Samara Private Game Reserve is the benchmark Karoo experience for travellers seeking a carefully curated and bespoke safari experience.

#### **LIVING IN STYLE**

Dedicated to providing an exquisite accommodation experience, the Manor House at Samara Private Game Reserve offers an unrivalled holiday experience for up to eight persons in an immaculately renovated homestead overlooking an amphitheatre of mountains.

Steeped in luxury, the Manor House

is staffed with a private guide, chef, and butler to cater to your every need. Preserved in time, the charmingly luxurious home reflects the local landscape and traditions with its inviting design by South African interior designer John Jacob Zwegelaar.

The light yet contemporary décor throughout the Manor draws you in, offering two magnificent living areas and an assortment of smaller breakaway lounging alcoves where one can enjoy a relaxing afternoon, or enjoy the view over the Karoo Mountain landscape as it unfolds beyond the 21-metre infinity pool.

There are four spacious, air-





conditioned bedroom suites, each with a large en suite bathroom with a free-standing bath and separate shower. Lavishly appointed, each room boasts its own private patio with an outdoor seating area – the perfect spot to enjoy your morning cup of coffee – that looks out over a different part of the property.

From the beaded African artwork, traditional Karoo antiques, and sumptuous beds and lavish decorations, to the breathtaking expanses of the surrounding area, the Manor House delights at every opportunity.

A particular highlight is enjoying the culinary offerings of the Manor's private chef. Depending on the season and weather, dining takes place either in the luxurious dining room adjacent to the bar area, outside on the large veranda, or under the imposing Jacaranda tree in the manicured garden. On special occasions, or when the spirit moves you, enjoy a candlelit dinner on the veranda, or dine out in the bush beneath a star-studded sky. Why not try the breakfast safari for a unique morning activity option – a morning excursion that combines a delicious champagne breakfast on a nearby hilltop with a bespoke game drive.

#### WHAT'S ON THE PROGRAMME?

Although one might argue that whiling away the hours around the Manor House is a worthy use of the precious 'me time' that a holiday at Samara Private Game Reserve offers in such abundance, a daily programme of activities can be tailor-made to your specific wishes to ensure that each day is spent exactly as you would like it.

With a variety of both easy and more technical routes, Samara offers either guided or non-guided mountain biking adventures. The guided routes are located within the game-fenced area under the watchful eye of a member of the Samara team, while non-guided routes are located in an area without dangerous game. They will be provided with a radio and a map of the route.


Samara also offers a cheetah tracking experience on foot for the somewhat more adventurous. Samara's cheetahs have been collared for tracking and research purposes, allowing the Samara team to lead you to these magnificent animals while also pointing out interesting facts about the local environment, traditional tracking methods, and the cheetah themselves.





For an even more romantic occasion, the Samara team will be glad to assist you in planning the ideal breakaway, whether you are planning a proposal, a honeymoon, or an anniversary celebration. Guests can also treat themselves to the Milky Way Star Bed Experience. Set in a secluded location, a bespoke four-poster bed with draped mosquito net lies on a platform under the stars. Creature comforts are provided with luxurious bedding, mohair blankets, dressing gowns, and luxury bathroom facilities.

Whether for a brief visit, or an extended stay, you deserve to spoil yourself with an exclusive visit to the Manor House at Samara Private Game Reserve. It is an experience unlike any other, and with the ever passionate Samara team on-hand to help you create special memories to cherish for life, you are assured of a most memorable experience.

*For additional information on Samara Private Game Lodge or the Manor House, visit [www.samara.co.za](http://www.samara.co.za). *