

## **Lodges**

### **What to expect:**

The surroundings and the experience are often of more importance at a lodge than the accommodation. A lodge is usually in or near a nature or game reserve. Guests then can make use of game drive or hiking. The accommodation can vary from a bush or farm atmosphere to one of absolute luxury, depending on the star grading. Meals and drinks are usually offered. You can normally expect the same luxuries as offered at a hotel.

### **Is it suitable?**

Lodges are usually sited in very ideal surroundings and offer nature- and animal lovers the luxury of modern amenities.

### **What to ask?**

Make sure whether game drives, meals and hikes are included in the price of the accommodation or whether they are extras. Some lodges have different bathroom facilities like spa bath, outside shower or bathroom with a view on offer. Ensure whether fans, air conditioners or mosquito nets are available as heat, mosquitoes and crawling insects are all part of the nature experience. Check recreation facilities e.g. horse riding, swimming and spa facilities. Television and satellite services are usually optional in this kind of accommodation. Should you be flying to your destination enquire what transport facilities are available to the lodge and whether costs are included or extra.