

The Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate completes the finishing touches to its revitalisation

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The Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate offers the same unrivalled location, but with an all-new African-inspired spa experience and reimagined event facilities.

Taking full advantage of its perfect location on the banks of the iconic Sabie River, right at the Paul Kruger Gate, the Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate has reimagined traditional safari lodge hospitality following a recent revitalisation of its amenities. The property will now launch a sensational African-inspired spa, set in beautiful riverine woodland with spectacular natural landscapes and exhilarating big five game-viewing.





The new spa facilities will comprise three air-conditioned treatment rooms and a unique tree house. The treatment rooms are raised on wooden decks with each one overlooking the Sabie River so that guests can enjoy a unique game viewing vantage point while indulging in a relaxing treatment. The hotel's spa facilities offer something special and unique, not only because of the location but also the authentic African treatments, which boast Shangaan names and the exclusive use of African beauty products.

Revitalised conference and event facilities complete the extensive refurbishment project and positions the property perfectly as a modern facility with up-to-date technology and modern finishes allowing business and event guests the perfect location that blends with leisure and relaxation. The Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate's conference facilities consist of four event rooms, 207m² of total event space and its largest capacity space allows 255 guests. When it comes to seamlessly combining all the comforts of an upmarket hotel experience with authentic Kruger Park safaris, no one does it better.



"The refurbished amenities have been a labour of love, drawing on local artisans to create a uniquely South African experience," says Francois Meyer, general manager of Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate. "During the rebuild, all labour

was sourced locally. At times we had up to 120 local bricklayers, plumbers, painters and other craftsmen on site.”

But the upmarket hotel’s passion for its location doesn’t stop there – only a small portion of the property has been developed, with the balance dedicated to conservation and providing a habitat for indigenous fauna and flora.

“Over the last five years, we implemented several energy saving initiatives - which have amounted to a 22% saving in electricity. This effort to reduce our footprint is apparent throughout our new expansion, with technology introduced to continue improving our energy and water efficiency. In addition, all wet waste is recycled, and all grey water is cleaned and returned to the river,” he added.

Reducing the property’s carbon footprint is a major part of our conservation efforts, says Meyer. But it does not stop there.

“We have elevated the hotel’s cleanliness standards and hospitality norms and behaviors to meet the new health and safety challenges presented by the current pandemic environment,” adds Meyer.

“We understand that health and hygiene will be at the forefront of our guests’ minds as they consider travelling and staying at the hotel. With the increased measures, we want them to see and understand what we are doing and why we are doing it – so that when they walk through the doors of our hotel, they know our commitment to their health and safety is a priority at all times,” adds Meyer.

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