



# Welcome to Safari Serenity, a 6 night wellness, safari & Yoga retreat in the heart of South Africa

Get ready for an unforgettable experience, an alchemy of wild safari adventure and the deep calm of yoga and meditation, set in the heart of the African wilderness.

This is a retreat designed to ignite your sense of wonder, awaken your adventurous spirit and leave you feeling deeply reconnected.

Here, you'll move through your days with intention sunrise yoga as the bush comes alive, long exhalations by the pool, and open-air dinners under skies untouched by light pollution. At night, the Milky Way stretches out above you, unchanged for millennia. Imagine hearing hyenas call in the distance and catching a glimpse of giraffes quietly strolling past the yoga deck at dusk. It's a place where nature holds space for stillness, clarity and remembering what matters.

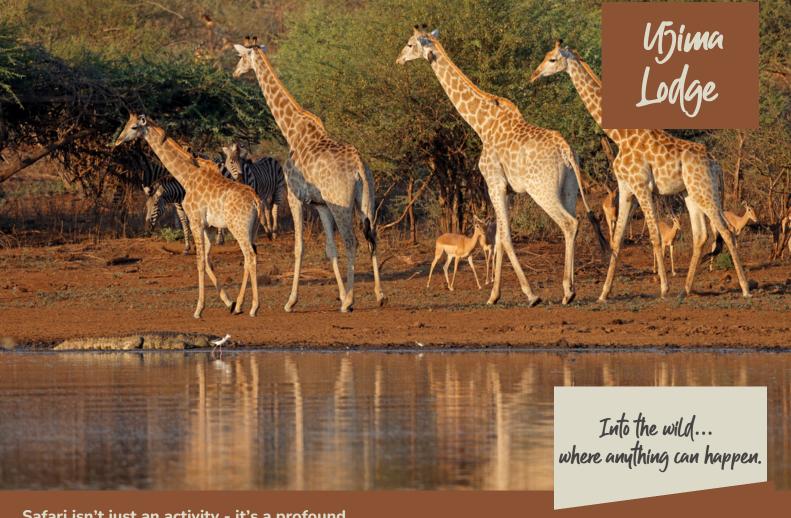
Each day takes you deeper into the wild, from exhilarating Big5 game drives through breathtaking landscapes to open-air yoga sessions accompanied by birdsong. You'll witness majestic animals in their natural habitat, soak in golden sunsets with a sundowner in hand and fall asleep to the sounds of the bush.

Not an avid or experienced yogi? Rest assured, this retreat has been thoughtfully created to welcome everyone - both yoga enthusiasts and those new to the practice. Whether you're a dedicated yogi or simply someone seeking space to rest, recharge and revel in the beauty of the African wilderness, this experience is for you!

So this retreat is more than just adventure. It's about connection - to the land, to each other and to something bigger than ourselves. You'll share stories around the fire, laugh under the stars and build bonds that often last long beyond your time here.

It's a place that invites you to unplug, move mindfully and experience something truly special, both within yourself and out in the wild and we can't wait to share this once-in-a-lifetime adventure with you.

The Gjima lodge team x



# Safari isn't just an activity - it's a profound experience

We are so excited to welcome you to Ujima, our newly renovated 8 bedroom safari retreat lodge set within a private 645-hectare game reserve in Hoedspruit, South Africa, right in the heart of the world's largest conservation area.

We chose this location because it offers something truly unique. Life on the reserve is absolutely magical, it's not unusual to see zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, nyala, impala, warthogs and even leopard and porcupine roaming freely through the lodge grounds and by the yoga deck.

You'll also find an incredible variety of birdlife, playful monkeys and the sounds of nature at every turn. It's wild, yet peaceful and creates the perfect environment to slow down, breathe deeply and reconnect.

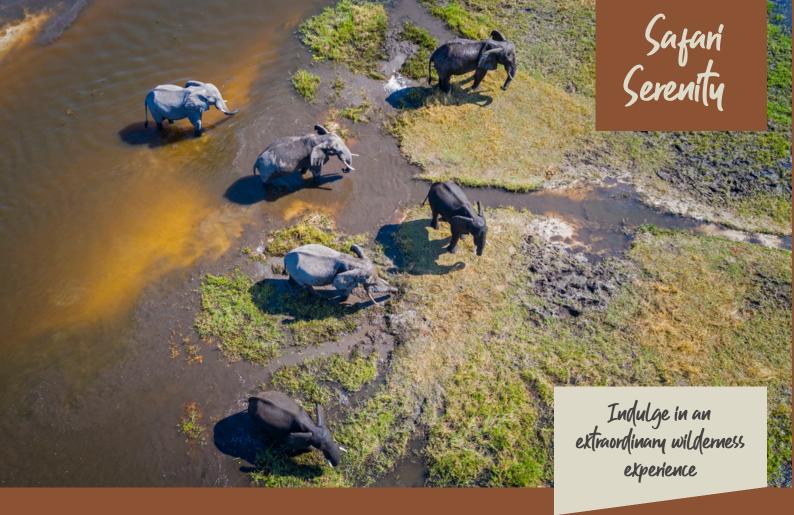
The reserve shares a direct boundary with Greater Kruger National Park, one of the most famous wildlife conservations regions in the world. A protective fence keeps the Big5 from roaming into the lodge grounds, which means we can safely enjoy our outdoor practice and all the beauty of the bush.

And when it's time to explore deeper, we will cross into the Greater Kruger within minutes, embarking on unforgettable Big5 safari game drives, guided by experienced guides & trackers. It's the best of both worlds: the grounding calm of retreat life at Ujima, paired with the thrill of the untamed wild.

The lodge features a beautiful pool overlooking the bush, a dedicated open-air practice space and plenty of areas to relax or gather as a group. The 8 beautiful guest rooms are thoughtfully and individually designed with unique features - such as outdoor bush baths or showers and tranquil deck spaces.

Evenings are made for unwinding around the campfire, the perfect spot for a sundowner as the sky turns gold and the bush quiets into dusk.





#### Rest. Reconnect. Rewild.

In our busy lives, in a world that constantly pulls us in every direction, we often forget what stillness feels like. But when you step into the wild, raw, untouched and deeply alive, something shifts.

As you rise with the sun and witness a herd of impalas taking their morning drink - or lock eyes with a majestic elephant, you begin to rewild - not just in body, but in spirit too. To witness wildlife in its natural habitat is to be humbled in the most beautiful way. It grounds us, teaches us presence, and each encounter offers a serenity that stays wih you long after you leave.

#### The Retreat Flow...

No two days are exactly the same on retreat - the bush has a way of rewriting the script. But there is a rhythm - a gentle flow that we return to each day.

We begin just before sunrise, with a soft wake-up call and the sounds of the bush stirring to life. Freshly brewed coffee, herbal teas and juice await as the sky begins to glow.

As the light stretches across the horizon, we gather for a grounding morning yoga practise, held in our open-air canvas studio, accompanied by wildlife and the scent of the earth warming underfoot.

After a nourishing breakfast, there's space for wellness treatments, time by the pool, or simply doing nothing at all. For those feeling adventurous, you might join a guided bush walk or take to the trails on a cycle safari through the reserve, winding your way towards the watering hole, keeping an eye out for giraffes stretching in the morning sun or zebras pausing for a drink.

In the afternoon, we gather for lunch or High Tea before setting off on our Big5 game drive. We depart as the sun begins to dip and head deep into the bush for another unpredictable adventure. With sundowners in hand, as daylight fades, we witness the energy change in the bush as the nocturnal world quietly begins to stir.

Evenings are for delicious shared dinners. We end the day around the fireside, under a galaxy of stars, where stories are told and we bond over shared experiences.

Throughout your retreat, you will have the option to join a magical excursion and attend thoughtfully curated workshops and talks from inspiring local heroes of conservation in action!

This is just a glimpse of one day on retreat. No two are ever quite the same, just like the wild itself!



### At Ujima lodge the wild is your studio

Our dedicated practice space is a slightly elevated, canvas-topped deck. Surrounded by open bush, it offers a unique setting for our daily movement practice - a blend of yoga, pilates, strength training, and plenty of deep relaxation too.

Because the lodge is unfenced, we're often treated to visits from curious kudu, nyala, warthogs and waterbuck. And if we're really lucky, the giraffes or zebras may wander past too. Even the cheeky monkeys like to drop by now and then, usually to see if there's anything worth "borrowing." It's all part of the magic of living in harmony with the wild.

Whether we practice at sunrise, when the first light filters through the bush and the air is alive with birdsong, or at sunset with the deck lit by lanterns and the lodge surrounded by glowing firepits, the setting is truly unique - unlike anything you'll ever experience. This retreat has been created to be inclusive and welcoming to all, whether you're a seasoned yogi or completely new to the practice. All classes are optional. You can choose to join in, or simply take time to unwind in nature.

From peaceful moments in the bush to unforgettable safari adventures, this is an open invitation to marvel at wildlife, embrace the calm, and share in something truly special.

When the shala isn't in use for practice, it transforms into a tranquil treatment space. Here, we offer a range of optional massages and bodywork therapies designed to ease aches, calm the mind and invite deep relaxation. Using locally sourced, natural products, these wellness treatments add an extra layer of care and restoration to your retreat experience.



## Honest food, bold flavours - shared in the heart of the wild

Our menus are designed by local chefs who cook honest, from-scratch meals, inspired by regional traditions and infused with African warmth and creativity.

We know our retreat guests want to eat well, they care about their health, but don't want to compromise on flavour.

Meals at Ujima are varied and thoughtfully planned to suit the rhythm of each day. You might enjoy a relaxed poolside dinner by lantern light one night, and a more rustic 'boma' by the firepit, surrounded by the sounds of the bush the next. Some days include picnics in the wild or an optional bush breakfast after the morning safari.

Whether you're dining under the trees, around the fire, or at the table, it's the little details that make it special. From the way each dish is presented to the stories behind them and we can't wait to share it all with you.





# Ujima Lodge, retreat hosting and conservation go hand in hand.

We believe deeply in giving back to the land and communities that make this experience so special. That's why a percentage of every booking is donated directly to local conservation initiatives and community-driven projects in our surrounding area.

Rather than working through large organisations with complex structures, we've chosen to support grassroots partners we know personally, people doing the real work on the ground, often quietly and with limited resources. These are individuals and small teams committed to protecting wildlife and preserving ecosystems, often with great risk to their own lives. And you will have the opportunity to meet them in person, should you wish to include a conservation talk or Q&A session in your stay.

Today's travellers are seeking more than just a beautiful place to stay, they're looking for purposeful travel, experiences that matter. We hear it time and time again: people want to feel that their time and money are making a difference, even in a small way.

By joining a Rediscover Your Wild Retreat, you become part of something bigger, helping to protect vulnerable wildlife and foster a deeper connection to nature and community.

We're committed to full transparency around where contributions go, and we're proud to show exactly how these funds are used, from wildlife monitoring and anti-poaching support to the immediate rescue of wildlife in need and rehabilitation.

Every stay at Ujima becomes a small force for good and every guest leaves knowing they were part of something that truly matters.



# Getting to our South African Safari Retreat is easier than you may think!

Travelling to South Africa is so much easier than most people think. With almost no time difference worry about you won't experience any jet lag, allowing you to start your adventure feeling refreshed and ready. And with daily overnight flights from London to Johannesburg, it's never been more accessible.

Return fares often start from just £500 when booked early and with a good meal and some sleep on the plane, you'll wake up in beautiful South Africa, ready for the adventure ahead.

Once in Johannesburg, you'll take a short and scenic bush flight directly to Eastgate Airport (Hoedspruit), just 15 minutes from the lodge. From there, all airport transfers are included and the lodge team will be waiting to welcome you and make the final part of the journey seamless.

With experience in hosting international guests, we offer a full travel concierge service to assist with every step of your travel planning, from flights and connections to packing tips and insurance.

Our dedicated team can advise on your journey to help it make as stress free and filled with excitement as possible, setting the perfect tone for an unforgettable experience.

It's never been easier to step out of everyday life and into something truly extraordinary. Within hours, you'll be surrounded by wild beauty, warm air and the rhythm of nature, ready to begin a retreat experience like no other.



### Safari Serenity Retreat Package

### Whats's included

- 6 nights accommodation at Ujima lodge
- Expert guiding, tracking and personal hosting throughout
- All-inclusive catering
- Tea, coffee, sparkling & still water always available, plus a fresh juice with breakfast daily
- Return airport transfers from Hoedspruit airport and your wild experience
- Safaris including drinks & snacks
- Yoga classes
- Excursion to the Blyde River Canyon with a hike & cruise
- Welcome sundowners to toast the start of your adventure
- Conservation talk, a rare chance to meet and learn from the incredible conservationists on the frontlines of vital local conservation efforts
- Travel Concierge to help you prepare and plan your journey
- Daily housekeeping and pool towels provided
- Fast Wi-Fi

### Whats's not included

- Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Wellness treatments
- Drinks from the bar
- Extra excursions

## **Retreat Pricing**

Our all-inclusive retreat package is designed to offer comfort, connection and an unforgettable experience in the heart of the wild.

We offer a variety of beautiful room options to suit different preferences and budgets, with prices starting from £1,795 per person based on shared occupancy.

A 30% deposit is required to reserve your dates, with the remaining balance due 10 weeks prior to the retreat start date. Flexible payment plans are available on request, we're happy to help make the journey as smooth as possible for you.



