



KHULA'S COTTAGE

Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre



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Khula's Cottage is HESC'S self-catering cottage, built in a truly unique and extraordinary location within the perimeter of The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre. Limited mobile phone coverage facilitates a true African getaway from the hustle and bustle of city living.

The cottage offers an exclusive and private setting to observe the life of HESC's cheetahs, and is the perfect base from which to explore the scenic wonders of the lowveld, including (but not limited to) God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and Pilgrim's Rest. This is a birder's paradise, for the region supports a diverse and multi-kaleidoscopic number of bird species. Clients can take a tour during their stay. Khula's Cottage is set within its own enclosed and protected area, offering a private and personal experience. This is the ideal experience for self-drive clients who do not wish to compromise on comfort, but are looking for an authentic bush experience with great value for money.

The cottage comprises three en-suite bedrooms and is perfect for larger families, or for friends traveling together. The cottage consists of two twin rooms (each with an additional day bed) and one double room. An expansive wooden deck boasts spectacular views of the surrounding wilds. Amenities include towels, linen, cutlery, tea & coffee making facilities and cooking utensils. The cottage offers a gas fridge and stove. As a self-catered unit, clients determine their own meal times and preferences. The outdoor boma is THE spot for a magnificent meal underneath the stars –nothing quite tops a traditional South African braai (barbeque). Breakfast and lunch is also served daily at The Deli, based within the HESC and dinner can be pre-ordered. Visitors who are travelling from afar may also send their grocery list through in advance, and the HESC team will acquire the items on their behalf.

Clients staying at Khula's Cottage have the option at an additional fee for a dedicated ranger on hand should they require any assistance. Visitors can leave their vehicles at HESC, and a ranger will escort them to the cottage.

WHY "KHULA"?

Khula was born to Tom and Belinda, both resident cheetahs at the HESC, on 29 August 2005. Tom is a king cheetah, and Khula is therefore a carrier of the king cheetah gene. Khula was always a remarkable animal, reared with love and care by Lente Roode (after his mother was unfortunately unable to feed him). He loves humans and has a beautiful personality.

It has always been Lente Roode's vision to see her cheetahs released into the wild, and it was with more than a little tenderness that she and her team planned for Khula's release onto the Kapama Game Reserve. Khula was released on 26 March 2010 and equipped with a cellular tracking device to track his movements online.

Although Khula adapted well to life in the wild (and in fact single-handedly brought down an adult bull kudu), he started returning to the centre to visit his family. Each time he was released a little further into the reserve. Mrs Roode tracked Khula and visited him daily in attempt to keep him away from the centre and to make sure he adapted to his surroundings, but she sensed that he was very restless. On further investigation, numerous leopard tracks were spotted on the part of the reserve where Khula was released and for his own protection, Khula was brought back to HESC. Says Mrs Roode, "Khula feels safe here. He kept returning because this is where he wants to be, surrounded by the other animal residents, and the humans he has come to trust. We therefore named the cottage after this very special cheetah, as I have no doubt that guests will come to love this place as much as Khula does, and will return with the same affection."

RATES

1-4 people - per night	R3 600.00	Subject to availability
5-6 people – per adult sharing per night	R900.00	
5-6 people – per child U/12 sharing per night	R450.00	Maximum 6 adults & 2 children U/12 sharing
Standard HESC tour (Adult)	R150.00 per person	Bookings are essential
Pensioner	R120.00 per person	
Standard tour (6-11 years)	R75.00 per child	
HESC@DAWN/DUSK	R 350.00 per person R175.00 per child	
Private vehicle for HESC tour	R2 320.00	
Catering options		
1.) Dedicated hosting: an assigned, qualified field guide will set up the dining area and accompany guests during dinner.	R500.00	
2.) Dinner set-up in boma (outdoor dining area) or on the deck.	R250.00	
3.) Fully self-catered. An onsite Deli is available.		
* Dinner menu is available at the Deli.		

Regret no pets allowed.

RESERVATIONS

For reservations please contact the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre on:

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