



A Mantis Eco-Lodge Experience

Mantis luxury hotels, eco-lodges, and waterways are dream holiday and vacation experiences located around the world. Created by Adrian Gardiner, Mantis grew from a humble vision to create travel experiences where man and nature co-exist sustainably. Sustainable travellers have been enjoying eco-tourism, safaris, and adventure travel with Mantis since 2000.

Mantis Founder's Lodge

Founder's Lodge offers a soul-reviving safari in the birthplace of Eastern Cape conservation. Set atop a hill with panoramic views of the lodge surrounds and only an hour outside Port Elizabeth, it was once the home of conservation pioneer and Mantis founder, Adrian Gardiner. Upon arrival, Founder's guests are welcomed by rhino and a number of other smaller species. The intimate 6-suite lodge is designed to give guests a sense of belonging, and provides the privacy to enjoy the vast landscape and endless African sky.

Tucked away on a 400ha game concession, the lodge features a boma, steam room and two swimming pools. The Founder's Museum is complete with an array of unique memorabilia and photographs collected on his many journeys, a priceless isiXhosa bead collection and a small curio shop. Authentic South African cuisine is served at different locations around the lodge.

Unique selling features

- Big 5 safari (malaria-free)
- Set within a rare biome with distinct flora and fauna
- The lodge showcases a number of large, magnificent original photographs by David Yarrow

Accommodation

- 6 suites comprising of:
 - 1 Master suite
 - 1 Heritage suite
 - 4 Contemporary suites

Room facilities

- Private veranda
- Full en-suite bathroom
- Vanity desk with hairdryer
- Air-conditioning
- Mini bar

Lodge features

- Bar with Billiards table
- Drawing room with fireplace
- Library
- Founder's Museum and curio shop
- Gym and steam room
- Dining area
- Casual dining terrace
- Boma
- 2 outdoor swimming pools

Lodge services

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Parking available



Founders lodge



Exceptional experiences

- Big 5 game drives on the Shamwari Game Reserve
- Guided nature walks in the safety of the Founder's concession
- Bird watching
- Star gazing
- Varied dining venues in and around the lodge, and bush breakfasts and lunches can be arranged (*weather permitting*)
- Meet Munu the blind rhino - one of the last South Western black rhino

Lodge policies

- Check-in: 14:00 | Check-out: 11:00
- Credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club Card and Amex
- All guestrooms are non-smoking
- No pets allowed

It's all in the location

Nestled between Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown, Mantis Founder's Lodge is the perfect escape into the wilderness.

Address

- Sidbury, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- 85km from Port Elizabeth International Airport
- 52km to Grahamstown
- Transfers on request

Key attractions in the area

- Born Free Foundation
- The Boardwalk Casino - Port Elizabeth
- Blue flag beach & promenade - Port Elizabeth
- Big 7 safari's
- Addo Elephant Park

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