



## BABANANGO OGOMENI TRAILS

Babanango is a private, malaria-free game reserve in northern KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. It occupies over 20,000 hectares of wilderness – wide valleys, rugged hills, river systems and mixed habitats. The reserve lies in the upper valley of the White Umfolozi River, offering varied terrain. There is significant altitude variation – the reserve has up to 800 m difference between lowest valleys and higher hills – which contributes to diverse ecosystems and scenic variation.

Babanango is a “Big Five” reserve – meaning it hosts lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, but beyond the Big Five the reserve has a diverse fauna and flora – multiple antelope species (including endangered ones), smaller mammals, reptiles, butterflies, many bird species, and rare/endemic plant life. It’s also a hotspot for birdlife: hundreds of bird species have been recorded, making it attractive for birdwatchers and nature lovers. The reserve is part of a large-scale rewilding & conservation initiative – turning previously degraded land (after cattle grazing) into natural wilderness again, reintroducing native wildlife and restoring natural ecosystems.

### Trail information

- **Location:** Babanango Game Reserve, R34 Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- **Protected Area Size:** 20,000 ha
- **Duration:** 2, 3 or 4 nights
- **Group Size:** Maximum of 8 participants
- **Meals:** Fully catered
- **Fitness Level:** 3/5

**TRAIL SCHEDULE – 2026 Season | Trails from mid-March to mid-October.  
2-Night / 3-Night / 4-Night Ogomeni Base Camp Trail**



## WEATHER YOU CAN EXPECT

- **March–April:** Good time if you don't mind some heat and occasional rain — lush scenery from the just-ended rainy season, great for greenery & birdlife.
- **May–August (dry season / winter):** Probably the best time for clear, dry weather, crisp mornings/evenings, minimal rainfall — ideal for game watching and walking safaris. Nights can be chilly though, so warm clothes needed.
- **September–October:** Transition out of dry season — warming up, potentially humid, and rain chances increasing. Good for those wanting warmth + emerging summer life (plants, insects, animals), but need to be ready for variable weather.



# RATES

## WALKING SAFARI - OGOMENI TRAILS CAMP EXPERIENCE - DOMESTIC

The Walking Safaris are for a minimum of 2 and maximum of 8 persons

### 2/3/4 Night at Ogomeni Trails Camp

- 2 nights @ R13,450 per person (R6,725 per night)
- 3 nights @ R18,450 per person (R6,150 per night)
- 4 nights @ R24,350 per person (R6,087.50 per night)
- Conservation and Community Levy: R200 per person per day (excluded from the rate)



## WALKING SAFARI - OGOMENI TRAILS CAMP EXPERIENCE - INTERNATIONAL

The Walking Safaris are for a minimum of 2 and maximum of 8 persons

### 2/3/4 Night at at Ogomeni Trails Camp

- 2 nights @ R13,900 per person (R6,950 per night)
- 3 nights @ R19,050 per person (R6,350 per night)
- 4 nights @ R25,100 per person (R6,275 per night)
- Conservation and Community Levy: R190 per person per day (excluded from the rate)





# WHAT TO PACK

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunscreen</li><li>• Personal toiletries</li><li>• Sunglasses</li><li>• Sun hat (cricket hat)</li><li>• Binoculars</li><li>• Camera (optional)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking Shoes (already worn in)</li><li>• Gaiters</li><li>• Neutral Coloured Clothing</li><li>• Flip-flops</li><li>• Swimsuit</li><li>• Sarong – can be used as blanket, sun protection and towel</li><li>• Waterproof poncho (just in case!)</li><li>• Winter nights will be a lot cooler so a jacket and warmer sleeping clothes is recommended during those months</li></ul>



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- All meals and limited beverages
- Comfortable tented accommodation, beds with linen, room amenities, communal showers, flush toilets
- Walking through Babanango Game Reserve, dotted with large seasonal pans.

Highly experienced and knowledgeable trails guides will share insights into the Babanango Game Reserve's history, ecology, and unique wildlife. Groups set their own pace, tailoring the adventure to their interests and abilities and will return to base camp daily for meals and hot showers. Participants are encouraged to participate in day-to-day tasks and share the unique Wilderness experience.



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