

Room with a view

SOUTH AFRICA Leobo Private Reserve



THE OBSERVATORY

Situated loftily atop an escarpment within the Waterberg Biosphere, it's easy to survey all 12,000 acres of the surrounding private reserve – and they really do mean private – at this lodge that is exclusively available to only one couple or group at a time. Relax amidst rustic-luxe décor or soak in the infinity pool with vistas of the Palala Valley below. Floor-to-ceiling windows are fitted throughout meaning guests never have to miss out on the action in the bush no matter where they may be in this enclave. For a bit of adventure, hop on a horse or hitch a ride on a helicopter to spot the abundant game such as buffalo, zebra and giraffes. And once the sun goes down, with no interfering light pollution, a skysafari via The Observatory's research-grade telescope makes for an eye-opening star-gazing experience.

The Observatory from AED 15,198; 0027-82-782 7046, leoboprivatereserve.com



The red sandstone Waterberg Plateau rises to heights of 420 metres, and is used to protect endangered species from illegal hunting thanks to its inaccessibility



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