

The main lodge offers some more stunning views, and gourmet cuisine and a great spa. One can relax in the spacious lounge or watch the animals grazing on the grassy plain, from the main deck's magnificent vantage point.

Pumba is situated in the Malaria-free Eastern cape and is a mere hour's drive from Port Elizabeth and 15 minutes from Grahamstown while the Gary Player design golf course at Alicedale is only 30 km away.

Covering about 6500 hectares of land, Pumba Private Game Reserve is home to Africa's Big 5, including a pride of rare white lion, hyena, wild dog and over 300 species of birds.

My encounter, at the crack of dawn with a group of 11 elephants, one of which was only 15 days old, was the highlight of my trip around the gamelodge...My senses were bombarded with sounds, sights and smells that you have to experience to believe..and , oh by the way, the two gracious leopards that strolled casually along our jeep were impressive as well..! I'll be back!

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