

Weekend Whisk-ers

LIONSROCK
Big Cat Sanctuary



Check-in: Saturday
Check-out: Monday
(2 nights)

LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary was established by FOUR PAWS, the global animal welfare organisation for animals under direct human influence, which reveals suffering, rescues animals in need, and protects them. Our vision is a world where humans treat animals with respect, empathy, and understanding.

Our Sanctuary creates a safe forever home for over 100 Big Cats and raises awareness about the ethical and holistic treatment of wild animals in captivity. This pristine paradise, nestled in the valley below our iconic LIONSROCK, provides a beautiful, species-appropriate home for our animals. As a guest, you will gain in-depth knowledge about our Big Cats and their stories as well as overall education on the plight of Africa's Big Cats that are under duress globally.

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The experience



A unique experience in Animal Welfare

LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary is less than a 4-hour drive from Johannesburg, just outside of the picturesque town of Bethlehem in the Free State. Home to over 100 Big Cats and the playground of a wide variety of free-roaming wildlife as well as a birding enthusiast's dream, the Sanctuary is a refuge and haven for all. LIONSROCK, with so much to explore and so much to offer, falls under the umbrella of the global Four Paws Organisation.

Through constant research and experience, you will be the happy benefactor of a wealth of information about this lesser-known field of protecting animals at risk.

Consciously or not, we all search for magical moments or true beauty on any given day, the sundry colours of a sunset cresting LIONSROCK, the constant beautiful sound of roars and birds chirping, or the calm of the Sanctuary valley after a storm.

At this haven our founder, Heli Dugler, and the FOUR PAWS team provided a safe forever home to over 100 regal Big Cats that previously had none.

It is so brilliantly beyond description that many who visit LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary are left speechless and grateful at their shared experience.

We hope you enjoy your time with us.



Hildegard

and the LIONSROCK team

This is LIONSROCK

The Sanctuary is predominantly a network of enclosures designed in paw-print formations. Each enclosure has a “house” for protection from the elements, which also allows closer (contactless) monitoring of our Big Cats.

The bridge and platform allow you a bird’s-eye view of the Sanctuary to survey and appreciate the magnitude of LIONSROCK. It also gives you insight into understanding any subtle changes that may occur with the pride or even just the environment overall.

LIONSROCK is one of only five true Sanctuaries in the country and is unique in so many ways. You will meet our dynamic team who have dedicated their lives to this field. You will assist and learn first-hand from our resident experts about pressing animal-welfare issues and what can be done to resolve them.

WELCOME & CHECK-IN

You will receive a brief introduction at our friendly reception desk before checking in to your home away from home for the next few days.

Daily check-in: 14h00

Daily check-out: 10h00

Please request early check-in or late check-out before arrival.

ACCOMMODATION

Please advise on your group dynamics, and we will accommodate your group in double / twin or single rooms as required.

For family groups: we have 1 x 4 sleeper and 1 x 6 sleeper cabins.

DINING

The restaurant opens at 08h00 daily and the last dinner orders are taken by 19h00 every evening.

Feel free to pre-order your meals during the course of the day.

We try to make compassionate food choices and hope you enjoy our Meatless Mondays.

Our goal remains to reduce animal-based products, refine our food options and replace them with plant-based where possible.

ROOM SERVICE

Available daily, please chat with our friendly reception staff or dial “100” from your room phone for service.



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TOURS INCLUDED IN OUR PACKAGE:

Saturday at 15h30

The **Standard Tour** is the perfect introduction to the Sanctuary and to meet some of our Big Cats.

Sunday at 09h30

A guided 1.5 hr **Walking Tour** with the most picturesque view of the Sanctuary and valley while learning a bit more about the fauna and flora as well as other animals and birds that call LIONSROCK home.

Monday at 09h30

Visit **Tiger Valley** nestled in a remote and quiet part of the sanctuary.

GIFT STORE

We are mindful of where our gift store items are sourced from and support local as far as possible. We do hope you enjoy the selection and take little reminders of LIONSROCK home with you at the end of your stay.

STROLL AROUND THE VISITOR SERVICE AREA

While all activities are guided and there is no unaccompanied access to our Big Cats and their enclosures, please chat to our reception team about the boundaries of the visitor area that you are more than welcome to explore when you have some downtime.

SUMMER TIME

Relax at the pool and take in the sights and sounds of the valley.

Please note that no lifeguards are on duty, and no children are allowed in this area unaccompanied by a parent and / or guardian.

Ask at our reception desk about floaties and swimming armbands for kiddies if required.

WORK FROM HOME = WORK FROM ANYWHERE

While we would prefer you take a digital detox during your stay, if you need to check in with the office or do some work, please chat with reception about your complimentary Wi-Fi access voucher. We hope it's the exception rather than the norm and that you use the opportunity to disconnect.

BOMA NIGHTS . . .

While every effort is made to have BOMA fires every Saturday at sunset, this is mostly weather dependent.

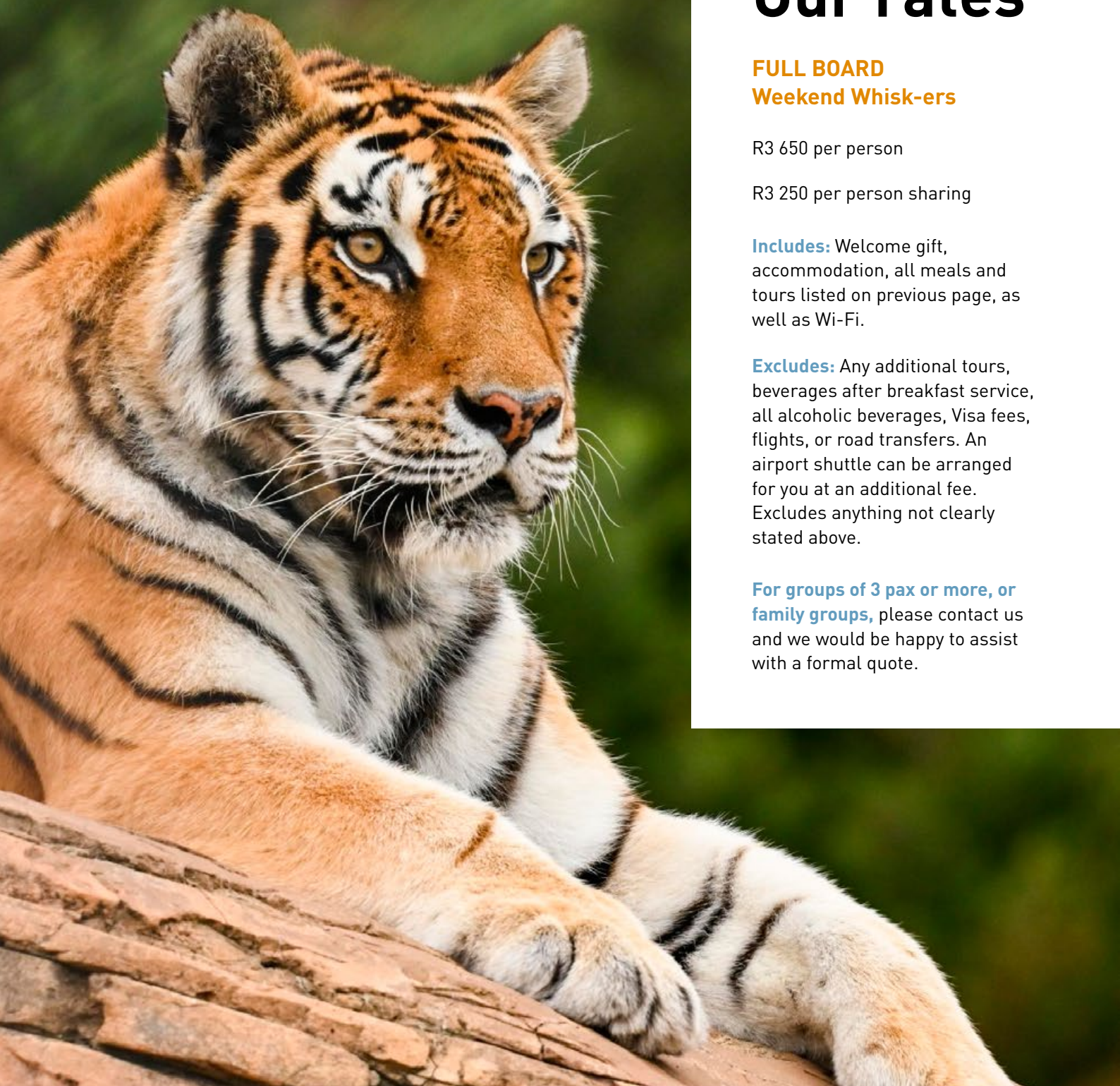
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Our rates

FULL BOARD Weekend Whisk-ers

R3 650 per person

R3 250 per person sharing

Includes: Welcome gift, accommodation, all meals and tours listed on previous page, as well as Wi-Fi.

Excludes: Any additional tours, beverages after breakfast service, all alcoholic beverages, Visa fees, flights, or road transfers. An airport shuttle can be arranged for you at an additional fee. Excludes anything not clearly stated above.

For groups of 3 pax or more, or family groups, please contact us and we would be happy to assist with a formal quote.

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