



THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO

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The Farmstead at Royal Malewane named on Condé Nast Traveler's 2020 Hot List.

5 May 2020, (South Africa): The Farmstead at Royal Malewane has been included in Condé Nast Traveler's 2020 Hot List - a list of the best new hotels in the world created by Condé Nast's team of editors, contributors and travel professionals.

The Farmstead opened in 2019 and is just a 12 minute drive south of the Main Lodge at Royal Malewane. Guests at The Farmstead enjoy the same remarkable service and delicious cuisine synonymous with Royal Malewane while experiencing the ultimate Big 5 safari with the most qualified guiding team in Africa.

"Leave it to South African design leader Liz Biden to create a lodge that manages to set itself apart from every other over-the-top safari stay in the Greater Kruger National Park." Jen Murphy, Condé Nast Traveler Contributor and guest of Royal Malewane.

Community & Conservation

In keeping with The Royal Portfolio's Purpose and Values, The Farmstead is part of a broader project to uplift local communities. Support for the community and conservation of the environment are inextricably linked. The local community needs to realise the financial gains

of tourism in order to see the value in protecting wildlife and the environment. The Farmstead land is leased from the local community. Not only does The Royal Portfolio employ and develop members of the community, but at the end of that long lease both the land and the asset will revert to the community.

As the world battles to come to terms with the human and economic impact of Covid-19, The Royal Portfolio is acutely aware of the challenges facing communities and conservation projects in Africa. While hotels remain closed during South Africa's national lockdown, The Royal Portfolio Foundation is able to continue its critical work.

Style & Design

In the main lodge area at The Farmstead a vintage North African banking kiosk is repurposed as a serving hatch for the delicious cuisine of Executive Chef Brandon Souris.

Antique doors from Zanzibar welcome guests into the comfortable interiors that are a marriage of the contemporary style of The Silo Hotel and the capricious opulence of La Residence. Fabrics from Ardmore and Clarke & Clarke cover the plush sofas and designer chairs. Light oak, tin rooves, wrought iron and gentle hues of blue and white define the style with lively splashes of emerald and ruby. Despite the extravagant space there is a rustic homeliness to The Farmstead which places guests' comfort at the heart of the experience.

Outdoor living is encouraged on the deep verandahs replete with hanging day-beds custom made for The Farmstead.

The collection of contemporary African art enhances The Royal Portfolio's already extensive private collection with notable pieces by Kudzanai Chiurai and James Jana among other works from the AVA Gallery and Smith Studio. In keeping with the community involvement of The Farmstead, there are a number of pieces from Lalela.

There are three Luxury Farm Suites. Each has a spacious bedroom and an en-suite bathroom with a bath and a shower as well as an outdoor shower. There are large front and back verandahs as well as a beautiful deck and a private pool overlooking the bush where inquisitive wildlife might pay a little visit.

The Farmhouse is a three and a half bedroom private villa which is ideal for families or a group of friends. The Farmhouse has its own private services including a chef, housekeeper and butler. Guests will have their own private safari vehicle with a dedicated Ranger and Tracker ensuring the ultimate in luxury.

The Farmstead is offered as four individual units but is ideal for the exclusive use of up to 14 guests. Rates are all-inclusive.

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Notes for The Editor

The Royal Portfolio is a collection of iconic hotels and private residences in South Africa owned and run by the Biden family. The Royal Portfolio includes Royal Malewane in the Greater Kruger National Park, Birkenhead House in Hermanus, La Residence in Franschhoek, The Silo Hotel in Cape Town and a collection of Private Residences.

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