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THANDA AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGED FOR ITS LUXURY LODGE ACCOMMODATION

21 June 2015 - Thanda Private Game Reserve is once again extremely proud and honoured to have been voted 'Africa's Leading Luxury Lodge' and 'South Africa's Leading Luxury Lodge' by the World Travel Awards™. Voted for by travel and tourism professionals worldwide and described as the *Oscars of the travel industry*, this impressive accolade recognises the commitment to excellence which Thanda has demonstrated in the past twelve months.

The World Travel Awards Africa & Indian Ocean Gala Ceremony 2015 was held on the 20th June in the Seychelles. Accepting the award on behalf of Thanda, before an invited audience of the industry's leading luminaries and international media, were Thanda's Managing Director, Pierre Delvaux, and Head of Business Development, Nadine Delvaux.

These past 12 months have been particularly momentous for Thanda as the game reserve celebrated its 10th Anniversary, 'A Decade of Love' (Thanda means *love* in isiZulu), that has resulted in many commendable achievements. Over this period not only has Thanda evolved into a recognised world-class game reserve but it has also accomplished 10 years of exceptional guest service excellence in hospitality, delivering authentic safari experiences whilst connecting guests to the local communities through Zulu cultural and educational programmes. Thanda's bush celebrities, most notably the lions and cheetahs, have thrilled guests with exceptional game sightings over the years, encouraging guests to return time and time again. Thanda's wildlife conservation programmes have also led to the successful rehabilitation of one of South Africa's first and finest historical game reserves and protected areas.

Pierre Delvaux: *"Thanda has spent the last year repositioning itself from a Safari Destination to a Safari Experience. We now involve our guests far more with educating them on Zulu culture as well as exposing them more to the Zulu way of life by offering excursions into the neighbouring rural Zulu communities. In addition to this, our guests are able to participate, when the opportunity allows, in various conservation and wildlife programmes. These activities and experiences enable guests to experience all that Thanda has to offer, which makes a stay with us truly exceptional. The award is also a credit to our dedicated team who tirelessly work behind the scenes to ensure our guests really do have a most memorable stay, both in the lodge and whilst out exploring our magnificent corner of Africa. This award offers the recognition to these great achievements and strives us all further in the pursuit of excellence."*





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More about Thanda: It is Thanda's longstanding and integrated relationship with the local communities that makes a stay here exceptional. Guests enjoy numerous activities, from Big Five game drives and specialised bush walks, to Zulu cultural tours into the rural community and photographic safaris, further enhancing their African experience. The three accommodation options include: *Thanda Safari Lodge*, abundant in size and as colourful as its people, it features 9 bush suites shaped like a traditional Zulu homestead with panoramic views of the surrounding game reserve; Set amidst lush green lawns and with its own helipad, *Villa iZulu* ('heaven') is a majestic 5-suite Villa that provides an outstanding safari hideaway for those seeking true privacy; Comprising 15 spacious luxury canvas tents, including Jabula ('Happiness') Tent, *Thanda Tented Camp* offers a relaxed and authentic non-electrified safari experience.

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