



The Outpost Lodge



Views from Shiluvvari Lakeside Lodge



Kings Walden's beautiful gardens

ritual to bring rain – something that's been done in the same place since before 1800.

Near Louis Trichardt are Elim and the **Shiluvvari Lakeside Lodge**, which – with the owner's rich family history of being in service – ticks almost every box there is for fair trade, eco-friendly credentials and deep community involvement. Every space here is built and embellished by local artisans.

Sail along the lake or do a tour of local community projects and artists to see batik fabrics or beadwork. Note that your hop-on guide needs you to drive and some spots are easier to reach by 4x4. Better to just enjoy the quiet and the view over the lake. Rates are from R520 per person sharing. For further information, tel: 015 556 3413 or visit: [www.shiluvvari.com](http://www.shiluvvari.com).

The **Outpost Lodge** is set in the extreme north of Kruger Park near the Pafuri Gate, overlooking the Luvuvhu River, with the Limpopo River and Crooks Corner between you, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

**Limpopo is a region that represents, for many, the postcard image of Africa.**

The natural environment is extraordinary here. While game viewing didn't match the Sabi Sand Reserve, the vast floodplains, fever tree forests, riverine areas and baobabs make for iconic images of safaris in SA.

In a departure from tents and reed lodges,

accommodation is in very large concrete spaces, perched on high rocks, with one solid wall and three sides that effortlessly open or close entirely with blinds. The vista from these elevated spaces is unending. Even the airways are clear here, with neither mobile phone nor

Internet connectivity.

You can choose to have the bathroom area entirely open to the room and to nature, or cleverly shielded by roll-out storage. The toilet's entirely enclosed and the bed's covered in a mosquito net. We slept with the blinds up each night, with the smell and sounds of the bush as company.

Rates are from R4 150 per person sharing. For further information, tel: 011 245 5742 or visit: [www.theoutpost.co.za](http://www.theoutpost.co.za).