

## South African and Zimbabwe – December 2005 (Jo Price)

Tsala Tree Lodge was incredible, situated at the edge of the Tsitsikamma forest outside of the town of Plettenberg Bay. The chalets are connected by raised walkways, very private and each has its own plunge pool. The rooms are extremely comfortable with breath taking views over indigenous forest to the sea. We especially liked the sweeping view from the reception and breakfast on the open veranda was lovely. We enjoyed the quiet of the lodge after a day of beach and shopping in close-by Plettenberg Bay.



Our stay at Hunter's Country House, the sister property to Tsala was exactly what you would want from a country lodge; quiet, comfortable, superb food and cozy. It's the kind of place that makes you want to (and lets you) curl up next to an open fire and a good book. Alternatively walking through to beautiful grounds and enjoying the views and atmosphere of a farmstead is equally enjoyable. The service and attention to detail was admirable. Even though we were there in December (peak time) and the lodge welcomes families and young children, it felt private and peaceful.

Makalolo in Hwange National Park, a short flight from Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe was a highlight of our trip. Game viewing on the open plains was great. The game drives were fascinating and Sacha, our guide (and manager of Little Makaolo) ensured our interest was captivated at all times. No detail was too small to note and his enthusiasm for the bush is contagious. This permanent tented camp has a wonderful atmosphere and the staff are warm, welcoming and great at anticipating your every need.

