

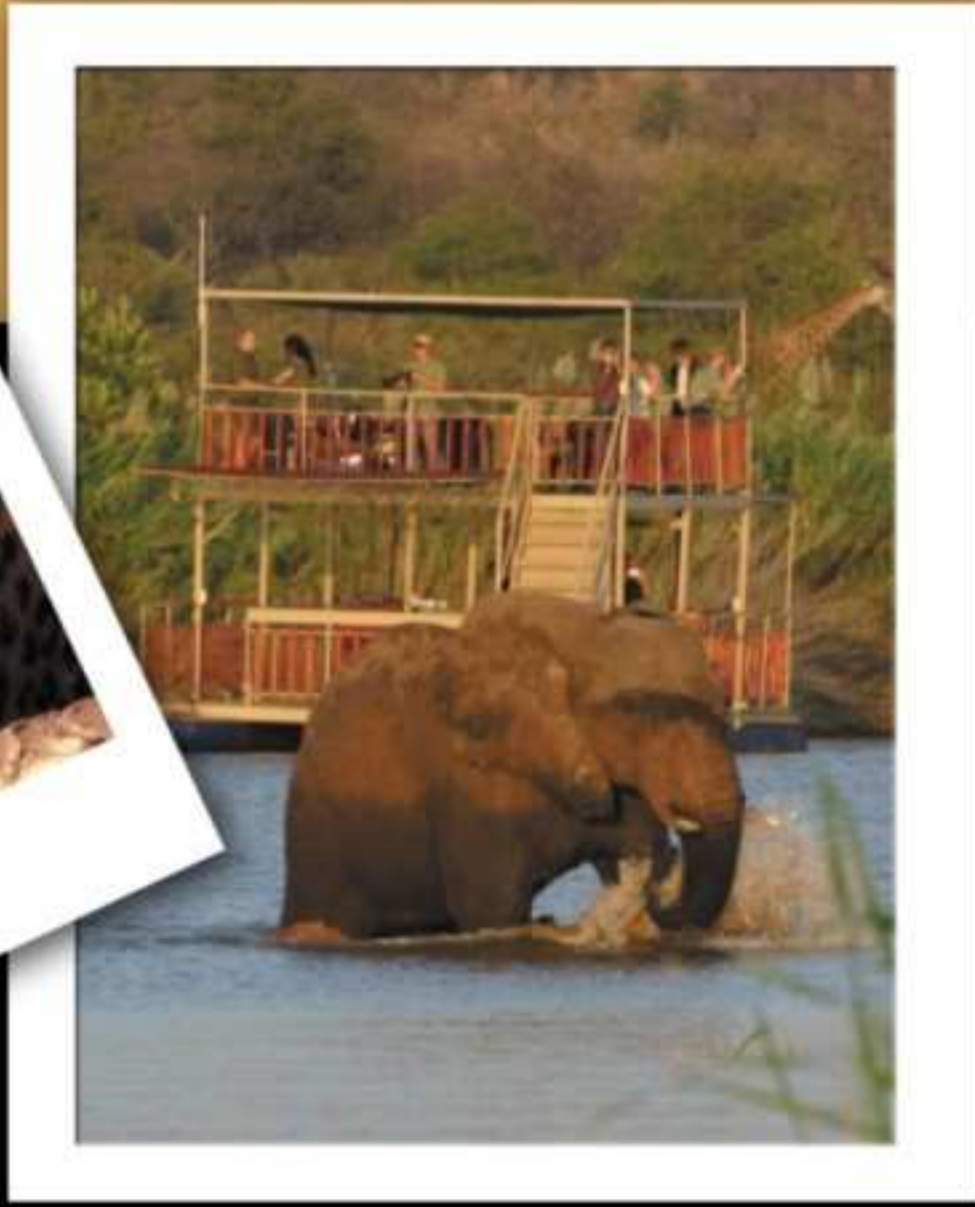
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When the Sotho people called the area '**Ba-Phalaborwa**', which means '*better than the south*' they were not exaggerating. Always warm and sunny, it is an ideal winter retreat and being situated within walking distance from the central gate to the Kruger National Park, the region is an ideal base from where to explore this world-renowned ecological wonder. In addition it boasts entry to the Greater Transfrontier Park by means of the Giriyaondo border post.

Easily accessible, **Ba-Phalaborwa** can be reached by road via the scenic R71 or air as it boasts the extraordinary Phalaborwa Kruger Park Gateway Airport. The Bollaoto Tourism Centre is strategically located to assist any visitor with valuable information and guidance.

Also the site of the largest man-made hole, the 'Big Hole' that can be seen from space. Approximately 2,000 million years ago a series of volcanic eruptions left an astounding geological feature measuring 19 kilometres across and filled with copper, iconium, mica, gold, phosphates and vermiculite. Mining and smelting of copper and iron date back to 400 AD, so it is not surprising that a lot of activities in the area are centred around mining. This includes a visit to the Foskor Mine Museum, a mine tour and a visit to the open cast mine.

Birding enthusiasts flock to **Ba-Phalaborwa** to embark on the Kruger 2 Canyon birding route which features a variety of rare and common bird species, a diverse range of habitats and breathtaking panoramic views. Surrounded by world-class game farms and lodges, visitors are never more than a half an hour's drive from a memorable adventure - embark on extraordinary adventures ranging from sunrise and sunset wildlife trails, day and night safaris, cultural tours and boat safaris on the mighty Olifants River.

Live the magic of the North-Eastern lowveld - which, true to its name - is 'better than the South!'

