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Interview with Sabrina Walkers, guest at THULA THULA WILDLIFE RESERVE in South Africa

HOW MANY ANIMALS ARE THERE IN THE RESERVE?
I don't know exactly but there are a lot of animals, including rhinos, elephants, leopards, crocodiles and giraffes. There aren't any lions or cheetahs.

IS THERE A HOTEL?
Yes, there is. Guests can stay in comfortable tents or beautiful rooms. All the rooms have got a veranda with a view of the African bush.

ARE THERE ANY RESTAURANTS?
Yes, there is a very good restaurant. You can try some traditional food there. The African 'braai' (barbecue) is delicious!

WHAT CAN GUESTS DO?
There are a lot of things to do. Local guides take tourists on safaris. They also take them on walks to learn about unusual plants in the area.

DID YOU SEE ANY WILDLIFE ON YOUR SAFARI?
Yes, I did! I saw a lot of animals and I had a lot of fun.

DID YOU GO ON A WALKING TOUR?
No, I didn't. I didn't have any time to go on one because I spent a lot of time relaxing on my veranda.

DO THEY PROTECT ANIMALS AT THULA THULA?
Yes, they do. But there aren't many endangered animals at the reserve. In October 2009, the reserve adopted two baby rhinos, Thabo and Ntombi. Today, they live in the wild but they can't be on their own. Armed guards must accompany them 24 hours a day to protect them against poachers.

IS THERE ANY ILLEGAL HUNTING IN THE RESERVE?
Yes, sadly, there is. There are a lot of illegal hunters in the area. In August 2009, some poachers killed Heidi, a female white rhino from the reserve.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?
The reserve is open all year. Summers are hot and winters are warm. There isn't much rain in South Africa and there are a lot of sunny days.

HOW CAN GUESTS GET THERE?
There is an airport near the reserve. It's only 45 minutes away.

HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU SPEND ON YOUR TRIP?
A lot! Thula Thula is an expensive place but it's amazing as well.

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1- Read the text and answer (about general ideas)

- 1- What is Thula Thula?
- 2- What animals live there?
- 3- What can guests do?
- 4- Do they protect animals at Thula Thula?
- 5- Is it an expensive or a cheap place to visit?

2- Read for details and complete the sentences

- 1- At Thula Thula, guests stay at _____
- 2- They can eat _____
- 3- Thabo and Ntombi are _____
- 4- Thabo and Ntombi can't be alone because _____
- 5- Heidi was _____
- 6- You can visit Thula Thula _____
- 7- The hottest time of the year is _____