



Directions to Thonga Beach Lodge

Recommended Route from Johannesburg (8-9 hours).

Head to Piet Retief and Pongola then proceed on the N2 south towards Mkuze. Approximately 45km from Pongola and 10km before Mkuze turn left towards Jozini. On leaving Jozini take a left turn towards the "Coastal Forest Reserve and KwaNgwanase" (signposted), ensuring that you are proceeding over the Pongola dam wall. After 45km at a T-junction turn right towards "KwaNgwanase". Proceed for another 47 km and at the circle turn right towards "Coastal Forest Reserve". After 15km turn left onto a dirt road marked as "Coastal Forest Reserve". You will see a large government sign indicating directions to Mabibi, Rocktail Bay etc. It is **4.7km** along this road to **the Coastal Cashew Factory** on your **right hand side**, where you will be collected.

Please note that the Jozini route often has cattle wandering across it, some of the signs have fallen down and so caution and slower driving speeds are necessary. **Suggest you fill up your fuel tank in Jozini as there is no fuel available at the Lodge.*

Recommended Route from Durban (5 hours):

Proceed on the N2 North to Hluhluwe. Turn off the N2 at the Hluhluwe/Umfolozzi offramp. Turn right over the highway towards Hluhluwe, proceeding through the town until you reach the last traffic circle. Turn left at R22/Sodwana Bay signpost and proceed for 0.7 km and turn right again towards Sodwana Bay/Mbazwana. Cross over a railway line. Proceed for 87 km bypassing Mbazwana on the R22 road. Proceed straight through the circles following the signs to "Coastal Forest Reserve". Proceed for 33 km after Mbazwana (passing the Mseleni turn-off) turning right onto a dirt road marked as "Coastal Forest Reserve". You will see a large government sign indicating directions to Mabibi, Rocktail Bay etc. It is **4.7km** along this road to **the Coastal Cashew Factory** on your **right hand side**, where you will be collected.

Please note that there are many speed bumps through and after Hluhluwe, so take extra care when driving this road. **Suggest you fill up your fuel tank in Hluhluwe as there is no fuel available at the Lodge.*

Non 4 x 4 guests: Drive into the Coastal Cashews, the parking is secured and the entrance guarded. A Thonga representative will meet you there and drive you to Thonga Beach Lodge. The trip to the lodge from here will be approximately 1 hour in an open 4 x 4 vehicle. **PLEASE PRE-BOOK WHICH PICK UP TIME YOU REQUIRE 12h00 OR 15h00.**

- See our rates for transfer charges. If guests are running late / early it is of the utmost importance to contact the lodge and notify them of the change – the lodge vehicle will wait for 15 minutes and then will return to the lodge. A vehicle will be sent at the lodge's convenience and at extra cost.
- Please phone the lodge at Hluhluwe or Jozini to confirm with the lodge directly for your transfer. Should there be any delay with your journey please advise the lodge at your soonest convenience to arrange alternative transfer details. If you cannot meet the transfer times then there will be a late arrival charge and a vehicle will be sent to collect you at the lodge's earliest convenience.
- Once you turn off the tar road it is a poor condition sand road so guests must ensure they do not travel this road after 16h00.
- Take normal precautions regarding stopping in remote locations and do not venture off the main route

4 x 4 guests: Four-wheel drive vehicles can proceed straight to the lodge following the "Coastal Forest Reserve" and "Thonga Beach Lodge" signs.

We suggest you fill your vehicle with fuel before getting to the lodge either in Hluhluwe or Jozini as there is no fuel available at the lodge.

Check In Time: 12h00 Check Out: 10h00

LODGE CONTACT DETAILS

Lodge Management: + 27 (0) 35 475 6000/1/2/3

RESERVATIONS CONTACT DETAILS

Tel: +27 (0) 35 474 1473 Contact After Hours: + 27 (0) 82 322 1642 Gerard

LODGE GPS CO-ORDINATES: S27° 19.771 E32° 45.027

PLEASE CHECK THE ROUTE YOUR GPS GIVES YOU AND MAKE SURE IT CORRELATES WITH OUR DIRECTIONS

Please pre-arrange your four-wheel drive transfer to the lodge at either 12h00 or 15h00 when confirming your booking. Please note that due to the remoteness of Thonga Beach Lodge all guests and agents must ensure that they get up to date directions before travelling.



Note: Map not to scale

Please note that Thonga Beach Lodge is not accessible by 2-wheel drive so please specify if you require a transfer from the parking area. Our collection times are 12h00 and 15h00. This needs to be pre-booked when making your reservation. It is 4.7km from the tar road to the car park and is a poor condition sand road in a rural area.

NB: Beware of goats, cattle and pedestrians on the road, as well as bad pot holes around the Tembe Elephant Park. There are often roadworks along the Jozini route, so you may prefer to take the Hluhluwe route instead!

Once you turn off the tar road it is a poor condition sand road so guests must ensure they do not travel this road after 16h00. Please phone the lodge from Hluhluwe or Jozini as you pass through these towns, or as you leave the tar road towards the car park, so that we are aware of your whereabouts.

Lodge's direct no. is + 27 35 475 6000, 6001 or 6002 or reservations + 27 35 474 1473. Please note that the check in time is 12h00 and the check out time is 10h00.