MAPS & DIRECTIONS

FOR GUESTS DOING A 4X4 SELF-DRIVE ONLY

A 4x4 vehicle is required to get to Thonga Beach Lodge. We offer twice daily 4x4 transfers from LIBRODI LODGE in Sodwana Bay where guests can leave their vehicles in a secure parking area. The 4x4 transfer is approximately one hour. Pickup times are 12h00 or 15h00 and must be pre-booked with our reservations office. Guests travelling in their own 4x4 vehicles can drive all the way through to the lodge.

GPS CO-ORDINATES	S 27° 19'47.00" | E 32° 45'00.00"
ACCESS BY ROAD	4x4 access required Transfers IN @ 12h00 and 15h00 | Transfers OUT @ 10h30 | No late transfers OUT available **4x4 transfers must be booked 48 hours before arrival to ensure that there is a vehicle available**
ACCESS BY AIR	Manzengwenya airstrip, S 27° 15'23.00" | E 32° 45'11.00"
NEAREST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	King Shaka International Airport (KSIA) - Durban | Travelling time 5 hrs
NEAREST DOMESTIC AIRPORT	Richards Bay Airport (RCB) | Travelling time 3 hrs

Important Notes:

Please note that the route for guests travelling in their own 4x4 differs from the route for guests requiring a 4x4 transfer. Please make sure that you follow the correct directions on the next page.

TRAVELLING TIMES

THONGA BEACH LODGE	via Road
Richards Bay	3 hrs
Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge	3 hrs 30 min
Durban (KSIA)	5 hrs 30 min
Johannesburg	8 hrs

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Recommended Route

FOR GUESTS DRIVING IN THEIR OWN 4X4 VEHICLE

FROM JOHANNESBURG

(O.R Tambo International Airport)

Estimated travel time (8-9 hrs)

Follow the N2 to Piet Retief and Pongola and then continue on the N2 South towards Hluhluwe for approximately 110 km. Take the P453/R22 (Hluhluwe/Sodwana Bay) offramp and at the stop street turn left towards the town of Hluhluwe. Proceed straight through the town until you reach the last (i.e. fourth) traffic circle. At the circle turn left (first exit) following the R22 / Sodwana Bay signpost. Continue for 1.3 km and turn right over the railway line on the R22 towards Sodwana Bay / Mbazwana.
Proceed for 78 km bypassing Mbazwana on the R22 road. Proceed straight through the circles following the signs to "Coastal Forest Reserve". Proceed on the R22 for another 33 km after Mbazwana (passing the Mseleni turn-off) turning right onto a dirt road (D1849) marked as "Coastal Forest Reserve" by a brown road sign. You will see a large government sign indicating directions to Mabibi, Rocktail Bay etc. After 4.7km you will pass Coastal Cashews on your right-hand side. Continue on this gravel road and follow the signs to "Coastal Forest Reserve" and "Thonga Beach Lodge". It takes approximately 1 hour from Coastal Cashews to the lodge. There is very little cell phone signal on this road.

FROM DURBAN

(King Shaka International Airport)

Estimated travel time (4 hrs)

Follow the N2 North to Hluhluwe. Take the P453/R22 (Hluhluwe) offramp and turn right over the highway towards Hluhluwe town. Proceed straight through the town until you reach the last (i.e. fourth) traffic circle. At the circle turn left (first exit) following the R22 / Sodwana Bay signpost.
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FOR GUESTS REQUIRING A 4X4 TRANSFER TO THE LODGE

FROM JOHANNESBURG

(O.R Tambo International Airport)

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Travel to Ermelo and follow signs to Piet Retief, the N17 now becomes the N2. Follow the N2 to Piet Retief and Pongola and then continue on the N2 South towards Hluhluwe for approximately 110 km. Take the P453/R22 (Hluhluwe/Sodwana Bay) offramp and at the stop street turn left towards the town of Hluhluwe. Proceed straight through the town until you reach the last (i.e. fourth) traffic circle. At the circle turn left (first exit) following the R22 / Sodwana Bay signpost. Continue for 1.3 km and turn right over the railway line on the R22 towards Sodwana Bay / Mbazwana.
Continue on the R22 for 76 km to Mbazwana town. You will then reach two traffic circles at Mbazwana town, continue straight until you see the signboard 'Sodwana Bay' to your right, you will also see a petrol station on the right-hand side, turn right and continue down the road until you reach the stop street. Turn right, go straight at the traffic circle and continue straight for approximately another 11km. This is a tarred road and takes about 15 minutes.
Continue to LIBRODI LODGE on your left where there is secure parking for your vehicle. Please wait here for your transfer. There is a bistro that is open from 07h30 to 17h00 daily and there are toilet facilities available.
You will transfer to a 4x4 vehicle and be driven through to Thonga Beach Lodge which takes approximately 1 hour.

FROM DURBAN

(King Shaka International Airport)

Estimated travel time (4 hrs)

Follow the exit signs out of the airport and head north on the N2 toll road in the direction of Emdloti/KwaDakuza (formerly Stanger) towards Empangeni/Eshowe/Richards Bay/Hluhluwe. Follow the N2 North to Hluhluwe. Take the P453/R22 (Hluhluwe) offramp and turn right over the highway towards Hluhluwe town. Proceed straight through the town until you reach the last (i.e. fourth) traffic circle. At the circle turn left (first exit) following the R22 / Sodwana Bay signpost. Continue for 1.3 km and turn right over the railway line on the R22 towards Sodwana Bay / Mbazwana.
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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.