

## RECOMMENDED ROUTES FOR GUESTS DRIVING TO THONGA BEACH LODGE IN THEIR OWN 4X4 VEHICLE



### FROM JOHANNESBURG

*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.

Continue on the R22 for 76 km to Mbazwana town.

Proceed straight through the first and second traffic circles. Do NOT turn right at the intersection next to the SuperSpar. Continue straight until the third traffic circle where you will turn right (third exit from the circle) onto the D1848. After approximately 1.3 km the tar road becomes a dirt road. Another 0.2 km further you will keep left and follow the D1848 sign.

Continue on the D1848 for approximately 12.2 km until you come to the iSimangaliso gate. Please note that this gate is currently unmanned. Lake Sibaya will be on your left at this point. From the gate continue straight on the D1848 for another 13.6 km through the coastal forest and Mbabizi community until you reach a "Y" junction. At this junction take a sharp right (120 degrees) and for 3.7 km follow the signs to the Thonga Beach Lodge / Mbabizi Campsite entrance gate. Once through the gate keep left to Thonga Beach Lodge and follow the road to our boom gate.

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### FROM DURBAN

*Estimated travel time (5 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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### FROM KOSI FOREST LODGE

*Estimated travel time (2 hrs)*

From Kosi Forest Lodge, make your way back to the P522. Turn left onto the P522 and continue straight until you reach the traffic circle. Take the first exit onto the R22. Continue for approximately 15km then turn left 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 Mbabizi, 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.

### Important Notes:

*There is very little cell phone signal along these routes. 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.*