

Thonga Beach

ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK
an isibindi *africa* lodge



Lodge information sheet
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

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FACT SHEET

NUMBER OF ROOMS	12
CONFIGURATION	1 Deluxe Ocean View - Honeymoon 1 Deluxe Ocean View - Family 3 Ocean View 5 Forest View 2 Forest View - Family
MAXIMUM GUESTS	24
MINIMUM STAY	2 nights year round 3 nights from 15 December - 15 January
CHILDREN	Yes (Maximum 6 children under 8 years). Dinners served separately
CHILDMINDING	Available by pre-arrangement
TRIPLES	1 child under 18 years may share with 2 adults
SPA	Yes
FUNCTION FACILITIES	No
WIFI	Yes - Wifi can be slow & intermittent due to satellite connection. 400mb free per day issued at start of stay. Additional data may be purchased
CELL PHONE COVERAGE	No
AIR CONDITIONING	Yes
FANS	Yes - Overhead
SWIMMING POOL	Yes x 2
ELECTRICITY	Yes - backed by generator
BATH	Deluxe Ocean View & Family rooms only
SHOWER	Yes
MOSQUITO NETS	Yes
SAFE & HAIR DRYER	Yes
TELEPHONES	No
LAUNDRY SERVICE	Yes - at additional charge
NO SMOKING POLICY	No smoking permitted indoors
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	Limited - 1 room only
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	10 metres
MALARIA	Low risk
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	13h00 / 10h00
CREDIT CARDS	Mastercard, Visa, Amex and Debit cards

WEATHER

MAY - SEPTEMBER: Temperature ranges from 10°C - 25°C. Sunny days with cool mornings and evenings. Sea temperatures between 18°C - 22°C
OCTOBER - APRIL: Temperature ranges from 20°C - 36°C. Days are hot & humid with occasional afternoon & evening thunderstorms.
 Sea temperatures between 21°C - 26°C

CLOTHING

Comfortable, casual & cool, swimwear, hats & sandals for the beach. All weather windbreaker & comfortable sturdy walking shoes. Smart casual wear for dinner.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Visit our website www.thongabeachlodge.co.za for more information.

ACTIVITIES



Wilderness beach
(unprotected bathing)



Turtle tracking (Nov-Feb)
(additional charge)



SCUBA diving
(additional charge)



Open Ocean Experience
(additional charge)



Whales in Winter (Jun-Sept)



Sundowners at Lake Sibaya



Spa
(additional charge)



Guided bird watching



Guided Snorkeling



Guided forest walks



Guided cultural tours



Kayaking on Lake Sibaya

MEAL TIMES

- BREAKFAST:** 07h00 - 10h30
- LUNCH:** 13h00 - 14h30
- AFTERNOON TEA:** 16h00
- DINNER** 19h30 - 21h00

HALAAL MEALS: Available on request
(to be booked in advance)

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- NOV - FEB :** Turtle breeding season
- APR - JUN :** Best weather

- DIVING**
- DEC - MAY :** Average visibility is 15-20 meters (Summer is the best time to dive)
- JUN - SEPT:** Average visibility is 10-15 meters

MAPS & DIRECTIONS

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	Mazengwenya 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:

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILED DIRECTIONS

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 Page 4.

TRAVELLING TIMES

THONGA BEACH LODGE	via Road	via Air/Road
Kosi Forest Lodge	2 hrs	-
Richards Bay	3 hrs	-
Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge	3 hrs 30 min	-
Durban (KSIA)	5 hrs 30 min	-
Johannesburg	8 hrs	-
Kruger National Park	10 hrs	2 hrs 45 min
Cape Town	-	7 hrs 30 min

MAPS & DIRECTIONS

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. Continue for 1.3 km and turn right over the railway line on the R22 towards Sodwana Bay / Mbazwana.

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FROM KOSI FOREST LODGE

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 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.

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FOR GUESTS REQUIRING A 4X4 TRANSFER TO THE LODGE

FROM JOHANNESBURG

(O.R Tambo International Airport)

Estimated travel time (8 hrs)

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/KwaDukuza (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. 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.

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Important Notes:

4x4 transfers must be booked 48 hours before arrival to ensure that there is a vehicle available.

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.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

Minimum Stay Policy

- 2 night minimum stay year round at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, Thonga Beach Lodge, Kosi Forest Lodge and Tsowa Safari Island.
- 3 night minimum stay from 15 December to 15 January at Thonga Beach Lodge.

Booking & Payment Terms

- In order to confirm your booking, a 50% deposit must be paid within 2 working days of making the booking.
- By confirming your booking and paying the deposit you also agree to our terms and conditions which then becomes binding.
- We reserve the right to cancel and release a booking if the 50% deposit is not paid within 2 working days.
- The balance of the booking is payable no later than 7 days prior to arrival at the lodge with all sundry and incidental charges incurred to be paid on departure.
- We adhere strictly to the cancellation policy as stipulated below due to the fact that we run small lodges in remote locations and cancellations, even of just two people, can have a significant effect on the operations of the lodges.
- Please note all family rooms carry a minimum charge of 2 adults and 1 child age 12.

Cancellation Policy

Applicable to all confirmed reservations, except groups

Cancellations must be received in writing via email to res@isibindi.co.za. Such written cancellation received:

- More than 60 days prior to the due date of arrival will attract a 10% cancellation fee of the full accommodation charge.
- 30 - 59 days prior to the due date of arrival will attract a 25% cancellation fee of the full accommodation charge.
- 7 - 29 days prior to the due date of arrival will attract a 50% cancellation fee of the full accommodation charge.
- Less than 7 days prior to the due date of arrival will attract a 90% cancellation fee of the full accommodation charge.

Bank Charges

- All bank deposits are to be received free of any bank charges or commissions.
- All credit card payments by agents for accommodation will have a 3% surcharge, except AMEX & DINERS which have a 5% surcharge.

Travel Insurance

It is the guest's responsibility to ensure that they have full comprehensive travel, medical and vehicle insurance. It is the guest's responsibility to ensure that their insurance covers any cancellation fees that may arise. Isibindi Africa Lodges will not accept responsibility for any losses incurred.

VAT & Levies

Rates include VAT. Rates exclude the Isibindi Foundation levy and park fees.

Specials & Discounts

No specials or discounts can be combined.

We look forward to welcoming you to Thonga Beach Lodge



OUR PORTFOLIO

explore even more... by visiting one of our other hidden gems

RHINO RIDGE SAFARI LODGE

www.rhinoridge.co.za

Experience a luxury safari in the Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park, situated in the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge is a private lodge in the park offering a chic alternative to the traditional park accommodation.

KOSI FOREST LODGE

www.kosiforestlodge.co.za

Kosi Forest Lodge is situated within iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa's first World Heritage Site, giving you the opportunity to experience exclusive, close encounters with the untouched African wilderness. The lodge is surrounded by untold biodiversity and beauty that you simply have to see for yourself.

TSOWA SAFARI ISLAND

www.tsowasafariisland.co.za

This is a surreal place, gently set apart from the busy world. The island is fringed by a beautiful forest, while a soft sand path leads inward to a cluster of century old baobabs. This is our safari island Tsowa, sensitively situated within the Zambezi National Park. A pioneer inspired camp placed on the river, seeped in luxury and considered space.



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