Our Activities: Makakatana Bay Lodge 2023

“Where in the world can you explore the magic and wonder of unspoiled beaches, vast wetlands, game drives, and an unforgettable boat cruise on an estuary?”

Welcome to the sacred family owned and run **Makakatana Bay Lodge**. We cannot wait to share our precious space and the **iSimangaliso Wetland Park**, World Heritage Site with you.

Magic and Wonder Safari’s

**We tailor make your safaris.**

Our full day safaris are included in the **Fully Inclusive** package. Guests must please advise in advance what day safari they would prefer to book if they only have one full day with us. The standard full day safari offered on a two night stay is the Boat Safari. If you only have two nights with us but would prefer to do the beach safari, please let us know in advance so that we can arrange this.

*We regret there are no private vehicles for game drives and that full day safaris are not offered on the day of arrival or the day of departure or on a 1 night stay.* Here is a suggested itinerary for four nights:

**FULLY INLCUSIVE RATE** includes the following safaris:

**Day 1: Afternoon Western Shores Wetland Safari Drive** (Departs: 15h30 Winter / 16h00 Summer)

On the day of arrival you can enjoy an afternoon wetland drive where you get a taste of this enchanting pristine park with the immense bird and wildlife, great and small, on our luxury open safari vehicles. You get to enjoy a drink under the magical colours of the sunset skies while absorbing sounds and smells of the night setting in. Sightings could include: giraffe, wildebeest, buffalo, zebra, hyena, waterbuck, genet, leopard, elephant and antelope.

**Day 2: Lake Wetland Boat Safari**

After breakfast you will enjoy a safari game drive through the western shores to the Makakatana boat where Warwick our skipper eagerly awaits. Enjoy a two hour leisurely cruise along Africa’s largest estuarine system on Lake St Lucia. You will see crocodile and lots of hippo, as well as birdlife (530 Species in the area). Afterwards, your guide sets up a picnic lunch served in the park before returning to the lodge.

**Day 3: Beach and Eastern Shores Safari**

After breakfast you will enjoy a leisurely safari game drive from the western shores through to the eastern shores to a pristine beach on the Indian Ocean iSimangaliso coastline where you can enjoy a swim, snorkel, and picnic lunch. After your sun charged day, you return back to the lodge with salt on your skin and windswept hair to be welcomed back for high tea.

**Day 4: A few other options if you stay longer**

An early morning start to drive 1h15 minutes to the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve, the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa, today known for its rich wildlife and conservation efforts. You stop for a breakfast picnic and seek out Africa's [big five game](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_five_game). Return to the lodge for a light lunch and enjoy an afternoon siesta or relax at the pool and enjoy the sounds of nature’s echos.

**OR** we would recommend doing a similar safari within the Wetland Park. Wake up with the birds and animals and enjoy the morning birdwatching and exploring the sounds and smells of the wetlands, followed by a bush breakfast. Return to the lodge by 11am.

**OR** just do a **morning wetland game drive** and an **afternoon game drive** or **Night Drive**.

This also allows time during the day for relaxing and enjoying the surrounds of the Lodge.

**Day 5: Morning Western Shores Wetland Safari Drive**

Before we bid you farewell there is a morning western shores game drive for you to enjoy the wakeup calls of the park before breakfast and departure. Depart for drive 05h30 in Summer / 06h00 in Winter– return by 8am.

See our website for more [www.makakatana.com](http://www.makakatana.com) **|**We can’t wait to welcome you to the wonder and magic of Makakatana safaris!Please note that safari times change from Summer to Winter.

All activities are weather permitting. In high winds or dangerous weather conditions that are beyond our control and do not allow us to operate the boat or access the beach, alternative activities will be offered if possible.