



**Kosi Forest**  
| SIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK  
an isibindi *africa* lodge



*Lodge information sheet*  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

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# FACT SHEET

NUMBER OF ROOMS	8 Canvas & Thatch Cabins
CONFIGURATION	1 Double Room 5 Twin Rooms 2 Family Suites
MAXIMUM GUESTS	20
MINIMUM STAY	2 nights
CHILDREN	Yes (Children served dinner before adults)
CHILDMINDING	Available by pre-arrangement
TRIPLES	No
SPA	No
FUNCTION FACILITIES	No
WIFI	Yes - only in main lounge area. Wifi can be slow & intermittent due to satellite connection. 50MB free per day issued at start of stay. Additional data may be purchased
CELL PHONE COVERAGE	Yes - limited
AIR CONDITIONING	No
FANS	Yes - wall mounted
SWIMMING POOL	Yes
ELECTRICITY	Yes - limited generator power/solar
BATH	Yes - outdoor
SHOWER	Yes - indoor & outdoor
MOSQUITO NETS	Yes
SAFE	Yes
HAIR DRYER	No
TELEPHONES	No
LAUNDRY SERVICE	Limited - at additional charge
NO SMOKING POLICY	No smoking permitted indoors
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	No
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	5 - 20 metres
MALARIA	Low risk
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	12h00 / 10h00
CREDIT CARDS	All accepted. No 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 - 38°C. Days are hot & humid with occasional afternoon & evening thunderstorms. Sea temperatures between 21°C - 26°C

## CLOTHING

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

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**CLICK HERE** to view our Health & Safety protocols or visit our website [www.kosiforestlodge.co.za](http://www.kosiforestlodge.co.za) for more information.

## ACTIVITIES



Boat trips on Kosi Lakes  
(additional charge)



Turtle tracking  
(15 Nov - 15 Jan)  
(additional charge)  
not suitable for children under 8 years



Guided Canoeing on Kosi Lakes  
(minimum age of 8 years)



Bird watching  
(special birds often found in the area include the elusive Pels Fishing Owl, Narina Trogon & African Finfoot)



Sundowners at Pool Deck overlooking the lake



Guided Raffia Forest Walks



Swimming Pool



Day trip and snorkeling to Kosi Bay Mouth  
(additional charge)

## MEAL TIMES

- BREAKFAST: 08h00 - 10h00
- LUNCH: 13h00
- DINNER: 19h30 - 21h00

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

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

**15 NOVEMBER - 15 JANUARY :**

Turtle breeding season

**MARCH - JUNE :**

Best weather

# MAPS & DIRECTIONS

A 4x4 vehicle is required to get to Kosi Forest Lodge. We offer twice daily 4x4 transfers from Manguzi. Guests requiring a 4x4 transfer will meet a representative from Kosi Forest Lodge at the Total gas station in the main street of Manguzi and then follow our representative to a secure parking area in town where they will leave their vehicle. The transfer is in an open 4x4 vehicle to Kosi Forest Lodge. Pickup times are 12h00 or 16h00 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° 01'43.00"   E 32° 47'13.00"
ACCESS BY ROAD	4x4 access required Transfers IN @ 12h00 and 16h00   Transfers OUT @ 10h00   No late transfers OUT available <b>4x4 transfers must be booked 48 hours before arrival to ensure that there is a vehicle available</b>
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 6 hrs
NEAREST DOMESTIC AIRPORT	Richards Bay Airport (RCB)   Travelling time 4 hrs



## Important Notes:

### SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILED DIRECTIONS

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

## TRAVELLING TIMES

KOSI FOREST LODGE	via Road	via Air/Road
Thonga Beach Lodge	2 hrs	-
Richards Bay	4 hrs	-
Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park	3 hrs	-
Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge	4 hrs	-
Durban (KSIA)	6 hrs	-
Johannesburg	8 hrs	-
Kruger National Park	10 hrs	2 hrs 45 min
Cape Town	-	8 hrs

# MAPS & DIRECTIONS

## Recommended Route

### FOR GUESTS DRIVING IN THEIR OWN 4X4 VEHICLE

#### FROM JOHANNESBURG

(O.R Tambo International Airport)

Estimated travel time (8 hrs)

Travel to Ermelo and follow signs onto the N2 to Piet Retief (eMkhondo). Follow the N2 to Piet Retief and then to Pongola. From Pongola continue on the N2 South for approximately 52 km. Turn left on the road to Jozini. Continue 20 km to Jozini.

Drive straight through the town of Jozini and immediately on exiting the town turn left towards the "Coastal Forest Reserve and KwaNgwanasi" (signposted), this road will take you over the Jozini Dam wall.

Proceed for 38 km until you reach a T-junction where you will turn right towards "KwaNgwanasi". Proceed for another 44 km past the Tembe Elephant Park until you reach a large traffic circle.

At the traffic circle continue straight (second exit) following the sign to KwaNgwanasi / Farazela Border.

From the traffic circle travel 21km and then turn right onto the D1843 which is marked by a small green sign post and a police station badge emblem. Note that both these signs are quite small so you need to be alert and look out for them. Follow the D1843 which bends right at the first intersection and just before the police station turn left onto a gravel road. Follow the signs to Kosi Forest Lodge for approximately 9kms.

#### FROM DURBAN

(King Shaka International Airport)

Estimated travel time (5 hrs)

Follow the exit signs out of the airport and head north on the N2 toll in the direction of KwaDukuza (formerly Stanger) then Empangeni / Richards Bay / Mtubatuba / Hluhluwe. Travel on the N2 for 230km from the airport and then take the Hluhluwe and Sodwana Bay offramp. Turn right over the highway bridge 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 straight on the R22 for 124 km which will take you past Mbazwana & Mseleni until you reach a large traffic circle. At the traffic circle turn right (third exit) following the sign to KwaNgwanasi / Farazela Border. From the traffic circle travel 21km and then turn right onto the D1843 which is marked by a small green sign post and a police station badge emblem. Note that both these signs are quite small so you need to be alert and look out for them. Follow the D1843 which bends right at the first intersection and just before the police station turn left onto a gravel road. Follow the signs to Kosi Forest Lodge for approximately 9kms.

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At the traffic circle continue straight (second exit) following the sign to KwaNgwanasi / Farazela Border. Drive 23 km into the town of KwaNgwanasi (also known as Manguzi) and look out for the Total Garage complex on your left-hand side.

A Kosi Forest Lodge representative will meet you at this service station and drive you to a secure car park not far away.

The trip to the lodge from here will be approximately 25mins in an open 4x4 vehicle. Please pre-book which pick up time you require: 12h00 or 16h00.

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## Important Notes:

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

There are many speed bumps through and after Hluhluwe and Jozini. The routes often have cattle wandering across the roads and some of the signs have fallen down so we advise driving slowly and cautiously and strongly advise against traveling after dark.

#### GPS CO-ORDINATES:

KOSI FOREST LODGE : S27° 01' 43.000" E32° 47' 13.000" | TOTAL GARAGE MANGUZI : S26° 59' 13.138" E32° 45' 24.249"

# 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.

## 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 at the lodge prior to departure from the lodge together with all sundry and incidental charges incurred at the lodge.
- Please note that only cash and credit cards are accepted at the lodges. Debit cards are not accepted at the lodges for making payments.
- 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.

## 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.

## Cancellation Policy

### CANCELLATION POLICY FOR **NON COVID-19 REASONS**

*Applicable to all confirmed reservations, except groups*

Cancellations must be received in writing via email to [res@isibindi.co.za](mailto: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.

### CANCELLATION POLICY FOR **COVID-19 REASONS**

*Applicable to all confirmed reservations, except groups*

Valid cancellation must be received in writing via email to [res@isibindi.co.za](mailto:res@isibindi.co.za). Such written cancellation received:

- More than 48 hours prior to the due date of arrival will receive 100% refund of the full accommodation charge.
- Within 48 hours of the due date of arrival will receive 90% refund of the full accommodation charge. The balance of 10% will be held as a credit against future bookings.
- Should a guest cancel for any of the COVID-19 reasons stipulated below during their stay, they will receive a credit for 50% of the unused nights, to be used against future bookings.
- If a guest cannot take up their booking due to a COVID-19 reason as stipulated below they may postpone their booking for up to 2 years from date of original travel. The original rate charged will be honored provided the booking falls within the same season. If a booking for a low season period is postponed to a high season period, the guest will be charged the difference between the low season and high season rate as at the time of the initial booking. 3rd party charges e.g. park fees and road transfers will be charged at the rate as at the date of travel. Services provided by 3rd parties may be subject to the cancellation policy of the service provider.

### ACCEPTED COVID-19 REASONS FOR CANCELLATION

The COVID-19 cancellation policy will apply should a guest or someone in their immediate family:

- Contract COVID-19.
- Be prohibited from travelling to our lodges by the relevant government due to COVID-19 regulations.
- Be advised by a medical practitioner not to travel due to the risk imposed by COVID-19 and pre-existing medical conditions of the guest.

*We reserve the right to request proof of a positive COVID-19 test result and/or any reasonable evidence and supporting documentation including medical certificates for any of the abovementioned reasons.*

## 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kosi Forest Lodge



## OUR PORTFOLIO

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

### RHINO RIDGE SAFARI LODGE

[www.rhinoridge.co.za](http://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 the only private lodge in the park offering a chic alternative to the traditional park accommodation.

### THONGA BEACH LODGE

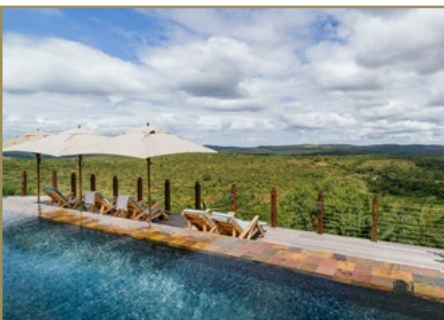
[www.thongabeachlodge.co.za](http://www.thongabeachlodge.co.za)

South Africa's most pristine wilderness beach lodge awaits you on the azure shores of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Situated deep in this wilderness of white beaches, blazing corals and freshwater lakes lies South Africa's premier beach destination.

### TSOWA SAFARI ISLAND

[www.tsowasafariisland.co.za](http://www.tsowasafariisland.co.za)

"Tsowa" means 'new beginnings', which is what you will find on this pristine island in the middle of the mighty Zambezi River. A surreal place where the whispers of this majestic river are broken only by occasional calls of the African fish eagle. In a camp fringed by a beautiful forest, a soft path leads to a cluster of century old baobabs.



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