

SELF-DRIVE DIRECTIONS TO ROCKTAIL CAMP





### TRAVELLING TIMES IN HOURS (APPROXIMATE)

1.5 hrs	4 hrs		7 hrs					2 hrs	Sodwana
40 min	4.5 - 5	2 hrs	9 - 10 hrs	2 hrs	2.5 hrs	2.5 hrs	3.5 hrs	Rocktail Camp	69 km
3 hrs	2 hrs						Richards Bay Airport	236 km	
2 hrs	3 hrs		6 - 7 hrs			Phinda		115 km	
2 hrs	4 hrs		4.5 hrs		Pongola			197 km	
1.5 hrs	3.5 hrs		5.5 hrs	Jozini				126 km	
8 - 9 hrs		6 hrs	OR Tambo Airport (JHB)	465 km	421 km	600 km		606 km	635 km
1.5 hrs	2.5 - 3 hrs	Hluhluwe	530				100 km	137 km	
4 - 4.5 hrs	King Shaka Airport (DUR)	250 km		328 km	355 km	290 km	187 km	371 km	355 km
Coastal Cashews	350 km	116 km	585 km	105 km	176 km	94 km	215 km	21 km	48 km

### DISTANCE (APPROXIMATE KILOMETRES)

### SWAZILAND TRAVELLING TIMES (APPROXIMATE HOURS)

40 min	5 - 6 hrs	4.5 - 5 hrs	4.5 - 5.5 hrs	6 - 7 hrs	Rocktail Camp
5 - 6 hrs	hrs 1	2.5 hrs	2 hrs	Piggs Peak	126 km
3.5 - 4.5 hrs	1.5 hrs	1 hrs	Hlane Royal NP	130 km	305 km
3.5 - 4 hrs	1.5 hrs	Mkhaya Game Reserve	48 km	167 km	283 km
4 - 5 hrs	Ezulwini Valley	100 km	100 km	74 km	348 km
Coastal Cashews	327 km	262 km	284 km	395 km	21 km

### SWAZILAND DISTANCES (APPROXIMATE KILOMETRES)



The approximate Swaziland travelling times to Coastal Cashews or Rocktail Camp include a 15 to 20 minute stop at the Golela Border Post and are based on the Jozini route.

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The Golela Border Post is open from 07:00 and closes at 22:00 – opening / closing times are subject to change without prior notice.

### **SELF-DRIVE GENERAL INFORMATION:**

You are responsible for all required paperwork and relevant costs.

Please ensure that your mobile phones are set up with International Roaming from your country of origin (to both dial out and to receive calls or texts) to facilitate ease of communications in the event of an emergency, while travelling in South Africa. Should you choose to purchase and use a local SIM card within your mobile phone, this will not apply.

All directions provided are correct to the best of our knowledge. Due to circumstances beyond our control, signage may disappear, and roads may become damaged, resulting in unforeseen detours or delays.

Prior to departing on safari, please provide Maputaland Travel with the relevant arrival and departure details, as well as a contact number.

Should you not arrive at Rocktail Camp due to losing your way, becoming stranded or experiencing technical difficulties with your vehicle, it is not the responsibility of Maputaland Travel to recover or search for you. We will do everything possible to facilitate the hiring of someone to recover and/or assist you. All costs incurred will be for your own account and Maputaland Travel cannot be held liable for any delays or missed services.

Maputaland Travel will not accept any liability, responsibility or claim for compensation, for any incident or accident involving you, your vehicle and/or any third party. If hiring a car, requirements may vary depending on country and/or car-hire company. We highly recommend that you are covered by comprehensive travel insurance as per our booking terms and conditions.

### **IMPORTANT ACCESS INFORMATION:**

Coastal Cashews is the meeting/parking point for all guests requiring transfers to and from the camp. From here it is an approximately 40-minute drive to the Manzenzwenya park access gate into the Maputaland Coastal Forest Reserve and Rocktail Camp. This gate opens at 06h00 and closes at 18h00 – it is not possible to enter the Reserve, nor exit from the Reserve, outside of these operating hours. This gate is under stringent control by the National Parks Board and Rocktail Camp has no control over this access point. Due to park regulations, there can be no movement of vehicles (transfer vehicles or self-drive vehicles) outside of these times.

- The scheduled complimentary transfers from Coastal Cashews to Rocktail Camp are at the following times: 10h30, 13h00 & 15h00.
- If making use of a private transfer (costs apply), the latest transfer departure from Coastal Cashews is at 17h00.



Should you be travelling on a self-drive basis to either the camp (4x4 vehicles) or to the Coastal Cashews pick-up point (2x4 vehicles), you need to have reached Pongola by 15h30 and Hluhluwe or Jozini by 16h00 at the latest, as it is an approximate 2.5 and 2 hour drive respectively to the park gate.

Should you be delayed for any reason or reach Pongola after 15h30 and Hluhluwe/Jozini after 16h00, there will be insufficient time to reach the park gate and the only option is to turn back and arrange alternative accommodation for the night.

For Pongola please contact the White Elephant Lodge (Tel: 034 413 2489), for Hluhluwe the Protea Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris (Tel: 035 562 4000) and for Jozini the Jozini Tiger Lodge (Tel: 035 572 1020).

Please note that the vehicle at the Coastal Cashews pick-up point will wait for approximately 15 minutes. If the camp has not been contacted regarding a late arrival, the camp vehicle will depart. Another vehicle will be sent when available at an extra cost.

- All self-drivers to camp must have a confirmed reservation prior to arriving in camp.
- A nominal iSimangaliso Park fee of ZAR 27.00 per adult and ZAR 16.00 per child (up to 12 years of age) per entry applies for all guests and this fee must be settled directly at the camp. Park fees are subject to change at Park Authorities discretion.
- A Community Conservation Levy of ZAR 5.00 per person applies and must be paid direct in camp. Rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- For guests who self-drive to Rocktail Camp directly and do not require the scheduled transfers to/from Coastal Cashews, an additional ZAR 27.00 per vehicle per entry is payable directly at the camp. There is no vehicle fee applicable for guests flying directly into the camp airstrip or those that fly into Richard's Bay Airport on a scheduled commercial flight and are then transferred by a touring company to Coastal Cashews.
- Neither Maputaland Travel nor the staff at Rocktail Camp is responsible for self-drive guests reaching camp. Accordingly, we strongly advise all self-drive guests to ensure they have all information, equipment and necessities to reach their destination prior to departure.
- If travelling South (Phinda), it is advisable to fill up with fuel at Mbazwana. If travelling north, it is advisable to fill up with fuel at Hluhluwe. Please be aware that some of the areas you travel through may not have cell phone coverage. After Hluhluwe (when travelling northwards) cell phone signal can be intermittent and difficult to access - especially once away from the main roads. At Rocktail Camp specifically, there is Vodacom, Cell C and MTN coverage although this may also be erratic.
- Once having turned off the N2, please drive carefully as livestock animals are a hazard on the roads.



## **2X4 VEHICLES:**

- Due to poor road conditions, 2x4 vehicles cannot drive directly to camp but should park at Coastal Cashews. The parking area is fenced, guarded and locked at night however all vehicles parked at Coastal Cashews are done so at the owner's risk.
- All 2x4 self-drive guests must advise reservations which arrival and departure transfer times ex-Coastal Cashews they will be using, at least 72 hours prior to arrival in camp, to avoid the cost of a private transfer.
- GPS Coordinates for Coastal Cashews: S27° 12' 35.97" and E32° 35' 24.94"
- 4x4 Vehicles:
- 4x4 self-drivers may drive directly in to camp if they wish.
- Please follow the directions in this document.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

### **1. SELF-DRIVE FROM JOHANNESBURG / PRETORIA TO ROCKTAIL CAMP VIA HLUHLUWE:**

- From Johannesburg take the N17 toll road towards Springs / Brakpan / Boksburg.
- From Pretoria take the N1 which leads to the N17 towards Springs / Brakpan / Boksburg.
- In Ermelo take the N2 to Piet Retief, Pongola and south towards Hluhluwe town.
- The N2 takes you past the Jozini Dam and the town of Mkuze.
- Continue on the N2 as far as the turnoff to "Hluhluwe" and take this exit which is approximately 48 kilometres from the turnoff to Mkuze.
- Take the "Hluhluwe" off ramp and turn left towards the town of Hluhluwe.
- Beware of traffic calming humps from now on.
- Drive through the town itself, crossing over 3 traffic circles and following signs (green and white) indicating "R22 Sodwana Bay". At the fourth traffic circle turn left and travel for approximately 1.4 kilometres. Turn right over the railway line.
- Follow this road for approximately 78 kilometres (signposted "Mbazwana/Sodwana Bay") until you reach the town of Mbazwana – go straight over the first traffic circle.
- Continue for another 500 metres and go straight over the second traffic circle.
- Passing through the village of Mbazwana with a small shopping centre on the right-hand side.
- Go straight over the third traffic circle (IGNORE the signs indicating Jozini to the left and Sodwana Bay to the right at this point).
- Continue straight along this tarred road for approximately 30 kilometres (there are green and white signs indicating "R22 Kwangwanase & Farazella"). Please be aware of the many traffic calming humps on the R22.
- After approximately 30 kilometres you will see a brown sign with white writing indicating "Coastal Forest Reserve" as well as a sign reading "D1849". There is also a brown & white "Info Lapa" signboard – turn right here. You are now on a gravel road (there are also green signboards from here with yellow writing indicating "Coastal Forest Reserve").
- Drive time is approximately 9 hours (PLEASE NOTE: any stops, delays, road works, etc. can increase drive time up to 10 hours or more).



#### **4X4 (4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES):**

- Immediately after the right turn on to the gravel road, you will see a brown signboard with white writing that says “Manzengwenya 26, Mabibi 32” Continue straight on this gravel road for about 26 kilometres.
- Follow the brown signboards with white writing indicating “Coastal Forest” as well as small white signboards with blue writing saying “Rocktail”.
- After approximately 18 kilometres, turn left after the brown tourism sign with white writing reading “Coastal Forest Reserve, Manzengwenya, Rocktail, Black Rock” (straight goes to Mabibi).
- After approximately 50 metres, veer to the right and join up with another sand road. There is a white and blue “Rocktail” sign pointing you in the right direction and there is also a brown and white sign saying “Coastal Forest”
- Continuing on this road, you will cross another intersection after about 6 kilometres. This is marked “D1848”; there is also a white and blue “Rocktail” sign. Continue straight over this intersection and after 1.5 kilometres you will arrive at the Coastal Forest Reserve gate at Manzengwenya.
- Once through the Manzengwenya gate follow the tar road keeping right, to the signs indicating “Beach Camp Reception” and turn right at this point.

#### **2. SELF-DRIVE FROM JOHANNESBURG / PRETORIA TO ROCKTAIL CAMP VIA JOZINI**

- From Johannesburg take the N17 toll road towards Springs / Brakpan / Boksburg.
- From Pretoria follow the N1 which leads to the N17 towards Springs / Brakpan / Boksburg.
- There are two toll gates. Per vehicle type costs (standard sedan, motorcycle, truck, etc.) are subject to change without prior notification.
- Carry on with the N17 to Bethal (+/-60 km).
- In Bethal follow the signs “Ermelo”; continue on the N17 to Ermelo (approximately 55 km).
- Once in Ermelo look for the sign “N2 Piet Retief” on the right and carry on with this road (N2) until you get to the town of Piet Retief (approximately 100km).
- From Piet Retief carry on straight through the town following the “N2” towards the town of Pongola (+/-100 km). Just before Pongola you will see a lot of settlements and houses. Please drive with caution as it is not unusual to see pedestrians and animals on the road.
- Once in Pongola, drive straight through the town staying on the “N2”. We suggest you stop in Pongola for fuel and any shopping..
- About 64 km after Pongola (N2), you will see a sign on your left-hand side indicating “Jozini”. Turn left here. The Jozini Lake will be on your left-hand side (+/-22 km) to the town of Jozini.
- Continue with this road towards the mountains and up the mountain pass. Once over the mountain, there are a lot of bends going down towards the town of Jozini. Negotiate these bends carefully.
- Once in Jozini, carry on straight through the town until you get to a stop street (stop sign). As Jozini is extremely busy, we recommend you don't stop there.



- At the stop sign, you take the road to your left, go over the Jozini (Pongola Poort) dam wall and carry on straight with this road for approximately 34 km. From here on, be careful of people and farm animals walking on the road.
- You will get to a T-junction with a Petrol Station on your right. Here you turn right.
- Carry on with this road for +/-36 km, passing Ndumo Game Reserve on your left and later also the Tembe Elephant Park on your left. Pay attention to a few unmarked speed humps and still be on the lookout for pedestrians and animals on the road.
- Continue on this road until you get to a traffic circle or roundabout (14 km).
- Go around the circle and turn right onto the R22 towards "Hluhluwe". Go straight on the second roundabout. On this stretch of road there are a lot of speed humps (15 km).
- Continue until you see a big brown sign on your left indicating "Coastal Forest Reserve". Here you turn left onto a dirt/sand road (D1849).
  - For guests parking their vehicles at Coastal Cashews, please look for a white wall with the name "Coastal Cashews" on the right-hand side after about five minutes' drive on this dirt/sand road (4.5 km).
  - For self-drive guests with their own 4x4 vehicles: Once on the dirt/sand road follow the grey signposts showing "Rocktail Camp" for approximately 25 km towards the Main Gate of the Reserve. Follow the Rocktail signs to the Camp parking area.
- Guests wanting to sleep over en route will find good Bed and Breakfast accommodation on the main road in towns such as Ermelo, Piet Retief and Pongola.
- Keep to the speed limit as Traffic Police are always monitoring the roads.
- Give yourself ample time for this journey, about 8 hours, as there are a lot of speed humps, animals and pedestrians on the roads.

### **3. SELF-DRIVE FROM DURBAN / RICHARDS BAY TO ROCKTAIL CAMP:**

- From Durban follow the N2 direction north (Richards Bay / Empangeni signs) – drive for approximately 438 kilometres until you get to the "Hluhluwe" turnoff.
- From Richards Bay follow the N2 direction north – drive for approximately 101 kilometres until you get to the "Hluhluwe" turnoff. Follow the N2 north
- Take the "Hluhluwe" off ramp and turn right over the freeway towards the town of Hluhluwe.
- Beware of traffic calming humps from now on.
- Drive through the town itself cross over three traffic circles and follow signs (green and white) indicating "R22 Sodwana Bay". At the fourth traffic circle turn left and travel for approximately 1.4 kilometres. Turn right over the railway line onto the R22. Please be aware of the many traffic calming humps on R22.
- Follow this road (R22) for approximately 78 kilometres sign posted "Mbazwana/Sodwana Bay" until you reach the town of Mbazwana – go straight over the first traffic circle.



- Continue for another 500 metres and go straight over the second traffic circle.
- Passing through the village of Mbazwana with a small shopping centre on the right-hand side.
- Go straight over the third traffic circle (IGNORE the signs indicating Jozini to the left and Sodwana Bay to the right at this point).
- Continue straight along this tarred road for approximately 30 kilometres (there are green and white signs indicating “R22 Kwangwanase & Farazella”).
- After approximately 30 kilometres you will see a sign indicating “Coastal Forest Reserve” as well as a sign reading “D1849” – Turn tight here. You are now on a gravel road.

#### **2X4 (ORDINARY VEHICLE):**

- Travel for approximately 5 kilometres at which point you will see a signboard and entrance to Coastal Cashews on your right-hand side. Turn right here and enter through the gate to the farm COASTAL CASHEWS, where a Rocktail Camp representative will meet you.
- Please see General Information above for details regarding transfers from Coastal Cashews to Rocktail Camp.

#### **4X4 (4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES):**

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- Follow the brown signboards with white writing that indicate “Coastal Forest” as well as small white signboards with blue writing saying “Rocktail”.
- After approximately 18 kilometres turn left after the brown tourism sign with white writing reading “Coastal Forest Reserve, Manzengwenya, Rocktail, Black Rock” (straight goes to Mabibi). After approximately 50 meters veer half right and join up with another sand road. There is a white & blue “Rocktail” sign pointing you in the right direction there is also a brown and white sign here indicating “Coastal Forest”.
- Continuing on this road, you will cross another intersection after about 6 kilometres. This is marked D1848, there is also a white and blue Rocktail sign pointing you in the right direction. Continue straight over this intersection and after 1½ kilometres you will arrive at the Coastal Forest Reserve gate at Manzengwenya.
- Once through the Manzengwenya gate follow the tar road keeping right, to the signs indicating “Beach Camp Reception” and turn right at this point.

