

ROCKTAIL CAMP

RATE BASIS

Full Board – includes accommodation, all meals, activities as specified as included for all guests, laundry, scheduled transfers between the camp and Coastal Cashews, 15% VAT and Satour Tourism Levy. Excluded from the rate are all flights, all drinks, visas, compulsory insurance, all relevant entry and departure government taxes, all personal purchases, gratuities, optional extra activities, pre- and post-safari tours, park fees, conservation levy and meals or accommodation before or after the safari.

LOCATION

- Located in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and Maputaland Coastal Forest Reserve in northern KwaZulu-Natal.
- Midway between Kosi Bay to the north and Sodwana Bay to the south.

ACCESS

Scheduled Vehicle Transfer to/from Richards Bay Airport to Rocktail Camp

Rocktail Camp no longer offers road transfer services to/from Richards Bay Airport. Please note that this service can be booked (subject to availability) and paid for directly with Shaka Zulu Tours and Transfers (www.shakatours.com / +27 (031) 368 6588) or a different company as desired.

The drive time is approximately 3.0 hours each way, between Richards Bay and Coastal Cashews (with an approximate 40- to 60-minute drive, each way, between Coastal Cashews and Rocktail Camp), and the arrival/departure times are as follows:

- Pick-up Richards Bay Airport at 15h00
- Drop-off Richards Bay Airport at 13h30
- Departing Rocktail Camp/Coastal Cashews at 09h30

Pick-up and drop-off point for all transfers is Coastal Cashews. Guests are then transferred to/from camp at no extra charge based on scheduled times.

Scheduled Vehicle Transfer to/from King Shaka International Airport (Durban) to Rocktail Camp

Rocktail Camp will no longer offer road transfer services to/from King Shaka International Airport (Durban, South Africa). Please note that this service can be booked (subject to availability) and paid for directly with Shaka Zulu Tours and Transfers. Whether guests happen to overnight in Durban or require transfers from the airport off a scheduled commercial flight, arrangements will need to be made directly with Shaka Zulu Tours and Transfers to our pick-up and drop-off point at Coastal Cashews. The camp will, in turn, handle the complimentary transfer to/from Coastal Cashews within the scheduled transfer times only. Any transfers, ex-Coastal Cashews, outside of these times will be on a private basis and at an additional cost. Please consult with Maputaland Travel for further details. All arrangements are to be made directly with Shaka Tours and Transfers or with a different transfer company as desired.



The latest departure time from King Shaka International Airport (Durban, South Africa) would be 10:30 to allow for the approximate 4- to 4.5-hour drive to Coastal Cashews to meet our complimentary 15h00 scheduled transfer time to the camp. Should a private transfer be required from Coastal Cashews (costs apply), with a representative from Rocktail Camp, the latest arrival time would be 17h00 to be able to access the Maputaland Coastal Forest Reserve as the Manzengwenya Park access gate which closes at 18h00.

SELF-DRIVE BASIS

Approximate driving times to/from Coastal Cashews (no stops or other variables like weather, traffic, etc. taken into consideration):

- Durban Airport +/- 5 hours
- Richards Bay +/- 3 - 3.5 hours
- O.R. Tambo International Airport +/- 9 - 10 hours

For Coastal Cashews to Rocktail Camp a further approximate 40 to 60 minutes needs to be added to the above driving times. Making the total drive time from Richards Bay to Rocktail Camp at approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

All self-drive guests must have a confirmed reservation prior to arriving in camp. As Rocktail Camp is situated inside the Maputaland Coastal Forest Reserve, guests are welcome to participate in the daily scheduled camp activities. Alternatively, guests may do their own self-drive activities in accordance with park regulations.

Self-drive guests with their own 4x4 vehicles may drive directly into Rocktail Camp. Parking in camp at own risk.

Guests travelling in 2x4 vehicles, however, must make use of our scheduled transfers to/from camp, utilising Coastal Cashews as the pick-up and drop-off point. While the parking area at Coastal Cashews is fenced, guarded and secured at night, please note that all vehicles parked here are at the driver's own risk. There is no extra charge if scheduled transfers are booked in advance.

The scheduled transfer times are as follows:

- From Coastal Cashews to the camp at 10h30, 13h00 and 15h00 daily.
- From the camp to Coastal Cashews at 09h30, 12h00 and 14h00 daily.

Please note that the transfer vehicle will wait for approximately 15 minutes and if the lodge has not been contacted regarding a late arrival the lodge vehicle will depart. Another vehicle will be sent when available at an extra cost.

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. Any transfers outside of these times or guests arriving without a confirmed Coastal Cashews scheduled transfer booked 72 hours prior to travel, will be charged the private transfer fee direct at camp should a pick-up and drop-off be required.

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The Manzengwenya Park access gate into the Maputaland Coastal Forest Reserve is open from 06h00 and closes at 18h00, daily. It is not possible to enter the Reserve, nor exit from the Reserve, outside of these operating hours. Due to park regulations, there can be no movement of vehicles (transfer vehicles or self-drive vehicles) outside of these times.

This gate is under stringent control by the National Parks Board and Rocktail Camp, therefore, has no control over this access point. Should guests be delayed for any reason, the only option is to turn back and arrange alternative accommodation for the night. The worst-case scenario will result in an evening spent sleeping in the vehicle (in the bush) causing further repercussions on the journey. In order to avoid such circumstances, guests travelling on a self-drive basis to either the camp (4x4 vehicles) or the Coastal Cashews meeting point/parking point for pick-up (2x4 vehicles) need to have reached Hluhluwe or Jozini by 16:00, at the latest, as it is an approximate 2-hour drive from there to the park gate.

Should guests reach Hluhluwe or Jozini after 16:00, there will be insufficient time to reach the park gate and alternative accommodation will need to be considered for the night. For the Hluhluwe route, we recommend the Protea Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris and for the Jozini route, we recommend the White Elephant Lodge or Jozini Tiger Lodge.

All guests opting to self-drive to Rocktail Camp must supply Maputaland Travel with contact details, plus departure point and proposed route, in order for the camp staff (if needed) to assist should guests not arrive at the estimated time. It is vital that guests are provided with, and careful note is taken of, the self-drive directions provided by Maputaland Travel as it is not possible to rely solely on a GPS device due to the nature and conditions of the access points/road conditions within the park.

A nominal iSimangaliso Park fee per person 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.

For guests who self-drive to Rocktail Camp directly and do not require the scheduled transfers to/from Coastal Cashews, an additional fee 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.

Please note the GPS Coordinates for Coastal Cashews: S27° 12' 35.97" E32° 35' 24.94"

As the area is remote, we recommend guests travel with a mobile phone. Please note, however, that not all areas have mobile phone coverage and after Hluhluwe (when travelling northwards) signal is intermittent and difficult to access (once away from the main roads, generally only Vodacom users will have reception). At Rocktail Camp specifically, there is only Vodacom coverage and no MTN or Cell C signal. Please contact Maputaland Travel for further details.

Closer to the time of travel, we recommend that you contact Maputaland Travel with regards to road conditions which may be affected by seasonal changes, e.g. high rains.

FLY-IN BASIS

Rocktail Camp is accessible by air. Either by flying directly into Manzengwenya Airstrip by private charter or via scheduled flights into Richards Bay and a road transfer to camp.

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AIRSTRIP DETAILS

Airstrip Name:	Manzengwenya Airstrip
Duration to Camp:	Approximately 10-minute drive into camp
Airstrip Coordinates:	S27° 15' 20" Latitude E32° 45' 11" Longitude
These GPS coordinates are for the purposes of locating and plotting our airstrips on Google Earth only.	
Altitude/Elevation:	+/- 100 feet ASL
Runway Length:	900 metres
Runway Heading:	01/19
Airstrip Surface:	Tarred
Airstrip Services:	Rocktail Camp

AIRCRAFT TYPE:

Airstrip is restricted to "At Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command discretion" to operations for aircraft types having maximum certified take-off weight (MTOW) of 5 700kg or less. For more detailed information, please contact your travel consultant.

The Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command needs to sign our Indemnity, Waiver and Disclaimer policy for authorization to land at our airstrips. In addition, the Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command is required to acknowledge the preferred supplier and self-fly-in information notice. Please consult your travel consultant as all procedures need to be finalized in advance.

Maputaland Travel makes no representation whatsoever regarding the suitability of the aerodrome, its safety and/or its fitness for purposes of use by any type of aircraft under any conditions. Maputaland Travel warrants that it will make enquiries with the relevant Aviation Authorities regarding the suitability of any aerodrome for any particular type of aircraft and activity. Any information provided to Maputaland Travel shall not amount to or imply a representation by Maputaland Travel as to suitability or fitness for purpose.

HABITAT AND WILDLIFE

ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK – ROCKTAIL BAY

Rocktail Bay is situated in Maputaland on KwaZulu-Natal's north-eastern seaboard, a diverse region of forested dunes, wetlands, sandy beaches, woodlands and warm seas. It lies within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, one of South Africa's World Heritage Sites which spans a range of ecological zones. Situated offshore is the sanctuary of the Maputaland Marine Reserve which offers extraordinary diving and snorkelling encounters with prolific marine life, spectacular coral landscapes, and dolphins and whales.

Few sections of the South African coastline are as unspoilt and secluded, and the area is known for its superb, pristine dive spots as well as the loggerhead and leatherback turtles that come to lay their eggs and hatch on the beaches. The land is a low-lying coastal plain, lined with ancient coastal dunes that are considered to be amongst the tallest vegetated dunes in the world; these are swathed in lush green forest with a variety of animals, birds and plant life that provide a natural counterpoint to the bushveld. Common reedbuck frequent the marshes and grasslands, red duiker live in the forest areas, hippo are found in freshwater lakes, and whales and dolphins are often seen offshore. Birding is outstanding, with a number of typical coastal forest species – Green Twinspot, Green Malkoha, Grey Waxbill, Purple-crested and Livingstone's Turacos.

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GAME VIEWING

As the camp is situated within a coastal forest reserve, this is not a traditional terrestrial game viewing area, however, birding is excellent. Dolphins can be seen offshore and reef diving is outstanding. October to March sees loggerhead and leatherback turtles come ashore at night to lay their eggs. June to October produces wonderful sightings of humpback whales during their annual migration.

ACTIVITIES

Activities Included for All Guests;

Activity times are largely dependent on the tides and weather conditions and will be advised in camp. Times for walks are arranged at camp, on request.

- 40-kilometre beach (approximately 15- to 20-minute walk from the main area).
- Bird watching.
- Surf/rock fishing (guests are to please bring own equipment including tackle; no equipment is provided). Fishing licenses/permits are required for both conventional fishing and fly-fishing. These are not sold in camp and must be obtained, prior to arrival and in person, from the nearest National Post Office. Please note that the offices of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife National Parks no longer sell these.
- Swimming (at own risk, as there are no life guards).
- Boogie boarding.
- Forest (guided and unguided) and scorpion walks (guided – walk through the forest, exploring and searching for scorpions, identifying venomous and non-venomous species under UV light, approximately 20 minutes in duration and held at 19:00 in summer and at 18:30 in winter).
- Child car seats and boosters are available in camp for use during transfers and nature drives.
- Swimming and snorkelling at Lala Nek (only during low tide).

SCHEDULED GUIDED CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Little Chefs; supervised by our staff, children learn to make their own pizza and name cookies, bake bread, decorate cupcakes, mummy sausages and turtle potatoes.
- Swimming, snorkelling and boogie/body boarding (under the supervision of a guide who may not be a certified lifeguard).
- Intertidal rock pool discovery.
- Beach equipment available, such as: buckets, spades, bats and balls, boomerangs, frisbees and beach balls.
- Seasonal beach walks in search of turtle hatchlings.
- Forest and scorpion walks.
- Dune boarding (only for children 5 years and older).
- Beach games, including: soccer, cricket, bucket races and sandcastle building.
- Dedicated playroom with a supply of children's movies and DVDs.
- Trampoline.
- Baby and toddler equipment available on request; cots, baby baths and high chairs. Facilities for preparing and cleaning baby bottles.
- Children's mealtimes and specialised menus (baby food can be provided on request, please advise Maputaland Reservations at the time of booking).
- Childcare/babysitting staff members are available and can be arranged in camp, at an additional cost.

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ACTIVITIES AT ADDITIONAL COST TO ALL GUESTS

- Turtle drives are to be booked and paid for direct in camp (15 October to 15 March), with a limit of one turtle drive per guest. There is a limit of maximum 10 seats per drive. Rocktail Camp will sell any of the open seats direct in camp to guests wishing to experience this activity for a second time. Please note, departure from camp is two hours prior to low tide which can be any time between 16:00 and 02:00. Should any guest who has booked decide for whatsoever reason not to participate in their turtle drive, no refund will be offered.
- Scuba diving, divers must bring certified dive cards and/or log books. NO CARD – NO DIVE (guest numbers as a minimum 1 and a maximum 10). Diving is subject to tide times and strictly only operates 02 dives per day, weather permitting. However, not available on the 01 January and 25 December. To avoid Decompression Sickness (DCS) we advise guests to wait 24 hours after a dive before flying. Should guests not be flying, then there is no concern.
- PADI Scuba Diving Courses (A range of courses on offer from Beginners to Advanced qualifications. Please see course information sheet).
- Ocean Experience (guest numbers as a minimum 04 and a maximum 10), a safari like experience on the sea.
- Cultural village tours, if conducted on a Sunday may include attending a local church service.

*Please note that no activities are arranged to take place off camp premises on either the 01st January or 25th December. All activities, on said days, will be camp based only, with guests remaining in camp. In addition, the following activities are not permitted within the reserve: surfing, boardsailing, launching any type of boat, lighting fires, driving any type of vehicle on the beach.

CAMP DESIGN AND FACILITIES

- Dining area, bar and lounge with a large wraparound veranda.
- Pool in main area with deck.
- Loungers and beach towels on the pool deck.
- Guest toilet in main area.
- Children's playroom with games and scheduled activities (these change on monthly basis).
- In-tent massage treatments (at an additional cost).
- Dive centre (courses will be conducted in Rocktail Camp's pool in the main area).
- During winter months gas heaters are stationed in the main area and knee blankets are provided during dinner.
- Fire pit.
- Pizza oven.

ACCOMMODATION

Number of Tents

This camp accommodates 28 guests and 08 children, subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability.

14 x canvas tents in total comprising:

- 9 x twin-bedded canvas tents each with two three quarter beds
- 4 x family canvas tents each with two, three quarter beds in the main bedroom and two, three quarter beds in the second bedroom. Each family tent consists of two bedrooms, sharing the same bathroom, common area and entrance.
- 1 x honeymoon canvas tent with two three quarter beds, with a separate lounge area and two loungers on the deck.
- A total of 6 mattress converters are available that transforms twin beds into king-size beds. To be requested prior to arrival.

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TENT DESCRIPTION

- Canvas tented accommodation on a raised deck, with sandy pathways on the ground (a small stretch of elevated wooden walkways near tents) and with canvas roll down blinds for all weather conditions
- En-suite facilities with an open feel indoor shower, electronic safe, tea and coffee making facilities, writing desk and chair.
- No air-conditioning, however, a ceiling fan is provided in each of the tents.
- Amenities include: liquid soap, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner, tissue dispenser, umbrella, torch, room spray, insect repellent and a mosquito coil are supplied in each tent.
- During winter months hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided.

ELECTRICITY

- Camp is linked to the national power grid with generators for backup.
- 220V electrical lighting is provided.
- There are 220V plug points in the tents which can be used to charge batteries and for sleep apnoea machines, hairdryers or electric shavers. All equipment needs to be able to accept 220V power or have an adaptor to convert the 220V to 110V. Please bring spare batteries and charging unit.
- It is possible to use appliances such as hairdryers or electric shavers in your tent, however, this is dependent on the national power grid being available. Should the mains power not be available, then the use of hairdryers and electric shavers will not be possible while generator power is in use.
- While some camps can supply adaptors (3-prong round, 3-prong square, 2-prong round, 2-prong flat) it is advisable that you carry your own. Power points are available in each tent.

CHILD POLICY

- Children of all ages are accommodated and may partake in activities with all other guests.
- Children up to 16 years must share with an adult/s in the same tent.
- The minimum age for scuba diving is 8 years in the pool and 10 years in the open sea.
- While we do not have an age limit for the turtle drives, these research drives take place only at night and during low tide, with the duration of the drives being entirely dependent on what turtles may be seen. It is, therefore, not recommended for very young children.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

- Laundry services are provided on a daily basis (weather permitting). However, the camp staff will not wash underwear due to prevailing local traditions, therefore, washing detergent will be supplied for you to wash your own underwear.

SMOKING POLICY

- Our Smoking Policy refers to both regular cigarettes and electronic cigarettes. Smoking in the camps/lodges is permitted in selected areas only. While not visibly marked, these areas will be identified by camp/lodge staff. Please note that we have a strict No Smoking Policy in our main area, on our vehicles and in guest tents (including private rooftop areas), except on the verandas. On activities a stop will be made for refreshments, at which time smokers may have a cigarette. Fires are often the result of discarded cigarette butts as the dry African bush ignites very easily and the resulting flash fire/s are hazardous to both animal and plant life. While that risk is not the same for electronic cigarettes, the use of electronic cigarettes on our vehicles is similarly not allowed as this may negatively impact the experience of a fellow traveller.

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PAYMENT FOR EXTRAS

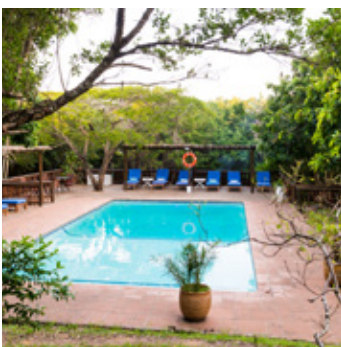
- Extras can be paid for with cash (ZAR, US Dollars, GBP Sterling and Euro) MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards. If paying cash, change will be given in Rand, the South African currency.
- Cheque debit cards and Diners Club credit card are not accepted.

GRATUITIES GUIDELINES

Tipping is not compulsory. If, however, you would like to tip because you have received good service, we have enclosed a brief guideline to assist you. You may wish to add a nominal amount ranging between ZAR 100.00 to ZAR 300.00 per day for incidentals (subject to personal budget choice) – i.e. if additional activities are booked once on your journey, if travel arrangements change for any reason, in acknowledgement of good service received in another area, etc.

- Guides – ZAR 120.00 per person per day
- Housekeeping and Porterage – ZAR 50.00 per day

We would like to emphasise that tipping is not a requirement and should be undertaken only by choice, dependent on the service received. We recommend tipping your guide directly and making use of the gratuity box in the main area for the general camp staff.



THE SLOW LIFE

