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## GWEGWE BEACH LODGE: FACTS & INFORMATION

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**THIS IS WHERE BEACH AND BUSH ARE WILD AS ONE. GWEGWE BEACH LODGE IN THE MKAMBATI NATURE RESERVE IS A HIDDEN GEM ALONG THE WILD COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE LUXURY AND ADVENTURE TAKE CENTRE STAGE.**

### WHERE IS GWEGWE BEACH LODGE

31°17' 17.552" S 30° 0' 39.045" E

Gwegwe Beach Lodge is on a 5,000-hectare private concession within the Mkambati Nature Reserve, Eastern Cape. This prime location on the South African coast has warm sea waters offshore all year round and the most extraordinary scenery plus wildlife (all non-dangerous game).

Pristine rivers, tumbling waterfalls (inland and directly into the sea), deep gorges, rolling grasslands, pockets of dense swamp forest and beautiful secluded beaches are just some of the highlights of this superlative coastal destination.

### WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO GO

A year-round destination, the temperatures at Mkambati are very temperate. While a little cooler in the winter months, being so close to the sea in summer means the climate is not hot and humid.

**Quiet season:** 15 Apr to 15 Jun & 11 Jul to 30 Sep

**Summer season:** 1 Mar to 14 Apr & 1 Oct to 19 Dec

**Peak Season:** Sardine Run from 16 Jun to 10 Jul and  
year-end holidays from 20 Dec to 7 Jan 2025

### HOW DO I GET THERE

There are a variety of options to access this wonderfully remote hotspot of biodiversity – 5.5 hours self-drive from Durban or Umtata; scheduled or private light aircraft transfers from Durban; an exciting 75-minute boat ride from Port Edward; or scenic helicopter flights from Durban or Margate.

### WHERE WILL I STAY

Seven twin deluxe suites and two family suites blend into the environment - surrounded by sea, forests and rolling grasslands. Offering the ultimate escape, each suite has its own lounge area, pool, deck, courtyard, tea/coffee station and mini bar. The bathrooms have bathtubs and both indoor plus outdoor showers.

### DINING EXPERIENCE

Our focus is on farm to table, working with the local community in the supply chain. With menus based around healthy eating and freshly caught fish, dining options will include: a la carte, harvest table, picnics, beach lunches, pizzas and barbeques.

### FULLY INCLUSIVE RATE INCLUDES

Accommodation, meals, local drinks, airstrip transfers, guest laundry and specified daily activities. The cost of getting to Gwegwe, premium brand drinks, optional extra activities, child-minding services, discretionary tips/gratuities, items of a personal nature and personal travel insurance are all excluded.

### WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES

Gwegwe Beach Lodge offers a wide range of facilities and communal areas – meeting the different needs of all our guests. As a fully community owned and beneficiation project, the history of the Pondo people features throughout, with design inspiration coming from the traditional homes of the Transkei.

A calming central lounge, dining, deck and bar area at the lodge face the sea and for a different vibe, there is more relaxed and casual spot overlooking the lagoon and forest – Riverside. Alongside the activity centre enjoy pizzas and braais on the outdoor deck at Riverside, overlooking the forest and lagoon. Enjoy the views from the elevated gym and relax in the tranquillity of the spa nestled in the forest.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW

- A floating deck, wine cellar, secluded hot tub and beach boutique all add to the Gwegwe experience.
- Wi-Fi is available in the suites, along with charging facilities and hairdryers.
- Children of all ages are welcome. Please refer to our rates for child policies.
- Gwegwe Beach Lodge is a great multigenerational destination with a multitude of activities for all ages. Babysitters are available on a request basis and at an additional cost. Where possible we request that you book this in advance.



### WHAT WILL I DO HERE?

**Guided or self-guided, included in the rate:**

- Cycling
- Nature drives
- Kayaking/canoeing
- Marine & botany walks
- Birding
- Shore-based whale watching
- SUPs (stand up paddleboards)
- Picnics
- Swimming
- Gym
- Hot tub
- Snorkelling
- Child-minding services\*
- Spa\*
- E-bike excursions\*
- Sardine run boat trip (mid-June to mid-July)\*
- Limited fishing (for the pot, otherwise catch-and-release), with a fishing guide and providing a contribution to the protecting the reserve\*

**\*At an additional cost**