

GweGwe Beach Lodge is on a 5,000-hectare private concession within the Mkambati Nature Reserve, Eastern Cape. 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. 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. 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 minibar. GweGwe Beach Lodge offers a wide range of facilities and activities. There are a variety of options to access this wonderfully remote hotspot of biodiversity – 5 hours and 45 minutes self-drive from Durban or Umtata; scheduled or private light aircraft transfers; an exciting 75-minute boat ride from Port Edward; or scenic helicopter flights from Durban or Port Edward.

			Per Person Sharing	Single Supplement	Conservation, Community & Reserve Fee	
MKAMBATI NATURE RESERVE, WILD COAST	GWEGWE BEACH LODGE 2 Family Suites 7 Deluxe Suites	Quiet Season	1 May - 15 Jun, 15 Jul - 30 Sep	7,050	0	+800 pppn
		Summer Season	10 Jan - 30 Apr, 01 Oct - 19 Dec	12,950	6,475	
		Peak Season (Sardine Run) Peak Season (Year end Holidays)	16 Jun - 14 Jul 20 Dec - 9 Jan 2026	14,500	7,250	

INCLUSIONS: All prices quoted are per person per night and include accommodation on a sharing basis, all meals & beverages, activities specified below & VAT.

EXCLUSIONS: The cost of getting to GweGwe Beach Lodge, activities specified below (i.e. all boating and Sardine Run activities are excluded), premium brand drinks, child-minding services, gratuities, and fully comprehensive personal travel insurance.

Published rates include a conservation contribution collected by Natural Selection on behalf of the Natural Selection Conservation Trust. This is separately itemised on all invoices and is non-vatable.

CONSERVATION, COMMUNITY & RESERVE FEE

A non-refundable per person per night Conservation, Community and Reserve Fee (CCR) is added to each bed-night booked at Natural Selection properties. The CCR fee is crucial for protecting wildlife, securing and managing wildlife habitats, and uplifting communities in the areas in which we operate. **The CCR applies to all guests, plus pilots and guides.**

LONG STAY SPECIAL

Stay for 7 nights and pay for 6 nights.

ACTIVITIES

Activities included in the rate

Guided: Cycling, nature drives, kayaking, marine & botany walks, birding.

Self guided: All of the above as well as canoeing, SUPs, picnics, swimming, gym, hot tub, snorkelling, access to the kiddies' club 08h00 to 17h00 (excluding lunch).

Activities at an additional cost

Spa, fishing licence (recreational – ZAR 800 per family, per excursion – contribution to marine protection), child-minding services and/or access to the kiddies' club outside of standard times (ZAR 300 per family per hour).

CHILD RATE

- Children of all ages are welcome.
- Children 0 - 18 years sharing a family room with adults pay 50% of the accommodation rate.
- Guests 19 years and over charged full adult rate.
- CCR and cost of access at full price.

HOW TO GET TO GWEGWE BEACH LODGE

To/from	Price	Minimum requirement
Port Edward by Semi-rigid boat 75 minutes : Monday & Friday	ZAR 1,300 per person one way	Price valid for a minimum 2 or more guests

A 75-minute adventure boat trip from Port Edward to GweGwe Beach Lodge. Departs every Friday and Monday in a 12-seater semi-rigid, twin-engine boat. Check in at Port Edward at 10h30. (Durban to Port Edward is around 2 hours and 15 minutes drive). Private boat transfer charters are available any day. Luggage allowance is 20kgs per person maximum, lifejackets are supplied, and the minimum age limit is 8 years old.

To/from	Price	Minimum requirement
Virginia Airport, Durban by light aircraft 45 minutes: Friday	ZAR 5,500 per person one way	Price valid for a minimum 2 or more guests

Fly from Durban's Virginia Airport to the Mkambati Airfield in a Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan or similar. The scheduled flight departs Virginia Airport every Friday at 7h30. Luggage allowance is 20kgs per person maximum. Alternatively, private charters can be arranged for any day of the week.

To/from	Price	Minimum requirement
Margate Airport by helicopter 25 minutes: Any day	ZAR 7,200 per person one way	Price valid for only 2 guests

The R44 is a pilot plus three seater helicopter based in Margate that can depart anytime to suit your arrangements. It can fly with 2 passengers plus 20kgs of luggage per person maximum. Private helicopter flights are available any day from Durban.

- Self-drive: Approximately 5 hours and 45 minutes drive from either Durban or Mthatha/Umtata.
- NB. All transfer rates are nett. All of the above are weather dependent.