



# GweGwe Beach Lodge, Mkambati Nature Reserve, Wild Coast, South Africa

## 2025 Rack Rates in ZAR

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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
<b>MKAMBATI NATURE RESERVE, WILD COAST</b>	<b>GWEGWE BEACH LODGE</b> 2 Family Suites 7 Deluxe Suites	<b>Quiet Season</b> 1 May - 15 Jun, 15 Jul - 30 Sep	7,050	0	+800 pppn
		<b>Summer Season</b> 10 Jan - 30 Apr, 01 Oct - 19 Dec	12,950	6,475	
		<b>Peak Season (Sardine Run)</b> <b>Peak Season (Year end Holidays)</b> 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, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, airstrip transfers, activities specified below & VAT.

**EXCLUSIONS:** The cost of getting to GweGwe Beach Lodge, activities specified below, premium brand drinks, child-minding services, gratuities and fully comprehensive personal travel insurance.

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### 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 2,600 per person return	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 5 years old.

To/from	Price	Minimum requirement
Virginia Airport, Durban by light aircraft 45 minutes: Friday	On Request	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	On Request	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.



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<b>DE HOOP NATURE RESERVE WESTERN CAPE</b>	<b>LEKKERWATER BEACH LODGE</b> 1 Family Room 6 Twins/Doubles	<b>Winter Season</b>	1 May - 31 Aug	7,050	0	+600 pppn
		<b>Summer Season</b>	8 Jan - 30 Apr, 1 Sept - 9 Jan 2026	12,950	6,475	

**INCLUSIONS:** All prices quoted are per person per night and include all accommodation on a sharing basis; all meals, all local house wines, beers, spirits and cool drinks, Wi-Fi, road transfers to/from the lodge's car park 6km away, all daily activities and VAT.

**EXCLUSIONS:** The cost of getting to Lekkerwater Beach Lodge's car park, park entrance fees payable as you enter the park (currently ZAR 50 pppn), premium brand drinks, guest laundry, gratuities and fully comprehensive personal travel insurance. During whale season, it may be possible to charter a helicopter for scenic aerial whale watching.

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#### ITINERARY

- Arrivals every Monday, Wednesday or Friday (minimum stay of 2 nights – optimal up to 4 nights).
- Please note that on a Wednesday arrival we can offer 2, 4 or 5 night stays.
- During the Festive peak season a minimum 3 night stay may apply over certain periods.

#### CHILD RATE

- Children 6 and above are welcome.
- Children 6 - 18 years sharing the family room (maximum 2 children) with two adults pay 50% of the accommodation rate.
- Children 6 - 18 years charged 50% of the per person adult accommodation rate per night if sharing with an adult (maximum 1 child sharing with an adult per standard room).
- Children 12 - 18 years in their own room to please contact reservations for a quote.
- Guests 19 years and over charged full adult rate.

#### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

- Guests driving to Lekkerwater should arrive at the Lekkerwater car park at 14h00 to be in time for the scheduled transfer to the lodge in the lodge's 4x4 vehicle. Lunch at the lodge is not included on arrival day, so please ensure lunch is arranged en route and costed in/taken into account with timing. Our suggestion is to include a lunch stop in Napier or at the Square in Bredasdorp.
- **Whether travelling in the guests' own vehicle, booking a hired car or arranging a transfer by road, please ensure it is a vehicle with reasonably high clearance.**
- Departure time from the lodge is scheduled for 10h15.

#### AIR TRANSFERS

- Helicopter transfers from Cape Town are a recommended highlight for arrivals and/or departures. The helicopter landing area is 250 metres to the east of Lekkerwater, and landing times should be scheduled for 14h30.
- The closest airfield to Lekkerwater is the gravel airstrip in the western part of the De Hoop Reserve. About 1 hour and 40 minutes' drive from Lekkerwater, the transfer by road between Lekkerwater and the airfield is ZAR 5,185 per vehicle, one way (maximum 6 guests and luggage). Aircraft arrival times should be scheduled to land at the De Hoop Airfield around midday (with the exact time to be finalised closer to the time to accommodate other guest's arrivals at Lekkerwater).

#### PARK ENTRANCE

- Vehicle access to Lekkerwater is via the Potberg park entrance of De Hoop Nature Reserve - not the "Morukuru and De Hoop Collection" entrance gate.
- The gates at Potberg open at 07h30 and close at 16h00. The gate entrance fee is currently ZAR 50 per person per night and is payable upon entry to Cape Nature, either by cash or credit card.
- From the Potberg entrance gate, it is 14.6km (approximately 40 minutes' drive) to the Lekkerwater car park.

#### ROAD TRANSFERS

- Transfers to/from Cape Town take around 4 hours.
- These are available on a request basis. Final costs are dependent on the pick-up point and the number of guests, but the base cost is from ZAR 9,500 per vehicle, one way – excluding lunch en route.
- Please contact reservations for a quote.