



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

ST LUCIA WETLANDS GUESTHOUSE

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(Use the Wetlands Guesthouse network which is strongest in your room)

DIAL 11 FROM YOUR ROOM PHONE FOR ASSISTANCE, BE IT FOR A DRINK, ADVICE, A PROBLEM OR A FRIENDLY CHAT.

Police St Lucia035 590 1221

Alpha Security.....079 145 9911

Dr Pillay035 550 1005

Dr Irene Georgeio.....035 590 1095

ST Lucia Pharmacy.....035 590 1612

Colin's Contact number.....+ 27 82 562 5219



ST LUCIA WETLANDS
GUESTHOUSE
South Africa

Welcome to our family. We are delighted with the opportunity to have you as our guest, and we hope you find your sense of personal renewal during your stay.

We are definitely aware that “there is no place like home”, however we have tried our best to come close and we are always available to assist you with anything that you may require. (Dial 11 from your room phone)

Please allow me to introduce our facilities. For your convenience, St Lucia Wetlands Guesthouse offers several on site amenities, such as the beach towels, cooler boxes and umbrellas. While we do have coffee and tea facilities in the room we will gladly make you a plunger coffee or a pot of tea to enjoy in the guest lounge or on the patio. There is complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the guesthouse as well as at the pool.

Animals

The St Lucia Estuary is home to the Nile crocodile, hippopotamus and Zambezi sharks. For your own safety, please do not enter the Estuary waters under any circumstances. Please do not feed or provoke any wild animals, rather keep your distance especially when on foot. The warning signs are not urban legends, rather hippos do walk the streets at night and are amazing to see from the safety of your car. If you decide to walk, please remember it is very dark so carry a torch and keep your distance from the hippos.

Water

Tap water is fine for showering and brushing your teeth. We rather recommend drinking the filtered water on the bar counter and if you need to refill ask us and we will oblige.

Safe / Laundry

The safe in your room is for your convenience, if you need assistance with it just let us know and we will gladly help. Laundry bags are provided in the hanging space of your cupboard. It is a service we outsource, rates are reasonable and clothes are washed and folded as well as returned on the same day when handed in after breakfast.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served from 7h30 to 9h00 every morning buffet style and plated to order can be enjoyed on the balcony overlooking the garden. If you intend departing early, either to the game reserves or en-route to your next destination and require a packed breakfast please let us know the day before.

Fridge & Bar

There is a fridge in the dining room exclusively for our guests. You are welcome to stock it with your own drinks and should you need glasses there are glasses behind the bar. However if you desire something else there is an honesty bar which you are welcome to make use of at any time.

Lounge

Please feel free to make use of the guest lounge and bar. In the evenings there is a fruit bowl on the counter and complimentary sherry available. A large screen television with DSTV is available.

We often find the lounge a great place for guests to get to know each other, talk about their adventures and pass on ideas to each other on places they have seen. Alternatively page through some of the books or connect to the WIFI, sending pictures and stories to loved ones back at home.

Restaurants

If you're ready to step out and explore the area, our guest house is conveniently located, within 15 minutes walking distance of a variety of popular restaurants. We do recommend those that walk ask the restaurant manager to organize a taxi home as hippos roam our streets at night. Better still if you go by car you could always drive around and look for hippos. Remember they are wild and can be very dangerous. A Restaurant Rating Book which gives guests the opportunity

to rate their eating experiences, giving others an idea of what they can expect is available at the bar counter.

In the meantime, if there is anything you may require, please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff. There is always somebody available on the premises.

You can find more details on everything the local area offers in the pages to follow.

We sincerely thank you for choosing St Lucia Wetlands Guesthouse and hope that you have a comfortable and pleasant stay.

Warmest Regards,

Colin

WELCOME TO ST LUCIA SOUTH AFRICA

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DISTANCE TABLE

Distances listed from St Lucia, measured in kilometres (kms)

Cape Vidal	35
Charters Creek	68
Fake Bay	92
Kosi Bay	243
Mission Rocks	14
Maphelela	90
Monzi	16
Mhubatuba	27
Sodwana Bay	175
uMkhuze - Ophansi	148
uMkhuze - uMsholi	143

GATE OPENING TIMES:

Cape Vidal
Summer (1 October - 31 March): 05h00 to 19h00
Winter (1 April - 30 September): 06h00 to 18h00

Hluhluwe and iMfolozi Game Reserve
Summer (1 November - 29 February): 05h00 to 19h00
Winter (1 March - 31 October): 06h00 to 18h00

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Community Policing Forum	082 458 4632
St Lucia Police Station	035 590 1221

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Emergency Ambulance	10177
Natcare Ambulance	082 911
Meditrax Emergency Services	082 289 9911
Mounties Ambulance Services	084 624 7911

DOCTORS

Dr Coussouds	035 590 1095
Dr Pillay (Mhubatuba)	035 590 1065
Dr Georgiou (Chiropractor)	035 590 1095

Hospitals

Empangeni Garden Clinic (Empangeni)	035 902 8000
Melomed (Empangeni)	035 791 5300
The Bay Hospital (Richards Bay)	035 789 0665

PHARMACIES

St Lucia Pharmacy	035 590 1612
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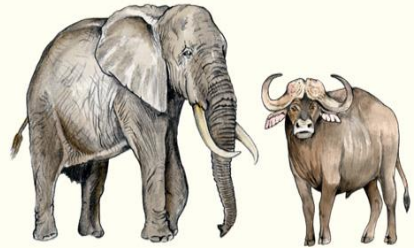
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EASTERN & WESTERN SHORES

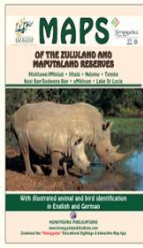




Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve



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KEY	
Main Camps	
Other Camps	
Game	
Roads (Tarmac)	
Roads (Gravel)	
Roads (Dirt)	
No Entry	
Patrol	
Viewpoints	
Caravan Park	
Spot Heights	
Hide	
Picnic Spots	
Waterholes / Dams	
Toilet	
Swimming Pool	
Curios	
Light Meals	

TOUR LISTS.

BHANGAZI HORSE SAFARIS

1 hour – Beach or Bush Horse Safari

2 hours Beach or Bush Horse Safari

2.5 hours – Beach and Bush COMBO horse safari

Suitable for Novice riders, Intermediate riders and advanced riders.

Experience an exhilarating horse safari either on the beach or in the game reserve where you ride close to the wildlife. Beach horse safaris are available 2-hours either side of low tide, but bush horse safaris depart throughout the day. Beach or Bush Horse Riding in iSimangaliso Wetland Park. When Horse Riding for either novices or 'old hands' there are few places in the world you can ride in an area as unspoiled or beautiful as the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Our beach rides start at Main Beach in St Lucia, kilometers of clean white sand with the Indian Ocean rolling in alongside. Take the horses down to the waters edge and head either north towards First Rocks or south towards the St Lucia Estuary.

GUIDED WALKING SAFARI

Take a walk on the wild side. 2.5 Hour guided walking safari on the Eastern Shores of iSimangaliso Wetland Park. The walking safaris have 2 guides per maximum 8 guests. Our guides are all highly skilled at the art of reading animal tracks and signs and will fascinate you with their interpretations of what happened on the trails the night before. iSimangaliso Wetland Park hosts 526 identified bird species. Our guides are excellent at identifying the calls of these birds as they sing with the rhythm of Africa. Common mammal sightings on our walking safaris include zebra, wildebeest, waterbuck, impala, warthog, red and common duiker, common reedbuck, kudu, vervet and samango monkeys, banded mongoose and sometimes leopard, hyena and side-striped jackal. Our meeting point for the walking safaris is at the St Lucia Crocodile Centre parking area. Trips are run at sunrise, mid-morning and late afternoon/sunset.

ST. LUCIA WORLD HERITAGE TOUR

ETD: 08h00 / ETA: 16h00

We show you why the St. Lucia Wetland Park has been given this international status. Join us on a full day, off-road exploration of this pristine (Eastern Shores) area - includes an ecological overview of the area, wonderful game-viewing, bird-watching, short walks and a visit to Cape Vidal with snorkeling and whale-watching in season. Learn more about the five eco-systems that make up this unique park. Experience the Bush, Forest and Beach all in one day! Full braai (barbecue) lunch, snorkeling gear and drinks included.

ISIMANGALISO SUNSET OR NIGHT DRIVE

ETD: 16H00 in summer; 15h00 in winter 3 hour sunset or night drive on the Eastern or Western Shores of iSimangaliso Wetland Park. You will be collected from your accommodation in an open game viewer. Game drive through the Eastern Shores or Western Shores of iSimangaliso Wetland Park for about 3 hours. Drinks will be served. Blankets will be provided in Winter. You might see animals such as Hyena, Leopard, Buffalo, Kudu, Zebra, Hippo and Bush pig to name a few. Please note that Giraffe and Nyala can only be spotted on the Western Shores.

ISIMANGALISO / CAPE VIDAL BEACH AND BUSH TOUR

ETD: 06H00 ETA: 14h00

I'll take a one way ticket to adventure please! 8 Hour Snorkelling Beach & Bush tour to Cape Vidal, iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Safari in the Eastern Shores of Simangaliso Wetland Park through to the sandy beach of Cape Vidal, in an open game viewer with the possibility of seeing many animals such as Leopard, Elephant, Rhino, Wildebeest, Buffalo, Antelopes, Warthog etc. Breakfast will be served en-route to Cape Vidal. You will arrive at the beautiful beach of Cape Vidal where you will be able to snorkel (tide and weather dependent) and swim in the beautiful ocean. This is where your lunch will be served. Snorkeling gear will be provided and your guide will snorkel / swim with you to ensure your safety.

ISIMANGALISO / CAPE VIDAL ELITE TOUR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

ETD: 06H00 ETA: 14h00

This tour is the same as above, however you will have your own "window seat" guaranteed. You will also have an extra cooler/ice box with extra snacks and refreshments and you will be provided with binoculars. Max 6 guests.

EASTERN SHORES (CAPE VIDAL)

ETD: 15h00 ETA: 20h00 OR 07h00 – 12h00

A late afternoon drive - traverses forest, pans & grasslands up to Lake Bhangazi. An in-depth exploration of the Wetlands and its inhabitants, history and scenic beauty.

The safari stops for sundowners and snacks at Catalina Bay or Lake Bhangazi, then a spotlight night safari along the 4x4 routes in the reserve.

HLUHLUWE/UMFOLOZI FULL DAY SAFARI/GAME DRIVE

ETD: 04h00 in summer and 05h00 in winter ETA: 15h30 A full day excursion through this Big Five reserve. Once the hunting grounds of the famous Zulu chief Shaka, the Park is renowned for its efforts in saving the white rhino from extinction and the magnificence of these first foothills off the coastal escarpment. White rhino abounds, and sightings of elephant are not unusual. The park also has lion, cheetah, black rhino, leopard, wild dog, a large population of giraffe and much more. Bird sightings may include lesser jacana, lappet-faced vultures, bateleur eagles, white-headed vultures, Southern banded snake eagles etc. Price includes breakfast with hot tea and coffee, a delicious lunch comprising of a traditional South African Braai/BBQ plus a refreshing bar service.

HLUHLUWE/UMFOLOZI SAFARI FULL DAY *ELITE* SAFARI/GAME DRIVE

ETD: 04h00 in summer and 05h00 from March to November ETA: 15h30 This tour is the same as above, however all guests are GUARANTEED a “window” seat, ensuring a truly fabulous safari experience! guests. Breakfast, full barbeque safari, binoculars and extra coolers with beverages and snacks provided. Max 6 guests.

HLUHLUWE / UMFOLOZI HALF DAY SAFARI/GAME DRIVE

ETD: 04h00 in summer and 05h00 from March to November Available on request – recommended for families with small children and during hot summer months. Breakfast and refreshments are included. Children under 12 will be less 20%. Lunch not included.

NIGHT / CHAMELEON DRIVE

ETD: 20h00 ETA: 23h00

This 2.5 – 3-hour nocturnal affair takes you along the 4x4 tracks in the Eastern Shores Reserve, where you may encounter various local nocturnal residents. Sightings often include hippo, buffalo, spotted eagle owls, nightjars, kudu, waterbuck, crocodile and even side-striped jackal, python and leopard.

Chameleons abound, and the endemic Sitara’s Dwarf chameleon is a rare treat. Conducted in an open safari vehicle with two spotlights.

TURTLE NESTING TOURS:

TURTLE TRACKING

Seasonal Nov – Feb – (departure times are tide dependent. Tour is 6-7 hours long)

Enjoy a night safari to and from Cape Vidal then travel 25 kilometers north along the beach in search of nesting turtles and hatchlings. Experience the miracle of the Leatherback Turtle (weighing up to 900kg) as well as the Loggerhead Turtle reproduction. This tour is tide dependent – departure times vary according to tides. You will also experience a night drive to see nocturnal animals on the way to your turtle experience. You will be collected from your accommodation and returned to your accommodation six to seven hours later. This tour includes a light dinner and refreshments.

TURTLE TOURS OVERNIGHT

Reservations available – (November to March)

This is a seasonal trip (Nov. to March) where you experience the miracle of nesting of the leatherback (weighs up to 900kg) and loggerhead turtles. Step into the world of these amazing and ancient reptiles as they dodge sharks offshore and humans, crabs, badgers and jackals on-shore to return to and hatch from these ancient nesting grounds. An overnight tour with qualified guides. Dinner, breakfast and refreshments included. (A visit to Tembe Elephant Park included on our way to Kosi Bay)

LAKE ST LUCIA ESTUARY TOURS:

HIPPO AND CROC COFFEE AND CROISSANT TOUR

ETD – Sunrise with the sparrows

A three-hour boat cruise that departs at sunrise and travels along the St Lucia Estuary in between all the Hippos and herons, Crocs and crakes. A real birders and photographers delight! Includes a light Continental breakfast

HIPPO AND CROCODILE BOAT CRUISES

A must for all visitors! Join us for a 2-hour boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary, exploring the various eco-systems and looking out for hippos, crocs, kingfishers, fish eagles, herons, mangrove swamps and much, more. Your skipper and guide will share his vast knowledge of the wildlife you may encounter. A real birders and photographers delight! Get those cameras ready!

WHALE WATCHING (seasonal June – Nov)

Departure times – 1 June to 31 August 07h00, 09h00, 11h00

Departure times – 1 September to 30 November 06h00,
08h00 10h00

Join us on a 2-hour voyage on the ocean to see the amazing 40-ton Humpback Whale from as close as 50m away. Your skipper is a qualified Marine Mammal guide and will keep you captivated with a wealth of information on the sightings you encounter. Whale watching takes place in St Lucia where we launch from the surf.

DEEP SEA FISHING

ETD: 05h30

Fishing adds years to your life, and life to your years. Weather permitting, this tour departs around 05h30 and lasts for approximately 6-7 hours. All bait and tackle are supplied, just bring your own lunch pack. What you catch is what you keep. A fishing permit will need to be purchased at our local post office. Full day charters are also available

FAT BIKE FISHING

Guided Fat Bike Fishing Tours. The use of a Fat Bikes also helps us get you to more productive fishing areas. We support Tag & Release! Beach or bush duration depends on fitness levels. Max 2hrs FISHING

BICYCLE TOUR

Anytime between sunrise and sunset (Min. 2 persons) This is a 2.5 to 3 hour tour in and around St Lucia with a real Zulu guide, bird watching and general game viewing. Refreshments included.

E-BIKE TOUR

2-3 hours Beach and Bush guided tour. Early morning a late afternoon. Fun eco-friendly way to explore the area.

ZULU CULTURAL EXPERIENCE TOUR

Learn about our historical Zulu culture in this 2 – 3 hour tour. Experience everyday Zulu culture - visit the local Zulu village, a traditional healer, watch traditional dancing, visit homesteads and kraals. You will also view beautiful beadwork and local crafts as well as visit a local school accompanied by a qualified guide.

BIRDING TOURS

iSimangaliso possesses more than half of South Africa's total bird counts with at least 530 bird species recorded throughout the Park (including rare vagrants). Wetlands are magnets for huge numbers of water birds such as flocks of pelicans, storks and flamingos congregating alongside specials such as Pinkthroated Longclaws, Pygmy Geese and Lesser Jacanas.

Temba Birding . - "We will tailor-make a tour to suit your needs (3 hours). Maximum of 4 pax"

Ian's St Lucia Birding. 3 hours in the morning birding tour with a guide who is part of the experience of this tour . (More than just a birder)