

Rocktail Bay



Rocktail Bay Lodge is situated in the northern reaches of the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park in northern KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. This whole area has been declared a World Heritage Site. Situated offshore from Rocktail Bay is the Maputaland Marine Reserve which offers an additional sanctuary with extraordinary diving and snorkelling encounters with huge shoals of fish, dolphins and whales.

The lodge is situated metres inland from the warm Indian Ocean and one of the most incredible beaches in all of South Africa. The lodge is built out of the

wind, just inland from the beach within the forest canopy of vegetated dunes that occur along Maputaland's coastline. Rocktail offers perhaps the most private beach experience in South Africa, with nearly 40 kilometres of unspoilt, pristine coastline where it is possible to walk for hours without meeting another soul. Accommodation is in 11 tree-house chalets. Each en suite room has its own private balcony and an additional outdoor shower in the forest. The main area of the lodge has an inviting lounge and meals are enjoyed either in the separate dining room, at the poolside or under a huge Natal Mahogany tree.

At Manzengwenya, 11km south of the camp, we have our own fully accredited dive centre. We offer boating excursions out to sea around low tide to enjoy SCUBA (and snorkelling) on the pristine coral reefs offshore. (Please take special note that dive certification and pre-booking is compulsory for SCUBA activities). Other lodge activities include fly-fishing, snorkelling, swimming and drives to Black Rock, the nearby Hippo Pools and to the surrounding community in open 4x4 Land Rovers.

During the summer months Rocktail Bay Lodge is integrally involved in ongoing turtle research. Guests are able to accompany the resident turtle expert on research drives at low tide at night helping to monitor the turtles' nesting numbers and behaviour.

Activities

- The beach
- Forest walks
- Bird watching
- Snorkeling (equipment available)
- Surf/rock fishing (tackle available)
- Turtle research drives (Mid-October to Mid-March, additional cost per person goes towards the Parks Board)
- Swimming (entirely at your own risk-there as there are no life guards)
- Day trips to Black Rock or Lala Neck
- Horse riding (additional cost)
- Day trips to Kosi Bay (additional cost)
- Trips to the local community
- 2 ½ hours guided trail (beach and forest)
- The following activities are prohibited in the reserve: surfing, boardsailing, the launching of any type of boat, lighting of fires, driving of vehicles on the beach
- Scuba diving - (additional cost).
- Hide for bird watching

