

# MAKAKATANA BAY LODGE FACT SHEET



Makakatana Bay Lodge, named after a Zulu Chief, is the only privately-owned and owner-managed game lodge within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Experience this magnificent area from the comfort of the spacious rooms, set on raised decks within the wilderness of the game park.

## Location

Makakatana Bay Lodge is set on the banks of Lake St Lucia within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, just two hours north of Durban.

GPS Co-ordinates: 28.238455°S 32.419261°E

## iSimangaliso Wetland Park

The iSimangaliso Wetland Park (332 000 HA) is a vast wilderness area it incorporates a pristine marine reserve, lakes and coastal dune forest, with over 526 bird species and 5 ecosystems.

The Park is home to vibrant wildlife in the game reserve, within Lake St. Lucia's estuary and the glorious coastal beaches on the eastern shores of the park. Your stay at Makakatana Bay Lodge is designed around exploring this amazing sanctuary on an open game drive vehicle, on the private pontoon boat, and with your feet in the warm Indian Ocean.

## Makakatana's Main Lodge

The main lodge is the heart of Makakatana, a guest area with personal service designed for relaxation and comfort where some of the owners personal artwork is displayed. All meals are served on either the raised deck wrapping around the lodge, or at the 'boma' alongside.

The lodge has a bar, a nearby wine cellar (affectionately called the 'old crab house') and a nearby swimming pool on the edge of Lake St Lucia.

## Lodge Facilities

- Library
- Lounge
- Outside and inside dining
- Art gallery

## Accommodation

### The Standard Rooms

The Standard Rooms at Makakatana are available in either Double or Twin configurations, and are equipped with a private viewing deck, en-suite bathroom, spacious outdoor shower and bath, telephone and a sleeper couch suitable for a third person.

The five rooms are bright and spacious, integrating comfort and luxury with the natural environment. Set in the dune forest, the grounds surrounding the luxury suites are frequented by warthog, red duiker, nyala, bush babies, and a variety of bird life.

### The Family Rooms

The two Family Rooms both sleep a maximum of 4 guests each. The main room has a king bed, and the interleading room has two twin beds. There is a spacious indoor bathroom with a shower that opens onto an outdoor bathroom with a bath and outside shower.

### The Honeymoon Room

The Honeymoon Room is situated privately with views out onto the vlei. Romantic and intimate, the room is the perfect retreat after a day spent in the bush or exploring the magnificent area.

The room has a romantic outdoor shower, as well as a bath fit for two. The private deck is also suitable for private dining, which can be arranged with the lodge manager.

## Room Amenities

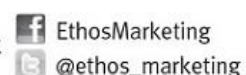
- Air-conditioning
- Fans
- Mini bar
- Tea & coffee station
- Private deck

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## Activities & Experiences

### Wetland Safari Drives

Guests are taken on a Game Drive into the wetlands to seek out animals & birds in the area. Animals that may be seen include Giraffe, Wildebeest, Buffalo, Zebra, White Rhino, Waterbuck, Hippo, Crocodile, Serval, Porcupine, Genet, Leopard, Elephant and Black Rhino.

### Boat Trip On Lake St Lucia Estuary

An early breakfast is served at the Lodge after which guests depart the Lodge to embark on a 2h30 boat trip on Lake St Lucia Estuary. An exclusive opportunity to explore the wetland narrows viewing pods of hippo and crocodile by the boat. After the boat trip guests are taken on a picnic lunch and then a drive en-route back to the Lodge to spend the late afternoon relaxing at the pool, in the lodge or on their private deck.

### Beach Safari

Depart after Breakfast & enjoy a leisurely safari drive through the Western Shores onto the Eastern Shores of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Guests are taken to the beach at Perriers Rocks for walking, swimming & snorkelling and then enjoy a picnic lunch in the sand dune forests followed by a game drive back to the lodge.

### Hluhluwe/ Imfolozi Game Reserve

Early wake up & depart from the lodge for an hour drive in a Safari vehicle to Hluhluwe/Imfolozi Game Reserve, the oldest reserve in Africa and home to the big 5. A delicious brunch is prepared in the park by your Ranger. Guests return to the Lodge by 14h00 to enjoy afternoon tea & cake.

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Live Availability: [makakatana.com/book-your-stay](http://makakatana.com/book-your-stay)

## Extra Activities

**Whale Watching:** (mid-May – mid-Nov) minimum 2 people - in St Lucia. Duration 3 Hours, weather permitting. Booking in advance essential.

**Deep-sea Fishing:** minimum 2 people or ask about a private charter. Depart at 05h30 – 6-7 Hours – Tackle & bait supplied – Bring your own packed lunch. You keep what you catch!

**Horse riding:** Bhangazi Horse Safaris on the Eastern Shores – meet in St Lucia. Minimum 2 people.

**Dumazulu Cultural Village:** Zulu dancing (40 minutes away). Show times 08h15, 11h00 & 15h15. Show lasts 1h30 mins. 7 Days a week. Children under 12 half price.

**Emdoneni Cat Rehabilitation Centre:** Viewing of cheetah, serval & wild cats from 10h30 – 16h30

### Directions

From Durban/King Shaka International Airport (2h30 drive) - Head north on the N2, pass Empangeni/Richards Bay turnoffs, pass Mtubatuba / St Lucia turnoff and keep on the N2 heading North for approximately 20Km. Then take the P380/ iSimangaliso Nhlozi gate 11 turnoff as per below.

From Gauteng (6h30 Drive) - Head South on the N2, pass Pongola and Mkuze pass the Hluhluwe turnoff & head south for about another 25 / 30Km – pass the Nyalazi River sign.

Take the P380 / iSimangaliso Nhlozi gate 11 turnoff and continue for 16 km to the Park Gate. Follow signs to Lodge +/- 8km. Follow the tar road for approximately 14Km and keep going straight onto the dirt road towards Charters Creek. About 1Km along the dirt road take the right fork at the Makakatana sign. Keep on the dirt road and follow the signs for another 4Km.

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