



# WILD CHILD A F R I C A

THE KOSI EXPERIENCE 2026



In the far northern corner of Kwa-Zulu Natal lies the Kosi Lake system and her adjacent endless beaches. This world heritage site has remained pristine and remote due to very limited and controlled development and world leading marine turtle conservation. Miles of desolate beaches, virgin dune forests, bountiful coral reefs, mangrove swamps and rare raffia palm forests set the scene for exploration and adventure. The nesting and subsequent hatching of the turtles is a natural phenomenon comparable to the greatest wildlife experiences in Africa. This diverse ecosystem exists in harmony with the local communities who have been in the area, harvesting with their unique utshwayelo (fish traps), for over 700 years. As with our Pondo Trail, this delicate balance between wild Africa and authentic culture is the perfect canvas for us to create a series of truly memorable moments. Welcome to The KOSI EXPERIENCE!

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 1 : Palms and Turtles**

Guests are to arrive at Kosi Forest Lodge (5hrs from Durban) by 13h00 for a Wild Child Welcome and introduction to Maputaland.

After lunch, we head out to explore the raffia palm forests and unique ecosystem of 4<sup>th</sup> Lake, Amanzinyama (The black water), while keeping our eyes peeled for the endangered Palmnut Vulture or Pels Fishing Owl. Our journey then hugs the banks of the 3<sup>rd</sup> lake through indigenous sand forest before arriving at Bhanga Nek for an early dinner on the beach. Bhanga Nek is the most densely populated turtle breeding ground in Africa and our professional turtle guide will join us here to lead our search for the Leatherbacks and Loggerheads. Season dependent, we will watch the big females digging their nests and laying eggs or we will have the rare privilege of witnessing the hatchlings emerge from their nests and heave their treacherous journey back down to the water. After experiencing this incredible marine phenomenon, a vehicle will take us back to our lodge for a well-deserved rest after a great first day!



### **Day 2 : Exploring Kosi's unique estuarine system**

After an early brekkie, we pack for the day and head out by boat to explore and enjoy the lakes and the remarkable channels that link them. Our journey continues on foot along the estuary for an enlightening tour of authentic Thonga fish traps and how these tribes have harvested from these waters for centuries. Snorkelling at Sanctuary Reef is a bucket list experience, and the palm-lined beaches give the area a real Robinson Crusoe feel. We complete the loop back to the lakes where we enjoy a secret picnic lunch before heading back to our lodge for sunset G&T's over Lake Shengesa whilst the hippos snort a happy tune.



### **Day 3 : Endless beaches**

This is the day to clear the mind and stretch the legs. We wander the endless beaches, catch ghost crabs, snorkel pristine reefs, and soak in the salt and sun enjoying 12km of magical Maputaland beaches. Our ground crew will meet us for a late picnic lunch before transferring home for sundowners and diner under the lodge's signature Zulu Podberry.



#### Day 4: Design Your Day

Your guide will advise you on your best options, taking into account tides, weather and any other factors that may influence your most favourable choices for this day.

- Indulge in a scenic paddle up the Manzinyama river, birdwatching and enjoying a few rare moments of pure silence.
- Spend the day fishing, snorkeling, swimming and relaxing at Black Rock or Kosi Mouth.
- Spend the afternoon enjoying the lodge swimming pool with G&T in hand and celebrate the Zululand sunset the Wild Child Way.
- Additional turtle walk in the evening.



### Day 5: Home

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the lodge before making your way back to civilisation. Please ensure return flights from King Shaka are booked no earlier than 15h00.

### Accommodation and Catering

You'll be putting your weary feet up each night at the beautiful **Kosi Forest Lodge**. The lodge facilities are designed to enhance your experience of the exquisite wilderness and to help you make the most of the natural surroundings throughout your stay. Guests are accommodated in beautiful 2-sleeper en-suite units. The lodge accommodates a maximum of 20 people and is made up of 6 freestanding units (12 pax) and an additional 2 units that have 2 adjoining rooms each (8pax). Lie back, relax and feel truly at one with the soothing sights, sounds and smells of the surrounding sand forest.



Freshly prepared meals are served in the covered dining area or outdoor dining deck and a well-stocked bar serves all your usual favourites against the backdrop of the forest and lake. A massive Zulu Podberry tree is the focal point of the main lodge, and a refreshing swimming pool overlooks Lake Shengeza.



**Package Price\*** (min 16pax required, max 20 pax)

**2026 rates**

	SA Resident slot price	SA Resident Price pp sharing	Additional Pax pp sharing (17 – 20)
<b>3-night</b>	R280 000.00	R17 500pp sharing	R16 000pp sharing
<b>4-night</b>	R347 200.00	R21 700pp sharing	R19 700pp sharing

*Includes – All accommodation and meals. Local beers, ciders, soft drinks, selected wines and G&T. Private Wild Child Africa guide, all activities, professional turtle guide and snorkelling equipment.*

*Excludes – Transfers to and from Kosi Forest Lodge, specially requested items, and any drinks not mentioned above.*

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*\*Quoted rates are RSA adult resident discounted rates. Non-residents rates +40% surcharge.*

*\*Childrens' discounts: We require 16 people at full adult rate (regardless of age). Over and above this, we are then we are able to offer a 25% discount for children U18, up to a maximum of 4pax.*

**“Cheers”**

