



THE KOSI EXPERIENCE

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Welcome to Kosi Bay, Wild Child Africa style!

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 conservation efforts.

Miles of desolate beaches, virgin dune forests, bountiful coral reefs, mangrove swamps and rare Raffia Palm forests set the scene for exploration and adventure. 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. Kosi's pristine beaches also offer, in season, the opportunity to witness nesting and subsequent hatching of the turtles.

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 Kosi Bay, Wild Child Africa style!



Our journey

Our daily itineraries are planned and adapted to offer our guests the best possible experience of the area. Natural elements like tides, wind and rainfall all play a role in determining which activities we do on which days.

During turtle season, our itineraries are also adjusted to give us the best chance of seeing this natural phenomenon. Bhanga Nek is one of the most densely populated turtle breeding grounds in Africa and our professional turtle guide will join us here to lead our moonlit beach walk in search of the Leatherbacks and Loggerheads.



Maputaland's charms: Forests and Palms

Guests are to arrive at the lodge by 13:00 (5hr drive from Durban) for a signature Wild Child welcome and introduction to Maputaland.

After a delicious lunch, we head out to explore the Raffia Palm forests and unique ecosystems surrounding 4th Lake, while keeping our eyes peeled for the endangered Palm-nut Vulture or Pels Fishing Owl.

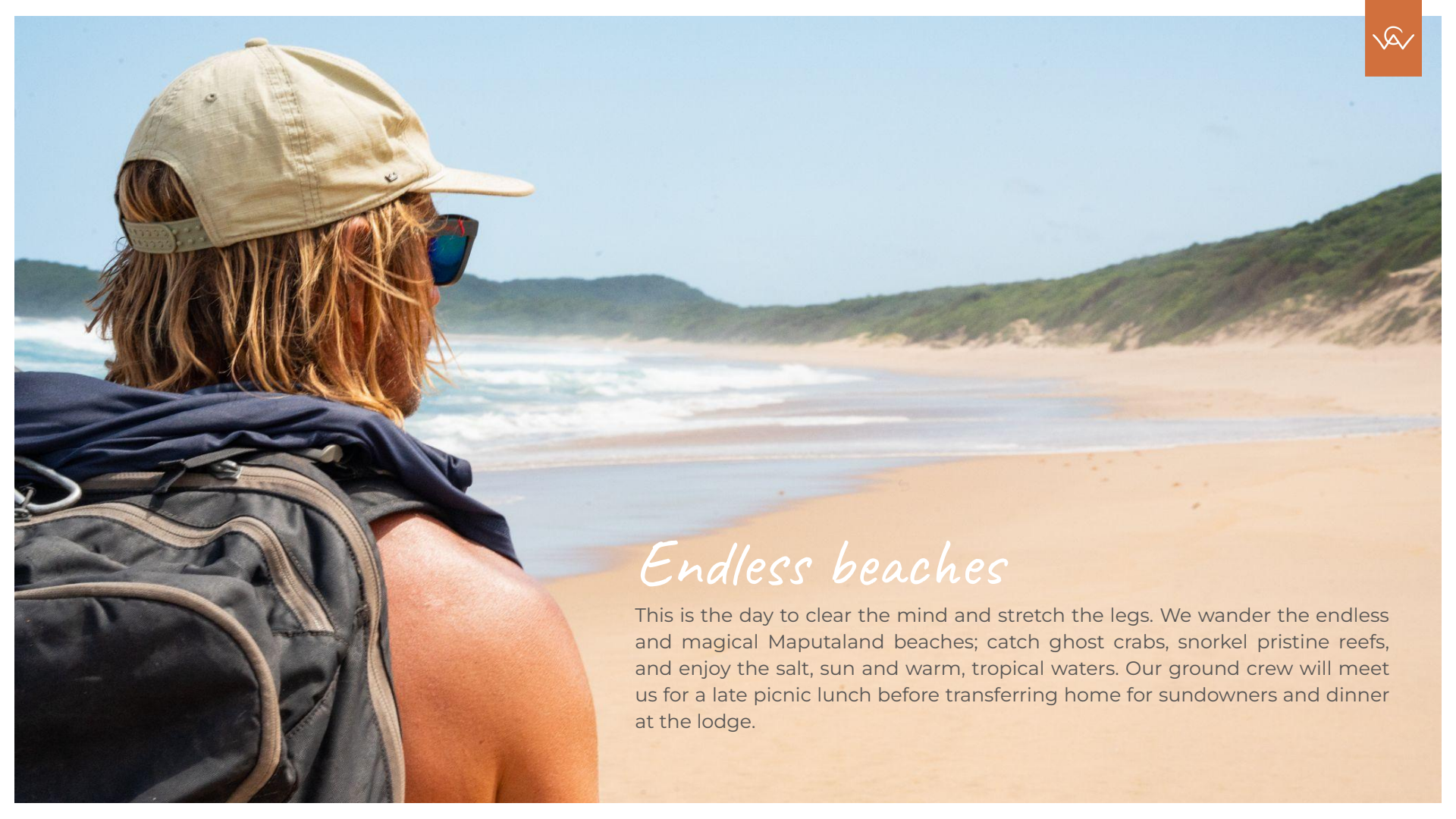
Season dependent, our journey then hugs the banks of the beautiful 3rd lake before arriving at Bhanga Nek for an early dinner on the beach and turtle walk; or our afternoon takes us on an adventure through pristine and ancient sand forests where your guide will point out many endemic plants and birds and share insights on the colourful history of this unique area.



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 stories of how the local people 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 for a secret picnic lunch before heading back to our lodge for a sunset G&T.



A person with long blonde hair, wearing a tan cap and sunglasses, is seen from the back, looking out over a vast, sandy beach and the ocean. The person has a dark backpack on. The beach is wide and sandy, with waves breaking in the distance. The sky is clear and blue.

Endless beaches

This is the day to clear the mind and stretch the legs. We wander the endless and magical Maputaland beaches; catch ghost crabs, snorkel pristine reefs, and enjoy the salt, sun and warm, tropical waters. Our ground crew will meet us for a late picnic lunch before transferring home for sundowners and dinner at the lodge.

Lazy days

Taking into account the weather and ocean conditions, your guide will plan a day to indulge - this is your opportunity to soak up more of this incredible landscape. You may take a scenic paddle up the Manzinyama river, go birdwatching, enjoy a few rare moments of pure forest silence, fish, snorkel, swim or just relax at a hidden cove. The afternoon will be spent with a G&T in hand, celebrating the Zululand sunset the Wild Child way.





Home time

Totally exhilarated, inspired and with hearts full of appreciation of this exquisite wilderness, you can enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the lodge before making your way back to civilisation.

Accommodation and Catering

Each night, you will return to our carefully selected lodge, nestled deep within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site. Tucked beneath the ancient sand forest canopies, and ideally positioned to offer you the best access to the variety of adventures on offer, your accommodation has been specifically chosen as the perfect base from which to explore.

Comfortable en-suite units sit lightly within their surroundings, with open-air dining, a well-stocked bar and a swimming pool from which to take in many natural splendors. Our resident chef ensures that all meals are fresh and generous, and each setting is planned around the perfect use of seasonal conditions. True barefoot luxury in one of the most remote and pristine corners of southern Africa.

(Season and availability dependent, we will make use of either Kosi Forest Lodge and/or Utshwayelo Kosi Mouth Lodge & Camp.)





Package pricing

4 NIGHT PACKAGES	MAX PAX	PRICE PP SHARING	SLOT PRICE (BASE RATE)	ADDITIONAL PAX PP (17 - 20)	KIDS UNDER 18 YRS DISCOUNT PP
Exclusive	20	R36 300	R580 800 (16 PAX)	R34 300	25% discount up to a max of 4 pax.
Non-Exclusive	20	R36 300	N/A	N/A	N/A

SADC residents' discounted rate

4 NIGHT PACKAGES	MAX PAX	PRICE PP SHARING	SLOT PRICE (BASE RATE)	ADDITIONAL PAX PP (17 - 20)	KIDS UNDER 18 YRS DISCOUNT PP
Exclusive	20	R25 900	R414 400 (16 PAX)	R23 900	25% discount up to a max of 4 pax.
Non-Exclusive	20	R25 900	N/A	N/A	N/A

"I am on such a high from the incredible trip I've just taken at Kosi Bay. The amazing guides foresaw our needs and wants subtly, as if being taken care of by friends, not service providers. I don't think I have laughed this much whilst dirty, sweaty, wet and muddy ever!! This was life-changing."

PHILIPPA MITCHELL

- On exclusive trips we require 16 people at full adult rate (regardless of age) before we are able to offer a discount for U 18
- All Non-exclusive trips are for min 2pax sharing (twin or double). We are unfortunately unable to accommodate singles.

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QUOTED RATES INCLUDE

Guided 4 night adventure, accommodation, all meals, vehicle support, luggage handling, snacks, refreshments, G&T, local beer and wine, professional turtle guide (in season), conservation levy, kayaks and snorkelling equipment.

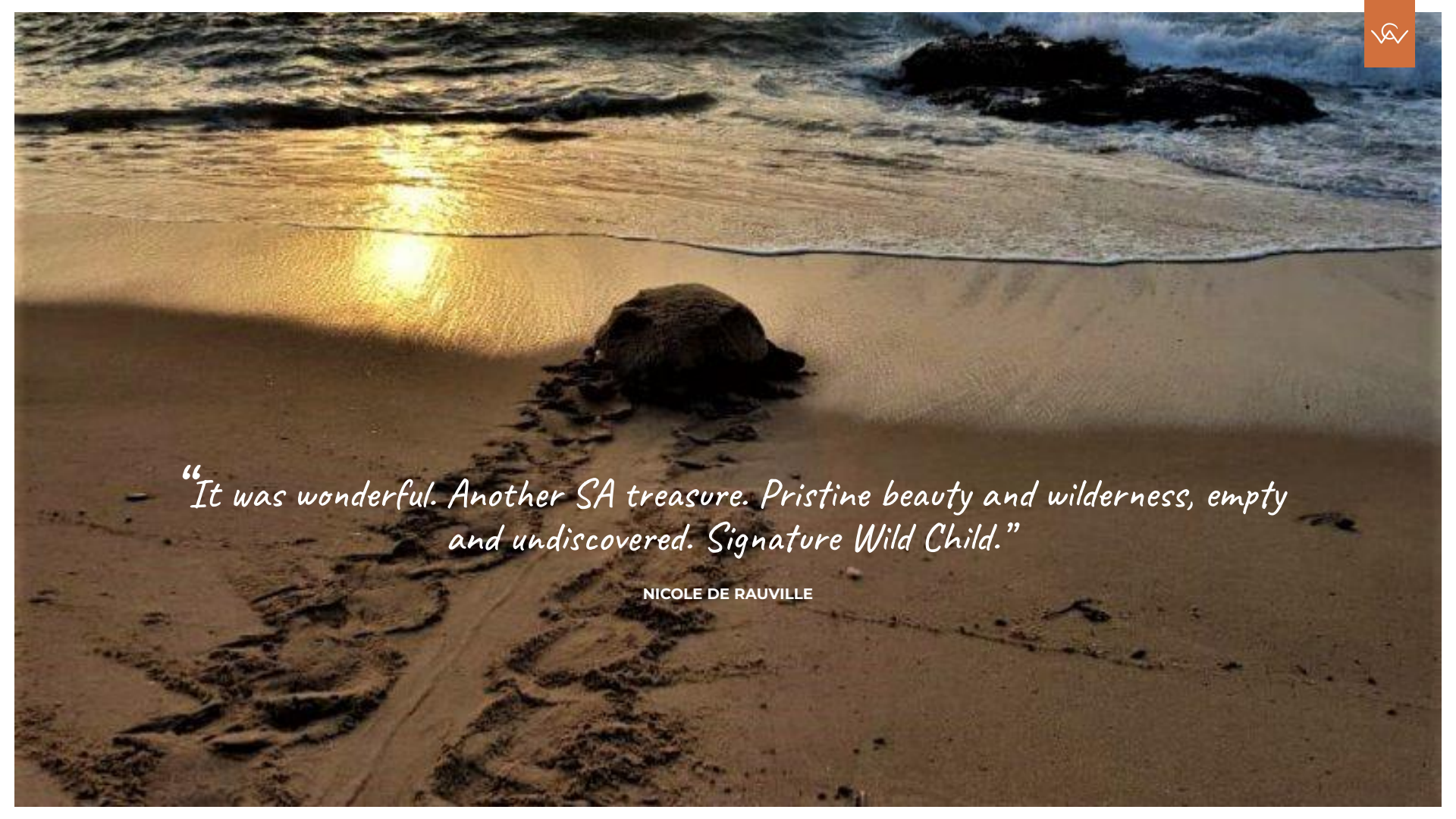
QUOTED RATES EXCLUDE

Transfers to and from your Lodge. Any drinks not mentioned above.

PAYMENT TERMS

- A deposit of 50% of total trip amount is required to secure booking for agreed date.
- Rates are all per person sharing.
- All Non-exclusive trips are for min 2 pax sharing (twin or double). We are unfortunately unable to accommodate singles. For odd numbered groups over 3 or families, please email info@wildchildafrica.com before booking as there are family units available.
- For exclusive trips, a R35 000 holding deposit is required to reserve the slot, thereafter 50% of total trip cost is due 6 weeks after slot reservation.
- For non-exclusive trips, 50% of the full trip fee is due at the time of booking.
- Balance of payment, is due 45 days prior to departure of the trip.
- A full explanation of T&Cs can be found on your invoice.



A large sea turtle is resting on a sandy beach at sunset. The turtle is positioned in the center of the frame, facing away from the viewer towards the ocean. The sand is wet and reflects the golden light of the setting sun, which is visible as a bright, low sun on the horizon. The ocean waves are breaking in the background, creating white foam. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

“It was wonderful. Another SA treasure. Pristine beauty and wilderness, empty and undiscovered. Signature Wild Child.”

NICOLE DE RAUVILLE



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Wild Child Africa is an adventure tourism company, born on the untouched coastline of Pondoland. This unspoilt stretch of the Wild Coast is the canvas upon which we have curated our flagship product, The Pondo Trail™. We specialize in privately-guided, tailor-made adventures for tourists and corporate groups. Our mission is to safeguard the environments in which we operate through community focused and sustainable eco-tourism.

Brothers, Tim and Matt Botha, founders of Wild Child Africa, built this family run business out of a desire to seek out the last untouched wildernesses, share these with guests and help inspire them to play a part in their preservation.

Wild Child Africa invites you to fall in love with Southern Africa, and develop a deep appreciation for the wild spaces we explore. Our carefully integrated 'Wild Child touches' create a series of unforgettable and life-changing moments. Join us on a journey where barefoot luxury meets community development and environmental preservation.

Be Wild. Be Free.




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