



BONAMANZI GAME PARK

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## Welcome

BONAMANZI's Management and staff would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We trust that your stay at Bonamanzi will be enjoyable and filled with everlasting memories. Please feel free to ask your Ranger, Manager, Host or any other member of our staff to assist you with any request that you might have.

**Please do not feed the animals.** It alters their natural behaviour and makes them aggressive towards people.

### Bonamanzi Game Reserve

Idyllically located in the heart of Zululand, this privately owned, 4000ha game reserve, is widely recognized as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa. Proclaimed a natural heritage site in 1995, Bonamanzi borders the World Heritage Site, Isimangoliso Wetlands Park, and the Magnificent Hluhluwe River. This pristine piece of paradise is teeming with game. Game viewing on the reserve is spectacular and our game rangers will introduce you to our diverse wildlife on game drives or night drives in open game viewing vehicles or on foot with game walks, or by boat, cruising on the well known Hluhluwe River.

### Wildlife Diversity

You could encounter Elephant, Leopard, Giraffe, Zebra, Wildebeest, Crocodile, Hippo, Warthog, Hyena and various antelope species during your stay with us. Our unique sand forests also provide shelter for threatened species such as the four-toed elephant shrew, suni, red duiker and birds such as the Pink-throated Twinspot, Rudd's Apalis, Neergaard's Sunbird and the Lemon-breasted Canary.

### Dining Room / Bar

Breakfast is served from **07h00 - 09h00** and Dinner is served at **19h00**.

We do offer Bar lunches and these are served from the Bar from **12h00 – 14h00** (last orders 13h45)

Dinner and Breakfast must be pre-booked by self-catering units, at reception before **15h00**.

The Warthog Pub at Lalapanzi Restaurant is open from **10h00 till late**.

### Daily Activities

**Guided Walks:** No two guided walks are the same, one day, you'll thrill to magnificent elephant sightings, the next, discover why that fruit is called the Black Monkey Orange... why the beetle rolls dung... or medicinal uses of certain trees. During the day walk in the cool sand forest to look for Gorgeous Bush-Shrike, the secretive Pink-throated twin spot, and Rudd's Apalis. **Durations offered: +/- 1½ hours, 3 hours, and 5 hours.**

**Game Drives:** Game Drives in open vehicles are offered at sunrise and sunset. The 3 different habitats, namely sand forest, grasslands and woodlands – have resulted in a rich diversity of species. **Tours depart at 06h00pm or 15h00am (Oct – Apr), and 07h00am or 14h30pm (May – Sept)**

**Night Drives:** For something quite different, book the night drive where you can see the lesser-known nocturnal animals like Genet, Bushbaby and maybe even catch a glimpse of the elusive leopard. **Night drives depart at 20h30.**

**Boat Trips:** Bonamanzi is one of the top birding destinations in South Africa. One of our most popular activities is our boat birding cruise where you enjoy a leisurely trip down the Hluhluwe River. You'll be able to view Crocodile, occasionally

Hippo, and a variety of water birds. Our boat has been designed with birding in mind, so there is no overhead covering, be sure to bring a sunhat. **Depart at 15h00 (Oct – Apr) or 14h30 (May – Sept)**

**Crocodile Feeding:** Our family of Crocodiles lurking in their natural enclosures gives you the opportunity to closely observe and appreciate these prehistoric reptiles basking in the sun or lazing in the water. Our knowledgeable guides will add educational value to the experience, as you are encouraged to participate in discussions while watching the Crocodiles feed. **Feeding @ 14h00: Every Saturday (summer months) and every 2nd Saturday (winter months)**

## Other Activities in the Area

**Big 5 Game Drive:** Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve is an easy 15-20 minute drive from Bonamanzi. This Reserve is not only home to **Africa's Big 5**, but also to game like the elusive Cheetah and endangered Wilddog. This is the oldest game reserve in Africa and the Park covers over 96 000ha. As the home of Operation Rhino in the 1950s and 60s, the Park became world renowned for its white rhino conservation. 3hr, 6hr (half day) or 9hr (full day) Game drives are available and can be scheduled for the morning or the afternoon. Please note these need to be booked in advance.

**Bayete Zulu:** Offers a unique elephant encounter. Get personal with these gentle giants - touch and feed the elephants

**Emdoneni:** Join us for an up close and personal tour and learn more about South Africa's endangered wild cat species.

**Zulu-Croc:** Crocodile and snake park, with daily shows, introducing you to venomous South African snakes.

## Additional Activities

If you require, we can happily arrange other activities for you. These include: Drives to Mkuze & Tembe Elephant Game Reserves, Tiger fishing at Jozini Dam, Deep sea fishing at St. Lucia, Scuba Diving at Sodwana Bay or snorkeling at Cape Vidal. Please speak to reception for further information.

## Game Drive Etiquette

Your ranger will explain the necessary etiquette on game drives. However, the following niceties should be respected.

**Smoking is not allowed on vehicles**, but, on request, occasional smoke breaks will be organised. Please do not discard any cigarette buds around the reserve as it is highly dangerous and a huge fire hazard.

- Guests are advised to take their own binoculars and reference books on game drives.
- Noise levels should be kept to a minimum, particularly at game sightings. Not only may excessive noise disturb the game but it can also be an irritant to other guests.
- Guests are requested not to stand up in the vehicle. A human shape beyond the outline of the vehicle will alarm animals.
- All rubbish, including cigarette butts, should be retained in the vehicle for removal on return to the lodge.

## Bedroom Suites

**Laundry:** You will find a laundry bag as well as laundry list in the cupboard. Please fill in the form provided and hand it in at reception. Laundry handed in before **09h00** will be returned to your room during the same day, weather-permitting. We regret that no underwear, socks or swimsuits will be accepted. Please note that this service is to be used at owners own risk, Bonamanzi will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or shrinkage of items.

**Water:** Our tap water is perfectly safe to drink, but should you prefer bottled water, we do sell at the bar.

**Smoking:** We request that you do not smoke in the suites. Smoking is however permitted in the designated areas, on your room deck and on the front veranda of the lodge.

**Toilets:** Please do not dispose of any foreign matter into the toilets.

**Safe:** Each room is equipped with a safe. Please find operating instructions in your room.

## Gratuities

There is no exact science in determining the quantum of a tip. As a guide the following is worth considering.

- Although customary, whether or not to tip is solely at your discretion.
- If you wish to reward staff, tipping should be related to the quality of service experienced by you during your stay.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the management staff.

## Check Out Procedure

Normal check out time is **10h00** on the date of departure. You are however welcome to check-out and still enjoy any of our many daily activities until you depart.

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