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SODWANA  
*easter tour*

19 - 23 April 2019

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## Friday, 19th - Monday, 22nd April

3-Night, 4-Dive Package  
incl Dinner, Bed and Breakfast  
@ Sodwana Bay Lodge

*OR*

## Friday, 19th - Tuesday, 23rd April

4-Night, 5-Dive Package  
incl Dinner, Bed and Breakfast  
@ Sodwana Bay Lodge

Check-in on Friday, 19th April @ 2pm  
2 dives on Saturday  
2 dive on Sunday

Check-out Monday, 22nd April @ 10am

Check-in on Friday, 19th April @ 2pm  
2 dives on Saturday  
2 dive on Sunday

1 dive on Monday

Check-out Tuesday, 23rd April @ 10am

### RATES:

3-Night, 4-Dive @ R4 270 pp sharing  
3-Night, Non-Diver @ R3 180 pp sharing  
3-Night, 4-Dive Single @ R4 440 pp

### RATES:

4-Night, 5-Dive @ R5 625 pp sharing  
4-Night, Non-Diver @ R4 240 pp sharing  
4-Night, 5-Dive Single @ R5 860 pp

All dives quoted based on 2-Mile Reef. Surcharges will be applicable for dives on further reefs.

All divers must have their own Soft Gear.

Hard Gear can be rented as follows:

BCD and Air-System @ R160 per day

Weights @ R50 per day

Cylinder @ R80 per day

Please confirm gear rental upfront so we can arrange accordingly.

Gear to be collected from SCUBA.co.za before the commencement of tour and to be returned after the tour. Details will be communicated accordingly.

### No refunds on unused services e.g. Dives and/or Meals

Please note that we are unable to refund any dive or gear hire fee for any dives not completed or done for whatever reason, whether due to hangovers, seasickness, fatigue or just general "I don't feel like it". Dive fees will only be credited if the Dive Operator calls off diving due to rough seas, unfavourable weather conditions and/or safety concerns.

Divers will be required to show the dive centre some proof of qualification i.e. log book, dive card, e-card etc.

All divers must have a valid dive permit to dive in Sodwana (it is a Marine Protected Area). Dive Permits can be obtained from any SA Post Office. Ask for the angling permit and tick the box for Scuba Diving. The permit is valid for 1 year.

Alternatively, you can purchase a monthly permit at the Scuba Centre when you arrive (subject to availability).

Please bring cash for the gate entry fee, payable directly to the Isimangaliso Wetland Park upon entering the beach every day. R28 pp per day plus R32 per car per day.



# *SODWANA* bay

is situated in the Isimangaliso Wetlands Park,  
which is a World Heritage Site.

It has been a protected reserve since the 1950's,  
therefore ensuring the abundance of fish life and pristine corals.

Classified as one of the top dive sites in the world this 50 km reef  
complex boasts around 95 species of hard and soft coral, sponges,  
other invertebrates and around 1200 fish species.

Sodwana has some of the best diving in the world...

*Sodwana Bay Lodge* has been carefully designed to match the rustic eco-orientated nature of the region. All rooms are equipped with Satellite DStv, Air Con, Phone, Bar Fridge, en-suite Shower and Toilet, Ceiling Fan as well as complimentary tea and coffee making facilities. All chalets are serviced daily. Chalets are available in either Double or Twin set-ups.



All packages include Breakfast and Dinner. Breakfast is Buffet-style; including cereals, yoghurt and fruit, as well as a hot buffet - eggs, bacon, toast and a selection of kitchen favourites, tomatoes, mince, sausage, mealie meal.

Enjoy a lazy afternoon at the poolside bar, sipping a cocktail or enjoying a beer.

Dinner is a la cart with the menu featuring steaks, fish, pizza, pasta, burgers and chicken.



# SCUBA *diving*

Sodwana attracts approximately 35 000 scuba divers every year.

Diving Conditions:

Visibility: 10 - 30 m

Best Time to Visit: Any time of the year is good, but September to March is best

Depth Range: 8 - 40 m

Marine Life: Indian Ocean species, Cold Water species, as well as Humpback Whales, Ragged-Tooth Sharks, Whale Sharks, Manta Rays and Moray Eels.

Favourite Reefs:

1/4 Mile - Ragged-Tooth Sharks (nesting reef)

2 Mile - Stringer, Antons', Pinnacles, Caves & Overhangs, Coral Gardens, 4 Buoy, Bikini, 2 Buoy, Chain, Deep Sponge

5 Mile - Hotspot, Gotham, Lettuce, Ribbon

7 Mile - Northern Wall, Amphitheatres, Mushroom Rock

9 Mile - Christmas Tree Coral

# Getting there

GPS: 27°30'39"S– 32°39'38E

## **FROM JOHANNESBURG (About 6 and a half hours) Via Ermelo**

Three Ways to travel:

Option 1:

Take the N12 – Take Ogies off ramp ( R545 ) travel through Ogies and onto the Bethal road. About 64km to Bethal R545. Pass through Bethal and follow the signs to Ermelo N17. About 55km to Ermelo on the N17.

Option 2:

Take the N12, N4 – Take Ermelo/Hendrina off Ramp ( N11 ). Continue past Witbank and join the N4. This is now a toll road. Take the N11 off ramp to Ermelo. About 102km to Ermelo on the N11 via Hendrina.

### **Option 3 - we recommend this route:**

Take the N17, through to Ermelo. The first part is a toll road. Then through Leandra, Kinross, Bethal and on the Ermelo.

### **From Ermelo:**

Travel through Ermelo and follow signs to Piet Retief, the N17 now becomes the N2. Pass through Piet Retief and follow signs to Pongola which is approximately 80km away. Travel through Pongola, straight towards Hluhluwe. At Hluhluwe off ramp take a left turn into Hluhluwe. Travel past Engen Service station to a T-Junction. Turn left. Follow this road for about 1km and on your right is the turn for Sodwana Bay and False Bay. Turn right over the railway. This road travels for approximately 80kms to Mbazwane Village.

You will then reach two traffic circles, continue until you see the sign board 'Sodwana Bay', you will also see a Petrol Garage on the right-hand side, turn right continue down the road until you reach the stop street. Turn Right, continue past the traffic circle and approximately 11km down the road on your left-hand side in Sodwana Bay Lodge's front gates.

## **FROM DURBAN (About 3 and a half hours)**

Follow the N2 Northbound, pass Empangeni and Richards Bay.

Take the Hluhluwe off ramp, turn right.

Continue through Hluhluwe to a T-Junction.

Turn Left out of Hluhluwe, and approximately 1km outside of Hluhluwe is a signboard for Sodwana Bay, False Bay.

Turn right over railway line and follow the tarred road for approximately 97km.

You will then reach two traffic circles, continue until you see the sign board 'Sodwana Bay', you will also see a Petrol Garage on the right-hand side, turn right continue down the road until you reach the stop street. Turn Right, continue past the traffic circle and approximately 11km down the road on your left-hand side in Sodwana Bay Lodge's front gates.