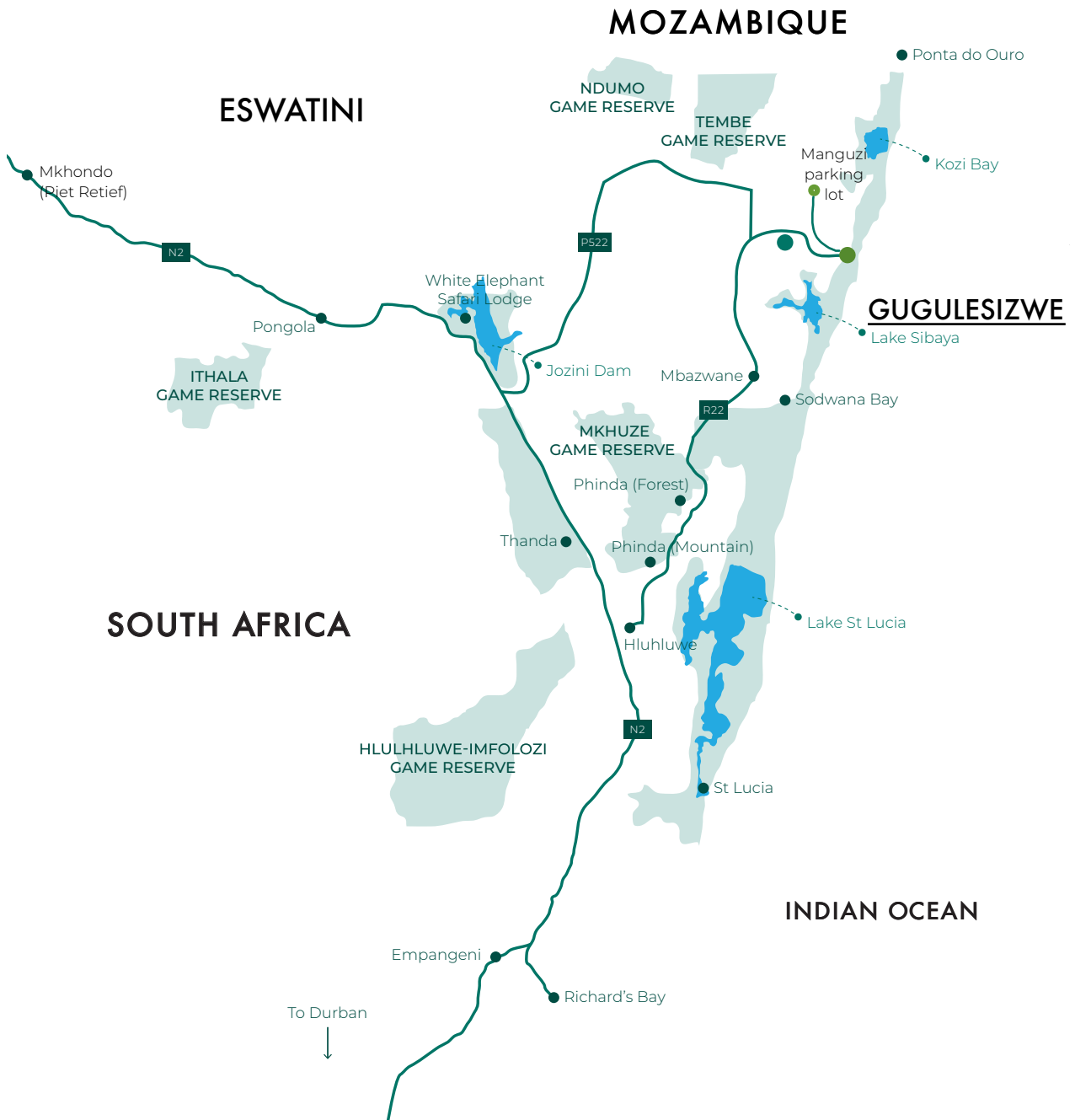




# BIG SKIES





### TRAVELING TIMES IN HOURS (APPROXIMATE)

1.5 hrs	4 hrs		7 hrs					2 hrs	Sodwana
40 min	4.5 - 5	2 hrs	9 - 10 hrs	2 hrs	2.5 hrs	2.5 hrs	3.5 hrs	Gugule sizwe	69 km
3 hrs	2 hrs						Richards Bay Airport	236 km	
2 hrs	3 hrs		6 - 7 hrs			Phinda		115 km	
2 hrs	4 hrs		4.5 hrs		Pongola			197 km	
1.5 hrs	3.5 hrs		5.5 hrs	Jozini				126 km	
8 - 9 hrs		6 hrs	OR Tambo Airport (JHB)	465 km	421 km	600 km		606 km	635 km
1.5 hrs	2.5 - 3 hrs	Hluhluwe	530				100 km	137 km	
4 - 4.5 hrs	King Shaka Airport (DUR)	250 km		328 km	355 km	290 km	187 km	371 km	355 km
Manguzi Parking lot	350 km	116 km	585 km	105 km	176 km	94 km	215 km	21 km	48 km

### DISTANCE ( APPROXIMATE KILOMETERS)

### SWAZILAND TRAVELLING TIMES (APPROXIMATE IN HOURS )

40 min	5 - 6 hrs	4.5 - 5 hrs	4.5 - 5.5 hrs	6 - 7 hrs	Rocktail Camp
5 - 6 hrs	hrs 1	2.5 hrs	2 hrs	Piggs Peak	126 km
3.5 - 4.5 hrs	1.5 hrs	1 hrs	Hlane Royal NP	130 km	305 km
3.5 - 4 hrs	1.5 hrs	Mkhaya Game Reserve	48 km	167 km	283 km
4 - 5 hrs	Ezulwini Valley	100 km	100 km	74 km	348 km
Manguzi Parking	327 km	262 km	284 km	395 km	21 km

### ESWATINI DISTANCE ( APPROXIMATE KILOMETERS)



The approximate Swaziland traveling times to Manguzi parking lot or Gugulesizwe Camp include a 15 to 20 minute stop at the Golela Border Post and are based on the Jozini route. The approximate kilometers to Manguzi parking lot or Gugulesizwe based on the Jozini route.

The Golela Border Post is open from 07:00 and closes at 22:00 – opening / closing times are subject to change without prior notice.

## **SELF-DRIVE**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

You are responsible for all required paperwork and relevant costs.

Please ensure that your mobile phones are set up with International Roaming from your country of origin (to both dial out and to receive calls or texts) to facilitate ease of communications in the event of an emergency, while travelling in South Africa. Should you choose to purchase and use a local SIM card within your mobile phone, this will not apply.

All directions provided are correct to the best of our knowledge. Due to circumstances beyond our control, signage may disappear, and roads may become damaged, resulting in unforeseen detours or delays. Prior to departing on safari, please provide Big Skies with the relevant arrival and departure details, as well as a contact number.

Should you not arrive at Gugulesizwe Camp due to losing your way, becoming stranded or experiencing technical difficulties with your vehicle, it is not the responsibility of Big Skies to recover or search for you. We will do everything possible to facilitate the hiring of someone to recover and/or assist you. All costs incurred will be for your own account and Big Skies cannot be held liable for any delays or missed services.

Big Skies will not accept any liability, responsibility or claim for compensation, for any incident or accident involving you, your vehicle and/or any third party. If hiring a car, requirements may vary depending on country and/or car-hire company. We highly recommend that you are covered by comprehensive travel insurance as per our booking terms and conditions.

### **IMPORTANT ACCESS INFORMATION:**

Manguzi parking lot is the meeting/parking point for all guests requiring transfers to and from the camp. From here it is an approximately 40-minute drive to the Camp. The scheduled complimentary transfers from the Manguzi parking lot to Gugulesizwe Camp are at the following times: 10h30, 13h00 & 15h00. If making use of a private transfer (costs apply), the latest transfer departure from the Manguzi Parking lot is at 17h00.

Please note that the vehicle at the Manguzi parking lot pick-up point will wait for approximately 15 minutes. If the camp has not been contacted regarding a late arrival, the camp vehicle will depart. Another vehicle will be sent when available at an extra cost. All self-drivers to camp must have a confirmed reservation prior to arriving in camp.

Neither Big Skies nor the staff at Gugulesizwe Camp is responsible for self-drive guests reaching camp. Accordingly, we strongly advise all self-drive guests to ensure they have all information, equipment and necessities to reach their destination prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas you travel through may not have cell phone coverage. Once having turned off the N2, please drive carefully as livestock animals are a hazard on the roads.

### **2X4 VEHICLES:**

Due to poor road conditions, 2x4 vehicles cannot drive directly to camp but should park at Manguzi parking lot. The parking area is fenced, guarded and locked at night however all vehicles parked at Manguzi parking lot are done so at the owner's risk.

All 2x4 self-drive guests must advise reservations which arrival and departure transfer times they need for Manguzi parking lot, at least 72 hours prior to arrival in camp, to avoid the cost of a private transfer. Google maps can be used to reach Manguzi.



# DIRECTIONS

## SELF-DRIVE FROM JOHANNESBURG / PRETORIA TO GUGULESIZWE CAMP VIA JOZINI

From Johannesburg take the N17 toll road towards Springs / Brakpan / Boksburg.

From Pretoria follow the N1 which leads to the N17 towards Springs / Brakpan / Boksburg.

There are two toll gates. Per vehicle type costs (standard sedan, motorcycle, truck, etc.) are subject to change without prior notification.

Carry on with the N17 to Bethal (+/-60 km).

In Bethal follow the signs "Ermelo"; continue on the N17 to Ermelo (approximately 55 km).

Once in Ermelo look for the sign "N2 Piet Retief" on the right and carry on with this road (N2) until you get to the town of Piet Retief (approximately 100km).

From Piet Retief carry on straight through the town following the "N2" towards the town of Pongola (+/-100 km). Just before Pongola you will see a lot of settlements and houses. Please drive with caution as it is not unusual to see pedestrians and animals on the road.

Once in Pongola, drive straight through the town staying on the "N2". We suggest you stop in Pongola for fuel and any shopping.

About 64 km after Pongola (N2), you will see a sign on your left-hand side indicating "Jozini".

Turn left here. The Jozini Lake will be on your left-hand side (+/-22 km) to the town of Jozini.

Continue with this road towards the mountains and up the mountain pass. Once over the mountain, there are a lot of bends going down towards the town of Jozini. Negotiate these bends carefully.

Once in Jozini, carry on straight through the town until you get to a stop street (stop sign). As Jozini is extremely busy, we recommend you don't stop there.

At the stop sign, you take the road to your left, go over the Jozini (Pongola Poort) dam wall and carry on straight with this road for approximately 34 km. From here on, be careful of people and farm animals walking on the road.

You will get to a T-junction with a Petrol Station on your right. Here you turn right.

Carry on with this road for +/-36 km, passing Ndumo Game Reserve on your left and later also the Tembe Elephant Park on your left. Pay attention to a few unmarked speed humps and still be on the lookout for pedestrians and animals on the road.

Continue on this road until you get to a traffic circle or roundabout (14 km). From here refer to the 4X4 directions into camp or the 2x4 directions into camp sections.

Keep to the speed limit as Traffic Police are always monitoring the roads.

Give yourself ample time for this journey, about 8 hours, as there are a lot of speed humps, animals and pedestrians on the roads.

## 2. SELF-DRIVE FROM DURBAN / RICHARDS BAY TO GUGULESIZWE CAMP

From Durban follow the N2 direction north (Richards Bay / Empangeni signs) – drive for approximately 438 kilometres until you get to the "Hluhluwe" turnoff.

From Richards Bay follow the N2 direction north – drive for approximately 101 kilometres until you get to the "Hluhluwe" turnoff. Follow the N2 north

Take the "Hluhluwe" off ramp and turn right over the freeway towards the town of Hluhluwe. Beware of traffic calming humps from now on.

Drive through the town itself cross over three traffic circles and follow signs (green and white) indicating "R22 Sodwana Bay". At the fourth traffic circle turn left and travel for approximately 1.4 kilometres. Turn right over the railway line onto the R22. Please be aware of the many traffic calming humps on R22.

Follow this road (R22) for approximately 78 kilometres sign posted "Mbazwana/Sodwana Bay" until you reach the town of Mbazwana – go straight over the first traffic circle. • Continue for another 500 metres and go straight over the second traffic circle.



Passing through the village of Mbazwana with a small shopping centre on the right-hand side. Go straight over the third traffic circle (IGNORE the signs indicating Jozini to the left and Sodwana Bay to the right at this point). Continue straight along this tarred road for approximately 30 kilometres (there are green and white signs indicating "R22 Kwangwanase & Farazella"). After approximately 30 kilometres you will see a sign indicating "Coastal Forest Reserve" as well as a sign reading "D1849" – Turn tight here. You are now on a gravel road. Continue on this road until you get to a traffic circle or roundabout (14 km). From here refer to the 4X4 directions into camp or the 2x4 directions into camp sections. Keep to the speed limit as Traffic Police are always monitoring the roads.

### **2X4 DIRECTIONS INTO CAMP**

Travel for approximately 5 kilometres at which point you will see a signboard and entrance to Manguzi parking lot on your right-hand side. Turn right here and enter through the gate to the farm Manguzi parking lot, where a Gugulesizwe Camp representative will meet you. Please see General Information above for details regarding transfers from Manguzi parking lot to Gugulesizwe Camp. Continue along the R22 for 15 kilometers until you reach a roundabout and continue straight for 600 meters. At the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto the P522. Drive along the P522 for 23 kilometers. Once you're in the town of Manguzi, look for a sign on the left for Cambridge centre and turn right down the road. Pass the Cambridge shop on your right and continue down to a bridge, continue along this road for about 500 meters and you will arrive at the parking lot on your right.

### **4X4 DIRECTIONS INTO CAMP**

Go around the circle and turn right onto the R22 towards "Hluhluwe". Go straight on the second roundabout. On this stretch of road there are a lot of speed humps (15 km). Continue until you see a big brown sign on your left indicating "Coastal Forest Reserve". Here you turn left onto a dirt/sand road (D1849). Reset your trip clock to 0. There are signs the entire way, but please follow the instructions as a safeguard as the signs are often knocked over by cows or poor weather. Also please note Google maps do not work to get you to camp. After 100m on the D1849, there is a sign for Manzungwenya, Mabibi, Lala Nek and Rocktail. Continue straight on this road for 18km. At 4.3km on the D1849, Coastal Cashews will be on your right, continue straight. At 18km there is another Manzungwenya, Rocktail, Lala Nek sign. Turn left here and go straight over the crossroads. Continue straight on this road. At 23.6 km you will see the first Gugulesizwe sign: a small pink sign on the left-hand side of the road. Turn left here, being careful in the thick sand on this corner. Continue through the forest along this road. At 27km, take the right fork. At 30km, keep left at the second Y-junction and keep straight. At 30.4km, go straight over the crossroads. At 30.6km, turn right at the bottom of the hill. At 31 km, take a slight left at the crossroads. At 31.3km, turn right into Gugulesizwe.