

Ikhara Villa

Your house, your guide and your own hours, before you travel.

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Ikhara Villa is an exclusive use house at Gondwana Game Reserve on the Garden Route near Cape Town in the Western Cape. It opens glass to the Langeberg and Outeniqua ranges. The house is yours alone, with your own field guide, chef and vehicle.

Children are welcome from any age. Children aged 3 and over can join game drives. The Junior Ranger Programme and Bokkie drives can be arranged where age rules allow.

What the stay includes

All meals and drinks form part of the stay. Specialty coffee, WiFi and DSTV come with the house. Babysitting can be arranged and is set out with your quote.

Arriving

The house is ready from two in the afternoon and check out is by eleven. Residences are booked for a minimum of two nights. Before you travel, tell reservations about dietary needs, a celebration, any access needs and anything your chef should know. Your guide will agree the shape of the first evening with you when you arrive.

The shape of a day

Meals and drives run to your hours rather than a lodge timetable. Your guide, chef and vehicle are yours for the stay, so the day starts when you want it to and nothing depends on getting down to a lodge. Agree the next day with your guide each evening.

Minimum stay	Two nights
Check in	From two in the afternoon
Check out	By eleven
Meals	To your own hours, with your chef
Drives	To your own hours, from your own door

Walks

Nature walks, fynbos walks and a walk or a run with your guide form part of the stay. Arrange them with your guide or at reception.

Riding on the reserve

Bikes are available from cycling age. The roads here are natural gravel rather than paved, so a rider needs to be competent on loose ground and riding is at your own risk. eBikes are quick and are for riders aged 16 and over. Anyone under 18 rides with an adult present and with a parent or guardian's consent. Speak to your guide or reception before you set off.

What to pack

Dress in layers and in the colours of the bush. Khaki, brown and beige. Southern Cape mornings are cold on an open vehicle even in summer, so bring a warm jacket whatever the month. By the middle of the day you may well be in shirtsleeves.

Bring a wide brim hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, closed walking shoes, something for the pool and a light raincoat, because showers pass through in any month. Binoculars are worth the space and a pair each beats sharing. From May to September add a beanie and light gloves.

The full checklist is on the website under Plan your trip, ready to download and tick off on your phone.

Getting here

Gondwana Game Reserve is about four hours by road from Cape Town and about 45 minutes from George Airport. The reserve is malaria free. Printable directions are on the Directions and Map page.

Booking and payment

Your booking is confirmed once payment has been received. Ask reservations for current deposit, amendment and cancellation terms. Send proof of payment to reservations@gondwanagr.co.za. Credit card authorisation forms are available on request.

Not included

French champagne. Premium wines. Wellness treatments. The shop. Transfers. All are charged separately and set out with your quote.

Conservation

A conservation fee is charged separately for each stay and goes to a registered conservation fund. The fund carries the upkeep of the reserve, the protection of its wildlife and the anti poaching work behind it.

Reservations

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