

Kwena Suites

The lodge, the shape of the day and what to bring, before you travel.

Kwena Lodge

Kwena Lodge sits on a ridge above the plains at Gondwana Game Reserve on the Garden Route near Cape Town in the Western Cape. Each suite is a building of its own, set apart so the deck looks onto fynbos and mountain. The lodge is for couples and for guests aged 12 and over. Younger children stay at Lehele Lodge, where the day runs on their clock.

Between drives there is the infinity pool, the bar and the long tables where dinner runs late. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the lodge. Filtered water, coffee and tea are in your suite and at meals. Housekeeping and turndown come with the stay. WiFi is available in the lodge and in your suite.

Arriving

Your suite is ready from two in the afternoon. Lunch runs from one until half past two and tea follows at half past three, so there is time to settle before the afternoon drive. Before you travel, tell reservations about dietary needs, a celebration or any access needs, so that none of it has to be solved on the day. Check out is by eleven. If your flight is late, reception will hold your bags.

The shape of a day

Two drives a day, morning and afternoon, both from the lodge with a field guide. Reception confirms the times the evening before, because they move with the season. Between the drives the day is yours.

Check in	From two in the afternoon
Lunch	One until half past two
Afternoon tea	Half past three until four
Afternoon drive	Half past three or four, by season
Dinner	From seven
Morning drive	Six or seven, by season
Breakfast	Eight until ten
Check out	By eleven

Your suite

A stand alone bedroom under thatch with mountain views. A large bathroom with a rain shower, a deep bath set under a picture window, double basins and a separate toilet. Indoor seating by the fireplace, a dressing area and a covered patio with a double lounger. King or twin beds, cotton linen, bath towels and robes, non allergenic pillows, a hairdryer and a tea station. Suites sleep two.

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

Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks away from the vehicle. 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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