

WELCOME
TO
ST LUCIA AT HOME

“The Greater St Lucia Wetlands Park must be the only place on the globe where the world’s oldest land mammal, the rhinoceros and the world’s biggest terrestrial mammal, the elephant share an ecosystem with the world’s oldest fish, the coelacanth and the world’s biggest mammal, the whale.”

– Nelson Mandela

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

ALPHA TOWN SECURITY – 079 145 9911

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A warm welcome to this beautiful town of St Lucia!

This wonderful town is full of excitement from the second you arrive to the minute you leave.

We are privileged to host you and guarantee we are here for you to help you enjoy your stay.

Please note the information below...

Your host's Natalie and Colin are located at St. Lucia Wetlands Guesthouse, 20 Kingfisher Street, within walking distance from the apartment. They are also available on (035) 590 1098 or 0825625129. Please feel free to contact if you have any queries.

And yes, it is true, Hippos do roam the streets after sunset and can be **very dangerous**, so be alert and do not walk the streets after sunset.

TAKE CARE WHEN SWIMMING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN in this area because the under currents can be very strong. Please also take care not to walk too close to the lake as the waters are full of Nile Crocodiles.

Most shops in St Lucia are open seven days a week from 7am to 7pm, apart from the bottle stores which do not open on Sundays and religious holidays.

South African Police: (035) 590 1221

Medical Practitioner: We recommend Dr. Pillay in Mtubatuba, 25km from St Lucia.

Tel: (035) 550 1005 (during office hours).

For emergencies: START 082 940 7380

Pharmacy: Situated in shopping centre on corner of McKenzie & Dolfyn Street, opposite where vendors sell fruit.

Business hours:	Monday to Friday	08:00 to 17:00
.	Saturday	08:00 to 14:00
.	Sunday	09:00 to 13:00

First National Bank: FNB and ATM, is situated next to *SPAR SUPERMARKET* in McKenzie Street. Open Monday to Friday 09:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:30.
Every alternative Saturday from 08:30 to 11:00

Post Office: Situated opposite Uitspan. Business Hours: Mon: 08:00 to 16:30, Wed: 08:30 to 16:30, Sat: 08:00 to 12:00 For Fishing License.

Suggested options for your itinerary...

- Take a stroll around the picturesque village and/or enjoy a refreshing draft beer at the Ski Boat/ Deep Sea Anglers Club while soaking up the sun and perhaps get a view of the majestic Fish Eagle circling Lake St Lucia, South Africa's first World Heritage Site, searching for unwitting fish, while the Nile Crocodile watches and waits patiently for its prey.
- Drive past the Ski Boat Club, to the end of the cul-de-sac. Take a stroll on the boardwalk and onto the beach while enjoying the fresh air and taking in the sight of the beautiful high vegetated dunes overlooking the Indian Ocean.
- Seasonal Whale watching from June to November.
- Seasonal Turtle watching from November to March.
- Fishing, Surfing and Deep-Sea fishing is popular in this area. Fat Bike fishing a new addition.
- There are not many places in the world where one can drive thirty-two kilometres through a well-stocked, scenic game reserve, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Heritage Site, to arrive at the beautiful Cape Vidal beach where, during low tide, one can observe the tropical fish while snorkeling within a natural reef. On route to the beach there are many detours one can take to view the wildlife, while still travelling in the direction of Cape Vidal.

*A worthwhile option is to take the turn to Mission Rocks where, prior to arriving at the beach, one can take a stroll following the well demarcated footpath to the top of the dune. Back in the vehicle one can drive to Mission Rocks Beach where you will witness a breathtaking view of the beach and magnificent rocks, where one will also find a great place for a picnic with a built in barbeque facility.

*The young and energetic can walk for an hour and a half to two hours in a northerly direction on the beach to arrive at a cave filled with roosting Egyptian Fruit Bats. However, caution must be taken that this activity is started and completed during low tide as one can experience difficulties when the tides change.

*Back on the road en route to Cape Vidal, and exactly five kilometres from Mission Rocks, take the turn to the view point at Catalina Bay where

one can again exit the vehicle. While there are no lions in this area, visitors still need to be aware of other dangerous animals. Catalina Bay played a significant role during the Second World War where the Royal Airforce had a base for Catalina sea planes to patrol the Natal coast.

*Enjoy the day on Cape Vidal Beach but be on the lookout for monkeys, who will uninvitedly share your lunch, and the Yellow Billed Kites who frequently in a flash could snatch a sandwich from your hand. Just remember to pack yourself a picnic basket prior to departure for Cape Vidal as there are no food outlets in the area.

- Back in the village of St Lucia you can visit the Crocodile Centre, which is located near the Cape Vidal entrance/gate. This is a research centre and plays host to many species of crocodiles and cycad plants that also date back to prehistoric times. Crocodile feeding takes place on Saturdays and Sundays. For feeding times please phone 035 590 1340 during office hours. While there you might want to enjoy the walking trails where you might meet some of the friendly wild animals- if this happens please keep your distance. Get information on these trails from the curio shop at the crocodile centre.
- Two-hour boat cruises on lake St Lucia is a popular way to view hippo, crocodile and aquatic bird life. There are various options, some hosting eighty passengers while others as few as fifteen passengers. We would recommend the sunset cruise. One of the smaller boats also offers an early morning breakfast cruise. Please talk to the host at St Lucia Wetlands Guest House to assist you with tickets for these boat trips.
- There are various walking trails in and around the village of St Lucia that can be enjoyed by yourself or using an experienced guide. Bicycles can be rented in the village.
- Birdwatchers come from around the world to tick yet another few bird sightings off their list. Our birding guides are amongst the best of the best. Give the guide your list and he will casually show you your bird while you, in awe, gasp for air.
- Horse riding for beginners and experienced riders is available for beach or bush rides and takes place throughout the year.
- Another game reserve, recently established, is known as the Western Shores and is on our doorstep. Cross the bridge and you will find the Dukuduku Gate to

your right. You can enter and either return on the same route to exit the Dukuduku Gate, or travel through the park and exit at the Nhlozi gate, returning to St Lucia via the N2 and R618. This beautiful park hosts many Giraffe which are not seen on the Eastern Shore or at Cape Vidal. Make sure to pack a picnic basket, as well as a few chairs, to be enjoyed at the tranquil picnic area.

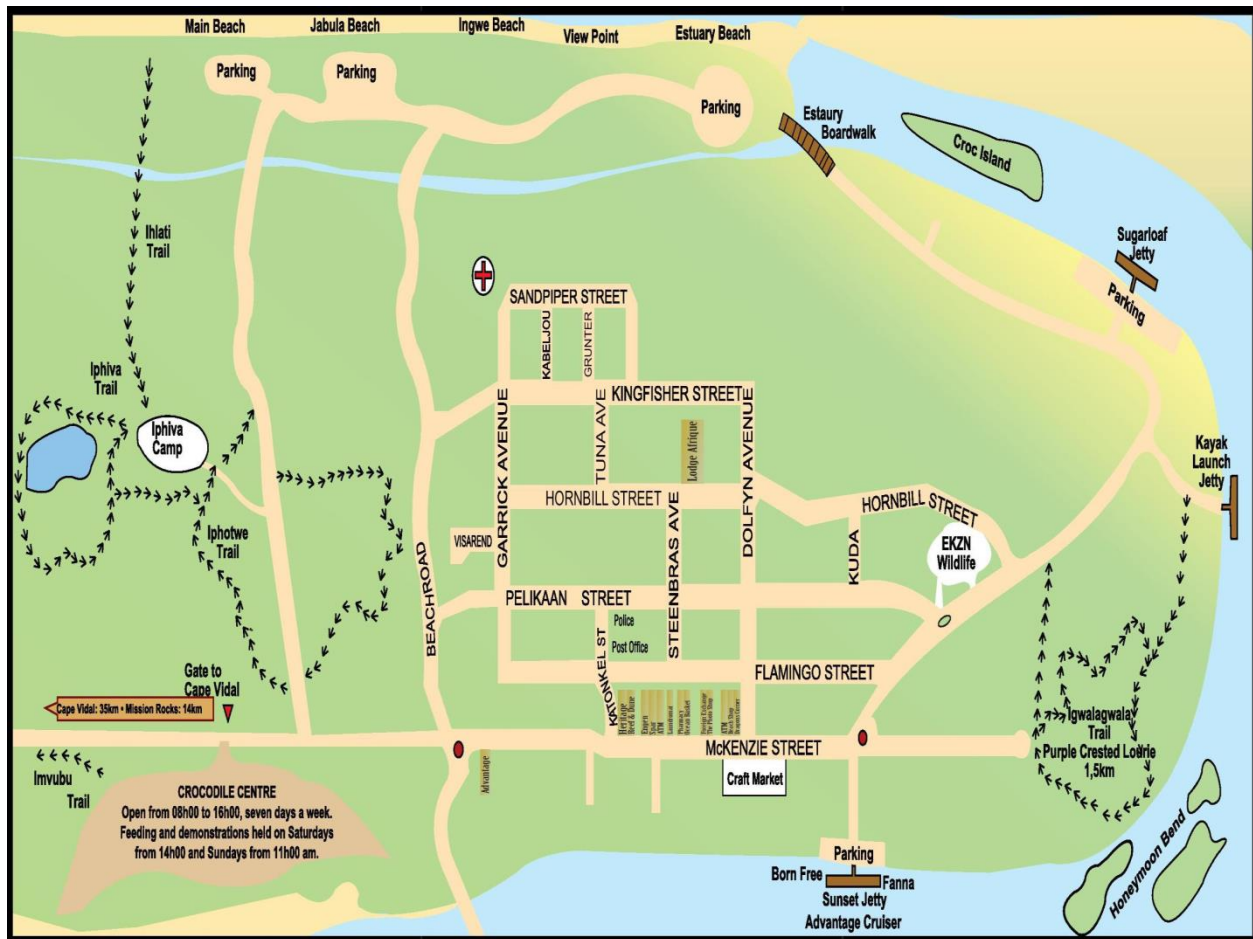
- CaneRat Crafts at Monzi offers Homemade Gifts, Home Baking, Stationery, Jewelry, Beadwork and African Curios as well as a Tea Garden. Drive about half way to the town of Mtubatuba and take a left turn direction Monzi. After approx. 5.5 km you will notice the Monzi Golf Course. Enter the gate and proceed until you reach the CaneRat Crafts Centre.
- Cane Cutters Bird Park is a Tropical bird park featuring a range of rare and beautiful birds, from Toucans and Macaws to a variety of Cockatoos. Drive past the Monzi Golf Course gate until you reach the bird park on your left-hand side.
- The Cats at Emdoneni and the Zulu Cultural Village, DumaZulu, are situated in the same proximity and could be visited on the same day. Head for the N2, direction Pongola, and take the Bushlands off ramp, whereafter turn right, over the N2.
 - *Tour times for Cats at Emdoneni are 10H30 throughout the year, while the afternoon tour, which includes feeding, changes. Summer tours at 16H30 and winter tours at 16H00 (May, June, July, August). Visitors will be allowed to enter the cat enclosures, with a guide, to get up-close to these cats.
 - *DumaZulu is a traditional village and cultural experience. Tours includes rhythmic African dancing, shield making, basket and clay pot making and tasting of homemade Zulu beer. Monday to Sunday at 08H15 and 15H00. You can also enjoy a walk through the Bird and Reptile park where you can encounter an amazing collection of crocodiles, spiders, snakes and frogs.
- Ilala Weavers offers 'traditional handcrafts from the soul of Africa', and you can also visit the Museum, the Art Gallery and Curio Shop. Follow the N2 and take the Hluhluwe Game Reserve / Hluhluwe Village offramp. Turn right in the direction of Hluhluwe village, pass the village until you arrive at the last circle (round-a-bout), and this is where you turn left and follow the signs.

- Want to meet and be touched by the majestic Rambo, the bull elephant, together with Rachel, his wife and Jabulani their child? You can make your way to Bayete Zulu Game Reserve, approximately 80km north, direction Pongola on the N2. Turn left at Baobab Petrol Station. Travel 9km, see gate on right. Bookings are essential. 035 595 8089.
- How about a visit to Hluhluwe iMfolozi Game Park, which historically brought the white rhino population in Southern Africa back from the brink of extinction. “Every single southern white rhino population in the world has its genetic origin in Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park”. During summer visiting’s, one requires an early rise and shine with a packed breakfast. Drive direction Mtubatuba and turn right at the T-junction, cross over the N2 heading towards the iMfolozi side of the park to the Nyalazi Gate, 30km from Mtubatuba. The major source of water for the animals in the park runs through the iMfolozi side of the game reserve, where you can also visit the Centenary Centre hosting an Interpretation Centre and Capture Bomas. The Sontuli Picnic site, overlooking the iMfolozi River, is a good place to enjoy your breakfast. You will find the link road to the Hluhluwe side of the park, where Hilltop Restaurant is situated, near the Nyalazi Gate – however, do NOT exit the gate. Exit by the Memorial Gate to return to St Lucia via the N2.

Thank You

for staying with us and hope that you
enjoy your time in beautiful St Lucia.

**Should you require anything please do not hesitate to contact us at
St Lucia Wetlands Guesthouse Colin and Natalie.**



KEY

iSimangaliso Wetland Park	[Green wavy pattern]
Marsh	[Light green box]
Swamp Forest	[Dark green box]
Coastal Dune Forest	[Brownish-green box]
Pans / Lakes	[Blue circle]
Rivers	[Blue line]
St Lucia	[Blue area]
iSimangaliso Destinations	[Red dot]
Spot Height	[Black triangle]
Roads - Tarred	[Solid red line]
Roads - Gravel	[Dashed red line]
Nature Trails (self guided)	[Dotted red line]
Drift	[Red triangle with exclamation mark]
Park Entrance	[Gate icon]
Lookout	[Binoculars icon]
Guest Accommodation	[House icon]
Caravan Park / Campsite	[Tent icon]
Petrol	[Gas pump icon]
Parking	[P icon]
No Entry	[Red circle with slash]
Toilets	[Toilet icon]
Shop	[Shopping bag icon]
Picnic Spot	[Picnic table icon]
Launch Sites	[Boat icon]
Wreck	[Shipwreck icon]
Lighthouse	[Lighthouse icon]
Hide	[Camouflaged person icon]