FACT SHEET

ISILEMBE

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Isilembe is a private Big 5 reserve in northern Zululand, named after the mountain in front of the lodge. It hosts no more than 26 guests at a time, with a small team of guides, hosts and conservationists.

THE RESERVE AND LODGE

Location	Pongola, northern Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. A private Big 5 reserve between the Zululand mountains and the Mkuze River.
Capacity	Up to 26 guests in seven Deluxe Suites and two family houses: Sycamore Fig House (two bedrooms) and Baobab House (three bedrooms).
Wildlife	Big 5: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino, with giraffe, zebra, nyala, kudu, wildebeest, impala and hippo. More than 400 bird species recorded in the region.
Lodge	Two bars: Ilanga, overlooking the falls, and Inkanyezi. Two bomas: Isibaya, the main boma, and Idwala, a stone-walled boma at the top of the lodge. Swimming pool, dining room and lounge decks.
Activities	Two game drives a day in open safari vehicles with qualified guides and trackers. Guided bush walks, bush breakfasts and sundowners. Private vehicles on request.
Children	All ages welcome. Little Rangers programme with a bush book, activities and a Bush Ranger certificate. Children under 6 on game drives by private vehicle only.
Dining	All meals and house beverages included. Menus built on seasonal and local produce, with dietary requirements catered for on advance notice.
Connectivity	WiFi in the main lodge and suites. Cell signal is limited on parts of the reserve.
Health	Low-risk malaria area. Guests should take medical advice before travel.
Check-in / out	Check-in from 14h00. Check-out by 11h00.

ACCOMMODATION

Deluxe Suite 7 units · sleeps 2	Marula, Red Ivory, Tamboti, Knobthorn, Fever Tree, Corkwood, Wild Fig. King bed, indoor and outdoor shower, private deck.
Sycamore Fig House 1 unit · sleeps 2 adults and 2 children	Two-bedroom family house with shared lounge and deck. One rate per house per night.
Baobab House 1 unit · sleeps 4 adults and 4 children	Three-bedroom family house with lounge and deck. One rate per house per night. Ideal for families and small groups.

GETTING THERE

By road from Durban (King Shaka)	About 4 hours. Tar to the reserve turn-off via the N2 and Pongola, with the last 5 km on gravel. Directions on confirmation.
By road from Johannesburg	About 5 to 6 hours via Piet Retief and Pongola.
By road from Richards Bay	About 2.5 hours.
By air	Private Isilembe airstrip for light aircraft and charters. Return transfers between the airstrip and the lodge are included. Airstrip details and landing permission on request.
Nearest airports	King Shaka International (Durban) and Richards Bay. Road transfers can be arranged at an additional charge.
Arrival	Please advise arrival times in advance so that gates are manned. Guests driving should arrive in daylight and fill up with fuel in Pongola.

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