

## **MANTEKU SELF CATERING TENTED CAMP**

The Wild Coast is not called the Wild Coast for nothing. The journey to Manteku is not an easy one but once you are there you will find it well worth it. The location of the camp is pristine and absolutely breathtaking!



A high clearance vehicle will be essential and 4 wheel drive will be a great help on the wet roads after rain. Even on the tar roads there are no fences. At all times watch out for livestock, pedestrians and potholes! Avoid travelling at night.

You need to be totally self sufficient for your trip there. Take everything you will need with you! There are no shops, restaurants, fuel stations or services after the town of Lusikisiki and even there you don't really want to have to rely on them. At Manteku you may find a general dealer who sells bread and a few beers – but don't count on it. Apart from that there is a municipal camp ground and a few private cottages so the more prepared you are the better.

The camp is built unobtrusively beside indigenous coastal dune forest where one has immediate access to the Manteku River and of course the beach. The units themselves are protected by vegetation and are somewhat protected from the elements.



The communal area is a large thatched structure with a dining area as well as a self catering kitchen, scullery and lock up storeroom. Here DRIFTERS will provide the following:

- Fridge and freezer space
- 1 very large stainless steel cooler box
- No bait allowed in freezers – you are more than welcome to bring your own bas / battery operated cooler box / freezer for your bait.
- Cutlery and crockery (for 24 people)
- 3 piece gas stove with gas (Note there is no oven!)
- 2 pot basins with hot & cold running water

- Tables & chairs (both wooden and camping)
- 1 x large Braai grid
- Nature guide books & tide charts
- Braai area outside the communal area. (Beach fires not allowed!)
- There are lights in the kitchen, storeroom and inside and just outside the communal area.



### You will need to bring your own:

- Food
- Drinks (note that the tap water at the camp is drinkable. Please try to bring cans rather than glass down to the camp when there is an option as this makes it easier for us to remove).

- Charcoal (wood is not to be removed from the forest but may be collected from the beach – please ask the camp manager for assistance)
- Torches

### The tents – all units are the same inside.

- There are twelve units at Manteku. They are numbered 1 - 12.
- Each unit has two single beds, therefore there are 24 beds in total at the camp.
- There is a small table and chair in each room.
- Each tent is raised off the ground and has a thatched roof as well as a wooden balcony.

- The rooms are en-suite and have a hot & cold shower, toilet and basin.
- There are 3 lights in each room – one for the room, bathroom and balcony. **Please switch off when not in use.**
- **You will need to bring all your own linen!!**



### IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

- Alex is the Camp manager who lives on the premises. Each night a watchman is also present at the camp.
- On arrival at the camp, you will need to present your Drifters **VOUCHER**, issued to you by the reservations office, in order to be allowed to check in. Due to problems in the past we have been forced to impose a system that should there be any discrepancy with the numbers on your voucher and the number of people who arrive with your party your booking will immediately be cancelled, without a refund, and you will be asked to leave the premises.

- Upon arrival each guest is required to sign the guest register (**please note rules, regulations and indemnity**).
- The camp is wind powered – **please use water and electricity as sparingly as possible**. Hot water is heated by means of gas geysers. Should you have any problems please let Alex know – **do not attempt to repair these yourselves**.
- Although there are lights in the tents – there are no plug points. There is however, a shared recharging facility in the communal area for things such as cell phones, laptops and caners. No other electrical equipment may be used.
- The closest cell phone reception is approximately 500 meters away at the top of the hill.
- Please be considerate to other camp users (e.g. kitchen facilities and noise).
- If you have locked your tent door, please leave your key with the camp manager, as from past experience keys have been lost.
- If you would like your units to be serviced please let us know when making your booking so we can pre-arrange. Alternatively you can let Alex know when you arrive. The extra cost will be R45 per day, and this charge can be settled directly with Alex at the camp.
- Please note that under no circumstances will we allow any more than 24 people to occupy the camp – this includes children. We have found through experience that our wind generated electricity and water systems simply cannot handle the overload.
- Please take precautions against insect bites. Unfortunately there are ticks in the area.

**THINGS TO DO**

- Beach (note there are no shark nets)
- Day walks
- The tide changes do influence the estuary mouth, please take note of the tide times.
- Fishing – bring your own rods and bait (**please note that you may not store bait in our freezers/coolers**).
- Canoeing – a R250 refundable deposit and a R50 per day hire fee, obtain receipt from

camp manager. You are welcome to take the canoes onto the Manteku river – please don't take them out to sea, they are not designed for use on the ocean).

- The life jackets are there for your own safety – please use them
- No quad bikes allowed!

**RATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

R 250.00 per adult per night – self catering

R 150.00 per child under 12 years per night,

Children under 4 years of age stay free of charge. Proof of age may be requested.

**CAMP LAYOUT:**

