

# Kei River Mini Beach Trail, South Africa

## Itinerary

### Day One

Arrive at Johannesburg airport in the early morning, before taking an internal flight to East London to arrive mid-morning. The transfer to Kei Mouth is a journey of approximately one hour.

Meet your fellow riders at the Kei Mouth guesthouse for a light lunch and to change into your riding clothes.

In the afternoon you have an introductory ride down to the river mouth and the opportunity for your first canter along the beautiful beaches.



Overnight and dinner at Kei Mouth.

### Day Two

Please note that the following is the planned itinerary but local conditions, such as weather or high waters, can sometimes necessitate a change to the order of the rides. When beach riding, the time of your departure each day is influenced by the tides.

After breakfast, you venture across the Great Kei River, loading the horses onto the pontoon and riding onto the beaches of the Wild Coast.



Have a picnic lunch and then continue riding to your hotel.

Overnight and dinner at Wavecrest (or occasionally Trennery's).

### Day Three

During the morning, your trail will take you through a kaleidoscope of rural Xhosa villages, mysterious waterfalls, rolling hillsides and of course the beach for a canter.



After lunch at your hotel, you have the afternoon at leisure. Spend time on the beach or round the pool.

Overnight and dinner at Wavecrest (or Trennery's).

### Day Four

Depart from the hotel and start your journey back to Kei Mouth. Meander through villages, dune forests and rolling hills, with a smattering of beach work to keep the adrenalin pumping!



With no time pressures or tides to consider, this is a relaxing day of riding as you eventually cross over the Great Kei River and the trail draws to an end.

Depending on the weather and tides, lunch is either at a local bar or back at Kei Mouth.



Overnight at Kei Mouth with its views over the river and to the ocean and enjoy a farewell 'braai' (barbecue).

### Day Five

If time permits have a final morning ride exploring the cliffs and village of Morgan Bay with time for one last canter down the beach.



Back to your guesthouse with time to shower and change before you depart.

Later transfer to East London.

## Accommodation

You stay at two different interesting hotels and guesthouses. The accommodation is comfortable rather than luxurious but the views more than compensate. Accommodation on the trail is normally at Wavecrest, but on occasions may be at Trennery's.

There are tea and coffee making facilities in all the rooms throughout.

### Kei Mouth

Situated in the seaside village of Kei Mouth, and just a short walk from the beach, Kei Mouth overlooks the Kei River.



The Kei River and ferry crossing are within walking distance, as are restaurants, pubs and the supermarket.



There are five twin/double en-suite rooms and a bunk room. The ground floor rooms each have a private entrance and patio area.

### Wavecrest

Wavecrest has a stunning setting on the banks of the Nxaxo River estuary.



The sand dune forests, beaches, mangrove trees and ecology of the area is breath-taking. The rooms are all en-suite and overlook the river, beach and sea.

They have recently been re decorated and have a comfortable "African" feel to them.



The rooms are comfortable twin or double rooms with en-suite bathroom. The food is good and wholesome.



### **Trennery's**

This historic hotel has a decidedly "colonial" feel. The hotel is set among lush indigenous gardens and a private beach is a short walk past the tennis courts. It has a swimming pool, bar and recreational facilities.