SOUTH AFRICA - WILD COAST - KEI RIVER MINI TRAIL

ITINERARY

Day 1

We arrange airport transfers from East London. All transfers are payable in cash directly to the driver and so the cost is shared between all those travelling. The transfer to the guesthouse takes about 1 hour 15 minutes.

In order to join the introductory ride your flight should arrive into East London by midday on day one.

On the day of departure, a later flight departing East London at around 17:00 will normally allow time for a short final morning ride.

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 Kei Mouth Guest Lodge. The guesthouse is in the seaside village of Kei Mouth just a short walk from the beach.

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

There are four twin/double en-suite rooms. The ground floor rooms each have a private entrance and patio area. Please note that if this particular guesthouse

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is full, alternative similar accommodation in the Kei Mouth area will be used instead.

One of the bedrooms at Kei Mouth Guest Lodge

Day 2

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.

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Overnight 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 a comfortable “African” feel to them.

One of the bedrooms at Wavecrest

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Day 3

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 Wavecrest.

Day 4

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.

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

Overnight Kei Mouth Guest Lodge.

Day 5

Those on a later afternoon flight may have time for a final morning ride.

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

You will be transferred to East London airport.

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