



"The Coffee Shack...is a genuine and unaffected mecca for fun-loving travellers." - LONELY PLANET

Explore, discover and enjoy a unique taste of rural Africa! Coffee Shack is a backpackers tropical paradise located right on the beach at the Bomvu River mouth in the Wild Coast, a deeply traditional area where you'll experience a way of life far removed from Western culture and values. We have a reputation of being a fun, good-value hostel with excellent facilities and the most amazing, friendly staff.

BACKPACKERS ACCOMMODATION ON A REMOTE AFRICAN BEACH

Coffee Shack straddles the Bomvu River. We offer camping, dorms and private rooms for international tourists. If you're looking for peace and quiet, there are traditional thatched huts (dorms, doubles and en-suite rooms) across the river, at backpacker rates. The accommodation is clean and simple, and our bathroom facilities are excellent.

CAMPING in 2 or 3 man tents

DORM BEDS in 6-8 bed dorms

PRIVATE ROOMS with a double bed

ENSUITE ROOMS with a double bed bunk bed & bathroom

FIFTH NIGHT FREE!

ALSO FREE:

- | Sunday dinner | Welcome drink | Surf lessons |
- | Sundowners | Pool Table |
- | Loads of activities such as going to the beach |



LEARN TO SURF WITH A WORLD CHAMP!

Surfing is high on the agenda here - owner Dave was a Pro-Am World Title holder and still surfs competitively.

Free lessons, warm water and good conditions make Coffee Bay an excellent place to learn to surf. Lessons are given by Dave and other qualified instructors.

Directly in front of the backpackers, Bomvu Bay can offer a very nice convenient right for the more accomplished surfers. Coffee Bay has nice point and beach break, for all levels of surfer, and there are many other surf spots up and down the Wild Coast, about which Dave is very knowledgeable.

QUALITY EQUIPMENT - all our equipment, both boards and wetsuits, is high-quality and well maintained. If you already know how to surf, we also hire out boards.



DAYTRIPS, TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

We offer day trips every day that the weather allows (we have on average 300+ days of sunshine per year). These range from sundowners and beach outings to unforgettable cultural experiences, adventurous abseiling drops and coastal hikes - all with qualified guides. Here's some of the activities you can do:

COASTAL HIKE TO HOLE-IN-THE-WALL - an always-popular 3-hour walk to one of the region's most beautiful natural features. End a memorable experience with lunch on the beach and an adrenalin-pumping dive...

MAPUZI CLIFFS & CAVES - ever wondered what it's like to be Indiana Jones or Laura Croft? Visit these historically-interesting caves and enjoy a short hike, rock-scrambling and optional cliff-jumping.

ABSEILING BABY HOLE - join us as we abseil down a 45-metre cliff drop virtually into the ocean. The spectacular site is alongside Baby Hole and Hlungunwane Waterfall, giving great opportunities for scenic shots. For more thrills, try a cliff jump into the Baby Hole.



CULTURAL TOURS TO THE HEART OF THE WILD COAST

The Wild Coast is a part of the Transkei, home to the Xhosa (pronounced with a "click") people. It is one of the few parts of Southern Africa where tribal authorities still hold sway, and most of the region's rural inhabitants maintain a traditional lifestyle.

Many visitors have commented that this feels like the "Real Africa" as they imagined it would be - huts dot the hillsides, witchdoctors throw the bones, youngsters undergoing their rites-of-passage are often seen and brides' dowrys are paid in cows after long negotiation.

Our cultural tours are the best way to really see how the Xhosa people live. A local guide takes you to his village in the hills, where you can experience the day-to-day living of his people. You visit a herb doctor, witch doctor (sangoma) and may get the chance to talk to an abaKwetha (young boys going through their coming of age ceremony). Enjoy a traditional lunch and some home brew in a local shebeen (unlicensed bar).



HOW TO GET HERE



Coffee Bay is in the Transkei region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa. It's 200km north of East London along the N2 - take the Viedgesville turnoff approx 20km South of Mthatha & drive 80km down the coastal road to the Wild Coast. We run a daily shuttle service which leaves the Shell Ultra City in Mthatha at 3 pm.

