

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ‘OFF GRID’?

At Royal Jozini, we do not have electricity supplied by the local authority. This means that each lodge home is “self powered” by sunshine (captured by solar panels) and stored in a bank of batteries, with an inverter to change from DC to AC current. There is a generator for back up in case of clouds or rain.



The lodge power systems were individually designed to provide enough power for lights and fans, the fridge/freezer, pool pump and television, where applicable.

There is not enough power for the usual appliances that you may have in your “on grid” home like a tumble dryer, dishwasher, electric kettle, microwave, slow cooker, electric fry pan or air fryer, hair iron or high powered professional hair dryer. These things should be left at home and enjoyed there – being in the bush and off grid means a change of mindset and an awareness of power consumption – because it is limited!

So PLEASE do NOT bring your steam iron to press your pretty dress or crisp cotton shirt!

(The wildlife and your family and friends really won't care if you are a bit crumpled!)

Should it be a necessity to pop something into the washing machine, it will be necessary to ask your housekeeper if it is possible – as it may be that the generator needs to be switched on. The same applies to your hairdryer (a travel one uses less wattage). Generators use fuel which is smoky and not very green – to be avoided if possible in this pristine environment! And it may not be possible if the generator is already being used to power up the batteries.

A couple of our lodges have air-conditioners, some of which were installed over 10 years ago and are not very power efficient. **It cannot be guaranteed that the air-conditioners can be used.** Your lodge housekeeper will advise you if they can be switched on for an hour to cool your bedroom – or not. Use of these appliances will be extremely limited in all cases!

Please be aware, if the weather is overcast or rainy, that there has been no sunshine to charge the batteries - and so stored back up power will dwindle fast if not conserved carefully.

Solar geysers will only warm up water from 10am on a sunny day. (Some of the lodges have gas geysers for instant hot water).

Go green! Please turn off all lights and fans in rooms not in use. Thank you!

