

SELF-DRIVE DIRECTIONS – FACT SHEET 2018/2019

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Access

The driving time from Johannesburg to Madikwe Safari Lodge is about 4 to 4.5 hours. There are two routes to choose from: either via Abjaterskop Gate, which is the shorter way; or via Molatedi Gate, which is recommended if you are coming or going from Sun City and is the more scenic route. Also included are the directions to Marataba South Africa should you be transferring to Mountain Lodge or Safari Lodge.

Driving Directions: From Johannesburg to Madikwe Safari Lodge

Via Abjaterskop Gate Route (±4.5 to 5 hours)

- From O.R. Tambo International Airport, following the airport exit signs (R21/R24)
- Take the R21 Pretoria off-ramp, and drive straight on for 34km
- Turn off at the exit 134, take the N1 Polokwane, and drive straight on for 22km
- Turn off at the exit 156, take the N4 Rustenburg, and drive straight on for 236km until you reach Zeerust (there are four toll plazas en route)
- In Zeerust, remember to refuel as there are no fuel stations on the reserve
- Turn right at President Street
- Take the R47/R49 Gaborone/Madikwe on-ramp, and drive straight on for 83km
- Abjaterskop Gate into Madikwe Game Reserve will be on your right
- Friendly gate staff will confirm your reservation and direct you on to Madikwe Safari Lodge
- After passing through the gate, drive straight on for 11km until you reach a T-junction
- At the T-junction, turn left at the sign for Derdepoort, and drive straight on for 10km
- You will pass through Ambush Alley, cross a junction, and drive straight on until you see a sign for Madikwe Safari Lodge
- Turn right here off the main road, and drive straight on to the lodges

Via Molatedi Gate Route (±4.5 hours)

- From O.R. Tambo International Airport, following the airport exit signs R21/R24
- Take the R21 Pretoria off-ramp, and drive straight on for 34km
- Turn off at the exit 134, take the N1 Polokwane, and drive straight on for 22km
- Turn off at the exit 156, take the N4 Rustenburg, and drive straight on for 64km
- Continuing in the direction of Rustenburg, turn off at the exit 225 for R556 Sun City/Majakaneng
- Turn right at the top of the off-ramp towards Sun City, and drive straight on for 73km
- After passing Sun City, stop to refuel at Sun Village as there are no fuel stations on the reserve
- Drive straight on for 5km, until you reach a four-way stop
- Turn right to Derdepoort, and drive straight on for 40km
- Turn left at the sign for Kayakulu, and drive straight on for 13km
- At the split, keep right and drive straight on for 12km
- At the T-junction, turn right and drive straight on for 43km (11km tar road and 32km gravel road)

- You will pass through Molatedi village, cross the Marico River, and drive straight on to Molatedi Gate into Madikwe Game Reserve
- Friendly gate staff will confirm your reservation and direct you on to Madikwe Safari Lodge
- After passing through the gate, drive straight on for 12km
- Turn right at the sign for Derdepoort Gate, and drive straight on for 540m
- At the T-junction, turn right onto Derdepoort Road, and drive straight on
- Turn right at the sign for Madikwe Safari Lodge, and drive straight on to the lodges

Driving Directions: From Madikwe Safari Lodge to Marataba South Africa

- Follow the lodge exit signs to the main reserve road
- At the T-junction, turn right towards Derdepoort Gate
- Continue straight for 8.4km to Derdepoort Gate
- After passing through Derdepoort Gate, turn right at the four-way stop towards Swartruggens
- Continue straight for 20.6km, then turn left towards Dwaalboom
- Continue straight for 5.5km, then take the turnoff to Maricodaaal
- Continue straight for 3.6km, then take the right fork towards Dwaalboom
- Continue straight for 88km, then turn right at the T-junction towards Thabazimbi
- Continue straight for 14.2km, then turn left at Lephallale onto the R510
- Continue straight for 11.2km, then take the turnoff to Rooiberg
- Continue straight for 8km, Marataba Gate will be on the left
- Follow the signs towards your destination lodge

Please Note:

- These routes are safe to drive; you will pass through rural areas where the local people are friendly
- Please drive carefully, and look out for village pedestrians, children, and domestic animals
- The Madikwe Game Reserve gates open at 06h00 and close at 21h00, and the Marataba Gate opens at 07h00 and closes at 18h00 – please let us know if you will be arriving outside of these hours so we can make the necessary arrangements for your entrance
- Once in the reserve/park, please strictly adhere to the speed limits and afford the wildlife right of way
- In winter (May to September) afternoon game drives depart at 15h30 and in summer (October to April) at 16h30; should you arrive after a departure, we can organise a link up for you
- Should you need any assistance en-route, please do not hesitate to contact Madikwe Safari Lodge on +27 (0)18 350 9902, or Marataba South Africa on +27 (0)14 779 0018

Driving Times and Distances

Approximate lengths of journeys to and from Madikwe Safari Lodge

Location	Travel Time	Kilometres	Miles
O.R. Tambo International Airport	4h45min	359km	223mi
Lanseria International Airport	4h15min	315km	196mi
Sun City	2h	138km	86mi
Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Botswana	1h45min	87km	54mi