

## SELF-DRIVE DIRECTIONS – FACT SHEET 2019

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### Access

The driving time from Johannesburg to Marataba South Africa is about 3.5 to 4 hours. In an effort to prevent poachers from gaining access to Marakele National Park, the Greater Marakele Security Hub, with co-operation from the Limpopo Roads Agency, has installed seven access-control points to the park. To gain entry, drivers must present a valid driver's license and vehicles must display a valid South African vehicle licence disk.

### Driving Directions: From Johannesburg to Marataba South Africa

- Depart O.R. Tambo International Airport following the airport exit signs (R21/R24)
- After about 200m, the road forks – take the right fork towards R21 Pretoria/R24 Johannesburg
- The road immediately turns sharply right – keep in the left lane and follow the signs for R21 N Pretoria
- After exiting the airport, get into the left lane immediately and follow the R21 N Kempton Park/Pretoria signs
- After 300m, take the the R21 N Kempton Park/Pretoria off-ramp
- Drive for 34km, then take exit 134 (N1 Noord, Pretoria/Polokwane/Johannesburg)
- Immediately thereafter the road forks – take the right fork towards N1 North Polokwane

### Recommended Route (±3.5 hours):

- Continue on the N1 North Polokwane, passing through two toll gates
- Take the R516 off-ramp to Bela-Bela
- In Bela-Bela, turn right at the first set of traffic lights into Marx Street (Waterfront Shopping Centre ahead)
- Continue on straight, crossing over a traffic-light intersection (Engen and Total petrol stations on either side) until you come to a T-junction (Elephant Springs Hotel & Cabanas ahead)
- Turn left into Sutter Road (Thabazimbi signpost ahead)
- Continue on straight, then turn right at the T-junction into Ritchie Road
- Shortly after, you will come to another T-junction (SPAR Centre ahead) where you will turn left
- Continue straight until you get to the traffic circle, and turn left at the sign for Thabazimbi (R516)
- In Thabazimbi, turn left at the third stop sign towards Lephalale/Sentrum (R510)
- Continue straight for 32km, then turn right to Lephalale (stay on the R510)
- Continue straight for 11km, then turn right at the Marataba signpost
- Continue straight for 8km, Marataba Gate will be on the left
- Follow the signs towards your destination lodge

### Alternative Route (±4 hours):

- Drive for 20km, then take exit 156 for N4 towards Rustenburg
- Once on the N4, continue straight for 43km
- Take the exit 245 towards Sandton/Brits (R511)
- Turn right at the top of the off-ramp towards Brits
- Continue straight for 141km on the R511, passing through Brits
- At the T-junction, turn right towards Thabazimbi

- Continue straight for 8.7km into Thabazimbi, then take the turn-off for Lephalale onto the R510
- Continue straight for 32km on the R510, then take the turn-off for Lephalale R510
- Continue straight for 11km, then turn right at the Marataba signpost
- Continue straight for 8km, Marataba Gate will be on the left
- Follow the signs towards your destination lodge

**Driving Directions: From Marataba South Africa to Madikwe Safari Lodge**

- Follow lodge exit signs to the gate, then turn right onto the main gravel road
- Continue straight for 8km, then turn left at the T-junction towards Thabazimbi
- Continue straight for 11km, then turn right at the T-junction towards Sentrum
- Continue straight for 14.2km, then turn left towards Makoppa (please be aware the sign is small)
- Continue straight for 88.1km - about 40km is gravel road, and 50km is tarmac (please be aware of potholes in the tarmac)
- At the T-junction, turn left towards Dwaalboom
- Continue straight for 3.6km, then turn right at the T-junction towards Derdepoort
- Continue straight for 5.5km until you reach another T-junction and turn right towards Derdepoort
- Continue straight for 20.6km, then turn left at the four-way stop - Madikwe Derdepoort Gate will be in front of you
- Pass through the gate, and continue on straight for 8.4km
- Turn left at the Madikwe Safari Lodge signpost, and follow the signs to 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 be aware of village pedestrians, children, and domestic animals
- The Marataba Gate opens at 07h00 and closes at 18h00, and the Madikwe Game Reserve gates open at 06h00 and close at 21h00 - 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 park/reserve, please strictly adhere to the speed limits and afford the wildlife right of way
- In winter (May to September) afternoon game drives depart at 15h00 and in summer (October to April) at 16h00; 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 Marataba South Africa on +27 (0)14 779 0018, or Madikwe Safari Lodge on +27 (0)18 350 9902

**Driving Times and Distances**

Approximate lengths of journeys to and from Marataba South Africa

Location	Travel Time	Kilometres	Miles
O.R. Tambo International Airport	3h30min	326km	203mi
Madikwe Safari Lodge	2h30min	190km	118mi
Sun City	2h30min	164km	102mi