

Mosetlha Bush Camp & Eco Lodge

COME GET THE DUST OF AFRICA ON YOUR FEET ...

INFORMATION SHEET FOR GUESTS



ACTIVITIES

Your Mosetlha Eco Safari experience starts with you arriving at the Parks Administration Office where you leave your car for the duration of your stay (this is a secure, fenced in area). We take you back to the Lodge, where you will unpack and settle in. NWPB regulations require that guests sign an indemnity on check-in at the camp. After lunch you will go for an afternoon/evening game drive. Upon your return there will be a cooked dinner.

On the subsequent days of your visit, there will be game drives in the morning and in the afternoon/evening.

On the last day of your stay, after returning from your morning drive, there will be breakfast, after which you will pack up and be taken back to your own vehicle at about 11.00 for your return trip home.

PLEASE DO NOT POST PICTURES OF RHINOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

MEALS AND DRINKS

Catering includes all meals per day, starting with lunch on the first day and ending with breakfast on the day of departure. We also provide snacks during drives and tea, coffee, rusks and fruit are always available. We believe our catering is of a high standard, in the traditional bushveld style using open fires, potjie pots and braai grids.

We sell a reasonable selection of beer, wine, spirits and fizzy drinks.

Please do not bring your own drinks or food without prior arrangement.

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

We provide all accommodation and ablution facilities. Camp accommodation consists of wooden cabins with partly open sides, raised about a metre off the ground. All cabins have 2 twin beds – we provide all bedding and towels. Whilst the facilities are not en-suite, each cabin has its own private toilet and shower discreetly positioned near the cabin. (We also provide potties in the cabins for overnight use).

Although we do not have running water, clean water is always available and is heated through a traditional donkey boiler, and our safari showers and VIP toilets work extremely well.

In addition to the dining area, there is a stone and thatch "lapa" or recreation area with tables and chairs, also with partly open sides, where guests can relax, read, play board games, etc.

We have built a new wooden deck set a bit away from the camp which is perfect for parties, stargazing, yoga, sunbathing or just some peace and quiet with a glass of wine or cup of tea.

The Camp does not have electrical power supply, WiFi or land line telephones (Cell phone contact is possible but limited.)

Do bring your camera battery charger with you, as staff have solar powered power points (you will need to bring a standard South African 2 or 3 pin plug, whichever fits your charger).

ITEMS TO BE PROVIDED BY EACH GUEST

The dress code is Casual. In addition to your clothing, please also bring:

Light raincoat (summer)	Thick jacket, gloves, beanie, scarf (for winter drives)
Insect repellent (Tabard/Mylol)	Sun protection cream
Water Bottle	Torch/Flashlight and Binoculars
Camera (charger/spare batteries)	Cap or hat

RATES

Our rates cover accommodation, all meals (and tea, coffee and snacks), and two guided game drives a day (a morning and an afternoon/evening drive), as well as emergency medical evacuation insurance.

Not included:

- the Reserve Entrance Fee, currently R180.00 per person, payable at the camp (please be aware that the Fly-in reserve entrance fee is R280 per person);
- the Conservation Levy of R275.00 per person per night, payable at the camp;
- Drinks from the bar;
- Ranger and Staff gratuities. **Please bring along enough cash to pay for these.**

DRINKS

We have a lovely selection of wines, as well as other spirits and soft drinks at various prices:

- Bottles of wine range from R250-400 per bottle,
- Beers and ciders are R40 each,
- 200ml bottles of spirits are R120-140,
- Soft drinks are R25-30/ can.

GRATUITIES

Whilst it is **obviously entirely at your discretion**, it is customary to tip lodge staff in the same way as one would in other hospitality or service industries (usually at 10-15% of your daily rate).

A general guideline would thus be R250 to R500 per day from each guest ... split between your Fieldguide (which can be handed personally to Jonny or Justice in the envelope provided) and the Housekeeping Team (in the envelope provided in your room, which can be handed to the manager who will distribute it amongst the team).

As gratuities go directly to the staff, please pay these in cash – we cannot accept credit card tips.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of cancellation more than 31 days before the arrival date of your stay, the cancellation fee is 25% of the total booking value.

If cancellation is within 15 - 30 days of arrival, the cancellation fee is 75%.

If cancellation is within 14 days of arrival, the cancellation fee is 100%.

If accommodation is booked for a date within 30 days of the arrival date, the full amount is payable at the time of booking and a cancellation fee is applicable in the event of a subsequent cancellation (75% if 15 to 30 days before arrival; 100% if within 14 days).

Please ensure that you have adequate travel insurance in place in the event of you having to cancel your trip.

TRANSPORT TO AND ARRIVAL AT THE RESERVE

Madikwe Game Reserve is located in South Africa's North West province, with Botswana at its northern border. Travelling time is usually 3.5 to 4 hours' drive from Johannesburg or Pretoria, depending on the route you choose and traffic (details of the routes to Madikwe are given further on).

Once at the Gate, you will be given your gate entry permit and directed to the North West Parks Board (NWPB) Administration Office (Vleischfontein), where we will collect you in our game viewer.

Please remember, check in time at the **Gate** is 12.30. The drive from the gates to the meeting point takes approximately 20 minutes.

Please DO NOT arrive before this, as we are unable to accommodate you before 12.30.

Also, please try not to be much later than that as we collect all checking-in guests at the same time.

As long as you are in the Reserve Gate by 14.00, you will not miss the afternoon game drive.

IN CASE OF DELAY:

Please let us know if you are going to be late by messaging or phoning us on **+27 83 305 7809**.

Please note that the Reserve Gates close at 18.00. Entry is not possible after this time.

WHICH ENTRANCE GATE:

There are TWO entrance gates

- Abjaterskop Gate on the Western side, through Rustenburg and onto Zeerust, or
- Molatedi Gate on the Eastern side, alongside the Pilanesberg.

The route to **Molatedi Gate** from Johannesburg via the Pilanesberg is around 30 minutes quicker, however it is worth mentioning that the directions can be complicated if you are not familiar with the roads. **It is very important not to rely solely on your GPS as the signal becomes less reliable the closer you get to Madikwe.**

Please see our directions below for your convenience.

If you are self-driving and prefer a more straight-forward route on tarred roads all the way (with better cellphone signal) then **Abjaterskop Gate** via Zeerust is your better option.

Once you enter the gate, you will be directed to the North West Park Board's Admin offices, where you will park and leave your car.

Please drive directly to the meeting point and avoid stopping - we understand that it can be exciting to see wildlife, but there will be plenty of time on your game drives to take up-close pictures and videos.

We will be waiting to receive you at the meeting point, where you will be taken to Mosetlha in a game-viewing vehicle, about a 10 minute drive.

**IF YOU ARE USING A GPS, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE STILL
FOLLOWING OUR DIRECTIONS RATHER THAN RELYING TOTALLY
ON YOUR APP.**

The next few pages contain detailed directions - please let us know which route you wish to follow.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW WHICH GATE AND TIME?

Unfortunately there are sometimes radio issues and we are not notified of arrivals by the gate - since we do not have parking in camp we rely on these details to know when to collect you from the admin office, to avoid you having to wait for us.

We are not monitoring the WhatsApp or radio channels before 12.30, and if you arrive early we will not be alerted of your arrival, which can lead to you waiting unnecessarily.

DIRECTIONS FROM N4 RUSTENBURG VIA PILANESBERG - TO MOLATEDI GATE

- 0.0km Travelling along the N4 from Johannesburg/Pretoria towards Rustenburg, as you go through the **Marikana Toll Plaza**, set your odometer to zero.
- 5.9 Kroonandaal Ultra City (services) will be the last stop available for fuel/ toilet/ takeaway (No ATM)
You will pass through Rustenburg after this (do not turn off).
- 27.0 Take the Exit 169 signposted (R565) Sun City/Phokeng (you follow the Sun City signs from here).
- 27.4 At the traffic lights, turn right onto the R565.
- 28.9 At the big 4 way traffic lights, continue straight following the (R565).
- 38.8 At the roundabout turn left onto R565. This is approximately half-way through your journey.
- 41.5 You will see the Royal Marang Hotel on your right at the stop street. Keep going straight.
- 61.8 At the stop street continue straight on the R565 (signposted Derdepoort).
This takes you alongside the Pilanesberg. DO NOT TURN RIGHT TO SUN CITY.
At 71 km you will see the game fence of Pilanesberg Reserve along your right hand side.
- 74.0 Pass Shepherds Tree Game Lodge on your right.
- 81.1 You will cross over the 1st speed bump of “10 Bump Village”
- 88.6 Pass Black Rhino Reserve on your right
- 100.7 Drive over a small bridge and very soon...
- 101.2 Turn left into a road signposted **Kayakulu**
- 126.1 At the T-Junction turn right – this road takes you through a few villages.
- 140.0 Pass Obakeng Village.
- 146.4 The road ahead is closed. Please follow the signposted route towards Derdepoort/ Molatedi.
- 157.5 As you enter Molatedi Village, the road becomes gravel and remains so for the last 6-7km.
The road is currently being paved, so there are roadworks and diversions but the route through is clearly marked.
- 164.2 You will arrive at a boom gate. This is not the actual reserve gate, but you are required to stop here.
- 168.0 Arrive at the Molatedi Gate and the Madikwe Game Reserve.
The gate guard will ask you to complete an entry form, and they will radio us to inform the camp you have arrived so that we can come and meet you at the meeting point.
S/he will give you written directions to the North West Parks Board Head Office, which should take you about 20 minutes for you to reach.
- Drive straight along the road from the gate.
- 180.5 Turn left into the gate of the NWPB Head Office, and immediately left to park your car.

If the gate does not offer the printed directions, please ask for one.

We will meet you there and take you to Mosetlha in a game viewing vehicle.

Please observe the 40km/h speed limit, for your safety and that of the animals.

DIRECTIONS VIA ZEERUST - TO ABJATERSKOP GATE

Please note there is a tollgate on this route.

The route from Pretoria/Johannesburg also goes via Rustenburg - and then straight on through Swartruggens and Zeerust and is tarred all the way. Allow at least four hours' travelling time from Johannesburg.

Here are the directions from Rustenburg in more detail:

Take the R511 turn-off from the N1, signposted "William Nicol" - turn right over the motorway and follow the R511 towards "Hartebeespoort".

Stay on this road - you will go through Rustenburg, Swartruggens and through Zeerust.

In Zeerust, turn right at the fourth stop street, into President Street, following the signpost "R47 Gaborone - Madikwe Game Reserve".

Follow the R47 (sometimes signposted, as the R49) north towards Gaborone for 85km and look out for the Abjaterskop Gate into Madikwe, which will be on your right-hand side.

Please continue on this main road from Abjaterskop Gate for 11km until you reach a T-junction with a signpost pointing left to "Derdepoort Gate, Molatedi Gate", etc.

Turn left here and follow this road for about another 2km. At the top of the hill, just after passing underneath the power lines, turn right, following the sign saying "Park Administration".

Just 400m further on, you will come to a sliding gateway in an electrified fence on your right-hand side and a sign saying "Admin Office". Enter this gate, swing left and park at the back of the building next to the tower with the three green water tanks. Here you will be met by your Mosetlha driver.

DIRECTIONS FROM O.R. TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Get onto the R21 heading towards Pretoria. After about 15 to 20 minutes, you will join the N1 towards Pretoria.

Travel through Centurion and after about 10 to 15 minutes, you'll see a sign for the N4 Rustenburg. Follow this sign.

You will encounter two toll roads within the next half an hour.

Now you will be on the N4, and you continue through to Rustenburg and then either of the above routes.

DIRECTIONS FROM GABORONE

To get to the Abjaterskop Gate of Madikwe Game Reserve, leave Gaborone by Tlokweng Road and proceed to the Tlokweng Border Post, which is about 20km from Gaborone. (This border post is known as Kopfontein on the South African side.)

After crossing through the border post, do not turn left immediately after the border. Carry on straight along the same road towards Zeerust for a further 15km, where you will see the Abjaterskop Gate entrance on your left hand side.

The above route is about 35km from Gaborone and is tarred all the way.

Please continue on this main road from Abjaterskop Gate for 11km until you reach a T-junction with a signpost pointing left to "Derdepoort Gate, Molatedi Gate", etc.

Turn left here and follow this road for about another 2km. At the top of the hill, just after passing underneath the power lines, turn right, following the sign saying "Park Administration".

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While driving in the park, please observe the 40km/h speed limit, for your safety and that of the animals.