



- Madikwe's only *genuine* eco lodge -



## ARRIVAL AT THE RESERVE

Travelling time from **Pretoria/Johannesburg** to Madikwe Game Reserve is usually between 3.5 and 4 hours, depending on the route you choose and traffic.

The route from **Gaborone** takes about one hour to Abjaterskop Gate along the R49, crossing the border at Tlokweng (details of the routes to Madikwe are provided further down).

Check-in time at the **Reserve Gate** is 12.30. Please do not arrive before this, as we are unable to accommodate you before then.

A reminder that you will need to arrive at the Reserve Gate by 14.00 in order to make the afternoon game drive, and the Reserve Gates close at 18.00.

We would appreciate if you could please inform Caroline on WhatsApp +27 83 305 7809 of any updates during your journey, so that we may promptly feed back any delays to the camp who will be expecting you at the time you have confirmed.

### IF SELF-DRIVING:

- We advise that you follow our directions as closely as possible, as the closer you get to the reserve the more intermittent the signal, which can cause delays if GPS re-routes you.
- Please **do not** drive directly to our camp, as there is no parking for guests.
- Once at the Reserve Gate, you will be given your gate entry permit and directed to the North West Parks Board (NWPB) Administration Office (Vleischfontein), which is approximately 20 minutes from either gate.
- Here you will park your car, and we will collect you in our game viewer to drive you into camp.
- Please drive directly to the meeting point without stopping. We are notified by the Reserve Gate upon your arrival, and we will be waiting to receive you at the meeting point. There will be ample opportunities for game-viewing on the drives from camp, so there's no need to stop along the way.

### IF COMING BY ROAD TRANSFER:

- Please ensure your transfers are pre-booked **in and out** of Madikwe prior to your arrival. We do not have WiFi and, as we are so remote, signal can be sparse.
- The team from City Link/ African Journeys know the route well and can drop you directly inside the camp. Other drivers who have never been to us before will need to drive you to the meeting point.

## WHAT TO PACK

A reminder that the camp does not have electrical power supply, WiFi or land line telephones. (Cell phone contact is possible but limited.)

The staff have solar powered power points for charging batteries - please bring a standard South African 2 or 3 pin plug, whichever fits your charger.

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

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

We provide all bedding and towels, as well as body wash and shampoo/conditioner in your shower.

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

## HOW MUCH CASH SHOULD I BRING?

We understand it can be difficult to estimate how much cash to bring in total, so here's a more detailed breakdown for you:

### **Fees** (payable at camp):

*These may have been paid in advance if you have booked through an agent.*

Your one-off entrance fee is R180 per person.

The conservation fee is R180 per person per night.

### **Drinks:**

We have a lovely selection of wines, as well as other spirits and soft drinks at various prices. To work out the amount you might spend on drinks, here is some pricing guidance for you:

- 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.

Whilst we don't have credit card facilities in-camp, if you prefer not to travel with so much cash, we would be happy for you to complete a credit card form for fees and drinks - it is worth mentioning though that we do need to add 5% for credit card transactions to cover fees.

### **Gratuities:**

Whilst gratuities are entirely at the guests' discretion, usually around 10-15% of the daily rate per guest is customary in the hospitality/ service industries.

So a general guideline is R400 – R600 per day per guest, as it is split between the field guides and housekeeping team.

Gratuities in cash are much appreciated, as they go directly to the staff.

**Unfortunately we cannot accept credit card tips.**

**PLEASE DO NOT POST PICTURES OF RHINOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

## DIRECTIONS

### JOHANNESBURG/ PRETORIA to **MOLATEDI GATE** (N4 via Rustenburg & Pilanesberg)

- 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 Kroondaal 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.**

## JOHANNESBURG/ PRETORIA to **ABJATERSKOP GATE** (via ZEERUST)

**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.

## 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.

## From GABORONE, BOTSWANA

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.**