

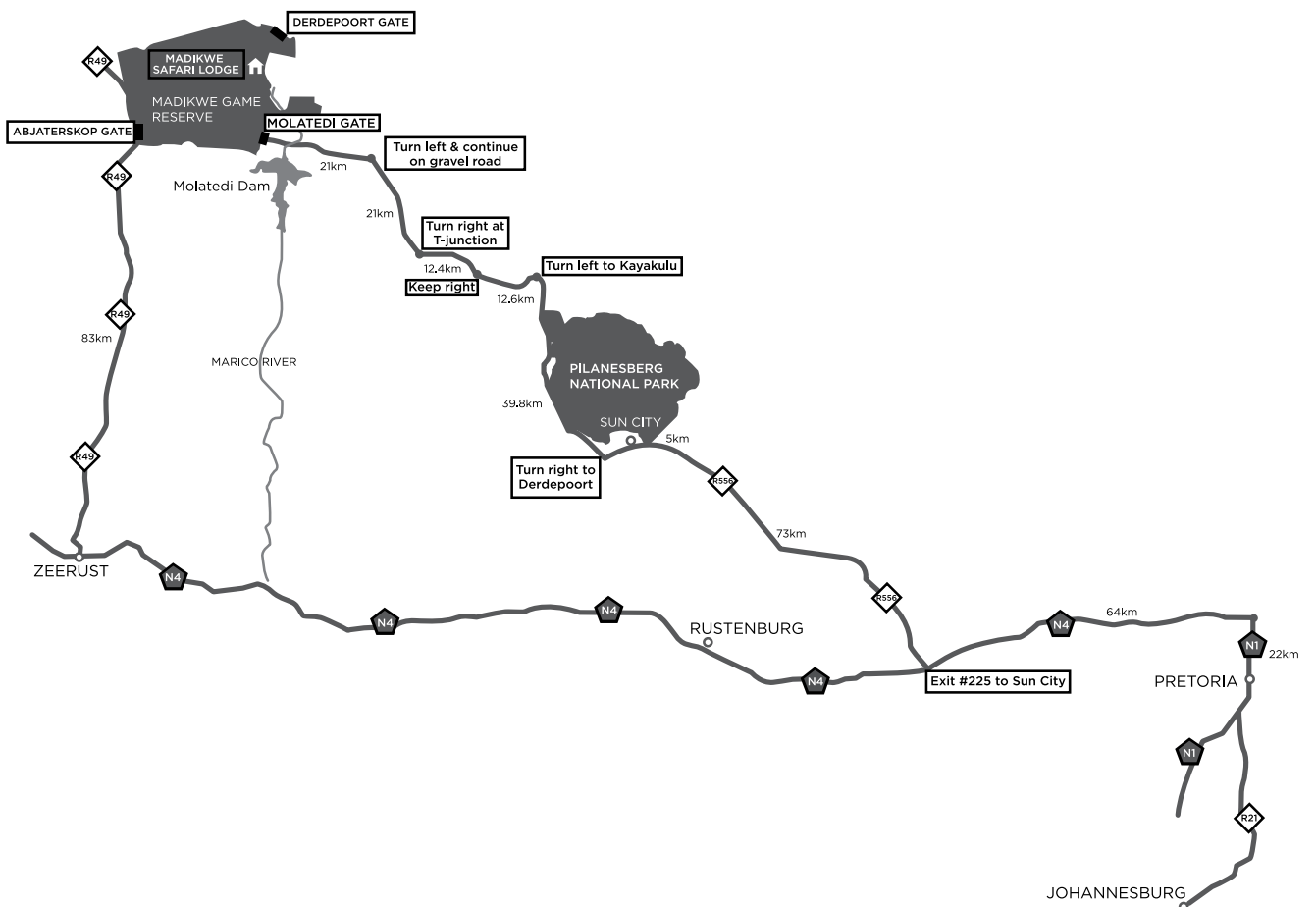
## SELF-DRIVE DIRECTIONS

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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 Game Reserve 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 get on the R21 towards Pretoria up to the Exit to the N1 Polokwane (about 37km)
- Get onto the N1 towards Polokwane and continue up to the N4 Rustenburg slipway (about 22km). Take the slipway onto the N4 towards Rustenburg (this is just after the Zambezi drive offramp). At Rustenburg continue on the N4 through Swartruggens towards Zeerust.  
*Please Note: The N4 is a toll road with four toll gates to Zeerust. Three before Rustenburg and one just after Swartruggens*
- In Zeerust make a RIGHT TURN at the ABSA bank in Main street, towards Gaborone/Madikwe. Refuel here as there is no fuel in the Madikwe Reserve
- After approximately 83km you will see the Abjaterskop Entrance into the reserve on your RIGHT
- Once you enter the Park there is about 32km of dirt road to the lodge. Keep to the speed limit of 40km/h and watch out for the ditches on the tar sections, you will damage your car if you speed!
- Once through the gate, continue straight for 10.8km (the road will become tarred after a few km's) until you find a T-junction. TURN LEFT (there will be a sign stating Derdepoort, left)
- After 2km TURN RIGHT at the sign saying Park Admin (if the road became dirt you went too far)
- Drive for 1km, past the entrance to Park Admin and TURN LEFT at the sign saying Derdepoort, left
- 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)

The gravel road on this route makes it a little bumpy but not impossible in a sedan vehicle and it is shorter than the route through Zeerust. It is advisable to fill up with fuel at the Sun Village, just after the Sun City entrance on the right, since there is no fuel available inside the reserve. Take the shortest route to Sun City, otherwise follow the directions below

- From the O.R. Tambo International Airport, get onto the R21 towards Pretoria up to the Exit to the N1 Polokwane
- Get on the N1 towards Polokwane and continue up to the N4 Rustenburg slipway (about 22km). Take the slipway onto the N4 towards Rustenburg (just after the Zambezi drive offramp)
- Continue in the direction of Rustenburg - take Exit #225 which is the R556 Sun City/Majakwaneng (about 64km)
- Turn right at the offramp and continue straight to Sun City (approx 73km to Sun City from this offramp) After passing Sun City on the right, continue straight (approx 5km) until you reach a four-way junction. TURN RIGHT to DERDEPOORT
- Continue for 39.8km. Turn left at the sign saying KAKULU
- After 12.6km the road will split - KEEP RIGHT
- After 12.4km you will reach a T-junction. TURN RIGHT
- After 21km, TURN LEFT. The tar road will end and turn into a dirt road
- Continue straight along this road for about 21km of gravel, (do NOT take the next Derdepoort turning to the right, continue straight), passing through the Molatedi Village over the Marico River and straight to the MOLATEDI GATE entrance into the park
- Once through the gate, keep to the speed limit of 40km/h and watch out for ditches on the tar sections, you will damage your car if you speed!
- Carry on straight for about 11.9km until you find a sign post on your left, shortly after the road became tar - TURN RIGHT towards Derdepoort gate. After 540m, you'll find a T-junction - TURN RIGHT onto Derdepoort Main Road towards Derdepoort Gate
- Turn right at the sign for Madikwe Safari Lodge, and drive straight on to the lodges

### Gaborone, Botswana to Madikwe Safari Lodge

- Take Noko to Nelson Mandela Dr 2 min (600 m)
- Head northeast on Steenbok Cl toward Vervet Rd 130 m
- Turn left onto Vervet Rd 120 m
- Turn right onto Setlhong 120 m
- Turn right onto Noko 230 m
- Drive from Tlokweng and R49 to North West, South Africa 1 h 24 min (79.5 km)
- Turn right onto Nelson Mandela Dr 850 m
- Turn left onto Broadhurst Dr 950 m
- Turn right onto Segoditshane Way 1.2 km
- Continue onto Chuma Dr 1.6 km, at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Mobuto Dr 1.3 km
- Turn left onto Maratadiba 550 m
- Turn right onto Oodi 550 m
- Turn left onto Tlokweng 700 m
- Continue onto Tlokweng **Entering South Africa** 17.0 km, continue straight 400 m
- Continue onto R49 28.1 km
- Turn left 8.8 km
- Turn left 16.5 km, continue onto Molatedi Gate Rd 1.0 km
- Take Derdepoort Gate Rd to your destination 28 min (16.1 km)
- Turn left 3.6 km, slight right onto Derdepoort Gate Rd 10.7 km
- Turn right 1.6 km
- Turn right 300 m

### 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 **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,

### 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
Gaborone, Botswana	1h55min	96.2km	60mi