Getting here

Access & directions

Main entrance — iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate. Nhlozi Gate (Gate 11) is our recommended way in from every direction.

GPS
28.238455°S, 32.419261°E

On the day of travel
Call the lodge on **+27 (0)79 053 3821**

Reservations
book@makakatana.com
+27 (0)87 059 9015

Gate hours
Summer, 1 Nov – 31 Mar: 05h00–19h00
Winter, 1 Apr – 31 Oct: 06h00–18h00

In the park
A speed limit of 40 km/h.
No trailers or motorbikes.

At the gate
Park fees are paid in cash: power cuts can stop card payments.

Navigation

Google Maps directions are not always correct here. Navigate to our GPS coordinates, and follow the directions below from the N2.

From the N2

1 · Durban or King Shaka	N2 north past Richards Bay and Empangeni. Then about 25 km past Mtubatuba — turn right at the P380 iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate 11 turn-off
2 · Pongola, eSwatini or Hluhluwe	N2 south, then about 35 km past Hluhluwe — turn left at the same P380 turn-off



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B · Main entry gate — iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate (Gate 11)

From the N2 turn-off (A) to the lodge (about 17.5 km)

1. Continue for about **14 km** on the P380 to the iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate entrance.
2. Drive straight on the tar road for about 3.5 km.
3. Stop at the gate to pay the park entry fees, in cash.
4. Turn right at the concrete Makakatana direction marker on the ground.
5. Continue straight for about 1 km.
6. At the small circle, keep straight onto the dirt road; do not follow the tar curving to the right.
7. Continue straight for another 2 km.
8. At the end of the road, veer right for 400 m, then follow the road as it veers left.
9. At the silver Makakatana gate, press the buzzer.
10. Follow the sand road under a canopy of trees for about 1 km to the lodge, where our team will be waiting to welcome you.

*** We recommend contacting the lodge before arrival to advise your ETA.**

C · Dukuduku Gate (iSimangaliso St Lucia entrance gate)

Dukuduku Gate, about 3 km before St Lucia, is the other way in; allow about 35 minutes to the lodge.

Late arrival

1. **After-hours access must be pre-booked**
2. Only arranged at Nhlozi Gate, and escorts from the gate to be pre-booked at a fee of R375
3. No entry after 21h00, except by the park's exception, with a late-entry park fee of R1,000
4. Entry permits must be handed back at the gate on departure, or the park authority charges a penalty fee of R600
5. Please let us know in advance, so that we can make arrangements to meet you at Nhlozi Gate and avoid arrival delays.
6. Dukuduku Gate, near St Lucia: no after-hours access

Park entry fees and our levy

	2026	2027
Conservation levy, adult (per night)	R130	R230
Conservation levy, child (per night)	R65	R115
Park entry fee, adult	R134	TBC
Park entry fee, child (under 12 yrs)	R98	TBC
Park entry fee, vehicle	R152	TBC
Park levy, per person (per night)	R15	TBC
Community levy, per person (per night)	R15	TBC

The conservation levy is added to the accommodation invoice and paid before arrival. Not commissionable.
Please note: Park entry fees and levies are set and charged for by the iSimangaliso park authority and are subject to change without prior notice.

Arriving by transfer

- Transfer companies doing drop-offs or collections pay park entry fees at the gate.
- Drivers are charged entrance fees.
- A branded transfer vehicle (one with a logo) is charged the park's operator rate of R1,000 per vehicle.
- Tell us in advance when guests arrive by transfer, so that we can ask iSimangaliso to waive the applicable fee for operators.
- Makakatana transfers are priced per vehicle, one way, on the Transfers sheet.
- Guests are to pay iSimangaliso park entry fees in cash on arrival.