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SAFARI LODGE

SELF-DRIVE DIRECTIONS

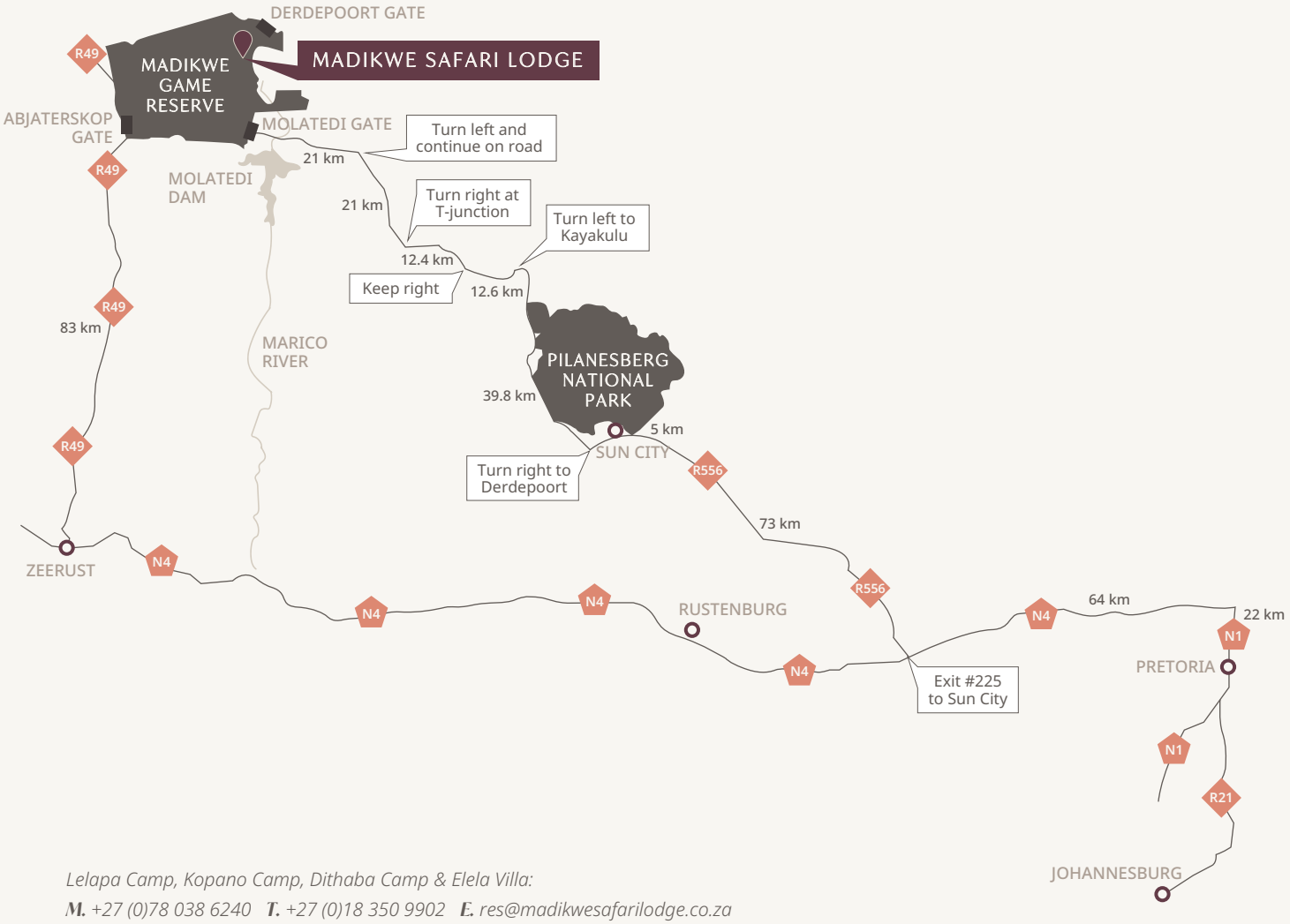
IMPORTANT NOTE ON USING GPS / NAVIGATION APPS

We **strongly recommend not using GPS** when travelling to Madikwe Safari Lodge. If you enter *Madikwe Safari Lodge* into Google Maps (do NOT use Waze), you are likely to be directed via **poor gravel roads** that are not suitable for standard vehicles. However, if you **must** use GPS, please follow the steps further on in this document to ensure you take the correct route.

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, or via Molatedi Gate (recommended if you are coming from or going to Sun City - this is also the more scenic route).

Please do not use your GPS once in the reserve Maps are available at the gate on request.



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ROUTES FROM JOHANNESBURG TO MADIKWE SAFARI LODGE

Via Abjaterskop Gate Route (±4.5 to 5 hours)

FROM O.R. TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JOHANNESBURG):

1. Get on the **R21** towards **Pretoria**, and continue until the **Exit to the N1 Polokwane** (approx. **37 km**).
2. Take the **N1 North** towards **Polokwane**, then continue until the **N4 Rustenburg slipway** (approx. **22 km**).
   Take the **slipway onto the N4 towards Rustenburg** (just after the **Zambezi Drive** offramp).
   *~ **Please Note:** The N4 is a toll road with four toll gates to Zeerust — three before Rustenburg and one after Swartruggens.*
3. In **Zeerust**, make a **RIGHT TURN** at the **ABSA Bank in Main Street**, towards **Gaborone / Madikwe**.
   *~ **Refuel here** — there is no fuel available inside the Madikwe Reserve.*
4. Continue for approximately **83 km** until you see the **Abjaterskop Entrance Gate** on your **RIGHT**.

INSIDE MADIKWE GAME RESERVE:

5. After entering, continue on the **dirt road for about 32 km**.
   Keep to the **speed limit of 40 km/h** and **watch out for ditches** on the tarred sections — speeding may cause serious vehicle damage.
6. After **10.8 km**, you'll reach a **T-junction**.
   TURN LEFT (look for a sign marked **"Derdepoort"**).
7. Drive for **2 km**, then **TURN RIGHT** at the sign that says **"Park Admin".**
   (If the road becomes dirt again, you've gone too far.)
8. Continue for **1 km**, past the **Park Admin entrance**, and **TURN LEFT** at the sign marked **"Derdepoort".**
9. Drive straight through **Ambush Alley**, cross a junction, and continue until you see a sign for **Madikwe Safari Lodge**.
10. **TURN RIGHT** off the main road and continue straight ahead to the **lodges**.

Via Molatedi Gate Route (±4.5 hours)

*This route is shorter than the Zeerust route, but includes a gravel section. It's manageable in a sedan vehicle, though a little bumpy. Please fill up with fuel at **Sun Village** (just after the **Sun City** entrance on your right), as there is **no fuel available inside the reserve**.*

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3. Continue on the **N4** towards **Rustenburg**, and take Exit **#225 – R556 Sun City / Majakaneng** (approx. **64 km**).
4. **Turn RIGHT** at the offramp and continue straight towards **Sun City** (approx. **73 km** from the offramp).
   After passing **Sun City** on your right, continue straight for **about 5 km** until you reach a **four-way junction**.
   TURN RIGHT towards **Derdepoort**.

TOWARDS MOLATEDI GATE:

5. Continue for **39.8 km**, then **TURN LEFT** at the sign marked **"Kayakulu".**
6. After **12.6 km**, the road will split — **KEEP RIGHT**.
7. After another **12.4 km**, you'll reach a **T-junction — TURN RIGHT.**
8. After **21 km, TURN LEFT**.
   The tar road will end and become a **gravel road** — continue straight for about **21 km**.
   ~ Do not take the next "Derdepoort" turn to the right — continue straight.
   You'll pass through **Molatedi Village**, cross the **Marico River**, and arrive at the **Molatedi Gate** entrance into the park.
9. Closely follow the **in-reserve route map below** to reach **Madikwe Safari Lodge.**

ROUTE FROM GABORONE (BOTSWANA) TO MADIKWE SAFARI LODGE

Border crossing at Kopfontein / Tlokweng — please have your passports and vehicle papers ready (±1 hour)

FROM GABORONE CITY CENTRE:

1. Take **Noko Road** to **Nelson Mandela Drive** (approx. **2 min / 600 m**).
   - Head **northeast** on **Steenbok Close** toward **Vervet Road** – 130 m
   - **Turn LEFT** onto **Vervet Road** – 120 m
   - **Turn RIGHT** onto **Setlhong Road** – 120 m
   - **Turn RIGHT** onto **Noko Road** – 230 m

TO THE KOPFONTEIN / TLOKWENG BORDER POST:

2. Drive from **Tlokweng** along the **R49** in **North West, South Africa** (approx. **35 min / 36 km**):
   - **Turn RIGHT** onto **Nelson Mandela Drive** – 850 m
   - **Turn LEFT** onto **Broadhurst Drive** – 950 m
   - **Turn RIGHT** onto **Segoditshane Way** – 1.2 km
   - Continue onto **Chuma Drive** – 1.6 km
   - At the **roundabout**, take the **2nd exit** onto **Mobuto Drive** – 1.3 km
   - **Turn LEFT** onto **Maratadiba** – 550 m
   - **Turn RIGHT** onto **Oodi Road** – 550 m
   - **Turn LEFT** onto **Tlokweng Road** – 700 m
   - Continue straight through **Tlokweng Border Control**, then **enter South Africa** at **Kopfontein Border Post**.

*After clearing border formalities, continue straight for 400 m to join the **R49**.*

TOWARDS MADIKWE SAFARI LODGE

3. Continue straight on the **R49** for **16.9 km**.
4. **TURN LEFT** into the **Abjaterskop Gate** access road (**170 m**) and **enter Madikwe Game Reserve**.
5. Closely follow the **in-reserve route map below** to reach **Madikwe Safari 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 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 the drive departs, we will do our best to arrange for you to meet up with the vehicle in the bush*
- Should you need any assistance en-route, please do not hesitate to contact Madikwe Safari Lodge on +27 (0)18 350 9902 (lodge) or +27 (0)78 038 6240 (mobile/WhatsApp)

GPS NAVIGATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please do not use Waze.
Waze is known to send travellers on rough, unsafe roads in this area.

If you would like to use Google Maps, follow these steps carefully:

1. **Do NOT** type *Madikwe Safari Lodge* into your GPS. This will take you on roads requiring a 4x4 vehicle.

2. Instead, first enter:
   "Black Rhino Game Reserve"
   Google Maps link: *https://maps.app.goo.gl/8XRm6ZiGPKpUPaod6?g_st=ic*
   This will ensure you are on the correct main road network.

3. Once you have passed the Black Rhino Game Reserve area, change your destination to:
   "Molatedi Gate"
   Google Maps link: *https://maps.app.goo.gl/rhUY2xXN171zcbTh7?g_st=ic*
   This is the correct gate to enter the Madikwe Game Reserve.

4. **Once inside the reserve, follow the directions/map provided in this document**, rather than the turn-by-turn GPS instructions. GPS mapping inside the reserve is **not reliable** due to unmarked management roads and private tracks.

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
GABARONE, BOTSWANA	1h55min	96.2km	60mi

TRAVELLING WITHIN THE RESERVE

Once you enter the reserve, the journey to the lodge will take approximately 45 minutes. Please take your time and enjoy the scenery.

Please strictly observe the speed limit of 40 km/h, and remember that the animals have right of way at all times. Some sections of the tar road have dips and ditches, so driving slowly will help protect both your vehicle and the wildlife.

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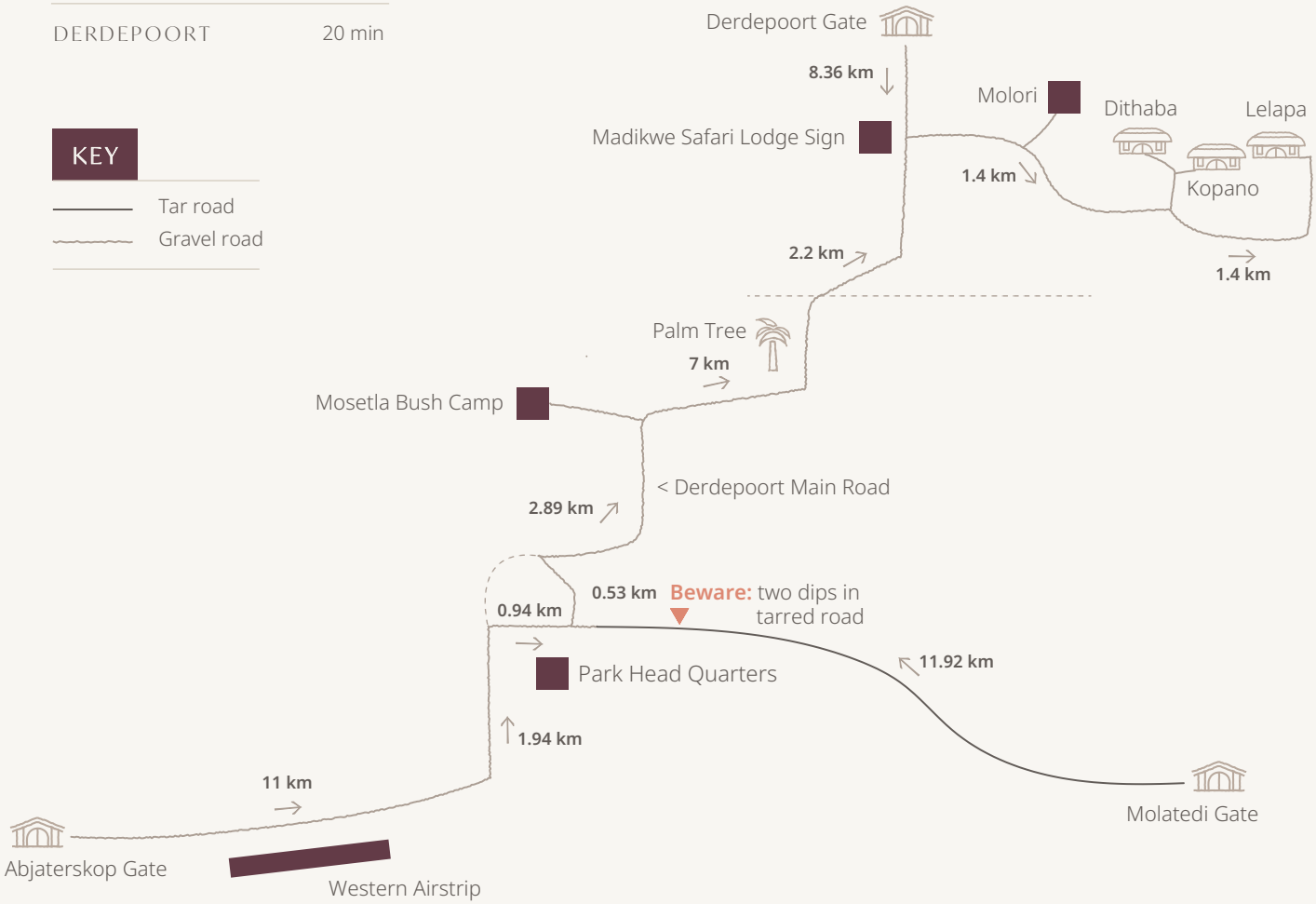
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

TO LODGE FROM GATE

ABJATERSKOP	45 min
MOLATEDI	45 min
DERDEPOORT	20 min

KEY

- Tar road
- Gravel road



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