



SELF-DRIVE TRAVEL ADVISORY – TRAVEL TIPS



Destination

Roads to Kwandwe are generally in excellent condition. We recommend self-drive via the R67. **(We do not recommend travelling via the R350)** and suitable for 2WD vehicles. Guests self-driving will park at [HEATHERTON TOWERS](#), where secure parking is provided. You'll be transferred by safari vehicle to your lodge or villa.

Approximate Driving Times

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)	2 hrs	160 km	99 miles
East London	2.5 hrs	185 km	115 miles
Plettenberg Bay	4.5 hrs	385 km	239 miles

Arrival Notice

On approaching Heatherton Towers, you are entering a wilderness area where wildlife roams freely. Please remain in your vehicle unless accompanied by our team.

For assistance, call +27 (0)46 603 3400.

Road Conditions

The final stretch of road (after turning off the R67) is gravel but easily navigable in a 2WD. A sturdier or higher-clearance vehicle is still advisable, if available.

Driver Requirements

Please ensure you have a valid driver's licence and a rental vehicle that includes roadside assistance, where possible.

Fuel & Journey Planning

Refuelling is unlikely on a direct trip to and from Kwandwe. If travelling further, ask your rental company for recommended fuel stops to help plan longer journeys. Choose a vehicle with a sufficiently large fuel tank for remote travel.

Mobile Signal & Navigation

Mobile signal can be limited in rural areas and on the gravel road into Kwandwe. Please download offline maps or save directions before departure.

Guest Parking

Where available, covered parking is provided for guest vehicles. Kindly note that we cannot accept responsibility for theft, loss, or damage to vehicles or belongings while parked on our premises.

SELF-DRIVE: CAPE TOWN - KWANDWE



CAPE TOWN - KWANDWE

Cape Town → Plettenberg Bay

- Take the N2 east out of the city towards Somerset West.
- Continue over Sir Lowry's Pass, following signs through Caledon and on to Mossel Bay.
- As you approach Mossel Bay, keep left to stay on the N2 and continue through George and Knysna to Plettenberg Bay.

Continue to the instructions from Plettenberg Bay.

Plettenberg Bay → Gqeberha

- Rejoin the N2 and head northeast toward Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).
- Please note: this is a toll road (approx. R50.50 per vehicle).
- On reaching Gqeberha, at the large roundabout, take the third exit to remain on the N2, following signs to Makhanda (Grahamstown).

Continue to the instructions from Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) → R67 Fort Beaufort (KwaMaqoma) Turn-off

- Continue on the N2 past Makhanda (Grahamstown).
- Pass the Settlers Monument and travel underneath the highway flyover.
- A few kilometres beyond Makhanda (Grahamstown), turn left at the R67 Fort Beaufort (KwaMaqoma) turn-off.

Continue to the instructions from R67 Fort Beaufort (KwaMaqoma) turn-off.

R67 Fort Beaufort (Kwamaqoma) Turn-Off → Kwandwe Private Game Reserve

- Drive approximately 19 km along the R67 through the scenic Ecce Pass.
- Look out for a large sign on your right marked 'The Great Fish River Reserve'.
- Turn LEFT onto the gravel road directly opposite this sign.
- You'll see two smaller signs on the left: 'Kwandwe' and 'Kranzdrift'.
- Follow this gravel road for about 5 km to the Kwandwe gate.
- Continue straight for another 6 km to reach HEATHERTON TOWERS, where you'll check in and leave your vehicle in the guest car park.
- From here, you'll be transferred by safari vehicle to your lodge: Great Fish River Lodge, Ecce Lodge, Uplands Homestead, Fort House, or Melton Manor (15–30 mins' drive).

SELF-DRIVE: EAST LONDON - KWANDWE



SELF-DRIVE DIRECTIONS: EAST LONDON - KWANDWE

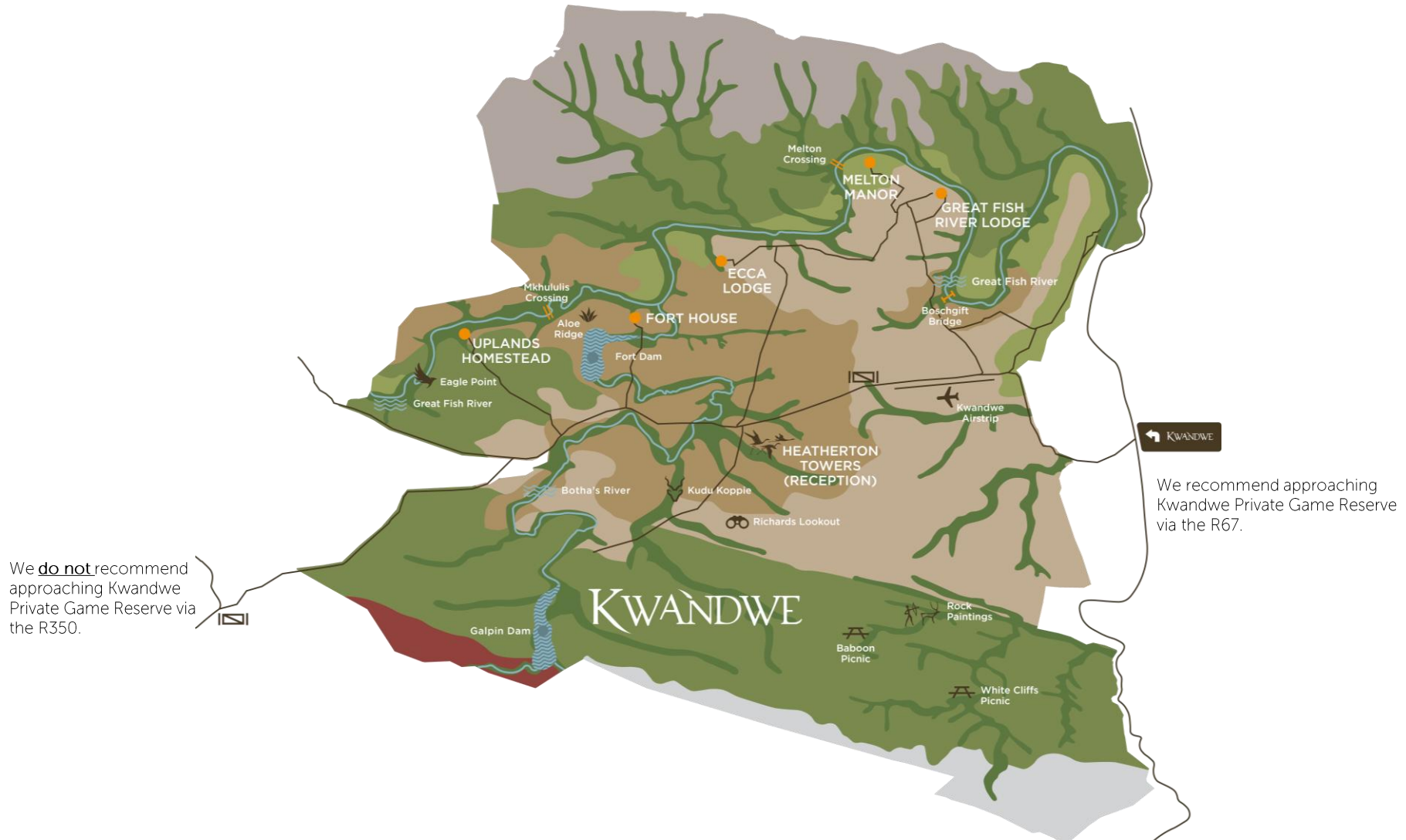
East London → R67 Fort Beaufort (KwaMaqoma)
Turn-off

- Take the N2 west towards Qonce (King William's Town) and continue on to Makhanda (Grahamstown).
 - Shortly before Makhanda (Grahamstown), turn right at the R67 Fort Beaufort (KwaMaqoma) turn-off.
- Continue to the instructions from R67 Fort Beaufort (KwaMaqoma) turn-off.*


R67 Fort Beaufort (Kwamaqoma) Turn-Off →
Kwandwe Private Game Reserve

- Drive approximately 19 km along the R67 through the scenic Ecça Pass.
- Look out for a large sign on your right marked 'The Great Fish River Reserve'.
- Turn LEFT onto the gravel road directly opposite this sign.
- You'll see two smaller signs on the left: 'Kwandwe' and 'Kranzdrift'.
- Follow this gravel road for about 5 km to the Kwandwe gate.
- Continue straight for another 4 km to reach HEATHERTON TOWERS, where you'll check in and leave your vehicle in the guest car park.
- From here, you'll be transferred by safari vehicle to your lodge: Great Fish River Lodge, Ecça Lodge, Uplands Homestead, Fort House, or Melton Manor (15–30 mins' drive).

ARRIVING AT KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE



We **do not** recommend approaching Kwandwe Private Game Reserve via the R350.

 KWANDWE
We recommend approaching Kwandwe Private Game Reserve via the R67.

All guests arriving at Kwandwe Private Game Reserve are warmly welcomed at HEATHERTON TOWERS, the reserve's reception and guest arrival point. This historic building marks the beginning of your Kwandwe experience, where our team will greet you before you continue your journey in a Kwandwe safari vehicle to your lodge.

Please use the following GPS coordinates for your arrival: -33.146321, 26.525600