

SIMBAVATI CAMP GEORGE

KLASERIE PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE
KRUGER NATIONAL PARK
SOUTH AFRICA

Directions

Simbavati Camp George is approx 60 to 90 minutes from Hoedspruit Eastgate airport, depending on how comfortable you are driving on gravel roads. It can be accessed via a rental car.

DIRECTIONS FROM HOEDSPRUIT AIRPORT

From the R40, take the Eastgate Airport / Timbavati turnoff and continue driving for approximately 17 km. You will reach the Timbavati / Klaserie / Umbabat Nature Reserves access point, known as Enkhulu Gate.

At Enkhulu Gate, inform security that you are travelling to Simbavati Camp George in the Klaserie. Do not pay an entrance fee at this gate. Once through the gate, you will see a gate directly ahead, do not go through this gate. Instead, turn left before the gate, then enter through the next gate on your left. Continue along the dirt road, passing behind the gate you have just entered through.

You will soon arrive at the Incheni Gate, which is the main entrance gate to the Klaserie Nature Reserve. At Incheni Gate, you are required to pay the entrance fee (R340 per small vehicle / R1250 per truck, payable by cash or card). Inform the security team that you are visiting Simbavati Camp George, and note that the lodge will have provided a QR code for your entry.

After entering through Incheni Gate, continue straight on the main road for approximately 20 minutes. When you see a large cell/radio tower, look for a sign on the left indicating Simbavati Camp George. Turn right at this sign.

Follow the powerline on your left for approximately 3.2 km. When the powerline turns away from the road, you will see a sign on your right for Simbavati Camp George, turn left here. Continue along this road until you reach the next sign, following the lodge signage as you go. Continue straight for approximately 2 km, and the road will automatically curve to the right.

At the following sign, continue straight again toward Simbavati Camp George, following the signage. The road will lead down the hill directly to the lodge.

Aim to arrive by 2.30pm, if possible so that you have ample time to settle in before the game drive. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please let us know on (015) 004 1400

Note: Please do NOT rely on your GPS after Hoedspruit. It will lead you onto the incorrect roads where you could get lost and stuck!

TIMING

- From Johannesburg Airport – ± 6½ to 7 hours' drive (505km)
- From Kruger Airport – 3 + hours (190km)
- From Hazyview – 2 to 2 ½ hours (140km via the R40)
- From the Three Rondavels view point (last point on the Panorama route, 145km) – 2½ hours (so depart by 12 noon latest).

DIRECTIONS FROM JOHANNESBURG TO SIMBAVATI WATERSIDE (± 6½ – 7 HOUR DRIVE)

The most direct route is via N4 then Dullstroom to Lydenburg and Ohrigstad and onto Hoedspruit. However some people prefer to take the northern route via Polokwane and Tzaneen as there are fewer potholes.

From Johannesburg take the N12 to Witbank (Emalahleni) and continue on the N4 towards Nelspruit. (From Pretoria, take the N4 to Witbank). Follow the N4 and turn left to Belfast (Off ramp R33/R540). Once in Belfast, turn right into Voortrekker Street and continue straight on the R540 to Dullstroom.

Drive straight through Dullstroom and continue to Lydenburg (name change to Mashishing) on the R540. At the T-junction turn left into Lydenburg (Mashishing) into Viljoen Street (R36). Turn left again into Voortrekker Street. Turn right into De Clercq Street and follow the R36 through Ohrigstad. After the Abel Erasmus pass, the R36 turns left to Tzaneen. Do not turn left here. Instead continue straight on the R527 to Hoedspruit.

In Hoedspruit, continue straight. After the bridge crossing the railway line, turn right at the four way stop and continue south on the R40 for another 6.4km. Turn left onto the D1909 (Argyle Road). The sign says Timbavati/Eastgate Airport road. Then follow the Hoedspruit directions to the Lodge.

DIRECTIONS FROM KRUGER MPUMALANGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR HAZYVIEW

KMIA – 3+ hours (195km) * Hazyview – Allow 2½ hours (140km)

The most direct route from Kruger Intl Airport is via the R40 thorough White River and Hazyview. Similarly if you are staying in or near Hazyview, the R40 north is the direct route. Just 6.5km south of Hoedspruit. You turn right onto the Timbavati/Eastgate Airport road. Allow 1½ hours to get from Hazyview to the Timbavati turnoff. Then another hour to get to the Lodge. Once on the Timbavati Road, you immediately pass the Eastgate Airport. Then follow the Hoedspruit directions to the Lodge.

ALTERNATIVE PANORAMA ROUTE IF STAYING AT A HAZYVIEW LODGE:

The R40 is a difficult road given the number of slow trucks and cars as well as many pedestrians. It takes longer than you would expect.

So if you have time, we recommend enjoying a tour of the Panorama route via the Blyde River canyon. Note that this is a longer route (240km from Hazyview to your Lodge (or 3¾ hours driving). En route you can stop off at the Bournes Luck potholes, Gods Window and the Three Rondavels

TIP: It takes approx 2½ + hours to get to the camp from the Three Rondavels viewpoint. So don't leave the Three Rondavels later than 12 noon. Assuming you spend 1½ hours at the various stopping off points, we recommend leaving your lodge by 8.30am.

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