

Self-Drive Directions

1. ACCESS BY ROAD

The driving time from Johannesburg to Marataba is about 3.5 to 4 hours. In an effort to prevent poachers from gaining access to Marakele National Park, the Greater Marakele Security Hub, with co-operation from the Limpopo Roads Agency, has installed seven access-control points to the park. To gain entry, drivers must present a valid driver's license and vehicles must display a valid South African vehicle licence disk.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: FROM JOHANNESBURG TO SAFARI AND MOUNTAIN LODGE

- Depart O.R. Tambo International Airport following the airport exit signs (R21/R24)
- After about 200m, the road forks – take the right fork towards R21 Pretoria/R24 Johannesburg
- The road immediately turns sharply right – keep in the left lane and follow the signs for R21 N Pretoria
- After exiting the airport, get into the left lane immediately and follow the R21 N Kempton Park/Pretoria signs
- After 300m, take the the R21 N Kempton Park/Pretoria off-ramp
- Drive for 34km, then take exit 134 (N1 Noord, Pretoria/Polokwane/Johannesburg)
- Immediately thereafter the road forks – take the right fork towards N1 North Polokwane

Recommended Route (±3.5 hours):

- Continue for 124km on the N1 North Polokwane, passing through two toll gates: Carousel Toll Plaza and Kranskop Toll Plaza (*Please note: no debit cards are accepted*)
- At the Kranskop Toll Gate keep to the left and take the exit for R33 Marble Hill/Modimolle – proceed through the toll gate and at the T junction turn left to R33 Modimolle
- Drive on for 79.6km, passing through Modimolle and through most of the main town of Vaalwater, until you reach a Spar and Total petrol station on your left
- Continue straight for 53.7km, as this road now becomes the R517, until reaching the turnoff to R510 Thabazimbi on the left-hand side
- Turn left on the R510 Thabazimbi and continue on for 27km until you come to the Marataba sign and turn left
- Proceed through the SANParks boom and drive on for 8km, until you see the Marataba signage on the left, followed by our main gate
- Follow the guard's directions towards Marataba Safari Lodge, where we look forward to welcoming you!

Alternative Route (±4 hours):

- Drive for 20km, then take exit 156 for N4 towards Rustenburg
- Once on the N4, continue straight for 43km
- Take the exit 245 towards Sandton/Brits (R511)
- Turn right at the top of the off-ramp towards Brits
- Continue straight for 141km on the R511, passing through Brits
- At the T-junction, turn right towards Thabazimbi
- Continue straight for 8.7km into Thabazimbi, then take the turn-off for Lephalale onto the R510
- Continue straight for 32km on the R510, then take the turn-off for Lephalale R510
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Marataba
Google Maps
Directions



*Please do not use
the Waze App for
directions. It won't
point you to the
correct location.*

PLEASE NOTE

- This route is safe to drive and you will pass through rural areas where the local people are friendly
- Please drive carefully, and be aware of village pedestrians, children and domestic animals
- In an effort to prevent poachers from entering Marakele National Park, there are several access-control points – to gain access, you must present a valid driver's license and your vehicle must display a valid South African vehicle licence disk
- The gate into Marakele National Park opens at 07h00 and closes 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, please strictly adhere to the speed limits and afford the animals right of way
- In winter (May to August) afternoon game drives depart at 15h30 and in summer (September to April) at 16h00 – should you arrive after a departure, we can organise a link up for you
- **If you are staying at Marataba Mountain Lodge, you will be collected and driven in an open safari vehicle from Marataba Safari Lodge. The drive will take about around 45min depending on the animals you see along the way**

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DRIVING TIMES AND DISTANCES

Approximate lengths of journeys to and from Marataba

LOCATION	TRAVEL TIME	KILOMETRES	MILES
O.R. Tambo International Airport	3h 30min	326km	203mi
Sun City	2h 30min	164km	102mi

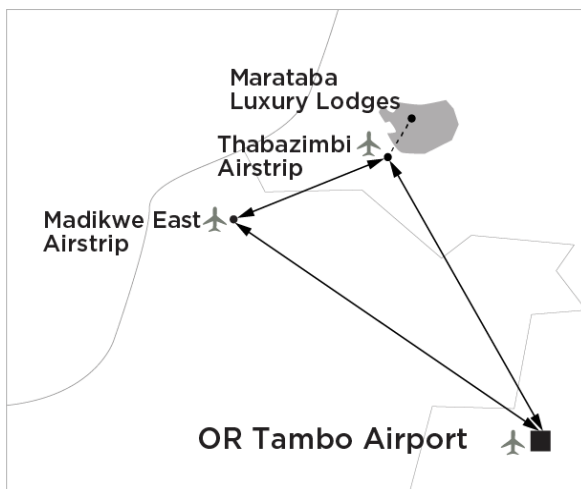
2. ACCESS BY AIR

ROUTES, TIMES AND RATES

Costs below are per person, one way.

ROUTE (MIN 2 GUESTS)	DEPARTURE TIMES	ARRIVAL TIMES	ADULTS	2-12 YEARS	0-2 YEARS
Marataba (Thabazimbi Airport) - Madikwe (Madikwe East Airstrip)	10h30	11h00	R5 950	R4 463	R1 488
Marataba (Thabazimbi Airport) - Johannesburg (ORT) via Madikwe East Airstrip	10h30	12h30	R6 750	R5 063	R1 692
Johannesburg (ORT) - Marataba (Thabazimbi Airport) via Madikwe East Airstrip	13h00	14h45	R6 750	R5 063	R1 692
Madikwe (Madikwe) East Airstrip - Marataba (Thabazimbi Airport)	14h15	14h45	R5 950	R4 463	R1 488

A **Thabazimbi landing fee** of R134 per person (2025) and R150 per person (2026) is applicable (excludes children age 0-2). Bookings for the above are made through Federal Airlines.



EXCLUDES

Road transfer between Thabazimbi Airstrip and Marataba Game Lodges (approximately 1 hour) is booked and operated by MORE Family Collection at R1 950 per vehicle per way (2025) and R2 243 (2026) for 1-6 guests. Rates are subject to change.

FREQUENCY

Shuttle route serviced daily.

SUGGESTED CONNECTION TIMES

- These arrival and departure times make allowances for potential stops en-route at Madikwe East airstrip. Guests may arrive earlier depending on routing of the day.
- When flying to Marataba, the latest recommended arrival time at ORT is 10h30.
- On return from Marataba, domestic flights should only be booked to depart from 14h30 onwards and international flights from 15h30 (to allow for adequate transfer time).

DEPARTURE LOGISTICS FROM ORT

- Passengers to make their way to the small waiting room at the Shuttle Bus Terminal opposite the arrivals terminal, from where they will be transferred to the Federal Airlines terminal and lounge.
- Complimentary shuttle to the Federal Airlines lounge, with shower facilities, private garden, beverages, snacks and Wi-Fi.
- Federal Airlines Lounge opens from 07h30 and operates until the last flight
- Hangar 14, Northern Perimeter Road, Bonaero Park.

FLIGHT CAPACITY

Cessna Grans Caravan, max 10 passengers

LUGGAGE

- One free piece of checked luggage (20kg) and one small carry-on (5kg).
- Must be soft luggage with one flat side.
- Soft duffle bags at the cost of R300 can be purchased at the lounge if doing a one-way flight. Any hard bags will be transferred by road; unless Federal Air is able to accommodate the hard case on the flight - this cannot be guaranteed.
- Soft bags are only available to borrow if guests are taking a return JHB flight. Once baggage is repacked, the hard cases will be placed in the storage facility in JHB.
- Complimentary baggage storage facility (Available for guests returning with Federal Airlines).

CANCELLATION TERMS

- 15+ days prior to departure: no charge.
- 14 - 7 days prior to departure: 30% of total fare.
- 6 days – 24 hours prior to departure: 75% of total fare.
- Within 24 hours prior to departure: 100% of total fare.
- Flights are weather dependent and should they not be possible road transfers will be arranged.
- Unlimited changes permitted at no charge up to 72 hours prior to departure.

BOOKING CONTACTS

Shuttle Flight Bookings:

- Federal Airlines: +27(0)11 395 9000 | shuttle@fedair.com | Or through the Federal Airlines Agent portal.
- At the time of booking, please advise any dietary requirements or special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries etc), as well as arrival and departure flight information into and out of ORT.

Transfers to & from Thabazimbi Airport:

- Duration +/- 1 hour to Marataba Game Lodges
- **MORE Collection:** +27 (0)11 880 9992 | res@more.co.za | Or your dedicated reservations consultant