

Driving Directions



Guests arriving independently, by hire car or private transfer
must arrive before 16h00 for the arrival and safety briefing.

Important: please call the Makutsi office before turning onto the gravel road.
There is no mobile reception on the gravel road and the gate is not permanently manned.
If you do not call ahead, there will be nobody to let you in.

Makutsi GPS Coordinates

Latitude: 24°11'39.74"S — Longitude: 30°35'39.25"E

Decimal format: -24.194372, 30.594236

Directions from Johannesburg International Airport to Makutsi Safari Springs

- From the airport take the R21 direction Boksburg.
- Shortly after, turn left onto the N12 towards eMalahleni (previously Witbank) and Belfast — the N12 becomes the N4 along this route.
- Turn left off the highway towards Belfast.
- In Belfast, turn right onto R540 at Belfast Toyota towards Dullstroom & Mashishing (previously Lydenberg).
- From Mashishing (previously Lydenberg), take the R36 towards Ohrigstad and through the Abel Erasmus Pass & Strijdom Tunnel.
- About 10km after the tunnel, turn left onto the R36 towards Tzaneen.
- The Total garage on your left is your last petrol stop before Makutsi — fill up here.
- After about 30km you will pass over the Makhutswi River, and 500m later turn right onto a gravel road (Gravelotte D1828 & Makutsi road signs). A guard at a security boom gate will sign you in.
- After 9.5km on the gravel road the Makutsi entrance gate will be on your right.

The distance from Johannesburg Airport to Makutsi is approximately 440km. Plan for a driving time of 5–6 hours, especially if you stop for lunch on the way. We recommend departing no later than 09h00 to arrive comfortably before 16h00.

Directions from Hoedspruit to Makutsi Safari Springs

- From Hoedspruit take the R527 towards Mashishing (previously Lydenberg).
- Follow the road until you reach the R36 turn-off towards Tzaneen and turn right here.
- If coming from Hoedspruit, note there are no petrol stations on the final 30km stretch before the gravel road — fill up in Hoedspruit before departing.
- After about 30km you will pass over the Makhutswi River, and 500m later turn right onto a gravel road (Gravelotte D1828 & Makutsi road signs). A guard at a security boom gate will sign you in.
- After 9.5km on the gravel road the Makutsi entrance gate will be on your right.

The distance from Hoedspruit Airport to Makutsi is approximately 80km. Allow at least 1 hour 15 minutes to ensure arrival before 16h00.

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