

# **PROGRAMME FOR YOUR SOUTH AFRICAN HOLIDAY**

**Travel date: 01.03.2014 – 14.03.2014**

**We warmly welcome you to South Africa and wish you a wonderful time in our *World in one Country!* Please use a good road atlas together with this route description and always enquire locally about the condition of the roads, as we cannot take responsibility for detours due to the weather, road works or other local conditions.**

**Please ask at the reception desk of The Safari Club for your info pack, including a map book and the original of this itinerary, and should you not receive it, please contact our office immediately.**

**Saturday 01 March 2014 - Overnight: The Safari Club, 68 Pomona Road, Kempton Park – Tel: 011- 979 0321 (BB)**

After clearing passport control and customs at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport, please proceed to the Tourism Information desk in the arrivals hall and look out for a representative of The Safari Club with a sign with your name. Should you and the Safari Club representative for any reason miss each other, please phone 011-979 0321.

**Sunday 02 March 2014 – Overnight: Iketla Lodge, on the R555 Burgersfort Road, near Ohrigstad – Tel: 013-238 8900 (DBB)**

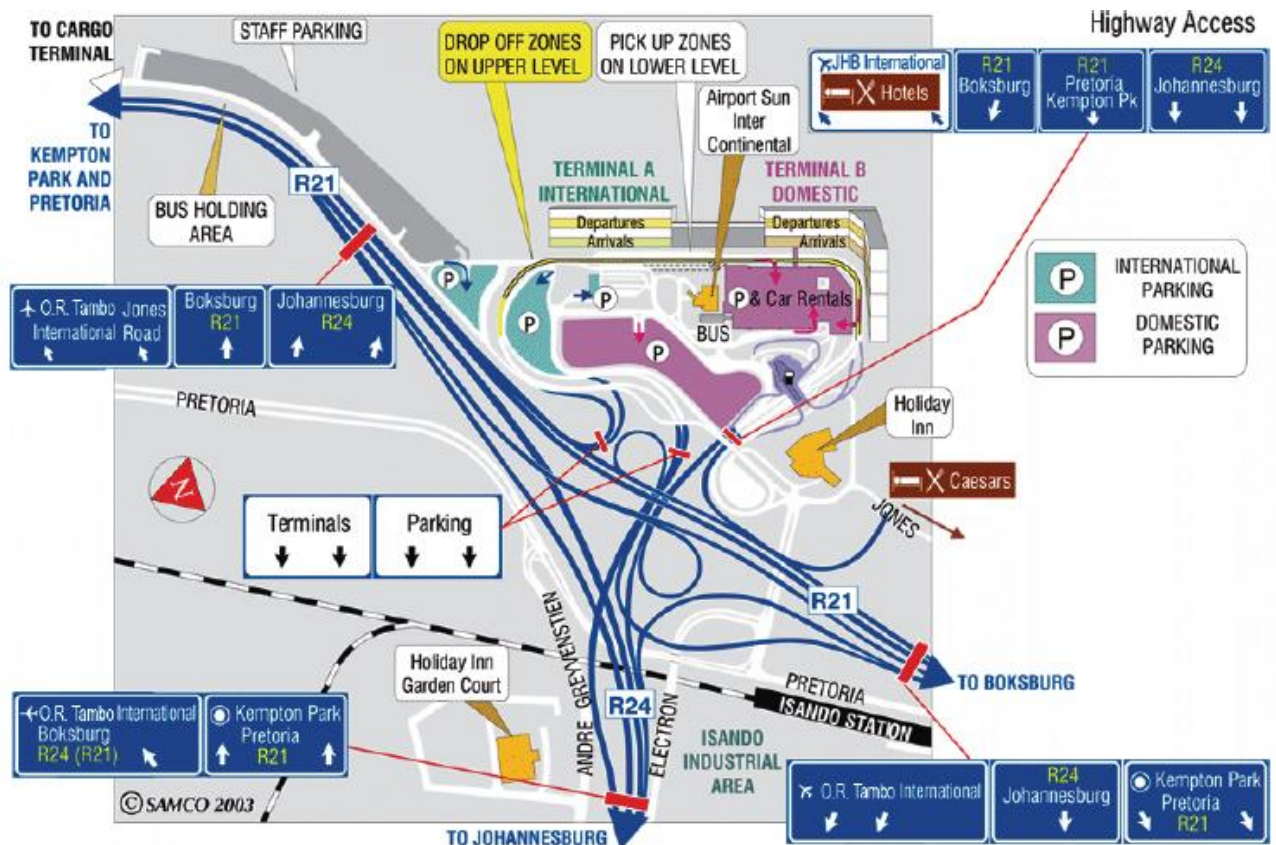
After breakfast a representative of The Safari Club will transfer you to the airport to pick up your group K rental car from Avis (Res# 0904-7051-ZA6). Please inspect the car carefully, and report any minor dents, scratches and cracked or chipped glass surfaces to an Avis employee, insisting that everything you report, is written down, even though you have full insurance cover. If more than one of you intend driving, please make sure that all additional drivers are registered by Avis when picking up the car, as there is zero insurance cover if an unregistered person drives the car.

**N.B.** On the motorways around Johannesburg / Pretoria overhead gantries have been erected to collect toll fees automatically without disrupting the traffic flow. Your rental vehicle will have been fitted with a small *e-tag* which will beep every time you pass under one of these gantries. Each gantry is fitted with electronic toll collection equipment that recognises a vehicle's e-tag and photographs the front and back licence plate as well as the top of the vehicle (to determine the size). These

details are then sent electronically to the toll fee account of the vehicle's owner – in this case the car rental company. However, please note that you as the user of the tolled motorway are responsible for the payment of these toll fees (ZAR 0,30/km – last updated: Dec. 2013), which will be billed to you at the end of the rental. (This excludes toll fees paid by you in cash.) The administration of such toll fee payments varies from one vehicle rental company to another – please make sure that you inform yourself about this when picking up your rental vehicle.

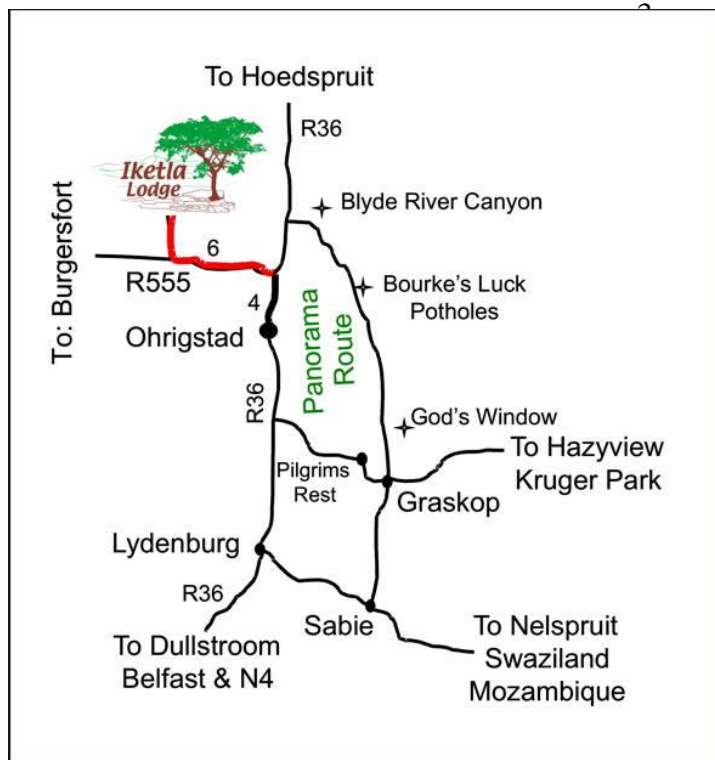


(±360km) As you leave the parking garage at the airport, after picking up your rental car, you will have to get into the correct traffic lane immediately. (See map below) Follow the signs onto the R21 in the direction of Boksburg. After about 5km take exit no. 429 to the left



onto the N12 in the direction of eMalahleni (Witbank). Near Witbank the N12 merges with the N4 and shortly after that you will come to the Middelburg Toll Plaza where you will have to pay a toll fee of ±ZAR 45,- (Only South African credit cards are accepted, so please have the cash ready.) Just over 80km after the toll plaza take exit no. 190 to the left towards Carolina / Belfast / Dullstroom, and at the end of the exit ramp turn left onto the R33 towards Belfast / Dullstroom. You will come into Belfast on Vermooten Street (R33) and after crossing Fitzgerald Street, you must turn right towards Dullstroom / Lydenburg / Mashishing into Steven Masango Street (formerly Voortrekker Street - R540) at the stop sign. (On the opposite right-hand corner you will see a Total petrol station.) Follow the R540 (Hugenoten Street) straight through Dullstroom and at the T-junction about 52km beyond Dullstroom turn left towards Lydenburg (Mashishing) onto the R36. You will come into Lydenburg on Viljoen Street and after crossing Potgieter Street, you must turn left into Voortrekker Street (on the corner on your right you will see a Caltex petrol station) and then after crossing Lange Street and passing a Total petrol station on your right, you turn right into De Clercq Street towards Pilgrim's Rest / Ohrigstad / Hoedspruit onto the R36. About 4km beyond Ohrigstad turn left onto the R555 in the direction of Burgersfort and after ±6km on the R555 look out for the Iketla sign on your right. Here turn right towards the Iketla gate onto a gravel road, and follow the signs to the lodge for another ±2km.

Iketla is the perfect spot to relax and unwind and you have the whole day to lounge by the pool, or to enjoy the view from your patio or to simply sit quietly on a rock and look into the valley. With more than 32km of well-marked nature trails, Iketla offers a myriad of opportunities to explore nature. (The trails vary in difficulty and distance.) To learn more about the smaller animals, insects, impressive bird life of the area and the traditional African uses of indigenous trees and plants, why not take a walk with the lodge's field guide. (This service is free of charge.)



**Monday 03 March 2014 -**  
**Overnight: Iketla Lodge, on the R555**  
**Burgersfort Road, near Ohrigstad –**  
**Tel: 013-238 8900 (DBB)**

For today we would like to suggest the following round trip along the scenic Panorama Route:

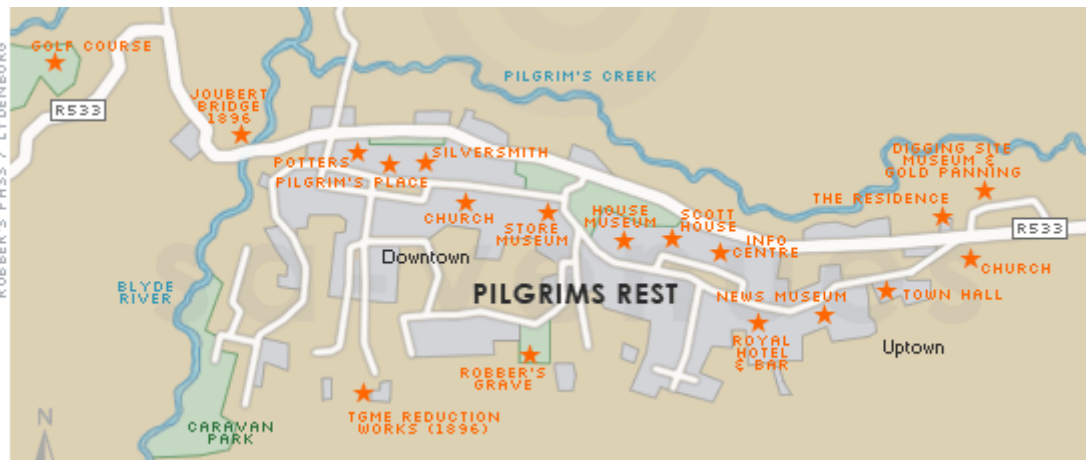
**The Panorama Route** is one of the most beautiful and popular travel destinations in South Africa. It leads through the rugged mountain range of the northern Drakensberg. Here, in the north-eastern part of the Great Escarpment, the inland plateau declines abruptly and steeply and opens up fantastic views of the plains of the Lowveld a thousand metres below. This view is most reliable in the dry winter months. At other times the spectacle is often impaired, since the escarpment is a barrier for the clouds coming

from the east, rising at this point and bringing rain. The most spectacular stretch is the Blyde River Canyon. From many well-positioned vantage points one has a view of the 33km long, wooded gorge, which starts at "Bourke's Luck Potholes" and ends at the "Three Rondavels". The Potholes (entrance fee ±ZAR 45,-) are very impressive rock formations that were shaped millions of years ago by erosion. The bizarre swirl holes developed when the once rapid river carried masses of sand and debris. The view sites at God's Window, where the land drops away almost vertically to the Lowveld, offer stunning vistas over the escarpment on a clear day. Standing at God's Window at an altitude of ±1.000m (i.e. 1km!) above the lowlands, you are literally left feeling on top of the world.



(±195km) At the Iketla exit turn left onto the R555 and when you get to the T-junction after ±6km turn left again onto the R36 towards Hoedspruit. After about 20km you then turn right onto the R532 towards Blydepoort / Graskop. About 24km after having turned off onto the R532 you should turn left towards the first impressive view site above the Blyde River Canyon at the "Drie Rondavels" sign. About 5km further along the R532 there is another view site on the left (marked "Uitsigpunt / View Point"), providing a different perspective. After a further ±11km on the R532 you will see the Bourke's Luck Potholes, where there is an entrance fee of about ZAR 45,- p.p. to pay, also on your left. About 28km beyond the Potholes you will then have to turn left onto the R534 to get to the God's Window view sites. After your visit to God's Window continue on the R534 until you come to a T-junction, where you turn left onto the R532 towards Graskop. You will come into Graskop on Huguenote Street, at the end of which you turn right into Louis Trichardt Street. After going straight across the Church Street stop sign, you turn left towards Kowyn's Pass / Hazyview into Main (Hoof) Street at the next stop sign. From Main Street you then take the first right into Pilgrim's Way in the direction of Sabie / Pilgrim's Rest at the next stop sign. About 5km beyond Graskop you will come to a road junction where you continue straight onto the R533 in the direction of the old gold mining town of Pilgrim's Rest, which you will reach

after about 10km on the R533. As you come into Pilgrim's Rest (on the map below, you will be coming from the right) you could turn left into the old town and look for a convenient place to park, so that you can explore the old town on foot, but be warned, you are going to be bothered by people who start washing your car without permission and who want to sell you things.



**Pilgrim's Rest** is one of the oldest gold-mining towns in South Africa. Here in 1873 a prospector stumbled across what was at the time the richest known deposit of alluvial gold on the sub-continent, and within no time a large and motley assortment of fortune seekers flocked to the area. However, within a decade most of the alluvial deposits had been worked out, and the diggers started migrating south to new fields at Barberton. Underground mining at Pilgrim's Rest ceased in the 1920's, but today the entire town has been restored as a national monument and living museum.

After your visit to Pilgrim's Rest return to the R533 and turn left. After only  $\pm 1$ km you will have to turn left again towards Mashishing (Lydenburg) in order to remain on the R533. Now follow the R533 over Robber's Pass, where in times gone by a stage coach was robbed, until you come to a T-junction after about 27km. Here you turn right onto the R36 in the direction of Ohrigstad, and about 4km beyond Ohrigstad turn left onto the R555 in the direction of Burgersfort and after  $\pm 6$ km on the R555 look out for the Iketla turn-off on your right.

**Tuesday 04 March 2014** – Overnight: Kings Walden Garden Manor, Old Coach Road, Agatha, near Tzaneen – Tel: 015-307 3262 / 071-345 0842 (BB)



( $\pm 150$ km) At the Iketla exit turn left onto the R555 and when you get to the T-junction after  $\pm 6$ km turn left again onto the R36 towards Hoedspruit. After about 24km the R36 will take you over the Abel Erasmus Pass and then through the Strijdom Tunnel. About 7km beyond the tunnel you must turn left in the direction of Tzaneen / Phalaborwa / Polokwane, thereby remaining on the R36. (**N.B.** On this route and elsewhere you will travel through African villages, where there will be many people, animals and taxis sharing the road with you, so it is very important that you do not travel too fast and keep a sharp look-out, as these people do not take kindly to motorists hitting them or their animals.) Now just continue following the R36 towards Tzaneen and after  $\pm 61$ km, at Nkowankowa, you then turn left towards the Letsitele Valley at the stop sign (there also is a brown Kings Walden sign). After  $\pm 9$ km on this road you turn right up into the mountains towards the Coach House and Kings Walden. After a further  $\pm 9$ km, as you travel up into the mountains, and after passing the Coach House on your left, you turn right towards Kings Walden, and then after  $\pm 500$ m right onto the Kings Walden access road at the Kings Walden sign.

**Wednesday 05 March 2014 – Overnight: Kings Walden Garden Manor, Old Coach Road, Agatha, near Tzaneen – Tel: 015-307 3262 / 071-345 0842 (BB)**

Today you could simply relax at your lodge's pool, or you could undertake some scenic outings into the surrounding area.



(±165km) A worthwhile round trip would be to turn left from the Kings Walden access road. When you get to the T-junction turn right and then after not quite 3km turn right again towards Tzaneen. After ±14km turn left onto the R36 at the T-junction at the three-way stop. Now follow the R36 for ±17km to the historic Duiwelskloof, also known as Modjadiskloof. Follow the R36 straight through Duiwelskloof, and ±6km further turn right towards Modjadji and the Sunland Nursery (Tel: 015-309 9039 / 082-413 2228 / 083-453 2228). Follow this road for ±4km and then turn left onto the Leeudraai gravel road (also sign-posted Kremetartboom), from which you take the first left to the Sunland Nursery, which you will find a little further on (also on the left). Here you can see one of the biggest and oldest trees in the world and enjoy some refreshments inside this giant baobab tree. (**NB** Please do not travel faster than 60-70km/h at the most on gravel roads, as the gravel can be quite loose in places, so that you could easily get into a dangerous skid if you travel too fast. If it should be raining, you must travel even slower, as gravel roads can become very slippery when wet.)



After having dropped their leaves in the autumn, **baobab trees** look as though someone has stuck the stem into the ground with the roots pointing upwards. These deciduous trees, which can grow to a height of 5-20m and can be up to 4 000 years old, occur in sub-tropical areas in Africa as well as Australia. The huge stems of such old baobab trees have already been used as shops, jails, dwellings, store rooms and bus stop shelters. The trees are extremely resistant and can survive fires as well as complete de-barking. An old baobab tree can keep a whole eco-system alive, as many animals – from the biggest mammals to thousands of insects – live in it or off

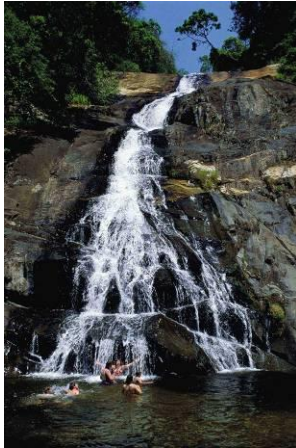
it. Birds make nests in its branches; baboons eat its fruit; bush babies and fruit bats drink the nectar of its flowers and pollinate them; while elephants eat entire branches. The flowers are whitish and open up at night. The tasty and nutritious fruit, that can be up to 30cm long, contain tartaric acid and vitamin C. A coffee-like drink can be made from the roasted fruit. Fibres can be beaten out of the tree's bark to make rope, mats, baskets and clothing material. Glue can be made from the pollen, while a type of spinach can be cooked from the leaves, which can also be used to treat kidney and bladder ailments, asthma and insect bites.



North towards **Duiwelskloof** lies the homeland of the Lubedu people, a sub-tribe of the Venda people, who were ruled by the mysterious Queen Modjadji. Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, a dynasty of queens has held sway over this region, even commanding the respect of the warrior tribes, such as the Zulu. In dry seasons this queen was sent gifts and offerings together with heartfelt requests to use her secret powers, as "Rain Queen", to bring rain to the parched land. To this day the mystique of the Rain Queen remains, and the reigning monarch can still only be seen and visited by a few favoured guests.

After your visit to the Sunland baobab tree travel back to the Leeudraai road and at the T-junction turn right. At the next T-junction turn right again onto the tar road and after ±4km when you come to yet another T-junction, turn left towards Modjadiskloof / Tzaneen onto the R36. Again follow the R36 straight through Duiwelskloof, and just after the beginning of the R36 double highway as you approach Tzaneen, turn right onto the R71 towards Magoebaskloof and Polokwane. After

±10km on the R71 you could turn right onto a gravel road to the Dabegeni Falls just past the Magoebaskloof Dam. About 3km along this road you turn right and drive downhill to the falls.

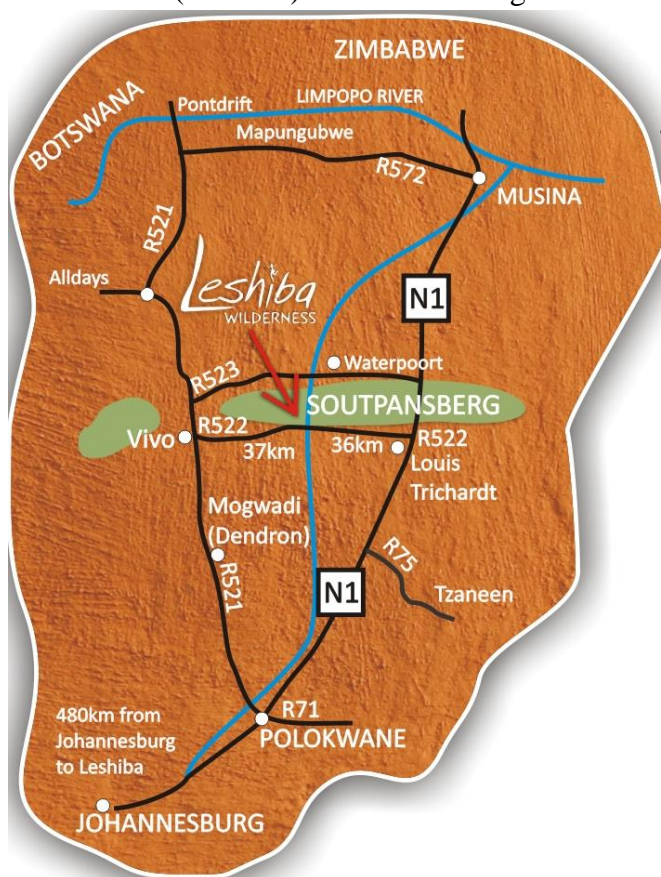


The beautiful **Magoebaskloof**, descending through the forests on the slopes of the Wolkberg, is the showpiece of this area. From the R71 an enchanting 3km walk to the **Dabegeni Falls** can be undertaken through the surrounding forests. The Dabegeni Falls tumble about 800m into a deep, pot-like pool. The Magoebaskloof Pass, which winds down the escarpment, losing over 600m in 5,5km, is one of South Africa's most scenic routes.

About 19km after passing the turn-off to the Dabegeni Falls – after having passed the Magoebaskloof Hotel on your left - you should now turn left onto the R528 at Haenertsburg and follow this road back to Tzaneen. At Tzaneen you will cross the R36 on a fly-over bridge and must then take the on-ramp to the right onto the R36. When you come to the three-way stop about 1km further on, turn right towards Agatha onto road D523. Continue for ±14km up into the hills until you reach a T-junction. Here turn left towards Letsitele Valley and after a further ±3km turn left again at the Kings Walden sign and then right onto the Kings Walden access road at the next sign.



**Thursday 06 March 2014** – Overnight: Leshiba Wilderness, Venda Village Lodge, off the R522, near Louis Trichardt – Tel: 015-593 0076 / 082-315 9930 / 071-695 8603 (FB & 1 Game Activity)



(±175km) From the Kings Walden access road turn left. When you get to the T-junction turn right and then after not quite 3km turn right again towards Tzaneen. After ±14km turn left onto the R36 at the T-junction at the three-way stop. You now follow the R36 straight towards Modjadjiskloof / Duiwelskloof, and shortly after passing the R81 at Mooketsi, ±17km beyond Modjadjiskloof, you must turn right towards Makhado (Louis Trichardt) in order to remain on the R36. At Soekmekaar / Morebeng you will come to another T-junction where you turn right again towards Makhado (Louis Trichardt), thereby remaining on the R36. About 21km beyond Morebeng you will come to the N1, where you turn right towards Makhado (Louis Trichardt) onto the N1. As you come into Makhado (Louis Trichardt) after ±38km on the N1 you will come to a four-way stop (whoever arrives first has right of way), where you must turn left towards Vivo into Rissik Street (R522). (**NB** Please phone Leshiba now on 071-697 2596, so that the lodge will have a rough idea of your arrival time.) The BP petrol station which

you will pass on your left soon after turning into Rissik Street, is the last chance to fill up your car's tank. You now follow Rissik Street straight out of Louis Trichardt. About 31km beyond Louis Trichardt you will cross a railway line. After a further ±4,5km you will cross the bridge over the Sand River, and only ±300m beyond the bridge you will see a green Leshiba Wilderness sign on your right. (Shortly before that you will see a brown Leshiba Wilderness sign on your left.) At the green sign turn right onto a gravel road and follow further Leshiba signs along this road. NOTE: There are a number of gates along this road, which may or may not be closed. Please leave the gates as you find them and ignore signs that say 'gate locked', but ensure that you close any gates that were closed, properly again. After ±3km on the gravel road you will come to a farm house on your left. Here a Leshiba representative will meet you and transfer you up the steep mountain road to the lodge, after you have safely parked your car.

**Friday 07 March 2014 - Overnight: Leshiba Wilderness, Venda Village Lodge, off the R522, near Louis Trichardt – Tel: 015-593 0076 / 082-315 9930 / 071-695 8603 (FB & 1 Game Activity)**

Leshiba offers a variety of guided and unguided activities. Twelve marked walking trails weave along cliff faces, down gorges, and through open plains, where you can wander freely amongst the rhino and other wildlife. The trails vary in length from 1½ to 7 hours. There also is a family herd of Nooitgedacht ponies, which are bred for rough mountainous terrain, these amazing horses roam freely throughout the reserve. Game viewing at Leshiba is superb, with two valleys that each have their own wetland area, ensuring an exhilarating game experience. An optional range of indulgent therapies, designed to relax the body, soothe the spirit, improve muscle tone and evoke a feeling of well-being, is also on offer. The optional guided archaeological trail to rock art sites offers an enlightening and mystical venture into the past.



**Saturday 08 March 2014 – Overnight: Wild Ivory Eco Lodge, Welgevonden Game Reserve, off the R517, near Vaalwater – Tel: 082-407 2919 / 083-626 9409 (FB & Game Viewing Activities)**

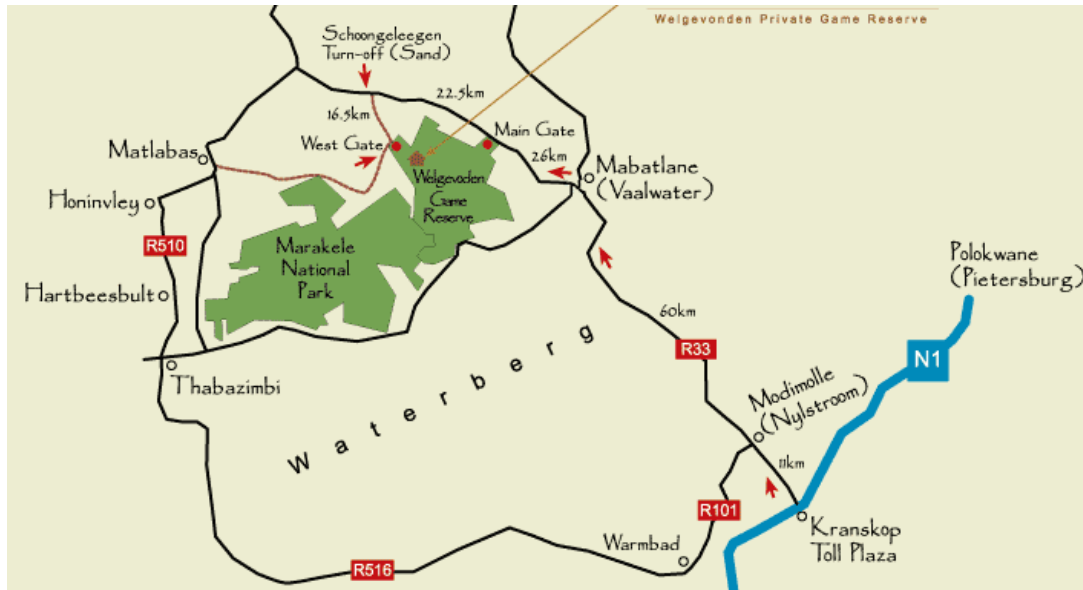


(±425km) From the Leshiba gravel road turn left towards Makhado (Louis Trichardt) onto the R522. You will come into Louis Trichardt on Rissik Street, which you follow straight through the town. Just after the BP petrol station on your right, you will come to a stop sign, where you turn right towards Polokwane onto the N1. Between Louis Trichardt and Polokwane you will have to pay a toll fee of ±ZAR 33,- at the Capricorn Toll Plaza. You will come into Polokwane on Landdros Mare Street, which you follow straight into the town, where it becomes a one-way street after a left-hand curve. After crossing Grobler Street (one-way to the left) you turn right into Thabo Mbeki Street (one-way – still N1) towards Potgietersrus / Mokopane / Pretoria at the next set of traffic lights. After a short distance Thabo Mbeki Street makes a curve to the left and then you come to a traffic circle. Here continue straight across towards Potgietersrus / Mokopane / Pretoria, thereby remaining on the N1. About 65km beyond Polokwane you will come to the Nyl Toll Plaza, where you will have to pay a toll fee of ±ZAR 42,-. After a further ±62km on the N1 you then take exit no. 273 to the left onto the R101 in the direction of Modimolle (Nylstroom). After ±17km on the R101 you will enter Modimolle on Voortrekker Street and after crossing Rivier Street and passing a small dam on your right, you must turn right towards Vaalwater into Nelson Mandela Road (R33 – formerly Potgieter Street). When you reach Vaalwater ±60km after leaving Modimolle, follow the R33 straight through the town.

**N.B.** Please phone the lodge from Vaalwater to confirm your pickup time and arrangements. Once you have left the town you will no longer have cell phone reception.

Just outside Vaalwater the R33 goes off to the right towards Lephalale (Ellisras), but you must continue straight onto the R517 in the direction of Hermanusdorings / Bulge River. (Opposite the Lephalale turn-off you will see a Total petrol station, where you should fill up your car's tank before continuing.) About 26km beyond Vaalwater you will see Welgevonden's Main Gate on your left, but you must continue for another ±22,5km and then turn left towards Schoongelezen onto a gravel road. (**N.B.** The gravel on such roads can be very loose, so that you can get into a skid very easily. You should therefore not travel faster than 60-70km/h on gravel roads, and even slower if it should be raining, as gravel roads can become very slippery when wet.) After ±16,5km on the gravel road look out for the Welgevonden West Gate on your left and turn left into the reserve here (be sure not to enter at the contractors gate). Secure parking is provided at the West Gate, from where you will be transferred to your private game lodge.

**N.B.** You should aim to be at the Welgevonden West Gate by **12:00**, as you will have to pay a surcharge, if an extra trip has to be made to collect you from the gate.



The malaria-free **Welgevonden Nature Reserve** on the Waterberg Plateau adjoins the **Marakele National Park** without fences in between and ranks as one of South Africa's most rewarding game viewing destinations. It is a transitional zone between the wetter eastern and drier western parts of the country. Marakele with its mountains, gorges and rolling savanna supports a wide variety of wildlife, encompassing all the large game species such as elephant, rhino and lion, most of the common antelope species and the largest breeding colony of the endangered Cape Vulture.

**Sunday 09 – Monday 10 March 2014 - Overnight: Wild Ivory Eco Lodge, Welgevonden Game Reserve, off the R517, near Vaalwater – Tel: 082-407 2919 / 083-626 9409 (FB & Game Viewing Activities)**

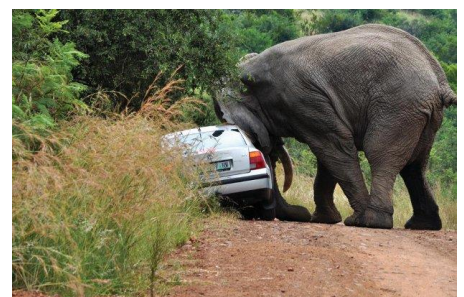
You have two whole days to enjoy the unique African wildlife in its natural surroundings. The typical game lodge day begins with an early morning wake-up call, followed by the first included game viewing activity of the day. Upon your return to the lodge a late breakfast is served, after which you can relax at the lodge in the recuperative solitude of the African bush. In the afternoon there is again the opportunity to participate in an included game viewing activity.

**Tuesday 11 March 2014 – Overnight: Madikwe River Lodge, Madikwe Game Reserve, north of Zeerust – Tel: 014-778 9000 / 082-779 4428 (FB & 2 Game Viewing Activities)**

After a final early morning game viewing activity and breakfast, you leave Wild Ivory, after being transferred back to the gate and your car.



(±250km) From the Welgevonden West Gate turn right onto the gravel road, and then at the T-junction after ±16,5km turn left towards Ellisras (Lephalale) onto the R517. After ±5km you then turn left towards Thabazimbi onto the R510. After ±41km on the R510 you will again come to a T-junction, where you turn left towards Thabazimbi, thereby remaining on the R510. As you enter Thabazimbi ("Iron Mountain" in the language of the local population because of all the iron ore that is mined here.), you will once more come to a T-junction, where you turn right towards Rustenburg onto the R510. (**N.B.** On the corner on your left you will see a Total petrol station, where you should fill your car's tank, as it will be a while before you get another opportunity to do so, and there is no fuel in the Madikwe Game Reserve.) Soon after that you will come to a stop sign (Lood Drive), where you continue straight across. About 1km after this stop sign you then turn right towards Dwaalboom on the outskirts of Thabazimbi. Some distance out of Thabazimbi you will cross

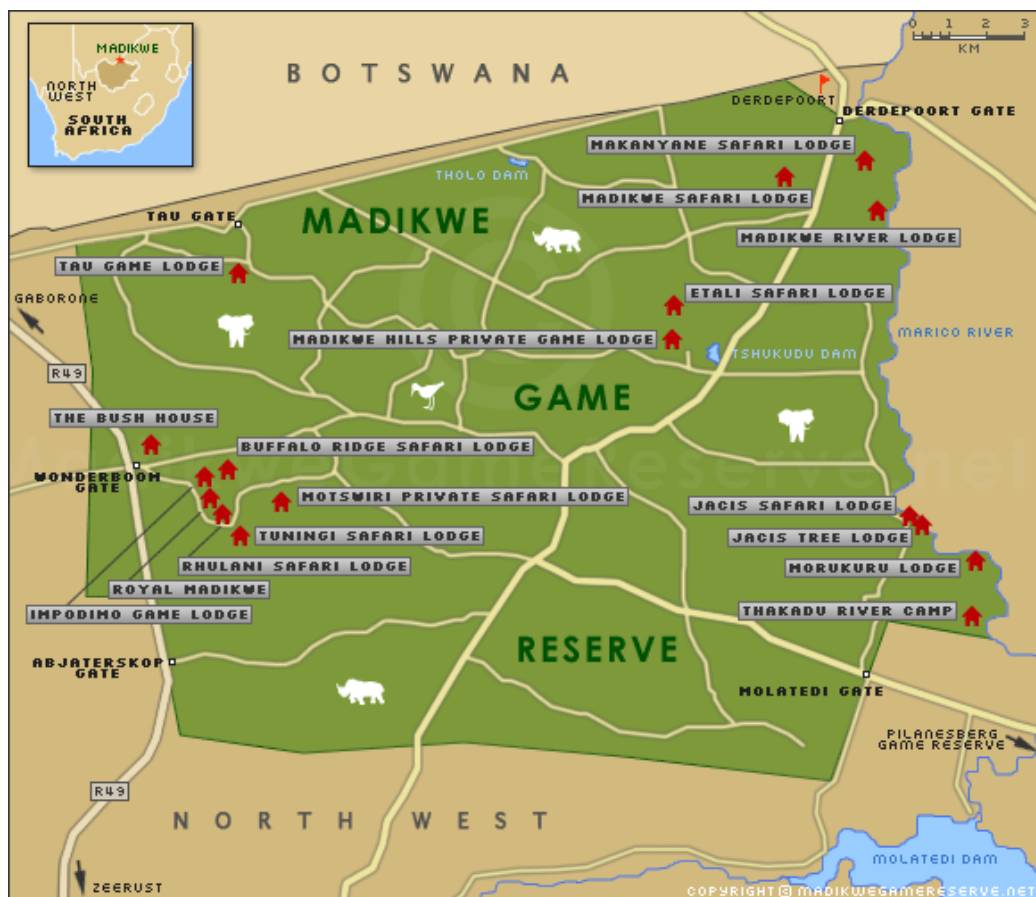


the Crocodile (Krokodil) River. Just continue following the tar road, but drive carefully, as the road could be potholed in places. At Dwaalboom you will come to an intersection, where you must turn right towards Kaya se Put / Derdepoort, still following the tar road. A short distance out of the small village of Dwaalboom you must then turn left towards Kaya se Put / Derdepoort. At Kaya se Put you will come to a T-junction, where you turn right towards Derdepoort, and follow this road, which soon becomes a gravel road, although parts of it may have since been tarred, for  $\pm 20$ km. Just after crossing the Marico River you will come to an intersection, where you turn left to the Derdepoort Gate into the Madikwe Game Reserve. At the gate you will have to pay an entrance fee of  $\pm$ ZAR 150,- per person. Now follow the signs to the Madikwe River Lodge.

Once in the game reserve, please remain in your car as the animals in the park are totally wild. Also do not drive up too closely to elephants, and do not switch your car's engine off in close proximity to elephants so that you could drive out of the way quickly if necessary, as these giants of the bush could overturn your car with ease.



The **Madikwe Game Reserve** is situated in the North West Province and is bordered by Botswana in the north, the Dwarsberg Mountains to the south, and the Marico river to the east. The diverse habitat in the reserve, from acacia savannah to riverine, ensures a unique combination of species, including wild dog, cheetah, lion, white and black rhino, buffalo and elephant. The birdlife is spectacular and it is also one of the few reserves in South Africa that is malaria free. With the inception of "Operation Phoenix" which began in 1993, more than 8,000 head of game were brought into the park over a six year period. The government-sponsored programme involved re-stocking and conserving flora and wildlife, which had disappeared from the region, and its huge success has ensured excellent game viewing. In 1996, predators were introduced into Madikwe, first cheetahs, wild dogs and hyenas, later also lions from the Etosha National Park (Namibia) and the neighbouring Pilanesberg National Park. 180 elephants came from the Gonarezhou Game Reserve in Zimbabwe which had been hit by a disastrous drought. The resettlement of the elephants was a great success and their population in Madikwe has grown to 250 animals. Today some 12,000 animals live in the Madikwe Game Reserve. All predator species are represented and also black and white rhino, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and a great number of antelope. More than 350 bird species have been registered. The surrounding local communities also benefit from the reserve as they receive an annual share of the park's profits and so are able to upgrade their own infrastructure.



**Wednesday 12 – Thursday 13 March 2014 – Overnight: Madikwe River Lodge, Madikwe Game Reserve, off the R49 north of Zeerust – Tel: 014-778 9000 / 082-779 4428 (FB & 2 Game Viewing Activities)**

The Madikwe River Lodge is secluded on the banks of Groot Marico River. The 16 split-level thatched chalets surrounding the main lodge, are individually decorated to create a rich African feel, with en-suite bathroom and outside shower, separate lounge and private wooden decks overlooking the tranquil forest and river, enabling guests to observe animals coming to the river to drink. An outdoor boma (sheltered open-air area) is located on a central island in the river, accessed by a wooden bridge, where (weather permitting) early morning breakfasts are served under Acacia trees and at night dinners under the stars.



Activities at Madikwe River Lodge include game drives (early morning and late afternoon), bird safaris, game and bush walks in the company of an armed ranger, star gazing from the boma and swimming in the lodge's pool.

**Friday 14 March 2014 – Depart from Johannesburg at 23:55 on KL 592**

After a final early morning game viewing activity and breakfast you slowly (still observing animals from your rental vehicle) make your way to the Abjaterskop Gate of the Madikwe Game Reserve.



(±410km) To the airport, where you have to check in by 21:55, follow the signs from the Madikwe River Lodge to the Abjaterskop Gate, where you leave the game reserve, and turn left onto the R49 towards Zeerust. You will come into Zeerust on Jan Rossouw Avenue, which splits into Gerrit Maritz and President Street (one-way in opposite directions). After crossing Voortrekker Street on Gerrit Maritz Street you turn left into Church Street (N4) – on the corner on your left you will see a Standard Bank. You now follow the N4 straight out of town toward Groot Marico and on via Swartruggens and Rustenburg to Pretoria. On the N4 you will have to pay toll fees on four occasions: ±ZAR 71,- at the Swartruggens Toll Plaza, ±ZAR 15,- at the Marikana Toll Plaza, ±ZAR 10,- at the Brits Toll Plaza and ±ZAR 10,- at the Doornpoort Toll Plaza.) About 3km after the Doornpoort Toll Plaza follow the signs to the right onto the N1 in the direction of Johannesburg / Pretoria East / Witbank. Now follow the N1 for ±18km and then take exit no. 134 to the left towards Pretoria Centre / Kempton Park / OR Tambo Int airport. Keep left on the exit ramp and follow the signs towards Kempton Park / OR Tambo Int onto the R21 motorway. After ±35km, after passing the Pomona Road and Airfreight exits, take exit no. 46 to the left towards OR Tambo Int Airport. (See map on page 2) At the airport follow the signs to “Car Rental Returns” all the way into the parking garage (Parkade) and then to the Avis return kiosk. Please do not give your car keys to anyone who cannot be clearly identified as an Avis employee.

We wish you a pleasant journey, and hope that you will enjoy your stay in South Africa.