

Directions From Johannesburg/Pretoria to Simbavati Hilltop Lodge

DULLSTROOM ROUTE

Please be aware that this road has some very bad stretches with potholes, but it is still the fastest and most preferred road by regular travellers

From Johannesburg take the N12 to Witbank (Emalahleni) and follow the N4 to Nelspruit (Mbombela). From Pretoria, take the N4 to Witbank (Emalahleni).

Follow the N4 and turn left to Belfast (Off-ramp R33/R540). Once in Belfast, turn right into Voortrekker Street and continue straight with the R540 to Dullstroom. Drive straight through Dullstroom and continue to Lydenburg (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**, but continue straight on the R527 until you reach the town of Hoedspruit. (The distance between Ohrigstad and Hoedspruit is ±89 km).

Once in Hoedspruit, continue straight. After the bridge crossing the railway line, turn right at the four-way stop and stay on the R40 South towards Hazyview and White River. Drive ±6.5 km and then turn left on the D1909 (Argyle Road). The signage reads Timbavati and Eastgate Airport.

Please do not rely on your GPS after Hoedspruit. It will lead you the wrong lodge which will mean a two-hour detour.

After about 300 m. you will get to a control gate, where you pass through. Continue straight, past the airport, for another 18 km until you reach the Enkhulu Control Gate into the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. The gate is open from 06:00 – 22:00. You will be expected to pay an entrance fee here (2017/18 R140). **Please note: Continuous cellular telephone reception ends here.** Stay on this tar road for another 37 km (on the way you see the turn-off for Simbavati River Lodge – do not turn in here). Please ensure that you keep to the speed limit and do not get out of your car. You will later cross a low water bridge just before the entrance to Ingwelala. After another 800 meters, you will see the Simbavati Hilltop sign on your right. Turn right on the gravel road here and follow the signs (another ± 10 km) until you reach Simbavati Hilltop Lodge.

From Hoedspruit, it will take you approximately 90 minutes to get to the lodge.

N1 ROUTE TO SIMBAVATI HILLTOP LODGE

The N1 route via Polokwane is an alternative from Gauteng to Simbavati Hilltop Lodge. Although this way is ± 50 km longer than the Dullstroom route and one pays more in toll fees, for some people this is a better option. It is a road without potholes, and there are less delays due to heavy, slow-moving trucks. From Oliver Tambo International Airport follow the R21 north to Pretoria. Just before you reach, Pretoria, follow the N1 North to Polokwane. (From Johannesburg, you follow the N1 North to Polokwane). Take the R71 to Tzaneen just before you get Polokwane. Follow the R71 via Grobler Street through Moria to Tzaneen. Do not turn off the R71 until you get to the T-junction. Turn right onto the R36/R71 towards Tzaneen. Turn left onto the R71 at the first off-ramp and stay on the R71 through Giyani, Letsitele and Gravelotte until you reach the next T-Junction. At the T-junction turn right onto the R40 south towards Hoedspruit, White River and Mbombela. Continue straight through Hoedspruit. Drive ± 6.5 km and then turn left on the D1909 (Argyle Road). The signage reads Timbavati and Eastgate Airport.

Please do not rely on your GPS after Hoedspruit. It will lead you the wrong lodge which will mean a two-hour detour.

After about 300 m. you will get to a control gate, where you pass through. Continue straight, past the airport, for another 18 km until you reach the Enkhulu Control Gate into the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. The gate is open from 06:00 – 22:00. You will be expected to pay an entrance fee here (2017/18 R140). **Please note: Continuous cellular telephone reception ends here.** Stay on this tar road for another 37 km (on the way you see the turn-off for Simbavati River Lodge – do not turn in here). Please ensure that you keep to the speed limit and do not get out of your car. You will later cross a low water bridge just before the entrance to Ingwelala. After another 800 meters, you will see the Simbavati Hilltop sign on your right. Turn right on the gravel road here and follow the signs (another ± 10 km) until you reach Simbavati Hilltop Lodge.

From Hoedspruit, it will take you approximately 90 minutes to get to the lodge.