

South African Driving Directions

Driving Directions for the Zijlma and Daecher Party

Please note: The driving directions set out below are based on details sent to us by the properties concerned and have been checked and verified for accuracy.

Although there are often several different routings which may be used, (and in certain instances may appear shorter and more convenient), our suggested routings take into account a variety of highly relevant external factors. These include road conditions, safety and security issues, practical assistance and any current concerns which may affect the traveller in that area. We draw from modern technology, a wealth of experience and a team of knowledgeable people. Should you note any discrepancies, we would appreciate your feedback.

The directions are guidelines which should always be used in conjunction with detailed regional maps. They are not designed to be step-by-step instructions.

Should you choose to use an alternative route, this is at your own discretion.

Road names, detours and signs may change without any prior notice, so **please check locally before setting off** - all properties will be delighted to give you local information and onward instructions.

For access to remote properties, there may only be the brown and white tourism signs in place, however, these are also subject to local conditions and may not always be in place as intended. We will try add distance markers as far as possible as well as landmarks.

Important notice for all self-drivers into all National parks incl Kruger National Park:

For security reasons all visitors 18 years and older may be required to produce a valid passport at the entry gate in order to gain access to these parks, incl Kruger National Park.

Additional Important Notes

Please have ZAR cash ready for the tolls on the National Roads. (International Credit Cards are not accepted at the toll booths). Please also have ZAR cash for fuel. (International Credit Cards are not always accepted for fuel). At fuel stations, an Attendant will refuel your vehicle and take payment, a small tip of +- R5 or R8 is always appreciated.

At some shopping malls and parking areas, you may be assisted by a parking attendant or "Car Guard". If you are happy with the professional and friendly service provided, then a small tip of +- R5 or R8 is always appreciated. However, you are not obligated to pay anything.

If you are driving to a game lodge, please aim to be there by 2:00pm at the latest. This will give you time to check in and prepare yourself for your first game drive, which normally departs at around 3:30pm.

It is illegal to park against oncoming traffic, so please be aware of this when parking your vehicle.

Please note that it is strictly illegal to pay cash to a traffic officer or to any other official on the roadside. A legitimate traffic violation must be written out, endorsed by the traffic officer and handed to the offender. This should be paid at a police station or magistrate's court only, where an official receipt is issued.

There have been instances of traffic officers asking for cash payment for fines. The provincial government and authorities are working hard to stamp this out.

In the case of car rental – the rental company will investigate and administer the fines accordingly and bill the renter directly for these along with a 'Traffic Fine Administration Fee'.

There is a 24-hour police line +27 (0) 82 4517044 to report any officer requesting a cash settlement.

Fuel

There are certain legs that have long intervals between fuel Stations, especially if you are traveling through semi-rural regions. We suggest that you keep your tank topped up at any possible opportunity. We also suggest using well known brands, such as Shell, BP, Total and Caltex stations. Most of these service stations have clean restrooms and are complemented by convenience stores where snacks and refreshments can be purchased. Some stations will also have franchised fast-food outlets attached for your convenience

GPS or Google Maps

If you are traveling to or within lodges and wildlife sanctuaries, a GPS or Google maps will show you the most direct routing, however these could be small, private roads and are more than often not passable. Although you would be re – routed and eventually get to the desired location, you would lose valuable time in the process. Please use the provided directions which you could then verify against the Google maps routings.

Please note; South Africa has had many name changes, to roads and towns. This is an ongoing process. In some cases, signs are changed immediately, others take a while. These may conflict information provided on a map and in the directions provided below. We will always try provide you with a Road Number, Either N or a R number. These will not change. In the event of a town name change, Signs will often have both names but cannot be guaranteed.

Roadworks

There may be numerous road works underway in South Africa during your travels. These can add +/-20 minutes per stop to your driving times. The position and extent of road works change daily, so please get local information from the hotels / lodges, to check if your route is affected. Please note that general road maintenance takes place daily, (pothole repair, Barrier repair and replacement etc.) There is no way of predicting these, if you come across such repairs, it is unlikely that you will experience a delay of more than just a few minutes. Please bear with the situation accordingly.

Should there be unpredicted disruptions along the routes provided, i.e wildfires, rockfalls or even protest action, law enforcement officers should be on scene to redirect traffic along the safest alternatives

These are the road works that we are **currently aware of**: -

KwaZulu-Natal

N3 Toll Route between Estcourt in KwaZulu-Natal and Heidelberg South (Gauteng)

N3 Toll Concession Customer Careline Number = 0800 N3 HELP (0800 63 4357), Twitter handle @N3 Route
N3 Toll Route, Lane restrictions North and South bound between Cato Ridge and Howick. There are periodic lane restrictions along this route with reduced speed limits.

Access road to Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse – Many Potholes, drive slowly with extreme caution

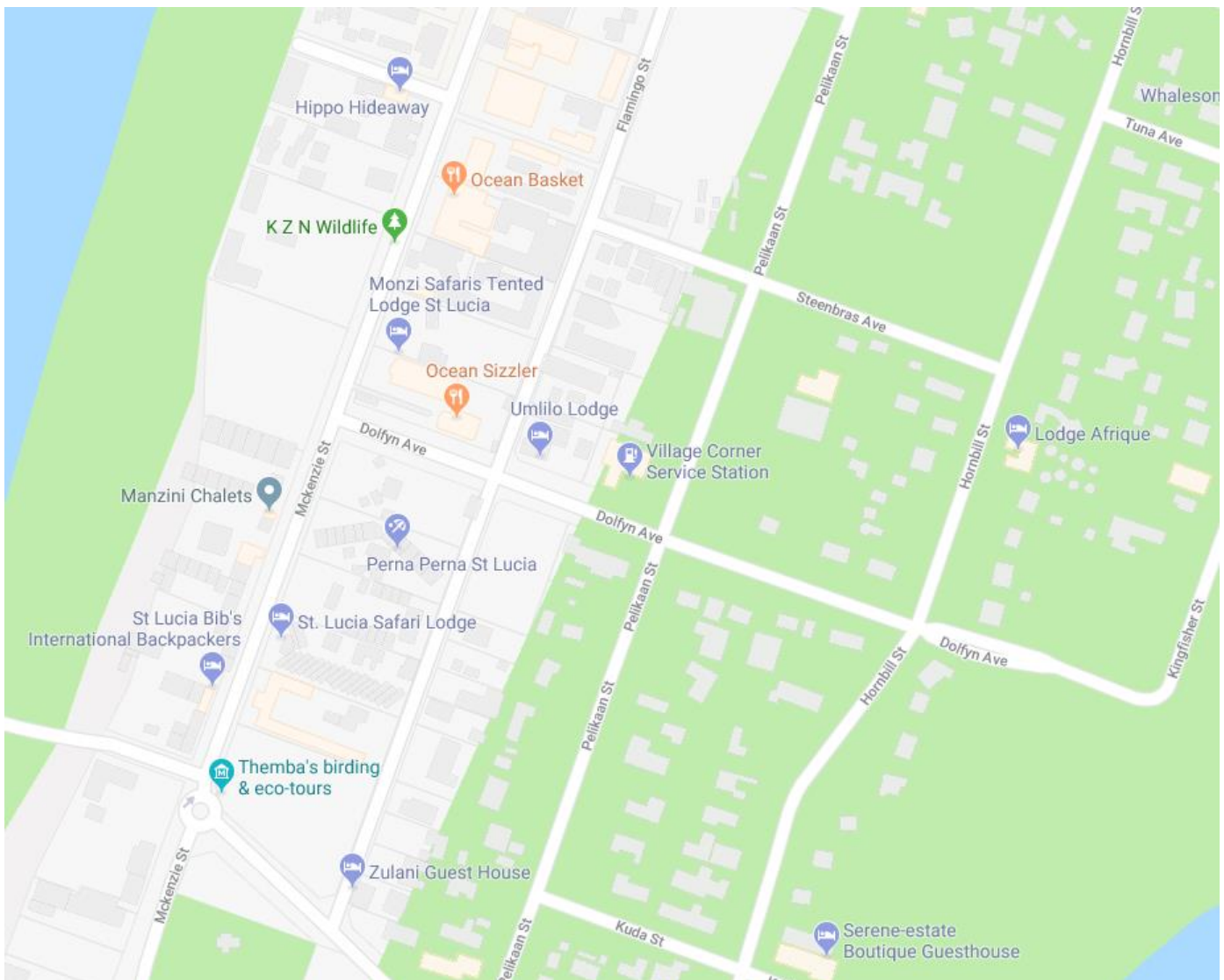
Toll Roads

Most of our National roads have tolled sections. On many routings you may join these roads and only encounter 1 or 2 of these but sometimes you will have all listed to deal with. Most of the Toll booths will have a "Tag" lane. If the rental car has a tag, the rental company will automatically be billed which will be deducted from the holding deposit. Should the booth not have a Tag lane, you will be required to pay the fee. As mentioned earlier, most Toll booths will not accept foreign credit cards so advisable to have enough cash on hand.

Driving Directions

Directions from Sandals Guest House Umhlanga to Serene Estate

- Exit the Guest House to the left onto Chartwell Drive, crossing over Blue Waters Lane towards Umhlanga Rocks
- Follow the road to the stop street with Ocean Way, turn left
- At the next intersection, turn right into Ridge Road – the Umhlanga Veterinary Hospital is on the opposite corner
- Then turn left into Lighthouse Road
- Continue up the hill away from the ocean onto Umhlanga Ridge / M12 as it crosses over the bridge
- At the traffic light after the bridge, turn right onto the M4 Highway
- Continue on the M4, travelling north with the ocean on your right hand side
- Go through the traffic circle, passing the Sibaya Casino Complex on your left
- Take the eMdloti exit and turn left onto the M27 towards Verulam
- After a short distance on the M27, turn right onto the N2 towards Stanger (Kwa-Dukuza)
- Pass Stanger (Kwa Dukuza), Mtunzini, Richards Bay / Empangeni towards Mtubatuba
- On approach to Mtubatuba, take exit 375 for R618 towards Mtubatuba / Saint Lucia / Nongoma
- At the top of the off-ramp, turn right towards Mtubatuba / St Lucia and follow the signs to join the R618 to St Lucia
- Bypass the town of Mtubatuba and follow the R618 for +- 25kms towards St Lucia
- Enter St Lucia over the Estuary bridge and get to the traffic circle
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto McKenzie Street, the main road in the town
- Pass the Spar Supermarket on the left, as well as a small ticket office and Wimpy
- Turn left into Dolfyn Street and cross over Flamingo Street and Pelikaan Street
- Turn right into Hornbill Street
- Serene Estate Guesthouse is on the left approximately 240m
- Please allow +- 3 hours for this journey, depending on the traffic volumes and possible road works



Directions from Serene Estate to the King Shaka International Airport

- From Serene Estate exit to the right onto Hornbill Street
- Turn left onto Dolphyn Lane and right onto McKenzie Street
- Exit the town of St Lucia over the Estuary bridge onto the R618
- Continue on the R618 for +- 25kms from St Lucia to the N2 / Mtubatuba
- As you near Mtubatuba, keep right and stay on the R618, do not enter the town
- Skirt the edge of the town and follow the signs to join the N2 motorway
- Join the N2 and travel south in the direction of Empangeni / Durban
- Stay on the N2, passing Empangeni / Richards Bay and Stanger (Kwa Dukuza)
- After about 182kms, take exit 195 for M65 towards Dube Tradeport / King Shaka International Airport
- Follow the signs to the King Shaka International Airport
- Please allow +- 3 hours for this journey, depending on the traffic volumes

