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SELF-DRIVE GUESTS COMING FROM SA TO MASHATU GAME RESERVE THROUGH MARTIN'S DRIFT

Emergency contact:

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COVID 19 Test

Obtain a COVID 19 test prior to departure. All adults to obtain a test. If you have young children, please check their requirements directly with the testing facility.

Test must be stamped and signed by the lab (can be a copy that is stamped and signed / or printed document received from the lab as long as it has a stamp and lab tech signature on it).

The 72-hour validity is taken from the time the test is taken and not when the results are given to you. Please print out a copy of the negative test results and present these at the border when requested. Original not required.

Please check with your **Medical Aid** provider ahead of your departure regarding your personal travel insurance cover. This is more important now than ever, in the case of Covid, evacuation etc.

Botswana access

Access into Botswana is currently only via **the Martins Drift/Groblersbrug border post.**

Tel: +267 491 5907 / 5913

Opening hours: 06h00 – 22h00

Port Manager – Anyane Coster – 014 767 2967 / 071 619 2199

- Journey time from Johannesburg to Martins Drift will take approximately 5 hours. Once off the highway at Kranskop Toll Plaza the road is in good condition and takes you through some beautiful wildlife areas. Look out for the sable antelope, black impala, and golden wildebeest along the way.
- There is petrol / diesel available at Modimolle (Nystroom), Vaalwater and Lephalale (Ellisras) and at various other small stops along the way. Please have some R2 or South African Rand money in order to pay to use the restrooms at some of the petrol station stops. Should you only have large notes, you may have to purchase something small at the petrol station shop to get coins to use for the restrooms.
- Depending on the time of arrival the border may or may not be busy. Early is of course better, considering the distance one must still travel once in Botswana. We would recommend a departure from JNB no later than 06h00 in case you are held up at the border.
- There are ATM's, petrol and some basic food and drink outlets at the border.
- On arrival bypass the trucks and proceed to the 1st stop – Customs Declaration.
- Park and then proceed to the white prefab Covid Screening building for your temperature to be taken. Either download a form and fill it in prior to arrival or fill it in on arrival.
- The Port Health Authority will ask you to produce your PCR negative Covid Certificate.

- Proceed to the immigration building to have your passport stamped.
- **A certified copy of vehicle registration/vehicle license papers is required** and will be checked by the police. **This must include a letter of authority** from the rental company in the case of rental cars or from the owner of the vehicle in the case of company vehicles or owners other

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than the driver, both giving the respective drivers permission to take the vehicle through the border post with relevant dates. It is advisable to take a bank letter and your license papers signed by a Commissioner of Oaths on your journey. If you are not the registered owner of the vehicle, **please carry an affidavit giving you authorisation from the financial institution or the owner to take the vehicle abroad.**

- Drive over the bridge and through the foot and mouth dip. You may have to alight from your vehicle to dip your shoes.

- Park outside the Botswana immigration building and proceed into the white prefab building on your right to show your negative PCR test and collect a white "pass" piece of paper.

- Proceed to the actual Immigration building (toilets at the entrance) with your passport. Walk to the passport desk for normal passport checks – no need to fill in any forms but you will be asked to produce your negative PCR Covid certificate.

- At the far end of the building is a cashier desk. **You will be required to purchase a National Road Safety Fund, Motor Vehicle Insurance and Road Transport Permit – approximate costs P152.00 per vehicle. We suggest you have cash in Pula to pay this in case the card machines are offline.**

- You will be given a receipt which needs to be dropped off in the box at the last check point at the gate. They may check your vehicle at this point.

- **Once through the border please follow the directions to Limpopo Valley Airfield/Pont Drift Border**

- Cell phone signal is limited. Should you wish to remain in contact with Mashatu we recommend purchasing a local sim card (P10) at the Sherwood Filling Station, the Post Office opposite or at one of the fuel stops in Bobonong. The card needs to be registered before it can be used.

- There is also a Bureau de Change at Sherwood and a garage shop with basic supplies.

- Please do not take the Bain's Drift river road via Zanzibar as this is in an extremely poor condition and not recommended under any circumstances. It may appear more direct on the map, but it will take you far longer.

- The tar roads in Botswana on this route are in great condition, but please watch out for potholes for the first 50km after leaving the border gate. The speed limit is between 100 and 120kms in most places. Please be careful of animals.

- The last available petrol / diesel is based in Bobonong – there is an Engen on the far side of town (on the right) and a Puma Filling Station in town (on the left). The Engen has an FNB and a Stanbic ATM.

- The last 50kms of the journey are on dirt. We strongly recommend using a 4 x 4 vehicle or a vehicle with a high clearance, but it is passable.

- **Journey time from Martins Drift to Merryhill will take approximately 5 hours.**

DIRECTIONS VIA MARTINS DRIFT FROM JOHANNESBURG TO BOBONONG

Download Google Maps offline version to use when there is no signal. Type in Mokopane/Potgietersrus and from there use Martins Drift/ Groblersbrug and from there use Pont Drift as the final destination. You will need to use these 3 destinations, otherwise the GPS might try to take you directly to Pont Drift through Polokwane, which is incorrect.

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- From Johannesburg, follow the N1 for 249km to Mokopane (Potgietersrus)
- Follow signs to the N11, which goes straight to Martins Drift/Groblersbrug after 188km.
- Once through the border post follow the road northwest (the only tar road), then turn right after 20kms on the A15 road to Selebi-Phikwe/Sefhophe (signposted).
- After 103km you will reach Sefhophe, and straight after driving over the Thune River, turn right taking signs to Bobonong
- Drive 53.4km into Bobonong

FROM BOBONONG TO MASHATU / PONT DRIFT BORDER POST

- At the first (and only) traffic circle in Bobonong fork to the right.
- Drive approximately 1 km to T-junction – turn right at the T-junction towards Lekkerport Junction (sign posted to Lekkerport Junction).
- Drive approximately 0,7 kms and turn left to Pont Drift/Lentse Le Moriti/Motlhabaneng (the sign board at this junction may not exist but it is the only tar road going off to the left).

The GPS on GoogleMaps offline will reroute about 30km from Motlhabaneng, but ignore it and continue on the only tar road. There is no tar turn off, so keep on the tar.



(If you are parking at Mathathane Village, please turn right at the sign to Mathathane about 47km outside of Bobonong and 3km before the left turn onto the dirt road. Take the first road left in Mathathane and you will see parking on right opposite the school.)

- Drive 50 km, turn left to Motlhabaneng (sign posted to Motlhabaneng and Mashatu 50km).
- Drive 15 km on a good dirt road, over a short bridge and then across a long bridge across the Motloutse River.
- Once across the Motloutse River bridge drive through the village of Motlhabaneng – on the main dirt road.
- Stay on the main dirt road. A couple of km outside of the village, at a fork in the road, you will start seeing yellow “Mashatu” signboards. Fork to the right and follow these signs for 8 km to a gate in the veterinary fence.
- Drive through the gate and continue for 12kms on the main dirt road to crossroads. Turn left at crossroads following signs to Mashatu.
- Drive 2 km to another veterinary fence – go through the gate.
- Drive 12 km to T-junction, turn left where you see the Mashatu boom gate and follow the Mashatu sign
- Drive 1km. You will see a sign with “M1” forking to the left, keep on this road left and drive another 1km to the Limpopo Valley Airfield to check-in.

Parking in Tuli

Covered Parking with 24hr security is available at Mathathane Village (tar road all the way) at a cost of P150 / R200 per day (2022).

Car wash service available at P40 / R55 (2022).

Payment in cash at the parking site in Mathathane paid directly to Mathathane Village Development Committee (VDC).

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Covered Parking with 24hr security is available at Limpopo Valley Airfield (LVA), for those driving directly to the reserve, at a cost of P150 per day (2022).

Car wash service available at P40 (2022), payment by card at LVA.

Covid protocols on arrival in Mashatu

- Proceed to Limpopo Valley Airfield to meet your camp guide.
- Your luggage will be taken and sanitised and then packed into the camp trailer and vehicle.
- Your temperatures will be taken and recorded during the screening process on arrival at LVA.
- You will be asked to hand in the signed Indemnity Form.
- You will be asked to hand in the Mashatu Guest Registration, Travel & Medical Declaration, and Indemnity Form.
- You will be given a full Covid protocol induction by your guide prior to departure to the camp.
- Proceed to your respective camp (secure parking is available at LVA).
- All guests are required to wear their own face masks and encouraged to bring with them alcohol-based hand sanitisers and tissues of their choice or preference. Hand sanitiser, anti-bacterial wipes and paper towels are provided on the game viewer by the guide (at pick-up and on all game drives), as well as at the respective camps.
- On **arrival in camp** please proceed with all protocols per the briefing.

Upon departure you have the choice of the following Covid testing options:

- Both PCR and Rapid Testing is available at LVA
- Tests can be done every day of the week to fit in with guests travel arrangements.
- Mon to Fri - tests in the morning from 6:00am to 8:30am (the vehicle must leave at 9am to reach Phikwe by 1pm for the tests to be sent onto Gaborone)
- Sat & Sun - tests in the morning from 6:00am to 7:00am (the vehicle must leave at 07:30am to reach Phikwe by 11am for the tests to be sent on to Gaborone).
- Should guests need to be tested later in the day or afternoon to fit in with their travel plans (72hrs) this can be done, and the tests will then be refrigerated at LVA overnight and sent with the vehicle the next morning.
- PCR testing costs P1800 pp (2022) (results within 24 hrs).
- Rapid testing is available on requests or when needed at a cost of BWP280.00 (2022) (results within 15 minutes). These rates are inclusive of VAT (Botswana 14%).
- Tests to be paid for at LVA by card. All test results will be emailed to the Mashatu office for printing and will then be available for guests to collect from LVA on departure.
- Please have your passport with you for testing, or a photograph on your cellphone of the main page in your passport.

	<u>Jan'22 to Dec'22</u>	<u>Turn-around time</u>	<u>Testing times – as from Sept'21 until noted</u>
<u>PCR TEST</u>	P1800 per test	Results within 24hrs	Mon to Fri – anytime between 06h00 and 08h30 (latest)
<u>RAPID TEST</u>	P280 per test	Results within 15min	Sat & Sun – anytime between 06h00 and 07h00 (latest)