

# SIMBAVATI

River Lodge

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## Fact Sheet

An exclusive African Safari experience awaits you at the Simbavati River Lodge, situated in the world famous Timbavati Private Game Reserve, which forms part of the Greater Kruger National Park. The reserve is home to the famous White Lions and offers exceptional game viewing opportunities. Simbavati River Lodge has extensive tracts of wilderness (over 9 500 hectares) in which to experience an authentic but affordable African safari.

An intimate and child friendly camp, Simbavati River Lodge places emphasis on relaxation. Chalets are comfortably furnished complete with air conditioning, further enhancing your tranquil African Bush experience. The lodge also offers a lounge, bar, restaurant and breathtaking views of the nearby Nhlalumi river. Mid Morning Brunch and Afternoon High-Tea is served outside on a wooden deck and combines African and Western cuisine offering exciting new tastes for the more adventurous as well as more conventional preferences. Served around the campfire in an open-air boma, Dinner is a memorable occasion for all guests who dine at Simbavati River Lodge.

The lodge offers Big 5 safari Game Drives in the early morning and evening to ensure game viewing when the animals are most active. Nocturnal animals, including the big cats are regular sightings at night. Currently there are over 40 mammal species in the Timbavati including the Big 5 of Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Buffalo and Elephant as well as 360 species of bird life. Bush walks are also offered but restricted to those over 12 years old. The Timbavati Private Nature Reserve was initiated in 1956 by a group of land owners concerned about the degradation of this once pristine wilderness area. Timbavati is dedicated to conservation by maintaining the biodiversity of species and is also involved in different research projects.

### 11 elegantly decorated en-suite chalets & luxury safari tents:

- 3 Thatched family chalets, all with 2 bedrooms and en-suite with shower and bath and eco-friendly air-conditioning. Bed configuration differs for each chalet: Unit 1 has 2 twin bedded rooms, Unit 2 has 1 twin bedded room and 1 triple bedded room, while Unit 3 has 1 King bedded room and 1 twin bedded room.
- 8 Luxurious Safari Tents, all twin bedded with en-suite. Bathroom configuration differs with either inside shower and outside bath, or inside bath and outside shower.

### In room facilities include:

- Wardrobe and coat hangers
- 2 point plug converters
- Complimentary toiletries
- Non-smoking rooms
- Private game viewing deck

### Lodge facilities include:

- Lounge with a selection of books and games
- Curious shop
- Informal meeting lounge
- Furnished game viewing deck
- Guest restroom
- Splash pool with grass area for kids activities

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## Dining Options:

- On-site restaurant and bar overlooking the Nhlalalumi River
- Authentic South African Cuisine
- Full English Brunch served daily after morning game drive
- High Tea served daily before afternoon game drive
- Dinner served daily in Boma (weather permitting)
- Special dietary requirements will be catered for subject to prior notification

## Activities:

- Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

## General Information:

- No Pets allowed
- Semi-disable friendly (no steps to public areas and chalets/lowered toilet)
- Accommodates groups
- Children of all ages welcome (refer to children policies for more information)
- Babysitting available on request
- Laundry Service available

## Getting There:

The Timbavati Private Game Reserve is a wildlife-rich concession of land that adjoins the western border of the Kruger National Park forming a unique combination of public and private lands called "The Greater Kruger Park". There are no fences between the Timbavati and the Kruger National Park which allows free movement of wildlife between the Reserves.

Simbavati River Lodge is situated in the northern sector of the Timbavati Nature Reserve, on a site previously known as Gomo Gomo. The closest gate into the Kruger National Park is the Orpen Gate (approximately 1 hour drive)

## By Air:

SA Airlink operates daily flights from Johannesburg International airport to Hoedspruit airport. Transfer from Hoedspruit to Simbavati takes approximately 45 minutes (charged separately). Other airports in the area are Nelspruit airport (approximately 3 hours from Simbavati) or Phalaborwa airport (approximately 1h30min from Simbavati).

Clients flying directly into the private landing strips of the Timbavati Nature reserve will be picked up by a safari ranger from the nearby landing strip

## By Rail:

Clients choosing to come by train can make use of the new Premiere Class route from Johannesburg/Pretoria/Nelspruit to Hoedspruit station. Transfers to the lodge take approximately 1 hour and must be booked separately.

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## Direction by Road: From Johannesburg/Pretoria

Simbavati River Lodge is a 6 to 7 hour drive from Johannesburg or Pretoria.

**From Johannesburg** take the N12 to Witbank and continue on the N4. **From Pretoria**, take the N4 to Witbank and continue on the N4.

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 on the R540. At the T-junction turn left to Lydenburg 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 to Hoedspruit.

In Hoedspruit, continue straight through the town. After the bridge crossing the railway line, turn right at the four way stop and continue on the R40 for another 6,4 km. Turn left onto the Timbavati/Eastgate Airport road. Follow the tar road from the Eastgate/Timbavati turn-off for 44 km straight to the Simbavati turn-off. (GPRS coordinates for the Simbavati turn-off: S 24° 12' 20.2" E 31° 19' 24.2"). Turn right onto the dirt road and follow the lion footprints for ±6,4 km to the lodge. (On the tar road you will go through 2 control gates. At the second gate you enter the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve where you will have to pay a vehicle entrance fee of R120 per vehicle. Conservation fee of R110 per person TO BE PAID AT THE LODGE.

## Direction by Road: From Nelspruit

Direction by Road: From Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA) and Nelspruit.

Driving from Nelspruit or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport to Simbavati will take approximately 3 hours.

From Nelspruit take the R40 to White River. (From KMIA turn right onto the R40 to White River.) Through White River, follow the R40 signs carefully to Hazyview. Continue north on the R40 through Hazyview.

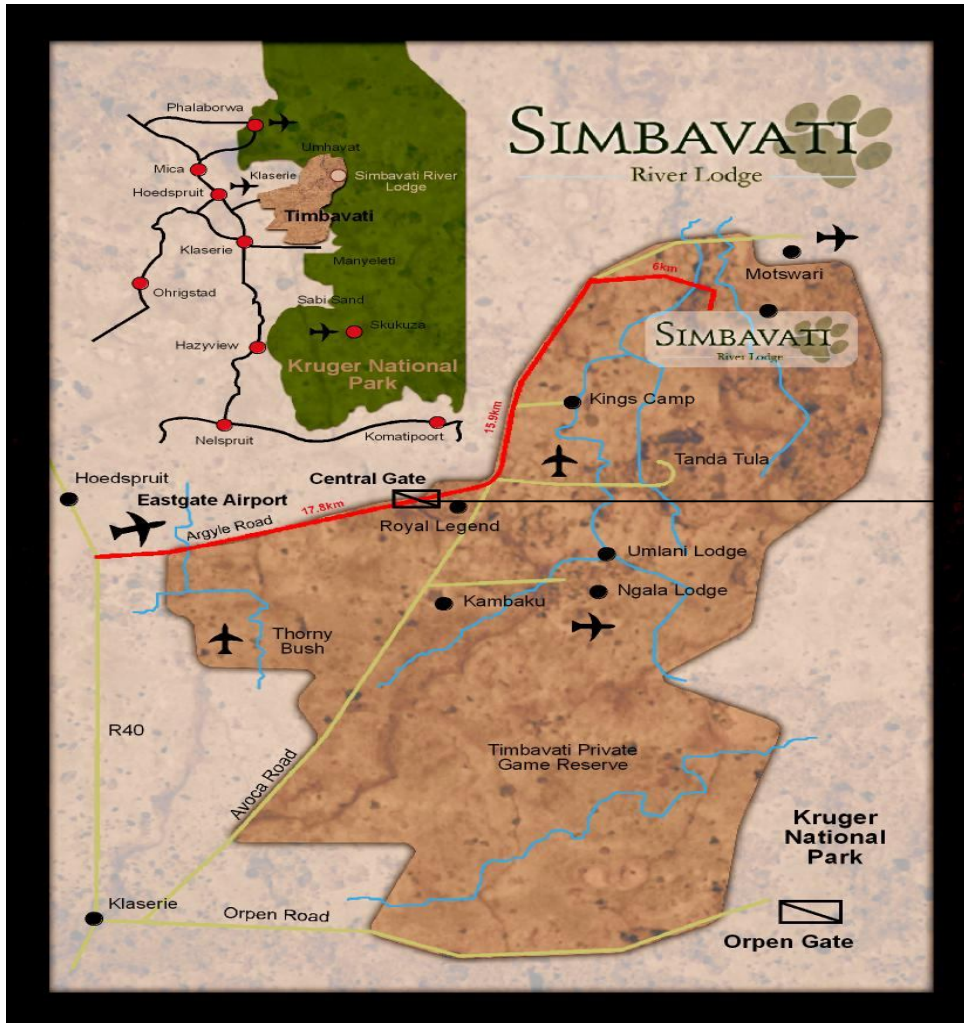
Note that this is a busy stretch of road with vehicles, people and often animals on the road. Please drive carefully and slowly and **keep to the speed limits**. Follow the R40 towards Klaserie and Hoedspruit. Just before Klaserie you turn right onto the R40 toward Hoedspruit. Travel for approx 18 km and turn right at the Eastgate airport sign. Follow the tar road from the Eastgate/Timbavati turn-off for 44 km straight to the Simbavati turn-off. (GPRS coordinates for the Simbavati turn-off: S 24° 12' 20.2" E 31° 19' 24.2"). Turn right onto the dirt road and follow the lion footprints for ±6,4 km to the lodge. (On the tar road you will go through 2 control gates. At the second gate you enter the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve where you will have to pay a vehicle entrance fee of R120 per vehicle. Conservation fee of R110 per person TO BE PAID AT THE LODGE.

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## Map:



The distance from the new control gate to the Simbavati turn-off is 26 km

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