

# Directions to Garonga by Car From Johannesburg

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## Important Notes

- Allow 6 hours from Johannesburg
- DO NOT travel in darkness
- You will need R200.00 cash for toll roads
- Petrol stations do not take credit cards. Cash only.
- Please phone the camp if you think you will be later than advertised (082 440 3522).
- Please ensure you find out from reservations how long you should allow for a journey if travelling from somewhere other than Johannesburg
- Ensure you have a mobile phone. You can rent them at the airport
- The roads are good and there are plenty of petrol stations on route. Most are 24 hours.
- **You need to reach the Dirt Road Turnoff by 1715hrs latest. If any later the gate will be locked and Access will only be available from 0700hrs the next Morning. There are B&B's in Tzaneen, Phalaborwa and Hoedspruit.**
- An SUV is strongly advised.

## Option One

Take the N1 to Polokwane. Just before Polokwane take the R71 towards Tzaneen. Carry on until just past Haenertsburg keeping on the R71 all the way until Tzaneen. Keep straight on the R71 past Tzaneen straight to Gravelotte - this then becomes the R526 to Mica/Hoedspruit . From Gravelotte, measure 17 kilometres. On the left side of the road close to the dirt road entrance you will see the signboard for Garonga; 500 m after this you will see "Garonga Safari Camp" sign. Turn right on to the Dirt Road and follow the arrows marked for Garonga. You will see the first one after about 3 Kms.

## Option Two

From Johannesburg take the N4 past Witbank, turn off the N4 to Belfast. From Belfast go through Dullstroom towards Lydenburg. Through Lydenburg and through Orighstad. After going through the JG Strijdom Tunnel measure 10 km then turn left on the R36 towards Tzaneen. Travel 10 km on the R36 then turn right at the Phalaborwa sign - travel for about 25 km. Turn left at the "T" junction. Go past Mica village. About 4kms just the other side of Mica (Just after a Viva Petrol Station) , turn left towards Tzaneen/Gravelotte on the R71/R 526. Measure 15 km from the turn off. After 15kms you will see a Garonga Safari Camp sign on the left hand side of the road. There is also a "Warning Sign" (red and White Triangle) warning people of Animals crossing the road, (opposite the dirt road entrance). Turn left onto the dirt road Follow signs to the lodge.

## Dirt Road Directions

**Please phone the Camp +27 (0)82 440 3522 - 24hrs before arrival for the gate Code.**

1. There are Four Electronic Gates , with the first one being at the Tar Road Turn-off.
2. The Gate code is the same for all Four Gates.
3. Please ensure the gate closes behind you before proceeding.
4. After entering the first gate follow the road down to the railway Line. There will be another gate just before the railway Line.
5. After reaching the railway line you will see a Garonga Arrow. Turn right as indicated.
6. Follow the track (with the railway Line on your left) until you see a Large Green Sign for Garonga indicating to turn left.
7. Turn left over the railway Crossing, and you come to the third Electronic Gate.
8. Carry straight on after going through the gate for about 4kms until you reach the Garonga Electronic gate.
9. Go through the Garonga gate immediately turning left as indicated by the Arrows.
10. Follow the fence line down with the fence on your left for about 3kms.
11. You will then arrive at a Boom Barrier gate manned by a Guard.
12. He will sign you in and you proceed.
13. Follow the Arrows as indicated to the Camp.
14. You then arrive at the main entrance where there are three arrows on a Tree; ensure you turn right for Safari Camp, or Left (NOT the middle Arrow/Route) to Little Garonga.
15. For Little Garonga it is another 5 minutes or so to the Camp.
16. From the Tar Road to the Camp takes approximately 50 minutes. Drive slowly.

### **Gate Timings and Rules:**

The Garonga Electronic Gate for the Makalali Private Game Reserve is locked at 1800hrs and is only reopened at 0700hrs.

No access will be allowed for Private Cars between these times.

Please ensure you plan your route to cover for Punctures, getting lost etc. We will not open the Gate if you are outside of the closing time even if you are lost or have a Puncture.

If you are not within the permitted time please phone the Camp and inform them that you have missed the Gate Time and will be staying in one of the nearest Towns. You can arrive the next morning from 0700hrs. There are Places in Hoedspruit, Phalaborwa or Tzaneen to stay over.