Getting here

# Access & directions

**Main entrance — iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate.** Nhlozi Gate (Gate 11) is our recommended way in from every direction.

**GPS**
**28.238455°S, 32.419261°E**

**On the day of travel**
Call the lodge on **+27 (0)79 053 3821**

**Reservations**
book@makakatana.com
+27 (0)87 059 9015

**Gate hours**
Summer, 1 Nov – 31 Mar: 05h00–19h00
Winter, 1 Apr – 31 Oct: 06h00–18h00

**In the park**
A speed limit of 40 km/h.
No trailers or motorbikes.

**At the gate**
Park fees are paid in cash: power cuts can stop card payments.

### Navigation

Google Maps directions are not always correct here. Navigate to our GPS coordinates, and follow the directions below from the N2.

## From the N2

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|---|---|
| 1 · Durban or King Shaka | N2 north past Richards Bay and Empangeni. Then about 25 km past Mtubatuba — turn right at the P380 iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate 11 turn-off |
| 2 · Pongola, eSwatini or Hluhluwe | N2 south, then about 35 km past Hluhluwe — turn left at the same P380 turn-off |




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## B · Main entry gate — iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate (Gate 11)

**From the N2 turn-off (A) to the lodge (about 17.5 km)**

1. Continue for about **14 km** on the P380 to the iSimangaliso Nhlozi Gate entrance.
2. Drive straight on the tar road for about 3.5 km.
3. Stop at the gate to pay the park entry fees, in cash.
4. Turn right at the concrete Makakatana direction marker on the ground.
5. Continue straight for about 1 km.
6. At the small circle, keep straight onto the dirt road; do not follow the tar curving to the right.
7. Continue straight for another 2 km.
8. At the end of the road, veer right for 400 m, then follow the road as it veers left.
9. At the silver Makakatana gate, press the buzzer.
10. Follow the sand road under a canopy of trees for about 1 km to the lodge, where our team will be waiting to welcome you.

*** We recommend contacting the lodge before arrival to advise your ETA.**

## C · Dukuduku Gate (iSimangaliso St Lucia entrance gate)

Dukuduku Gate, about 3 km before St Lucia, is the other way in; allow about 35 minutes to the lodge.

## Late arrival

1. **After-hours access must be pre-booked**
2. Only arranged at Nhlozi Gate
3. No entry after 21h00, except by the park's exception, with a late-entry park fee of R1,000
4. Entry permits must be handed back at the gate on departure, or the park authority charges a penalty fee of R600
5. Please let us know in advance, so that we can make arrangements to meet you at Nhlozi Gate and avoid arrival delays.
6. Dukuduku Gate, near St Lucia: no after-hours access

# iSimangaliso park entry fees

| | 2026 | 2027 |
|---|---|---|
| Park entry fee, adult | R134 | TBC |
| Park entry fee, child (under 12 yrs) | R98 | TBC |
| Park entry fee, vehicle | R152 | TBC |
| Park levy, per person (per night) | R15 | TBC |
| Community levy, per person (per night) | R15 | TBC |

Please note: Park entry fees and levies are set and charged for by the iSimangaliso park authority and are subject to change without prior notice.

## Arriving by transfer

- Transfer companies doing drop-offs or collections pay park entry fees at the gate.
- Drivers are charged entrance fees.
- A branded transfer vehicle (one with a logo) is charged the park's operator rate of R1,000 per vehicle.
- Tell us in advance when guests arrive by transfer, so that we can ask iSimangaliso to waive the applicable fee for operators.
- Makakatana transfers are priced per vehicle, one way, on the Transfers sheet.
- Guests are to pay iSimangaliso park entry fees in cash on arrival.