ISILEMBE

GETTING HERE

DIRECTIONS TO ISILEMBE

From Durban and Johannesburg to the Isilembe gate



NAVIGATE

Waze: Isilembe Big 5

OPEN IN WAZE

waze.com/ul/hkend8dh7k

GPS: 27°40'26"S 31°40'07"E
(-27.67398, 31.66863)

Use the app as a guide only. Navigation apps may route you onto gravel short cuts before Pongola. Please ignore these and follow the route in this guide.

AT A GLANCE

From Durban

About 410 km, 4 hours 30 to 5 hours.

From Johannesburg

About 465 km, 5 hours 30 to 6 hours.

Both routes are tar all the way through Pongola, with only the final 3 km on good gravel to the gate.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Fill up in Pongola. It is the last fuel, shops and ATM before the reserve.
- Let us know your expected arrival time on reservations@isilembe.com so the gate is ready for you.
- Plan to arrive in daylight. The last stretch is unlit gravel and game is often on the road at dusk.
- Cell signal is patchy after Magudu. Download your map before you set off.
- There are toll plazas on both the N2 and the N17.

ROUTE ONE

FROM DURBAN

North on the N2 along the coast all the way to Pongola, then south on the R66. About 410 km, 4 hours 30 to 5 hours. Distances are approximate, measured from central Durban.

Please travel through Pongola

Stay on the N2 all the way to Pongola and do not take any turn-off before it, even if your navigation app suggests one. The roads that cut across before Pongola are gravel and are not suitable for guest vehicles.

0 km	Leave Durban on the N2 heading north
30 km	Pass King Shaka International Airport
45 km	Pass Ballito
56 km	Toll plaza
121 km	Pass Mtunzini
149 km	Pass the first Richards Bay turn-off
200 km	Pass Mtubatuba
246 km	Pass the Hluhluwe turn-off
292 km	Pass Mkuze
302 km	Pass the Jozini turn-off
320 km	Pass Candover. Stay on the N2
352 km	**Pongola. Fuel up here. At the N2 traffic circle take the R66, signposted Nongoma / Magudu**
382 km	Pass through Magudu
395 km	Pass the R69 Vryheid junction on your right. Keep straight on the R66 towards Nongoma
408 km	**Turn right onto the gravel road through the Tamboti Agric Gate. Continue with the final stretch**

ROUTE TWO

FROM JOHANNESBURG

East on the N17 to Ermelo, the N2 through Piet Retief to Pongola, then south on the R66. About 465 km, 5 hours 30 to 6 hours. Distances are approximate.

0 km	Leave Johannesburg on the N17 heading east towards Springs and Bethal
125 km	Pass Bethal. Continue on the N17
210 km	**Ermelo. Join the N2 towards Piet Retief**
310 km	Piet Retief (eMkhondo). Stay on the N2 towards Pongola
405 km	**Pongola. Fuel up here. At the N2 traffic circle take the R66, signposted Nongoma / Magudu**
435 km	Pass through Magudu
448 km	Pass the R69 Vryheid junction on your right. Keep straight on the R66 towards Nongoma
461 km	**Turn right onto the gravel road through the Tamboti Agric Gate. Continue with the final stretch**

THE FINAL STRETCH

Both routes finish the same way, about 3 km on good gravel from the R66.

0 km	Turn off the R66 and go straight through the Tamboti Agric Gate
3 km	**Isilembe gate. Our gate team will check you in**

From the gate it is about a ten-minute drive to the lodge. The gate team will let the lodge know you are on your way.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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