



# Kitara



**GPS co-ordinates:** S24 ° 06.517' E31 ° 10.843'

**Travelling time:** Johannesburg/Pretoria – Hoedspruit: 4.5 hours  
Hoedspruit – Kitara: 2 hours



Use N4 – eMalahleni (Witbank) Freeway, passing eMalahleni (Witbank), through the tollgate, passing Middelburg and on to eMakhazeni (Belfast). - At eMakhazeni (Belfast) follow the R540 to Dullstroom and Mashishing (Lydenburg). - At Mashishing (Lydenburg) follow the R36 through to Origstad and on the Abel Erasmus Pass through the J.G. Strydom tunnel to Hoedspruit.



Travel through Hoedspruit Town, crossing over a **railway bridge** and you will come the last 4 way-stop. Phalaborwa left & White River right. **Turn right** onto the R40. Once passing through the next 4-way stop, take the **first left hand** turn after leaving town, indicating **Timbavati / Eastgate Airport**.

When turning left onto the Eastgate Airport/Timbavati Road, you will see a control gate. *You might be required to sign in but will not need to pay anything.*

Carry on until you reach the control gate into the Timbavati (Enkhulu Gate) – 17km.

Proceed through Enkhulu Gate – you will be required to sign in but will not need to pay anything. Once you are through this gate, turn **immediately left** and travel back on to the dirt road. This dirt road will take you to Incheni Gate. There are signs from Incheni Gate to **Last Word Kitara**.

From Enkhulu Gate to Incheni Gate is 4km. *The gate fee into the reserve is R300 cash per vehicle.*

Once through Incheni Gate, carry straight on the main dirt road for approx 20 min. You will see a **large Vodacom cell phone tower on** your right-hand side. Approx 50 meters after the tower you will see a **turn to your left** indicating Dundee West – take that left-hand turn. From Incheni Gate to the turn-off is 12.9km.

After turning left, you will travel for a further 10-15 min, crossing over a concrete causeway over the Klaserie River. After 4.9km, you will come to a staggered 4-way intersection with a sign indicating Dundee West. **Turn right** at this intersection (*the road well-travelled will take you right*).

Continue straight along that road. After 6.1km (approx. 25 min) you will pass a **trig beacon on your left-hand side** and a sign that says Dundee straight. After 3.3km, you will then see that this road naturally bends sharply to the right (with a No Entry sign) – **go right** (well-travelled road).

Once you have taken the right-hand bend, continue for 5.2km to the Nzumba Lodge head-on t-junction. After approx \ 10 min from this bend, you will reach a sign that says Zeekooigat left and Kitara/Nzumba/Ivory Wilderness straight. Continue straight on that road – you will pass through 2 small river lines. At the top of the hill after the 2nd drainage line, the road naturally bends to the left (and a stone marker that says Kitara/Nzumba/Ivor Wilderness). Continue on this road, you will come to a **gravel airstrip**. Cross over the airstrip, the road will take you around the side of Nzumba Lodge on the left (do not turn off until you reach a head-on t-junction).

Once you reach the head-on t-junction, **turn right** (turning left will take you to Nzumba). Continue on this road for 6.3km – approx. 20 min, after 10 min you will start winding down a hill, go through a little causeway and just after that Ivory Wilderness will be on your right follow **Last Word Kitara** signs.

Carry on past & go through a big dip and 200m down the road you will arrive at the **Last Word Kitara**.



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