



Travel



SA WorldVets

Students are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from Hoedspruit, South Africa.

International Travel to South Africa

Students should book international flights into OR Tambo International Airport (JNB) in Johannesburg, which is serviced by most major international airlines.

Travel from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit

From OR Tambo International Airport, there are two options to reach Hoedspruit, Limpopo, the town closest to SA World Vets:

Option 1: Domestic Flight (Recommended)

Students may book a connecting domestic flight from OR Tambo to Eastgate Airport (HDS) in Hoedspruit. These flights are currently operated by Airlink, CemAir, and Safair.

Please note that many international flights arrive after the final daily flight to Hoedspruit has departed. In this case, an overnight stay in Johannesburg will be required. We recommend the City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport, which allows you to remain within the airport precinct.

Flights should be planned so that you arrive in Hoedspruit by early afternoon on Day 1 (Sunday).

Option 2: Shuttle Transfer (Budget-Friendly Option)

Alternatively, students may book a shuttle transfer from OR Tambo's bus terminal to Three Bridges, Hoedspruit. We recommend Swift Kruger Shuttles. The journey takes approximately eight hours and departs early in the morning, so an overnight stay in Johannesburg is typically required. We again recommend the City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport.

Please schedule your shuttle to arrive in Hoedspruit by early afternoon on Day 1 (Sunday). Shuttle seats are limited and must be booked well in advance.

Local Transfer

SA World Vets staff will collect students from Eastgate Airport or the designated shuttle drop-off point in Hoedspruit and transport them directly to the lodge.

Visa Requirements

Students are responsible for confirming whether a visa is required for entry into South Africa. Please check visa requirements directly with the appropriate embassy or consulate well in advance of travel.

International Travel Quarantine Policy

Many universities require students returning from international programmes involving food animals or equine exposure to observe a five-day quarantine period before working with large animals, entering large animal hospitals, or participating in zoo or wildlife experiences. Students should confirm these requirements with their home institution and plan their return accordingly.



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