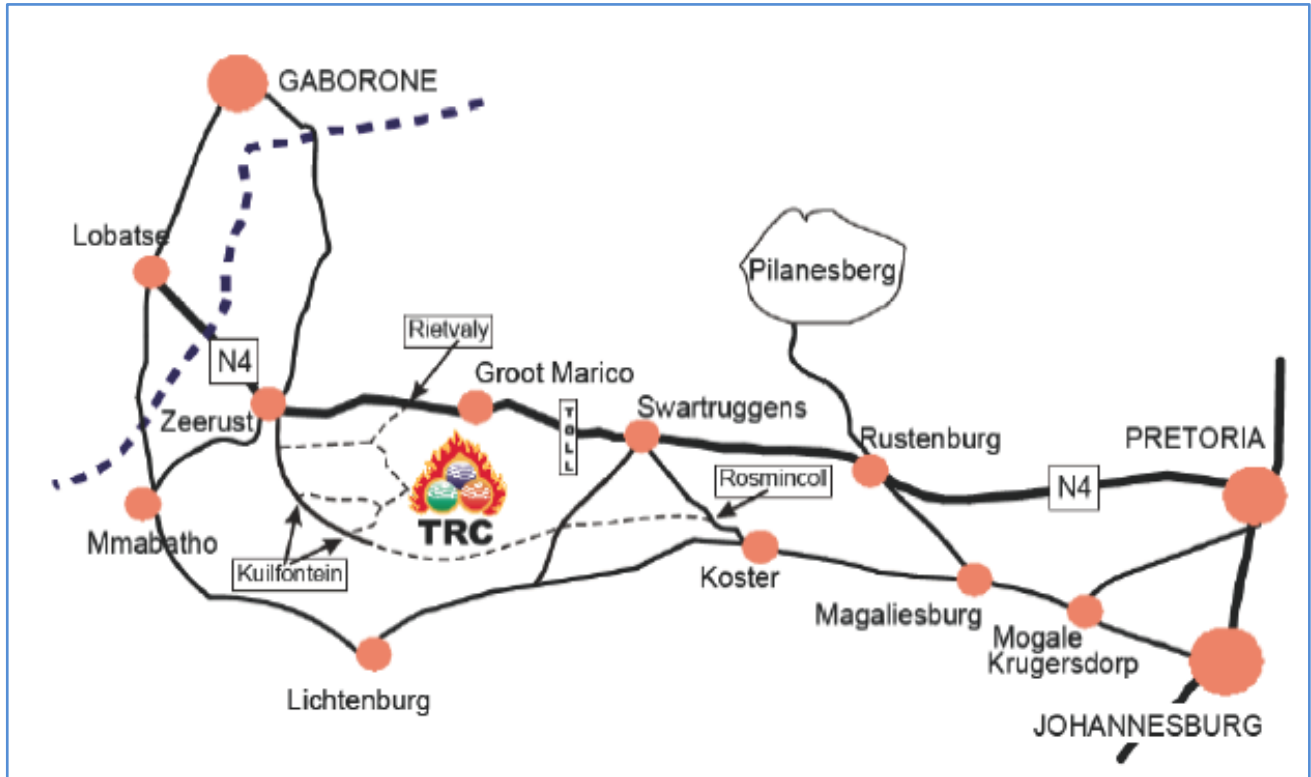


Directions to Tara Rokpa Centre

GPS Coordinates: 25:44:34S, 26:20:54E
(or just search for Tara Rokpa Centre on Google Maps)



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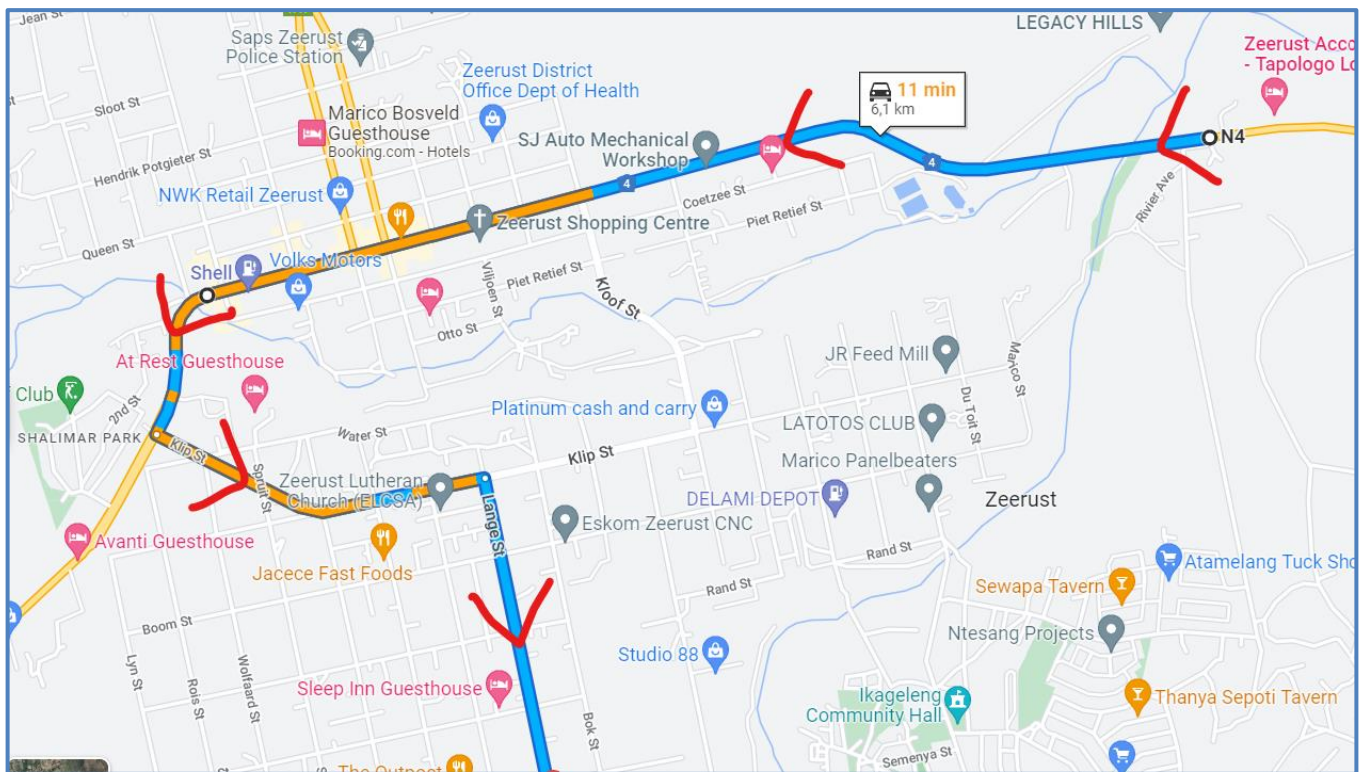
- There are several routes to Tara Rokpa Centre from Johannesburg. All the routes have some stretches of dirt/gravel roads.
- The Rietvaly road from the N4, 9 km after Groot Marico, has been recently graded and is passable for normal sedan cars – **route (1)**.
- Try to leave the city with plenty in time to reach TRC– it is not pleasant to travel on unknown roads in the dark. We recommend you give yourself a least 4 hours.
- Do watch out for traffic police traveling through the smaller towns and stick to the speed limits.
- Please print these directions as a backup – you may lose the GPS signal en route.

(1) Directions from Johannesburg to Tara Rokpa Centre via the Rietvaly turn-off (tar road with toll gate, 15 km dirt road)

- ◆ Drive through Magaliesburg, Derby and Koster.
- ◆ In Koster, turn right to Swartruggens (about 30 km)
- ◆ At the N4 T-junction, turn left to Swartruggens and continue through the town.
- ◆ Continue along the N4 through the toll (R91), past Groot Marico.
- ◆ 9 km after Groot Marico, turn off the main road to the left towards Rietvaly. This road soon becomes gravel. Continue for 10.5km.
- ◆ Take the left branch at the Y-junction, towards Kuilfontein where there is a small TRC sign.
- ◆ Drive 8.5 km, cross the stream and turn left at the Draaifontein sign just after the stream.
- ◆ The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.

(2) Directions from Johannesburg to Tara Rokpa Centre via Zeerust

- ◆ Drive through Magaliesburg, Derby and Koster.
- ◆ In Koster, turn right to Swartruggens (about 30km).
- ◆ At the N4 T-junction, turn left to Swartruggens and continue through the town.
- ◆ Continue along the N4 through the toll (+/-R85), past Groot Marico.
- ◆ Continue on the N4 from Groot Marico to Zeerust (about 30 km) past the Rietvaly turnoff.
- ◆ As you come into Zeerust on the N4, continue through the CBD on Church Street for about 2 km.
- ◆ After leaving the main CBD, after the bridge, turn left onto Klip.
- ◆ After about 1 km turn right into Lange Street (Also known as the Old Koster Road – there is a sign for Koster).



- ◆ Drive down this tar road for approximately 40km. Keep an eye out for potholes.
- ◆ NB: You will see a sign on the left to Groot Marico after about 27 km – do **not** take this turnoff. You will come to TRC eventually after a longer detour on a long dirt road via Rietvaly.
- ◆ At 33 km, there is a turn-off to Kuilfontein on the left. At this point, there are 2 options. Option 1 blue arrows:
 - After turning off at the Kuilfontein, after 5km on the gravel road, take the left turn signed to Groot Marico. The sign may be partly concealed behind a tree!
 - After 1.7 km, turn right to Draaifontein.
 - The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.
- ◆ Alternatively continue the tar road after the first Kuilfontein turn-off, and travel a further 6 km on the tar road – red arrows:
 - take the turn-off to the left at the 4-way junction – after a few meters the tar road turns to gravel.
 - Drive 4 km and turn right, and after another 1.7 km turn right again into Draaifontein.
 - The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.



(3) Directions from Johannesburg to Tara Rokpa Centre (the back road passing the Marico Eye)

- ◆ Drive through Magaliesburg, Derby and Koster.
- ◆ In Koster, carry on straight through the town (do not turn right at the Swartruggens sign).
- ◆ Continue for about 25 km on the tar road to Lichtenburg (R52).
- ◆ Turn right onto the Swartruggens turnoff (R53), and continue for 15 km. Please drive slowly on this road as there are usually massive potholes.
- ◆ After 15 km there is a turn to the left onto a gravel road marked Zeerust – turn here and continue straight on this gravel road for 28 km until you reach the tar again.
- ◆ Proceed on the tar for 1 km, then turn right to Kuilfontein - gravel again :-)
- ◆ After 4 km, turn right, also signed to Kuilfontein
- ◆ After 1.5 km, turn right to Draaifontein.
- ◆ The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.

(4) Directions from Johannesburg to Tara Rokpa Centre (4x4 route, avoiding the toll)

- ◆ Drive through Magaliesburg, Derby and Koster.
- ◆ In Koster, turn right at the Swartruggens sign
- ◆ About 1 km north of Koster, take the gravel road to the left, signed to Rosmincol.

- ◆ Continue straight for about 25km until you reach a tar road – turn left then immediately right - back onto the gravel.
- ◆ After 28km more gravel you will get to tar again. Proceed on the tar for 1km, then turn right to Kuilfontein - gravel again :-)
- ◆ After 4km, turn right, also signed to Kuilfontein
- ◆ After 1.5km, turn right to Draaifontein.
- ◆ The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.

(5) Directions from Gaborone to Tara Rokpa Centre

- ◆ Drive from Gaborone to Zeerust (via the Tlokweng border gate)
- ◆ As you come to the main road (N4) in Zeerust, turn right.
- ◆ After 1km, turn left into Klip Street. (N.B. If you come through the Ramotswa border, then you will turn right into Klip Street, just before you reach Zeerust)
- ◆ After 1km, turn right onto the Old Koster Road. You will see a sign for Koster.
- ◆ Drive down this tar road for 33km to the Kuilfontein turn off on the left.
- ◆ NB: You will see a sign on the left to Groot Marico after about 27 km – do ***not*** take this turnoff. You will come to TRC eventually after a longer detour on a long dirt road via Rietvaly.
- ◆ At 33 km, there is a turn-off to Kuilfontein on the left. At this point, there are 2 options. Option 1 blue arrows:
 - After turning off at the Kuilfontein, after 5km on the gravel road, take the left turn signed to Groot Marico. The sign may be partly concealed behind a tree!
 - After 1.7 km, turn right to Draaifontein.
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- ◆ Alternatively continue the tar road after the first Kuilfontein turn-off, and travel a further 6 km on the tar road – red arrows:
 - take the turn-off to the left at the 4-way junction – after a few meters the road turns to gravel.
 - Drive 4 km and turn right, and after another 1.7 km turn right again into Draaifontein.
 - The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.

(6) Directions from Lichtenburg

- Take R52 out of Lichtenburg centre towards Koster (it is also called Koster street).

- Pass the big Total garage intersection, then turn LEFT to Manana (pass Lafarge cement factory) towards Wonderfontein.
- The road changes to gravel road, passing Calisonia Clinic on the left.
- Turn RIGHT where the sign says Grootfontein, and carry on until the 4-way junction with the tar road.
- Cross the tar road (old Koster Road) and carry on straight in the direction of Kuilfontein.
- After 4km, turn right, also signed to Kuilfontein
- After 1.5km, turn right to Draaifontein.
- The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.

Alternative route:

- Take R505 out of Lichtenburg towards Zeerust.
- Turn RIGHT at Klipkuil sign.
- Turn RIGHT at next road.
- Turn LEFT to Grootfontein and carry on until the 4-way junction with the tar road.
- Cross the tar road (old Koster Road) and carry on straight in the direction of Kuilfontein.
- After 4km, turn right, also signed to Kuilfontein
- After 1.5km, turn right to Draaifontein.
- The entrance drive to the main site of Tara Rokpa Centre is on the left, with the Office and Shop block to the right. You will see the signs.