



Limpopo

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Red Plate (p420)
- ➔ Iron Crown (p420)
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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Plumtree Lodge (p407)
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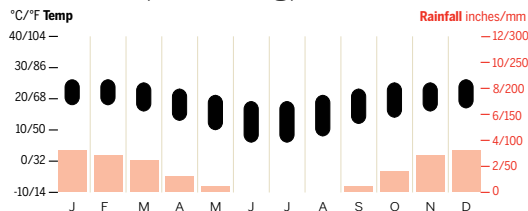
Why Go?

Limpopo is a huge and diverse province characterised by culture, history, vast open spaces and wildlife. In just a single visit to Mapungubwe National Park visitors can walk through the country's most significant Iron Age site, gaze from a rocky bluff over the stunning riverine landscape where South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe meet, and observe iconic animals in the wild such as meerkats and rhinos. Culture and traditional art shine in the enigmatic region of Venda, an area dotted with hilltops, lakes and forests of great spiritual significance. Nature takes centre stage in the Waterberg, where the eponymous Unesco biosphere reserve has endless skies, a landscape of distinctly South African beauty and great safari wildlife, particularly in Marakele National Park.

It's easy to rush through Limpopo, either en route to Kruger National Park on its eastern edge, or to Zimbabwe via Musina, but investing in a detour or two will pay rather lovely dividends.

When to Go

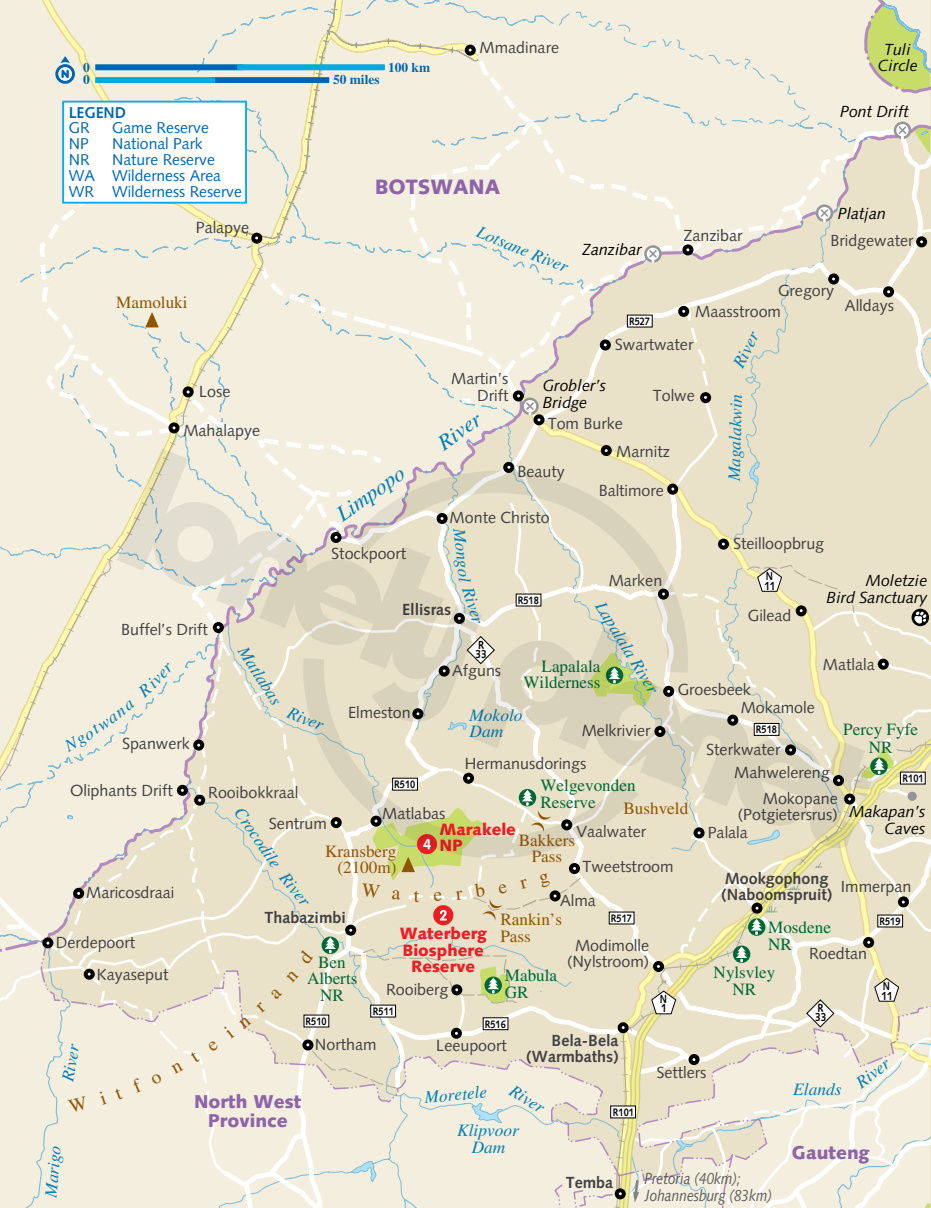
Polokwane (Pietersburg)



Jun–Aug Normally steamy conditions cool down, making this a great time to visit Mapungubwe National Park.

Sep–Dec The Rain Queen near Modjadiskloof presides over a festival for the coming of the rains.

Jan–Mar Summer is hot and dry so head for the cooler hills and the berry festival in Haenertsburg.



Limpopo Highlights

1 Exploring ancient civilisation and stunning landscapes in **Mapungubwe National Park** (p415).

2 Discovering solitude and space among the reserves of the vast and wild **Waterberg Biosphere Reserve** (p411).

3 Searching out traditional crafts in the **Venda** (p416) region or the intricate and colourful weavings at **Kaross** (p422).