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## LIMPOPO VALLEY AIR TAXI



The Limpopo Valley Air Taxi will be moving operations to Lanseria from 1 January 2018

- **When?**

As of 1 January 2018

- **Why the move?**

*We have given this decision much thought over the past few months, and believe that the move will be a positive improvement to the Limpopo Valley Air Taxi service. We have considered each of the many factors influencing this decision (outlined below).*

1. Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) has recently implemented minimum speed limitations in the OR Tambo air space, restricting our smaller aircraft from operating ex OR Tambo. In order for us to be in a position to offer our valued clients the convenience and flexibility of a daily flight, with just a two-passenger minimum per flight, it was necessary for us to utilise smaller aircraft to better compliment low passenger loads. This benefit has resulted in a catch-22. The above has slowly pushed us more and more into the Lanseria space as an evolutionary solution. It must be understood that the new speed limitations apply to all operators.
2. OR Tambo do not have AVGAS fuel available for piston aircraft.
3. Escalating Menzies cost.
4. Escalating ACSA costs.
5. Excessive landing levies for smaller aircraft.
6. We advertise the convenience of the VIP/Crew immigration line. ACSA has recently refused to allow us to make use of this facility, as well as the expedited passport control.
7. Long immigration queues.
8. Take-off/landing slot preference limitations.
9. Security issues. ACSA's security protocols are increasingly inconsistent, Angel Gabriel passengers are regularly harassed, and items such as pen knives, mosquito replant spray, and sun block are regularly confiscated at security checkpoints.

**Conclusion:**

OR Tambo continues to be the weakest link in our service offering. The bulk of complaints we receive from our clients stem from processing through OR Tambo. ACSA force all operators to hand over passengers to appointed airport handlers, such as Menzies. This greatly limits our interaction with our clients, and removes us from the OR Tambo processing and handling.

- **The Pros and Cons**

The benefits of flying ex Lanseria

1. Lanseria is perfectly geared for smaller aircraft operations.
2. Lanseria is a small airport, and is extremely easy to navigate, it's virtually impossible to get lost, greatly reducing stress on the traveller.
3. Little to no customs queues.
4. No security problems, liquids etc are allowed onto our aircraft at our discretion.
5. Take-off slots are at our discretion.
6. We retain full control of our passengers' movements. Our own staff/crew escort the passengers, and we are not reliant on a third party airport handler.
7. We also have full access to every area of the airport. This allows for a more personal touch. Our staff can address any questions without having a third party give incorrect information
8. Our aircraft are susceptible to low cloud bases or impeded visual flying conditions. Lanseria is often easier to get in and out of, as its 1000ft lower than OR Tambo.
9. Passengers arriving earlier have the benefit of using the new BidVest lounge before they check-in for our flight. At OR Tambo, a lounge option was only available after checking-in.
10. Angel Gabriel will also be in a better position to protect the LVAT ticket rate from the escalating costs at OR Tambo
11. Lanseria is privately owned and therefore not controlled by Airports Company South Africa (ACSA)

The cons of flying ex Lanseria

1. The only significant irritation working against Lanseria is the complimentary 45-minute road transfer. Having said this, only passengers flying in on international flights should be affected. Those connecting to/from Cape Town will have the benefit of making use of a direct Lanseria flight. Equally, there would be little effect for those overnighing at a local hotel.

\*It is important to note that the road transfer takes less time to complete, than it does to process through OR Tambo's security and immigration.

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- **So how will it work?**

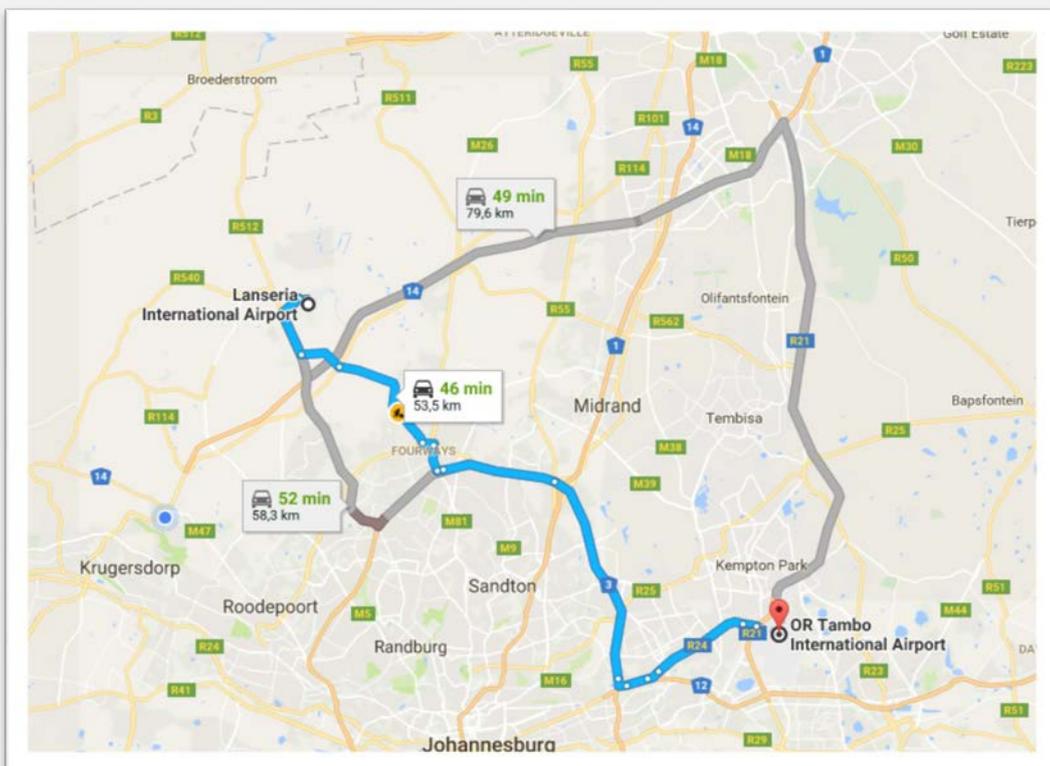
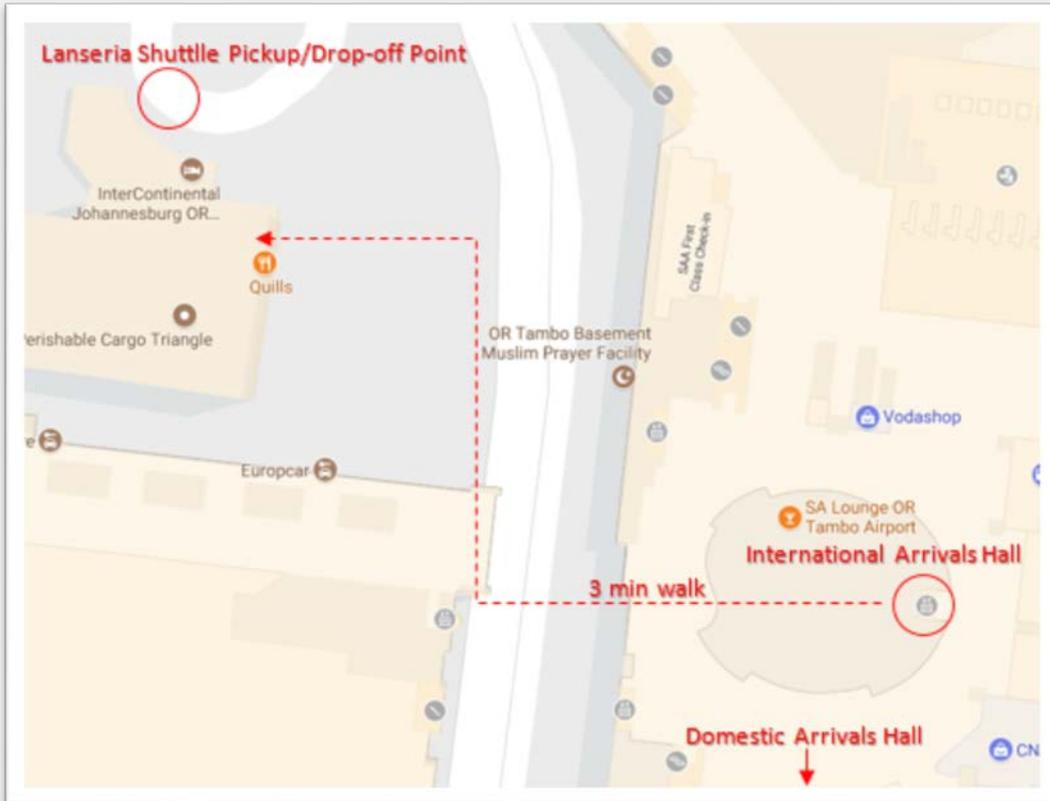
- Passengers arriving off an OR Tambo bound flight would need to make their way to the Intercontinental Hotel (a mere 3-minute walk from the international arrivals hall)
- \*An added meet and greet service can be arranged for those wishing to be met directly off their flight and escorted directly to the Hotel.
- A complimentary road shuttle will operate before and after every flight connecting between the Intercontinental Hotel OR Tambo and Lanseria. This shuttle will depart directly outside the Hotels entrance.
- The shuttle will depart from the Hotel at **11:00am** to arrive at Lanseria by 11:45am for a 12:00/12:15 departure.





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We chose an alliance with the Intercontinental for the simple reason that we wanted our passengers to enjoy a tranquil space outside of the airport hustle and bustle. This space also serves to add to our passenger's safety and security.



- Making your own way to Lanseria or arriving on a domestic connecting flight?



Navigating Lanseria is a breeze. Please meet up with the Angel Gabriel representative displaying our clear signage at the international departures area.  
The counter will be open between 10:00am and 11:00am

Should you arrive earlier, there are many restaurants and coffee shops to relax and recharge at. For passengers with international lounge access, you can enjoy the new BidVest slow lounge.





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This image illustrates the quaint and unimposing size of the Lanseria terminal, with a clear line of sight view from one end of the terminal right through to the other.

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- **Timings**

10:00 - Check-in opens at the Lanseria International Departures Area  
11:00 - Complimentary road shuttle pickup at the Intercontinental OR Tambo  
11:45 - Shuttle arrives at Lanseria  
12:00 - Immigration and boarding  
12:30 - Take-off  
13:30 - Arrival at Limpopo Valley Airfield  
14:30 - Departure from Limpopo Valley Airfield  
16:00 - Arrival at Lanseria International  
16:30 - Completed disembarking and immigration  
16:30 - Complimentary road shuttle departs for OR Tambo  
17:15/17:30 - Arrival at OR Tambo

**\*The above times should be considered as indicators only. All passengers are advised to make reasonable and responsible allowances when booking connecting flights. It is important to adhere to the recommended check-in times stipulated by the specific airline you are connecting with.**

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- **Limpopo Valley Air Taxi 1st Class**

For those wanting more from the base taxi service, we have you covered with Limpopo Valley Air Taxi 1st Class.

Limpopo Valley Air Taxi 1st Class will offer passengers:

1. A guaranteed OR Tambo departure and arrival
2. A pressurised single turbine aircraft, such as a Pilatus PC12
3. VIP Menzies meet and greet from and to connecting flights as standard
4. VIP airport lounge access as standard
5. Executive on-board catering
6. 40kg luggage allowance per person

\*rates will be made available soon.

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New info packs and e-ticket formats will be made available as of 1 January 2018.

