



# Maloti-Drakensberg

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## The most authentic experiences

### Woodworking Lessons



If you have ever fancied trying your hand at artistic woodworking, Antbear offers the opportunity of a lifetime. Spend a few days and go home with your own hand made chess set, table and chairs of headboard for your bed. It is quite incredible to see how our guests transform into real woodworking artists.

### Star gazing hammock camp



Relax in a hammock and listen to the sounds of the night while a local villager tells you the folktales his grandmother told him of the stars. I don't think this activity is available anywhere else in South Africa

### Traditional Blanket Presentation



Visit the home of Mé Masetho & view an assortment of traditional Basotho blankets. Learn all about the designs and different meanings of these patterns of the 'likobo' (blanket).

### Donkey Pub Crawl



Experience traditional & local entertainment sites in a unique way – riding a donkey! Visit a traditional beer brewing home, local bars & enjoy the local Basotho folk, their music & dancing. Alcoholic & nonalcoholic drinks are for sale in the local bars. All drinks at own cost.

### Explore religious traditions



Moolmanshoek offer horse cart rides through the wildlife area. It's a truly unique experience.

### Indigenous flower Tour



One of Semonkong's Local Flower experts can introduce you to +-30 indigenous flowers. Learn about their Medicinal uses, all within easy walking distance from Semonkong Lodge and in the Maletsunyane area. Longer trips exploring the surrounding valleys flowers available on request – tailor make your hike directly with your Guide! (Summer Only)

### Horse Cart Rides – Moolmanshoek



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### The Drakensberg Boys Choir



The Drakensberg Boys Choir plays to an auditorium filled to capacity on most Wednesdays during the year. This is a sublime experience of the highest quality and if you have a passion for choir music, do not miss this opportunity.



### Bushman Rock Art



Bushmen rock art is one of the favorite activities in the Drakensberg Mountains. Rock art can be seen in the countless caves and overhangs in the Drakensberg. By far the best bushman rock art available to tourists is found at Game Pass Shelter at Kamberg Nature Reserve. And finally, it's an easy walk and an experience you will remember as a highlight of your trip.

The Rock Art Tour Experience is an authentic experience. The guide comes from the local Tendele Village. It might start out as a guided tour but as your relationship with the guide develops it becomes a conversation and things like football and future dreams get discussed giving tourists a rural insight into South Africa.



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### Horse Racing

Semonkong remains a remote frontier town isolated from the rest of Southern Africa, which has allowed the Basotho pony to thrive & stay at the centre of Basotho life. Ponies are not only used in everyday activities, such as transport of people & goods, but they also have their time in the spotlight.

The monthly (in winter) horse races are one of these times. The horse races here happen because our entire livelihood revolves around Basotho ponies & horse owners are completely passionate about the sport. Weather permitting, once a month, the local Semonkong Racing committee organises horse races for a Saturday afternoon once a challenge has arisen. There are various tracks in the area & everyone gathers on the day with great excitement & jubilation.

The biggest horse races are usually the weekend of the King's Birthday (17th July) & Independence weekend (04th October). We do encourage Guests, Companies or whoever is willing to sponsor the horse races – the greater the prize money the bigger the event!



### Culture of the Basotho people

The best way to experience the Basotho way is to visit one of our local vilages or schools and see the simple everyday life and culture of the Basotho people first hand.

The villages and their round thatched and stone roundavels make fantastic photo opportunities, but the real highlight of the visit is the warm and friendly people you will meet, often dressed in traditional Basotho Blankets. This is real life, and not a staged cultural village.

We can even arrange a visit to the local Sagoma (witch doctor) or shebeen (local pub).

### Dinosaur Footprint Tour

Lesotho is home to some of the most well preserved and maintained dinosaur artifacts in the world, attracting many archaeologists and paleontologists. We invite you to journey to where dinosaurs once walked, getting the rare opportunity to see preserved footprints which are over 150 million years old. A Maliba dinosaur guide will travel with you, sharing their knowledge of the dinosaurs and process of foot print formation.

The tour takes you to the Tsikoane Cave foot print site. There is a 2 km hike to the Tsikoane footprints, where the prints are embedded in the roof of a rock overhang. Due to the unusual formation of the prints, they have been very well preserved and are certainly an impressive sight. This tour is quite lengthy and it is recommended that you arrange a packed lunch when booking.



### Explore historic sights at Spion Kop

Your host, Raymond, or Alastair his son, will accompany you to the many historic sights. He paints a vivid picture of the personal trauma and military mindset that resulted in the slaughter of so many British and Boer soldiers. Tours to the various battlefields can be made on horseback or in the comfort of an air-conditioned vehicle. It is a story on which the sun never sets.



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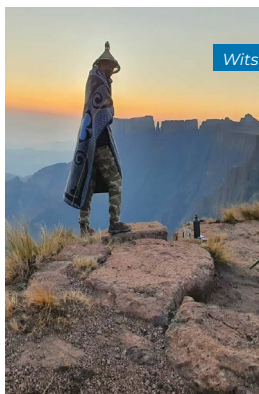
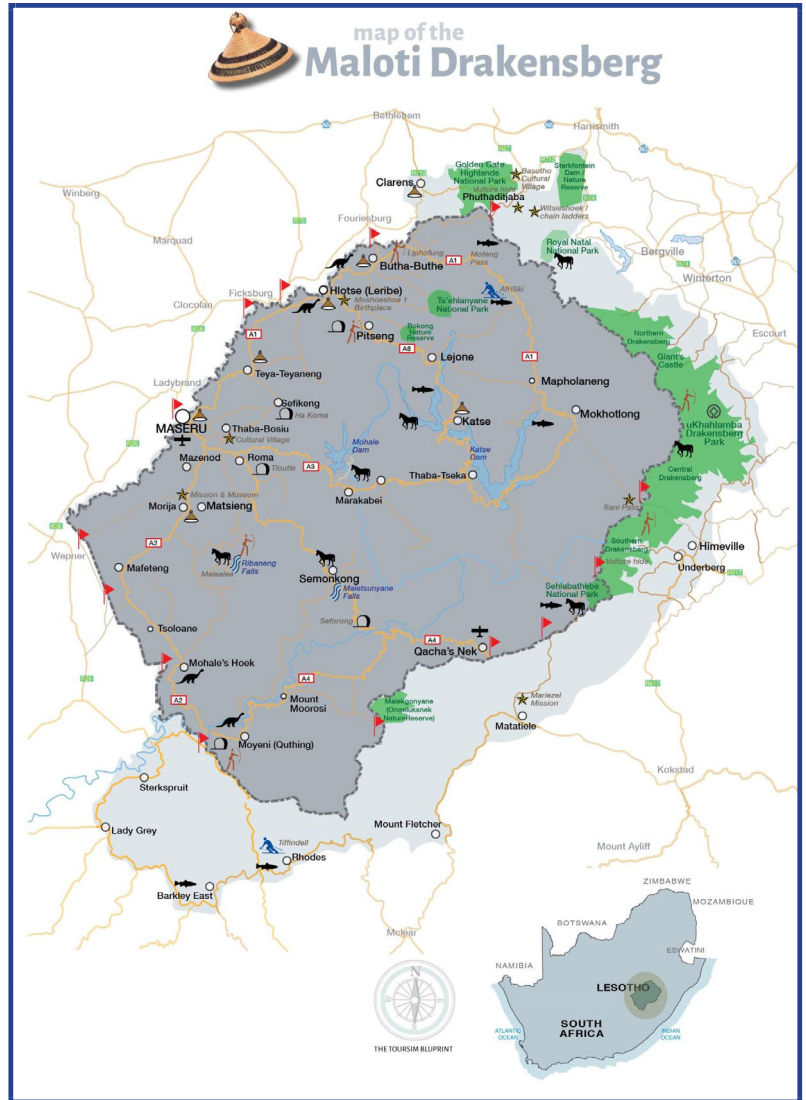
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### **Places to Eat**

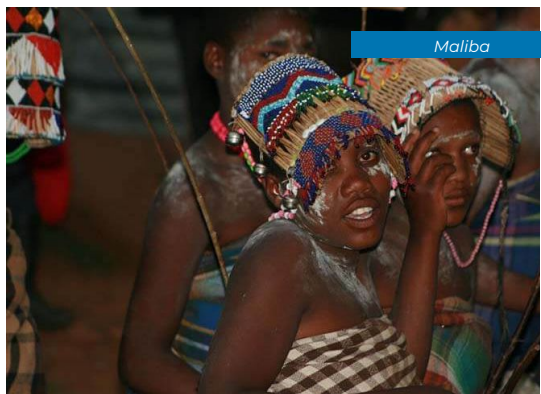
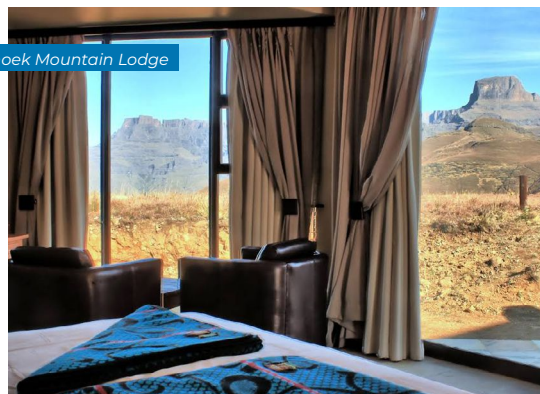
- 📍 Amphitheatre Backpackers
- 📍 Orange Apple Country Shop and Bistro
- 📍 Duck and Donkey Tavern and Restaurant
- 📍 Maliba Lodge Restaurant

### **Place to Sleep**

- 📍 Semonkong Lodge
- 📍 Dinkoeng tented camp
- 📍 Mooigezicht Clarens Guesthouse
- 📍 Moolmanshoek
- 📍 Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge
- 📍 African Dawn Guesthouse
- 📍 Amphitheatre Lodge
- 📍 Ezulwini Berg Resort
- 📍 Cedar Garden B&B
- 📍 Knock out View Clarens
- 📍 Pennygum Country Cottages
- 📍 Rockwood Earth Lodge
- 📍 Berghouse and Cottages
- 📍 Maliba Lodge
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Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge



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