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**60** EARTH HOUR



# Join the **Biggest Hour for Earth**

**Switch off. Give an Hour for Earth.**

**Saturday, 28 March 2026 | 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM (Local Time)**

**# Create the Biggest Hour for Earth**

Scan the QR code for more info about earth hour



# Do something for

BY THE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, ESWATINI ELECTRICITY COMPANY

**O**n Saturday, 28 March 2026, from 8:50 PM to 9:50 PM, Eswatini will join the rest of the world in marking the 20th anniversary of Earth Hour, a global environmental movement that has grown into the largest symbolic action for climate change and nature protection.

This year's call to action, 'Create the Biggest Hour for Earth,' reminds us that while switching off our lights for one hour is powerful, our collective actions beyond the hour are what truly drive long-term impact.

As the national electricity utility, the **Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC)** is honoured to coordinate the national Earth Hour campaign, *not as the owner of the initiative, but as a committed partner among many*. Earth Hour in Eswatini is a collective platform, bringing together government institutions, municipalities, private sector leaders, civil society and communities under one shared mission: to secure a sustainable and resilient future for our nation.



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### A GROWING COALITION FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Earth Hour 2026 is being shaped by a broad coalition of partners including:

**MNRE (Department of Energy), MoTEA (Department of Meteorology), ESERA, EEA, Standard Bank, Eswatini Sugar, Galp Energia, MTN, Ubombo Sugar, PELUM Eswatini, Babylon, Eyestudio Multimedia, House on Fire, EWSC, Lactalis Eswatini, Mondelez International, Eswatini Beverages, Siteki Town Council, Piggs Peak Town Council,**

**Nhlangano Town Council, Matsapha Town Council, and Mbabane Town Council.**

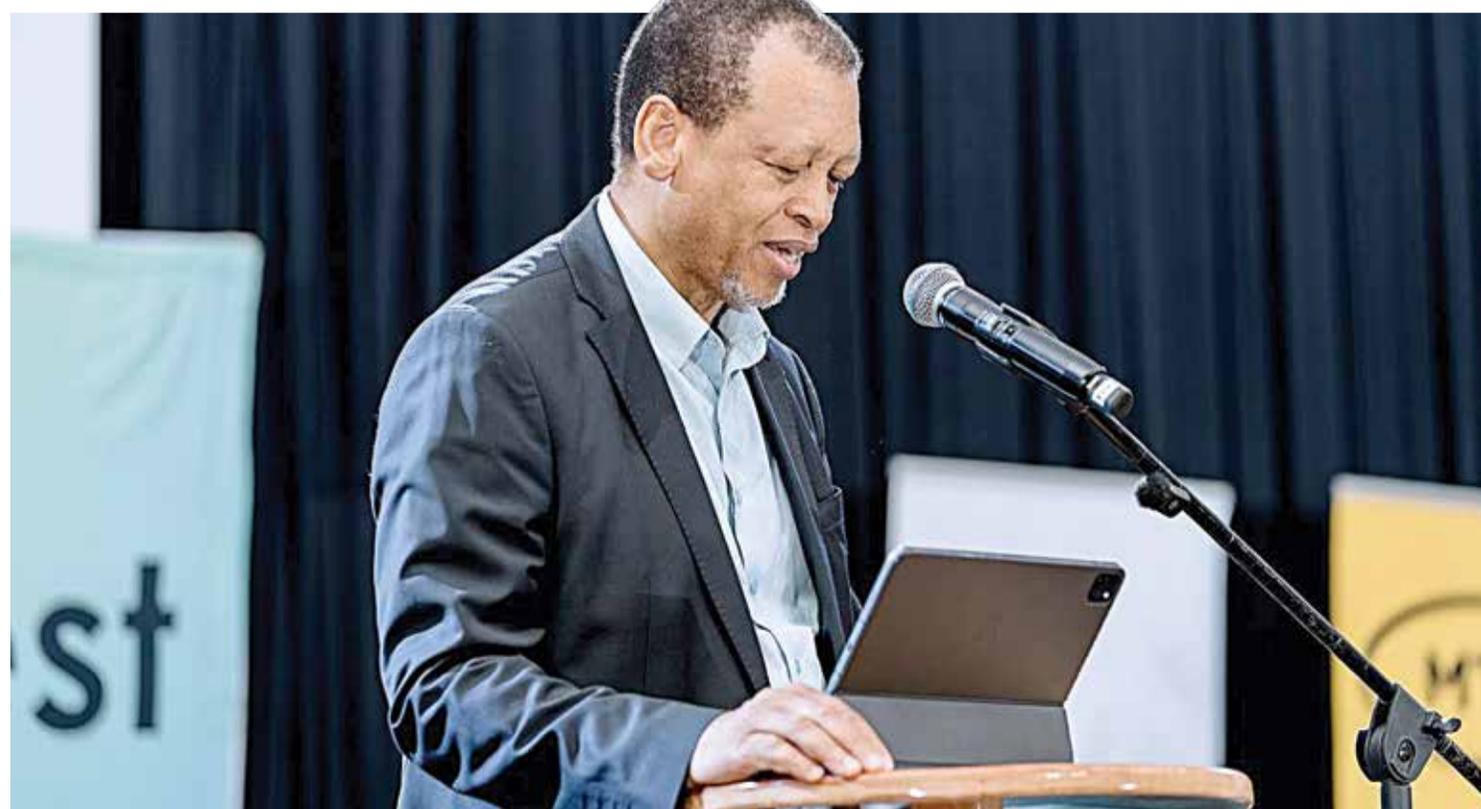
Their contributions, both financial and inkind, are helping strengthen public education on energy conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable living. Their support is enabling nationwide activities, from launch and symposium, green walks, clean-up campaigns, youth outreach, media engagement, and the national switch-off moment.

This collaboration demonstrates that sustainability is not the responsibility of one institution, it is a shared national effort.

### PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES FOR 2026

To ensure inclusivity and structured participation, the following climate-aligned partnership tiers have been established:

- **Platinum – Strategic climate action leader**
- **Gold – Climate action partner**
- **Silver – Climate action partner**
- **Bronze – Climate action partner**
- **VIP Ticket – Climate action leadership participation pass**



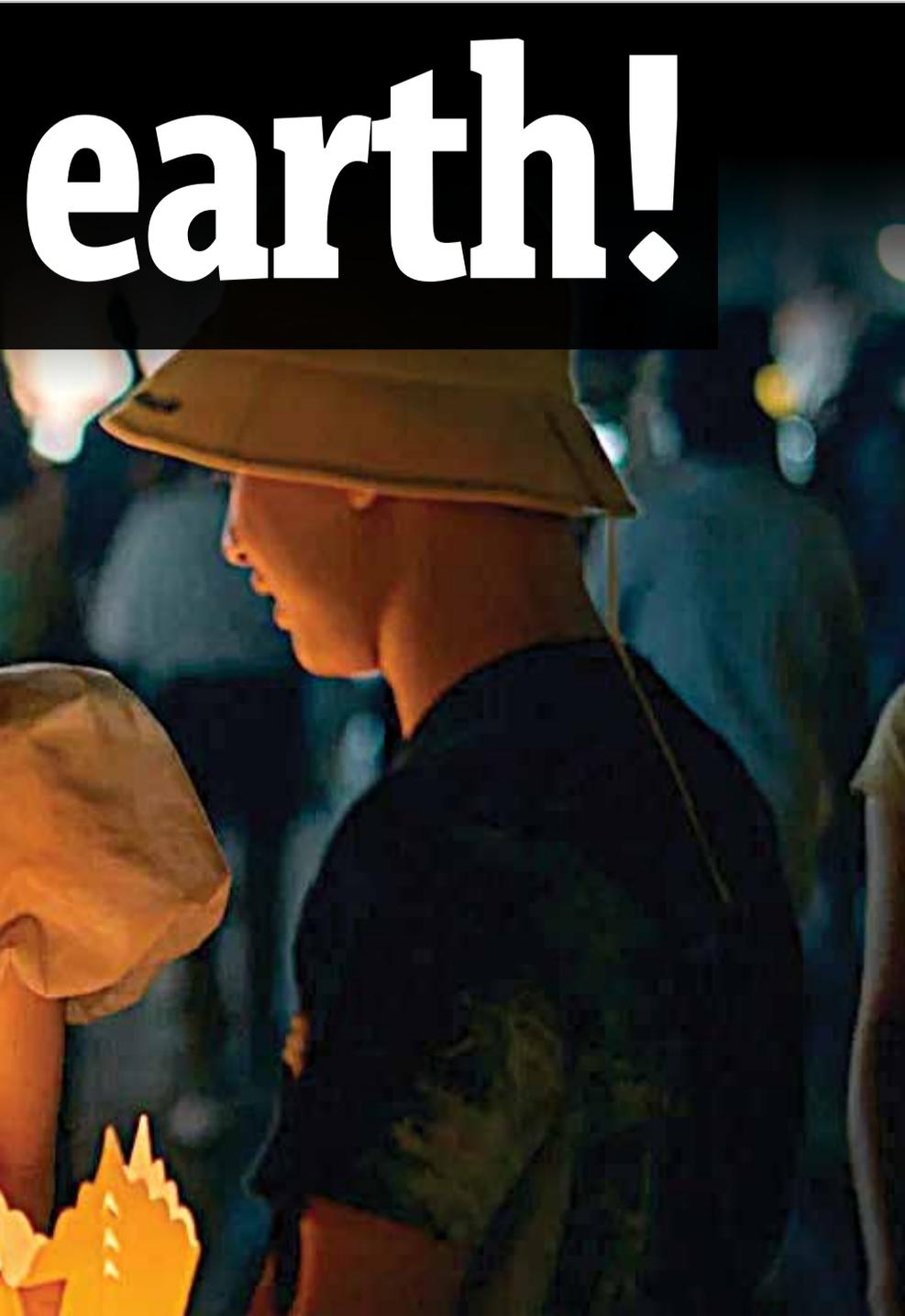
EEC pledged to save 25Mega Watts this Earth Hour, last year they saved 26.6MW above the target by 1.6MW

## WHAT'S HAPPENING Eswatini

- Up to 15 000 publications each month
- Monthly updated information and maps
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- Discounted rates on contracts

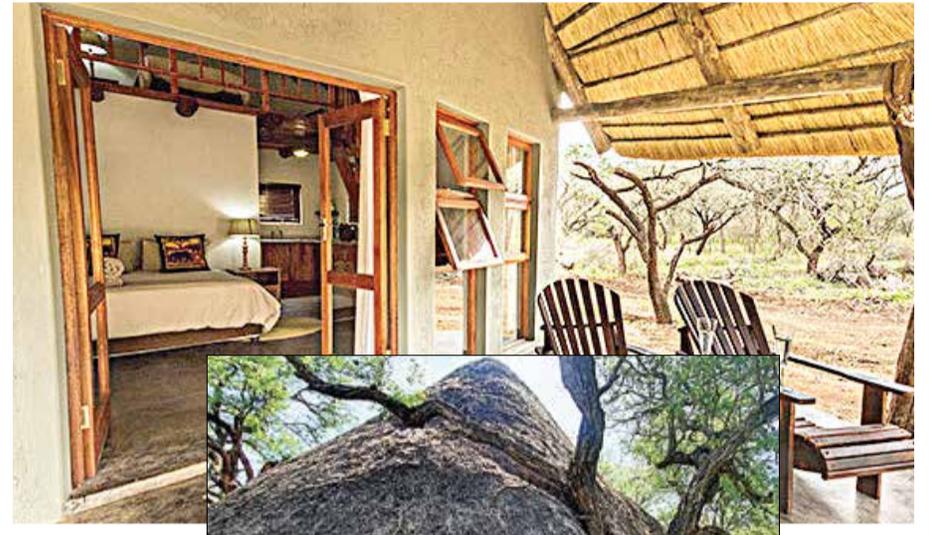
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# earth!

## Safari Adventure in KaMsholo Bushveld



**S**ET in the heart of Eswatini's scenic bushveld, KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris offers a unique combination of natural beauty, comfortable accommodation and diverse on-site experiences. Surrounded by open landscapes, wildlife, and peaceful surroundings, KaMsholo provides guests with the opportunity to step away from the ordinary and reconnect with nature in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

The lodge offers a range of well-appointed rooms designed for both leisure and corporate guests. Whether visiting for a weekend escape, a family getaway, or a business conference, guests can expect clean, comfortable accommodation that complements the natural setting. In addition to the main lodge rooms, KaMsholo also offers off-site guest houses, providing flexible accommodation options for larger groups, extended stays, or guests seeking additional privacy.

KaMsholo is more than just a place to stay, it is an experience. Guests can enjoy guided game drives and game walks through the surrounding bushveld, offering opportunities to explore the landscape and encounter wildlife in its natural habitat. The lodge also provides excellent birding opportunities, making it an attractive destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike.

For those looking for something different, the on-site Snake Park offers an educational and engaging experience, ideal

for school groups, families, and conference delegates wanting to incorporate something unique into their stay. Horse riding is also available, allowing guests to explore the surrounding environment from a different perspective.

The property features a swimming pool, providing a refreshing space to relax after a day of activities, meetings, or travel. Whether guests are enjoying leisure time or combining business with relaxation, the pool area adds to the overall comfort and appeal of the venue.

KaMsholo's dining experience continues to evolve, with a newly introduced menu designed to offer quality, variety, and fresh flavours. From relaxed bush dining to structured conference catering, the culinary offering caters to a wide range of tastes and requirements. The setting allows guests to enjoy meals in a peaceful atmosphere that reflects the lodge's natural surroundings.

With its conferencing facilities, diverse accommodation options, and range of on-site activities, KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris is well positioned as both a leisure and corporate destination. It offers the rare combination of professional infrastructure and authentic bushveld experience: making it suitable for conferences, team-building retreats, family visits, and weekend escapes alike.

Your involvement supports awareness programmes, resilience dialogue and public engagement that benefit the entire country.

### 4 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The symbolic switch-off represents a visible commitment to energy responsibility and environmental stewardship.

### JOIN US IN CREATING THE BIGGEST HOUR FOR EARTH

As we approach March 28, 2026, we invite organisations across Eswatini to partner in creating the Biggest Hour for Earth.

Whether through structured partnership or by pledging your switch-off, your participation contributes to building a climate-resilient, environmentally responsible future for Eswatini.

Together, we can transform one symbolic hour into sustained national action.

**#BIGGESTHOURFOREARTH.**

Each level provides organisations with an opportunity to contribute meaningfully while being recognised as part of Eswatini's national climate action movement.

Importantly, these packages are not about sponsorship alone, they represent structured participation in a shared sustainability platform.

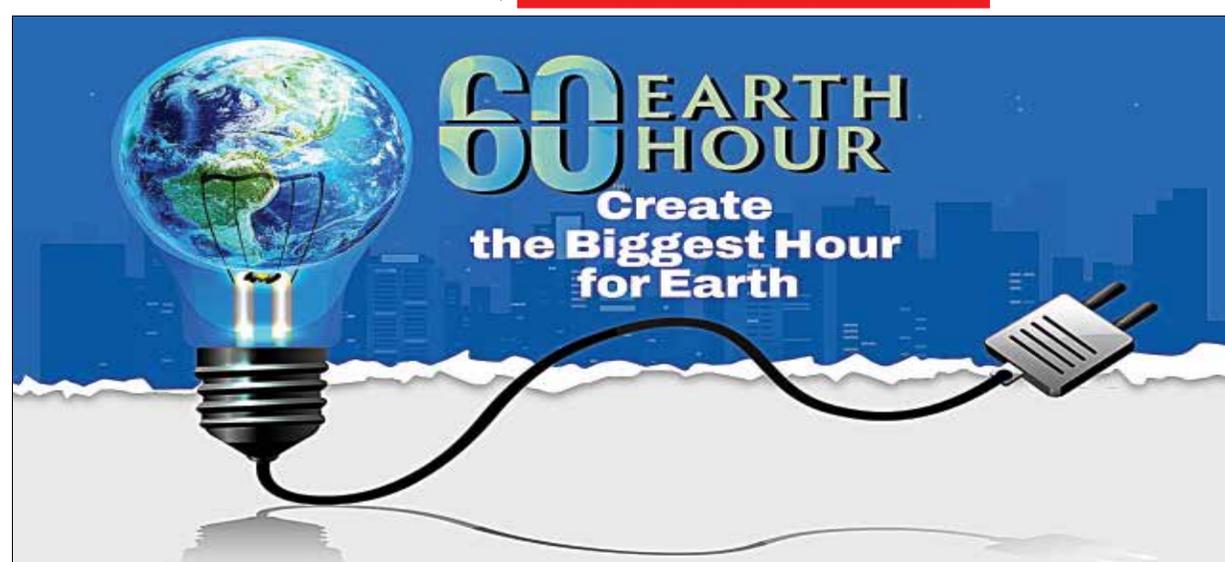
### 1 STRENGTHEN YOUR SUSTAINABILITY PROFILE

Earth Hour is a globally recognised initiative mobilising millions for nature and climate. Participation aligns your organisation with credible climate action.

### 2 SUPPORT A NATIONAL CAUSE

Earth Hour unites municipalities, schools, businesses and communities under a common environmental agenda.

### 3 DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP



## SPECIAL OFFER

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# Swati Secrets unlocked:

**F**ORGET the mass-produced, chemically-laden concoctions of the high street. If you want to know how Eswatini manages to look so effortlessly radiant, you need to head to Mpaka. Here, tucked away in the Lowveld, lies the engine room of Swati Secrets, a home-grown beauty powerhouse that's turning the country's botanical heritage into liquid gold.

## THE MAGIC OF THE NUT

Swati Secrets isn't your average skincare brand; it's a bottled celebration of Eswatini's wild harvest. They specialise in natural, cold-pressed cosmetic oils extracted from ingredients that sounds like a wizard's shopping list: Marula, Ximenia, Castor and Trichilia.

## GO BEHIND THE SCENES

This isn't a hands-in-pockets kind of tour. You're invited to witness the entire production journey, starting with the rhythmic, manual hand-cracking of kernels. It is a masterclass in patience and precision. You'll watch as these raw seeds are fed into cold-pressing machines to extract oils so pure you can practically smell the sunshine they grew in.

The real beauty, however, is in the blend. The tour reveals how traditional knowledge, passed down through generations of Swati women, is married to modern processing standards. It's a marriage of heritage and hygiene that results in premium-quality hair and skincare treatments capable of tackling even the most stubborn African sun.



## ESWATINI SPIRIT BOTTLED

As you move through to the bottling and packaging stages, the 'secrets' start to make sense. You'll see the rigorous quality control and international-standard hygiene that allows these local oils to sit comfortably on shelves from Pick n Pay stores around the country.

But it's not just about the product; it's about the people. Throughout the experience, you'll learn how Swati Secrets prioritises local sourcing, sustainability and community empowerment. Every bottle sold is a win for the rural women



# Ditch The Stress

**I**F the thought of coordinating logistics, navigating foreign borders, and scouting for safe accommodation makes you break out in a cold sweat, it's time to outsource your stress. Joining a travel tour isn't just a choice; it's a lifestyle upgrade for the modern explorer.

## SAFETY IN NUMBERS

## (AND SANITY)

For solo travellers, a group tour is the ultimate safety net. You get the independence of travel without the 'lost in translation' panic. Operators act as your professional partners, handling the heavy lifting so you can focus on the view. It's the perfect 'test drive' before you decide to trek the globe entirely on your own.

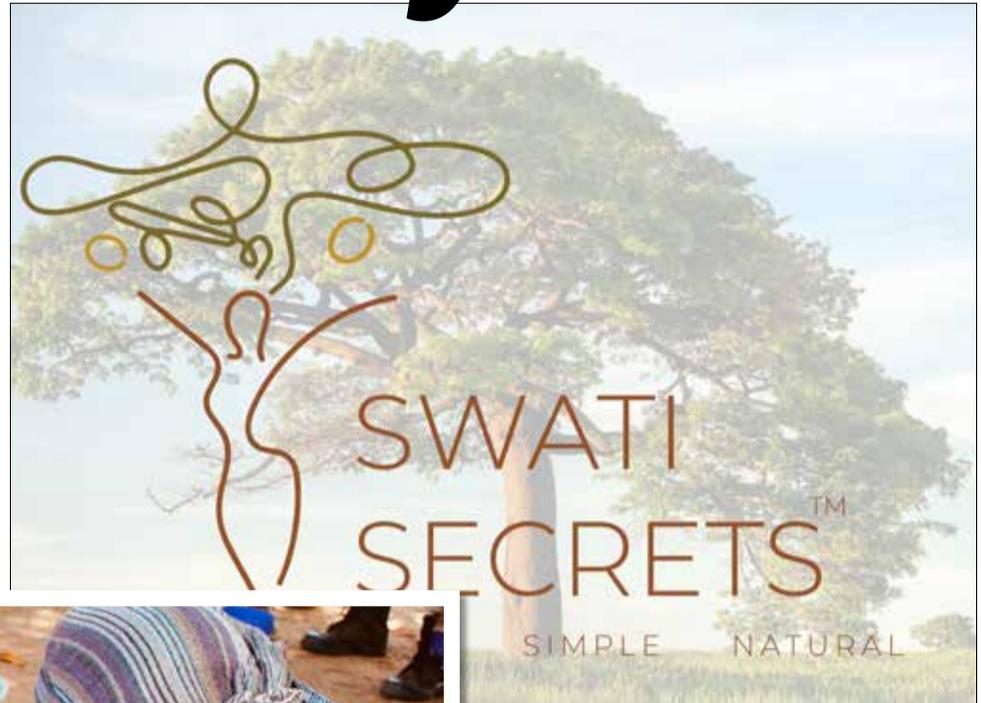
## CRYSTAL WATERS IN THE CAPITAL

This March, Seylan Travel and Tours is proving that you don't need a coastal flight to find paradise. They are heading to The Blyde in Pretoria, South Africa's premier inland beach sanctuary. Imagine lounging by a Caribbean-style lagoon, kayak in hand, without a hint of ocean salt.



..Join the squad to the Blyde

# The Mpaka Factory Tour



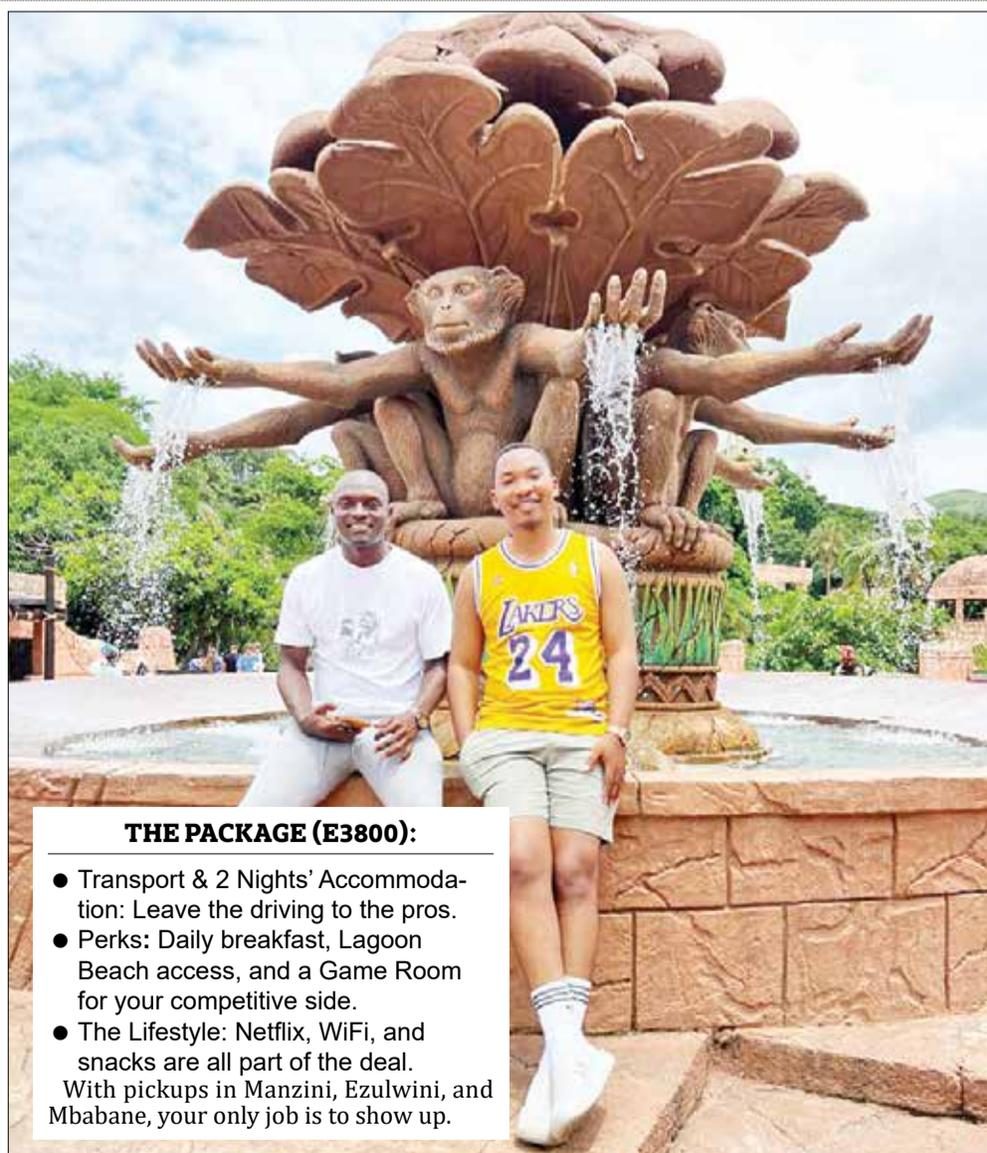
who harvest the fruit, proving that ethical beauty isn't just a trend here, it's the business model.

### THE AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE

If you're the type of traveller who prefers a deeper connection over a glossy brochure, this is your stop. It's educational, it's meaningful, and it's a rare chance to see local craftsmanship and entrepreneurship in high gear. Whether you're a skincare obsessive or just a fan of seeing a

'small' idea go big, the Mpaka tour is a memorable, enriching addition to your Eswatini itinerary.

**Top Tip:** Don't leave without a bottle of the Ximenia oil, it's nature's answer to silk.



### COME STAY WITH US

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# Jewels of Water: New guide charts Eswatini's 121 dragonflies

**T**HERE is a certain thrill in spotting a flash of iridescent sapphire or fiery crimson darting across a mountain stream. For the nature enthusiasts of the country, those flashes of colour are about to become a lot easier to identify.

The Natural History Society of Eswatini (NHSE) is set to launch *Dragons and Damselflies of Eswatini*, a definitive guide: the first volume in a planned series dedicated to the country's rich biodiversity.

## MASTERCLASS IN ODONATA

Measuring in at a chunky 290 pages, this field guide is no lightweight pamphlet. It offers a deep dive into the 121 species of dragonflies and damselflies that call Eswatini home. Whether you are a seasoned 'odonatist' or a curious hiker, the book provides comprehensive data on every local species recorded to date.

- **The Build:** A rugged A5 format, perfect for slipping into a rucksack.
- **The Finish:** High-quality digital printing on gloss paper with a durable laminated cover to withstand the odd splash by the riverbank.
- **The Visuals:** Detailed photo pages for every single species, ensuring you can tell your Emerald Spreadwing from your Cherry-red Dropwing at a glance.

The price of the book is currently estimated about R320. Shipping can be arranged at an added cost. If you would like to order a copy (and additional copies if desired), please contact Kate Braun (email: [kate@kbraunweb.com](mailto:kate@kbraunweb.com)).



## EXPAND YOUR BUSH LIBRARY: OTHER ESWATINI ESSENTIALS

If you're looking to fill your

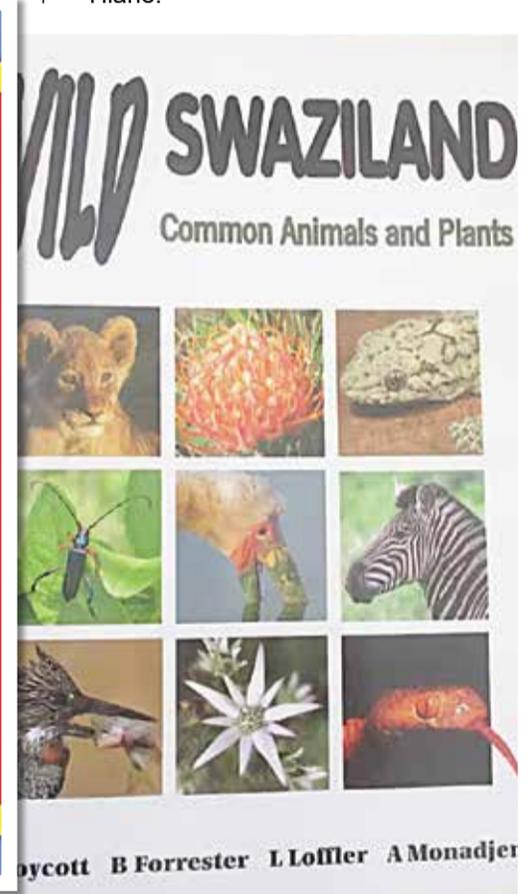
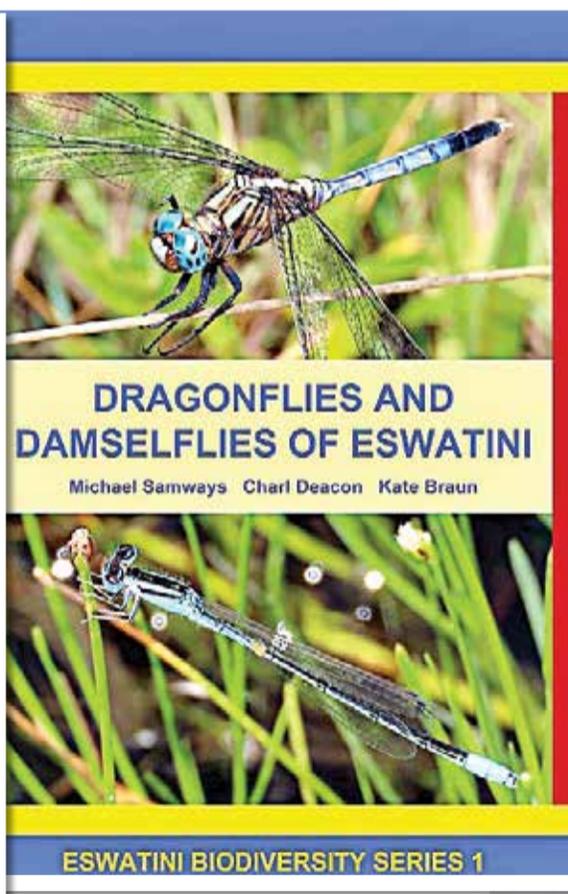
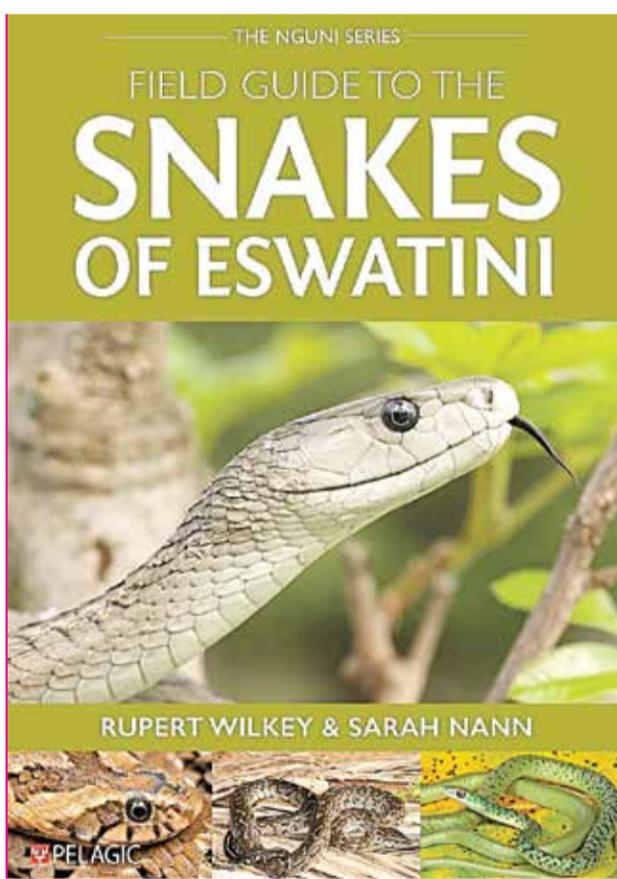
shelves with local expertise, don't miss these other definitive titles on the Kingdom's wild side:

### THE GREEN SCENE (FLORA)

- **An Annotated Checklist of the Flora of Swaziland** by R.H. Compton (1966): The undisputed 'bible' of Eswatini botany. Though an older classic, it remains the gold standard for indigenous plant reference.
- **Swaziland Flora Checklist** by K.P. Braun et al. (2004): A modern, comprehensive update published by SANBI, covering over 3 500 taxa.
- **A Flora Checklist for Swaziland** by Ellen S. Kemp (1983): A fantastic resource from the ENTC for those interested in historical plant distributions.

### CREATURE FEATURES (FAUNA)

- **Field Guide to the Snakes of Eswatini** by Rupert Wilkey: An absolute essential. This guide covers all 63 snake species recorded in the Kingdom with brilliant photography and distribution maps.
- **Wild Swaziland: Common Animals and Plants:** The perfect 'all-rounder.' You'll find this friendly guide in most reserve gift shops; it's the best introduction to the sightings at Mlilwane or Hlane.



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# A Signature Stay Where Business Meets Leisure



...Happy Valley Hotel is not just where you stay in Eswatini — it's where your experience begins

tinations like Swazi Candles and the vibrant Ezulwini Craft Market, perfect for discovering locally made art and souvenirs. For convenience, a modern shopping mall sits just across the street, placing retail, dining, and entertainment within easy walking distance.

**IT IS MORE THAN JUST A STAY**

A visit here is not simply about accommodation; it is about immersion. Every detail, from attentive service to curated experiences, ensures that travellers feel the essence of Eswatini the moment they arrive.

**Happy Valley Hotel is not just where you stay when you visit Eswatini. It is the destination that defines your visit.** Guests also enjoy seamless arrivals and departures with convenient shuttle services to and from **King Mswati International Airport**, ensuring comfort from touchdown to check-out.

**A**t the centre of an unforgettable destination, Eswatini, stands Happy Valley Hotel, a hospitality landmark that embodies the spirit of the nation through its guiding vision: *“To be a leading world-class facility providing exceptional customer experience through hospitable personnel.”*

This vision mirrors the Ingwenyama’s vision of a first-world Eswatini, one defined by excellence, service, and pride in identity. Every guest experience at the hotel reflects this shared ambition: world-class standards delivered with authentic Swazi warmth.

**WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEISURE**

“Where business meets leisure” is more than a slogan; it is a promise. The hotel seamlessly blends professional efficiency with relaxation, making it the ideal destination for both corporate travellers and holidaymakers. Business guests benefit from sophisticated conference facilities, while leisure travellers enjoy comfort, culture, and indulgence in one destination. Here, productivity and pleasure coexist effortlessly.

**WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES & COMFORT**

The hotel has a total of **123 luxurious rooms** designed to provide comfort, elegance, and tranquillity. For events and corporate gatherings, three expansive conference halls accommodate between **400 and 600 guests**, making the

venue one of the country’s premier meeting destinations.

Culinary excellence is equally central to the experience. With **four distinctive restaurants**, guests can savour, and to complete the stay, a rejuvenating spa invites visitors to unwind, refresh, and restore balance.

**A PRIME LOCATION IN THE CULTURAL HEARTLAND**

Situated in the cultural hub of the Ezulwini Valley, the hotel offers guests immediate access to some of the country’s most treasured attractions. Within minutes, visitors can explore heritage sites such as Mantenga Cultural Village and King Sobhuza II Memorial Park, where the rich traditions and history of the Swazi people come alive.

Guests can also visit renowned creative des-

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# Mad About May



**I**t might be a month away, but the countdown is officially on. If you've been looking for a reason to dust off your running shoes, tune up your bike, or simply lose yourself in the rhythm of the Kingdom, May 2026 is the answer.

We're calling it: May is officially the 'Month of Mayhem'—the good kind. From the rugged trails of our reserves to the global stage of Malkerns, here is why your calendar needs a serious intervention.

## 1. THE WILD RIDE: SWAZI RESERVES MTB & TRAIL

**DATE: 2 MAY 2026**

Kick off the month with a shot of adrenaline. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or a weekend warrior, this event takes you deep into the heart of our pristine conservation areas; Mbuluzi and Mlawula. Expect grit, sweat and breathtaking views that make every uphill climb worth it.



## 2. HISTORY IN THE MAKING: THE TIMES HALF MARATHON

**DATE: 23 MAY 2026**

Lace up for a milestone! This year, the *Times*

*of Eswatini* creates a new narrative by hitting the pavement with the inaugural Times Half Marathon. Starting at the EOCGA offices near Somhlolo National Stadium, there's a distance for everyone—from the 5km family fun run to the serious 21km challenge. With E50 000 in prizes up for grabs, it's time to find your stride.

## 3. UNDER THE STARS: MABONAKUDZE OUTDOOR MOVIE & CAMPING

**DATE: 23 MAY 2026**

If you prefer a slower pace, swap the sneakers for a sleeping bag. The Mabonakudze Outdoor Movie night is the ultimate chill experience. Imagine a giant screen under the vast skies, the smell of woodsmoke and a community of campers sharing stories long after the credits roll.

## 4. THE MAIN EVENT: MTN BUSHFIRE 2026

Date: 29 – 31 May 2026

The month ends in the fire that burns brightest. MTN Bushfire returns to House On Fire for its 19th edition. More than just a music festival, it's a global explosion of art, 'Bring Your Fire' activism and pure, unadulterated joy. Tickets sell out every year—don't be the one watching the photos on social media; be the one in the crowd.



# Reclaim Your Glow ...a tribute to the women



**A**s the March sun dips low, casting a signature amber glow across the Great Usutu River, Nkonyeni Lodge and Golf Estate transforms into a sanctuary of celebration. This International Women's Day, the estate turns its gaze toward its female guests, inviting them to immerse themselves in the 'Golden Moments' that define the Nkonyeni experience.

### THE NKONYENI UNIQUENESS

What makes Nkonyeni truly singular is the harmony between untamed nature and refined grace. "We offer more than just a destination; we offer

a breath of fresh air for the soul," says Daniel Bushu, the Head of Marketing and Strategist.

Here, the rugged cliffs of the Lebombo Mountains meet the manicured emerald of championship courses. Whether you are finding stillness in a river-front chalet or sharing a laugh on the clubhouse deck, the essence of Nkonyeni is found in the quiet luxury of being exactly where you are meant to be.

### CURATING YOUR MARCH EXPERIENCE

This month, reclaim your glow and celebrate your strength through our curated estate experiences:

riences:

- **The Bushveld cart tour:** Experience the thrill of the wild with a touch of elegance. Glide through the estate to encounter roaming game and indigenous flora in a setting that is as peaceful as it is picturesque.
- **Sanctuary of wellness:** Surrender to the skilled hands of our spa therapists. Our treatments are designed to mirror the tranquillity of the river, leaving you glowing from the inside out.
- **Sunsets & connections:** Gather your inner circle for sundowners overlooking

the iconic 18th-hole island green: the perfect vantage point to watch the sky turn gold and toast to the journey of womanhood.

### YOUR GOLDEN INVITATION

International Women's Day is a reminder to nurture the light you carry. Visit Nkonyeni this March to celebrate your achievements and your spirit against the backdrop of Eswatini's most beautiful estate.

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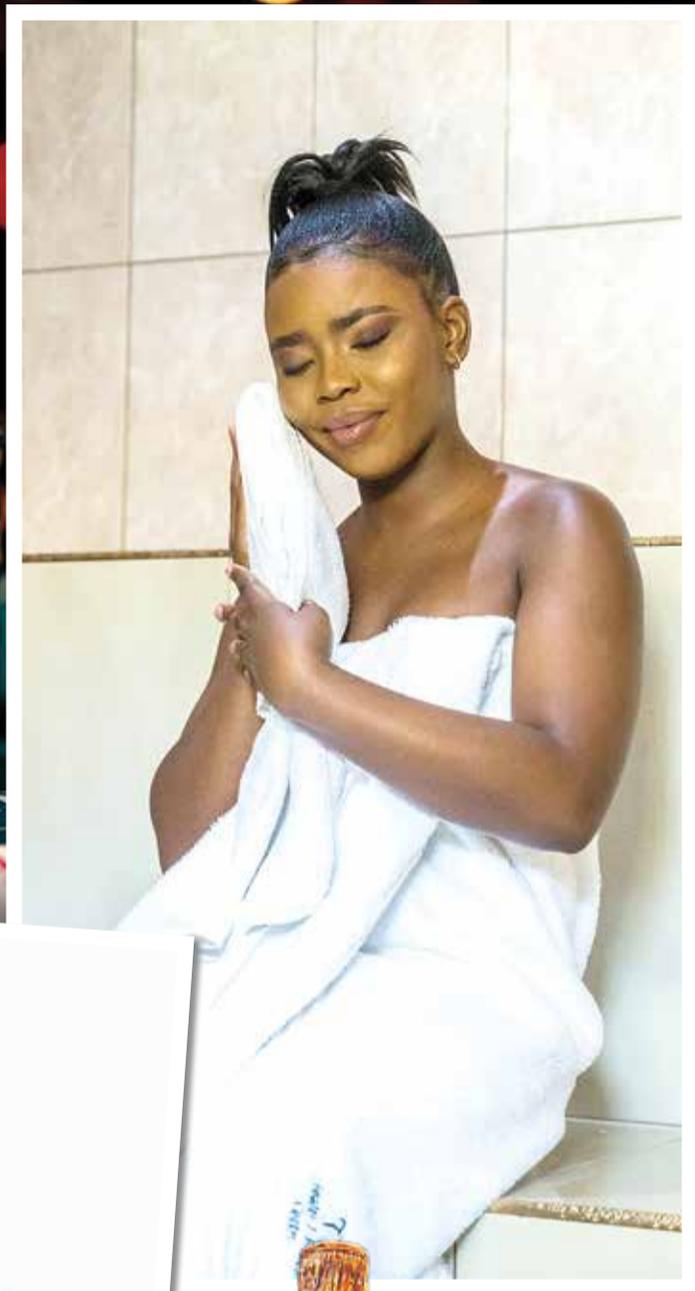


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# Celebrate Women's Month

*at The George Hotel*

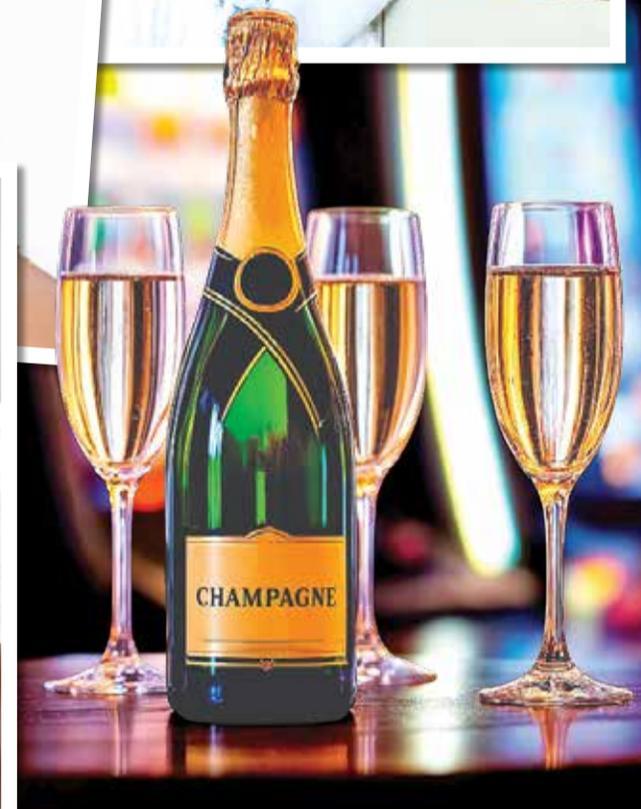


**T**HIS Women's Month, The George Hotel invites you to pause, breathe and indulge in well deserved self care.

Treat yourself or the remarkable women in your life to our exclusive **Revitalize Facial & Foot Scrub special for just SZL 500**. These treatments are designed to refresh tired skin and soothe weary feet, making it a perfect mid-journey reset for travelers or a luxurious treat for locals seeking a moment of calm.

And the excitement doesn't end there. Soon, The George Hotel will unveil its highly anticipated **24-hour casino**, bringing world class gaming, modern design, premium lounges and unforgettable entertainment to Manzini. Visitors can look forward to a complete leisure experience where relaxation by day meets thrilling nightlife under one roof.

This Women's Month, rediscover indulgence and stay tuned for the next chapter of entertainment at The George Hotel.



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# Laces tight: Time to write your story

It's Your Pace, Your Story, Your Race and we reckon a cheeky safari sunset in Mlilwane is the perfect final chapter.

If your running trainers have been gathering more dust than a rural bypass, consider this your official wake-up call. The Times of Eswatini is hosting its inaugural half marathon on May 23, 2026, and the tagline says it all: *Your Pace, Your Story, Your Race*. Whether you're a seasoned pro aiming for a personal best or a social runner whose main motivation is the post-race snack, there is a stretch of Lobamba tarmac with your name on it.

## CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

The organisers have kindly opted for 'relatively flat terrain.' In runner-speak, that means you won't need a mountain goat's DNA to finish, though we can't promise your calves won't have a few opinions by the end.

### 21KM CHALLENGE

The grand tour: Starts at Mahlanya, winds through Malkerns, loops near the Phondo Royal Residence, and finishes at the EOCGA offices. The vibe: This is the 'I actually trained for this'



Lace up and start pacing now to tell your story in the Times Half Marathon.

route. Scenic, royal and substantial!

### 10KM CHALLENGE

Grand tour: From EOCGA offices along the MR103, a cheeky turn at Mlilwane Road and a U-turn at Sitjeni Primary School.

The vibe: This is the *Sweet Spot*: Long enough to feel smug, short enough to be home for brunch.

### 5KM CHALLENGE

The grand route tour: Starts at EOCGA, trots through Emashibhini, Lobamba towards The Gables, makes a turn at the US Embassy for the finish in EOCGA stand.

The vibe: This is the ultimate fun run. It is ideal for families, walkers and anyone who enjoys a bit of a shimmy.

### DON'T DILLY-DALLY ON THE TICKETS

The Early Bird has officially flown the nest. If you missed the first phase, don't panic; but don't dawdle either. Phases 2 is now live and Phase 3 will be opened in April.

This is not just about the sweat and the medals; it's about the narrative. As the name suggests, you're the author here. Whether your 'story' is a record-breaking sprint or a valiant, slightly breathless jog, the finish line awaits.

**Pro Tip:** The course offers some lovely flat stretches perfect for 'negative splitting' (or, you know, just making sure you look good for the photographers).

Go on, then. Lace up, get registered and get ready to write your history on the roads of Lobamba.



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**I**f you think Eswatini is all about rolling hills and regal traditions, you've clearly been drinking the wrong water. While the kingdom is rightfully famous for its scenery, a new generation of distillers and brewers is ensuring the local spirit is increasingly bottled, corked and served over ice.

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Cocktails mixed using Imbali Craft Gin products.

watching the sunset over the Ezulwini Valley, have you even been to Eswatini?

### IMBALI GIN

For those with a more botanical bent, Imbali Gin is the kingdom's answer to the global 'Ginaissance.' This isn't your grandmother's London Dry; it's a fragrant, floral-forward gin that captures the essence of the Swati summer. Pair it with a premium tonic and a slice of local citrus, and you'll find the juniper notes play beautifully with the indigenous botanicals.

Imbali Gin is distilled in small batches at the Jackalberry Distillery located in Malkerns, within the kingdom. It is handcrafted using indigenous and traditional Swati botanicals to create a signature London Dry Gin.

### SHELELA GIN

The gin journey doesn't stop there. Enter Shelela Gin, a relative newcomer that has rapidly become the darling of the kingdom's sundowner scene. It is a masterclass in local terroir, utilising a secret blend of indigenous botanicals that offer a bright, citrusy 'zing' followed by a smooth, lingering finish. It's the kind of gin that wins consumer choice awards and converts even the most stubborn of vodka drinkers.

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So, next time you're in a lounge or bar, skip the imports. The best way to taste Eswatini is, quite literally, one glass at a time.



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Victoria Falls is one of the landmarks that's worth exploring in Zambia.

# The long-awaited leap to Lusaka



**T**HE wait for Eswatini Air's Zambian debut has been longer than a queue in a crowded taxi stand, but the wait is finally over.

After teasing us back in February last year and playing hard to get for months, the airline has finally stopped flirting and committed to a date: April 1, 2026.

And no, before you ask, it's not an April Fool's prank; though we have to admire the airline's cheeky sense of timing.

The Embraer engines will roar to life, connecting King Mswati III International (SHO) with Kenneth Kaunda International (LUN) in Lusaka. The national airline will offer two flights per week on the route (SHO to LUN).

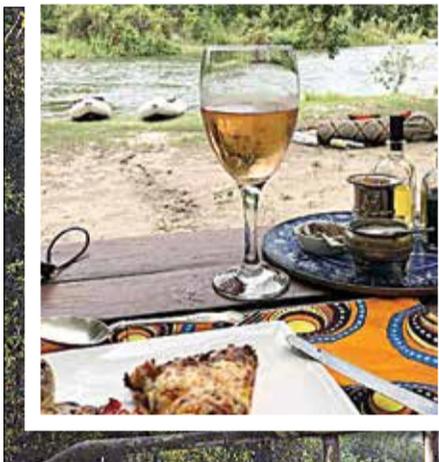
For the frequent flyer, this isn't just another pin on the map; it's a massive win for sanity and schedules.

By trimming the travel time, Eswatini Air is positioning SHO as the region's rising star: A seamless gateway that makes navigating Southern Africa feel less like a marathon and more like a victory lap.

## THE TRAVEL AGENT'S NEW SECRET WEAPON

For our friends in the travel trade, this route is a gift-wrapped opportunity. You're no longer just selling a flight; you're selling a 'Peaks to Pools' odyssey.

**T h e** Pitch: Why settle for one stamp when you can have two?



Opportunity for travel agents: The legendary 'Smoke which Thunders', Mosi-oa-Tunya is home to some of the most striking and unforgettable sections of the Victoria Falls, Zambia.

Imagine whisking clients from the misty, rugged peaks and rhino-rich reserves of Eswatini to the thundering spray of Victoria Falls and Zambia's world-class safari circuits, all without the 'scenic' multi-leg detours of the past.

Whether it's a high-stakes board meeting in Lusaka or a high-altitude retreat in the country, the SHO-LUN connection makes regional travel what it should always have been: effortless, efficient and just a little bit exciting.

### THE FLIGHT PATH: FAST FACTS

- The Route: King Mswati III (SHO) to Kenneth Kaunda (LUN)
- The Frequency: Twice weekly.
- The Bird: Embraer jet (fast, quiet and

reliable).

- Launch Date: 1 April 2026.

## ...CITY SNAPSHOT: 5 REASONS TO LINGER IN LUSAKA

While many travellers use Lusaka as a mere springboard for the bush, Zambia's capital is a city on the up, brimming with art, flavour and unexpected wildlife encounters. Here's how to spend your 48 hours:

### 1. THE ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE (LILAYI)

Located within Lusaka National Park, the Game Rangers International (GRI) nursery is a heart-warming must-see. Watch the rescued calves arrive from the bush for their midday milk bottles and learn about the delicate work of rewilding these gentle giants.

### 2. SUNDAY MARKET HAGGLING AT ARCADES

If it's Sunday, it's Pakati. The car park at Arcades Shopping Mall transforms into a vibrant labyrinth of curios. From hand-carved Miombo woodwork and copper jewellery to colourful *chitenge* fabrics, it is the ultimate spot to test your bargaining skills and grab a souvenir with a story.

### 3. ART & ARTISANS AT CHAMINUKA

A short drive from the city, Chaminuka Nature Reserve is part luxury lodge, part open-air gallery. It houses one of the largest private collections of contemporary African art on the continent. After your gallery tour, head out for a cheese and wine safari - yes, they make their own award-winning halloumi and gouda on-site.

### 4. THE WITCHCRAFT EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

For a deep dive into the Zambian psyche, head to the Lusaka National Museum. While the ground floor celebrates contemporary art, the upper level offers a fascinating (and slightly eerie) look at the history of traditional beliefs and witchcraft: an aspect of culture rarely discussed so openly.

### 5. A TRADITIONAL 'MATEBETO' FEAST

You haven't truly visited Lusaka until you've eaten like a local. Head to a *Matebeto* restaurant for a communal feast. Expect generous portions of *nshima* (maize porridge) served with *ifisashi* (greens in peanut sauce), charcoal-grilled tilapia and perhaps some seasonal delicacies for the brave, like *ifinkubala* (mopane worms).



After teasing and playing hard to get for months, Eswatini Air has finally stopped flirting and committed to a date: April 1, 2026. The airline is set to launch SHO-LUN route.

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# TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME



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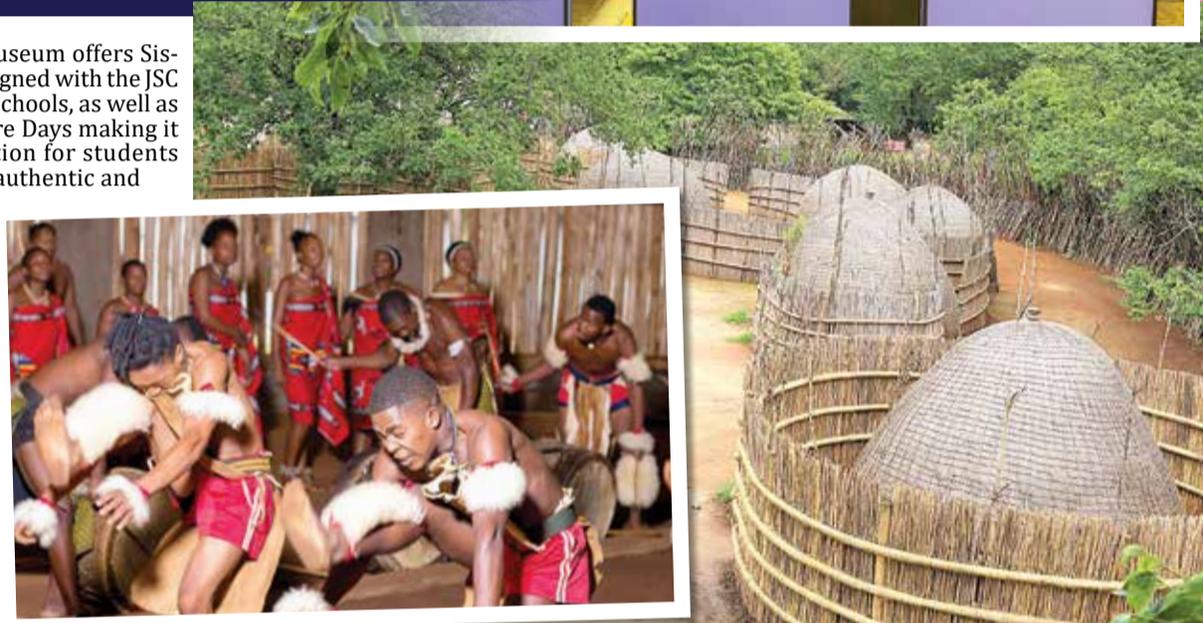
Immerse yourself in a guided tour that truly brings the nation's remarkable past to life as you see, hear, and learn about Eswatini's cherished traditions, visionary leadership, and enduring cultural identity.

Wander through fascinating displays of historical artefacts that tell the stories of generations past, explore significant heritage sites steeped in meaning, and listen to captivating accounts of the events and people that shaped this proud Kingdom into what it is today. At Mantenga Cultural Village, witness traditional Swazi homestead life firsthand, experience vibrant cultural performances (11:15am & 3:15pm daily), and gain a deeper, more personal appreciation of the customs and practices that continue to define Swazi culture.

The Eswatini National Museum offers Siswati educational lessons aligned with the JSC and SGCSE curriculum for schools, as well as tailored sessions for Culture Days making it an ideal learning destination for students and educators seeking an authentic and enriching academic experience.

Whether you are a curious visitor exploring Eswatini for the first time, a family looking for a meaningful and enriching day out, or a learner seeking to deepen your understanding of African heritage, this experience offers something truly special.

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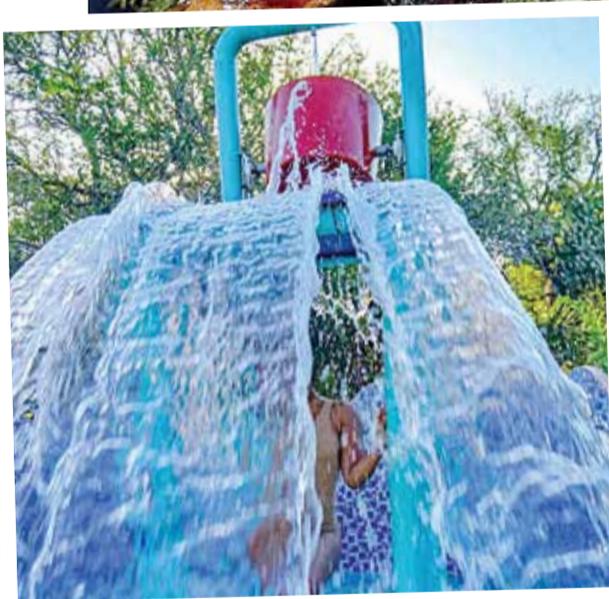
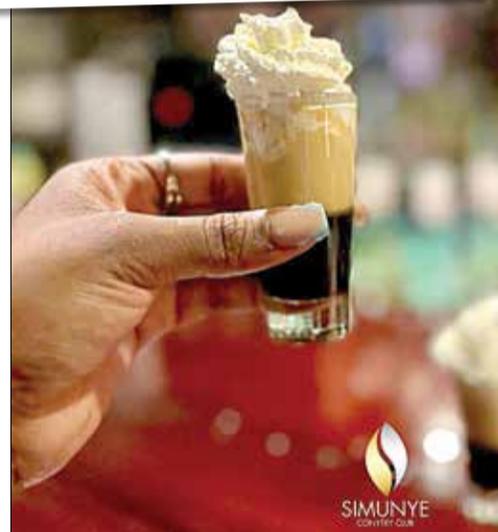
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Beyond conferencing and lodging, the Club offers a variety of recreational facilities to unwind and enhance your stay. A refreshing swimming pool and children's pool provide a place to cool off, while the 9-hole golf course, tennis and squash courts, gym and sports fields encourage both leisure and team-building activity. A children's playground and outdoor braai areas make the space fam-

ily-friendly and perfect for informal gatherings or post-conference celebrations.

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The Club also hosts events, parties and weddings, making use of expansive indoor and outdoor settings including The Square:

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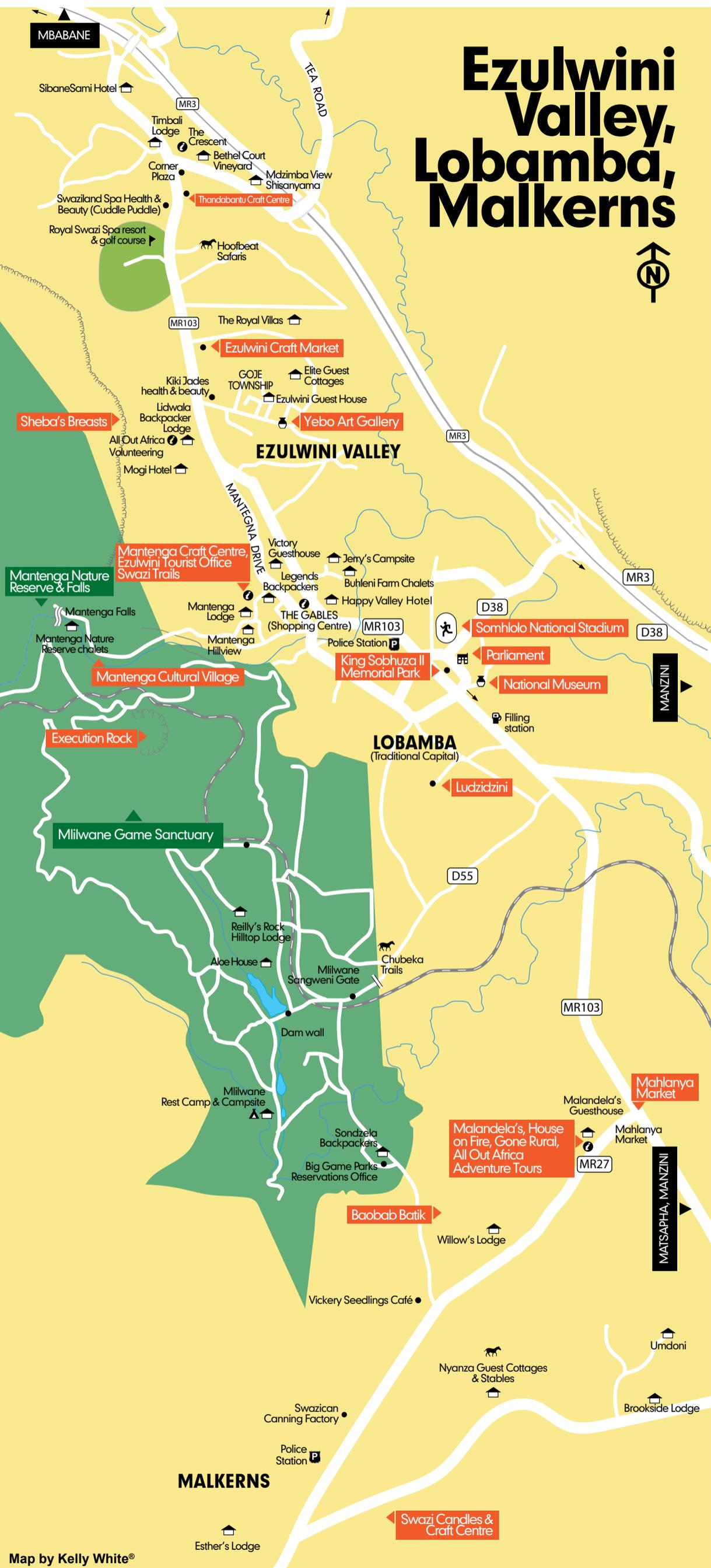
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## SHADOW IN THE REEDS:

# Mozambique's Record-Breaking Giant

**I**n the dappled light of northern Mozambique's riverine forests, history was recently measured in coils of muscle and patterned scales. During a sanctioned field expedition, herpetologists stumbled upon an individual that defies the standard data sets: an African rock python (*Python sebae*) measuring a staggering 6.5 metres.

To put this in perspective, while the African rock python is the continent's largest snake, most wild specimens plateau between 3 and 4 metres. A 5-metre individual is considered a behemoth. This specimen didn't just break the curve; it shattered it, landing among the largest ever scientifically documented.

### THE VITAL STATISTICS

- The Specimen: African rock python, a non-venomous apex predator.
- The Measurement: ~6.5 metres, a 'megafauna' rarity in the modern wild.
- The Setting: Riverine gallery forests and seasonal stream margins.
- The Verification: Confirmed via rigorous field telemetry and standardised measuring protocols to ensure accuracy beyond

'bush tall tales.'

### WHY A GIANT MATTERS: MORE THAN JUST A RECORD

This isn't merely a headline about a 'monster' snake. In the world of herpetology, size is a biological diary. To reach 6.5 metres, a python requires the rarest of luxuries: time and stability.

A snake of this magnitude represents decades of survival. It implies a 'ceiling of life' that scientists rarely see in habitats increasingly fragmented by human encroachment. To sustain such bulk, the ecosystem must be functioning at a high level, providing a steady stream of significant prey (such as small antelope or warthogs) and offering a territory free from catastrophic human disturbance.

"Finding an outsized individual in a region pressured by agriculture hints at a hidden resilience. It suggests that, in the shadows of Mozambique's waterways, the wild still holds its ground."

The presence of this giant is a 'bio-indicator' a living certificate of health for the region. It proves that despite the pressures of the modern world, certain pockets of the African wilderness still possess the ecological integrity to produce true giants.

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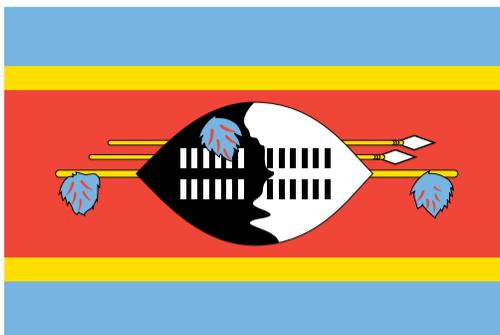
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## THE ESWATINI FLAG



**PANTONE 542 C**  
Process: C = 51, M = 16  
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**PANTONE 803 C**  
Process: C = 0, M = 9  
Y = 100, K = 0

**WHITE**  
Process: C = 0, M = 0  
Y = 0, K = 100

**PANTONE 157 C**  
Process: C = 0, M = 88  
Y = 85, K = 0

The flag is rectangular, and its colors are red, blue and yellow. Each of these colors has a meaning:

**RED:** Stands for the battles of the past.

**BLUE:** Stands for peace and stability.

**YELLOW:** Stands for the resources.

The flag also has a picture of a shield and spear. These two symbols stand for protection of our country from enemies. The shield is black and white to show that black and white people live together peacefully in eSwatini.

## THE SISWATI CALENDAR

- January** – Bhimbidwane (everybody satisfied)
- February** – Indlovana (little elephant)
- March** – Indlovukenkhulu (big elephant)
- April** – Mabasa (kubasa-to make fire)
- May** – Inkhwekhweti (pick up everything you have)
- June** – Inhlaba (Aloe blossoms)
- July** – Kholwane (Hawk that nests in the moon)
- August** – Ingci (small wolf breeds in this month)
- September** – Inyoni (special bird mates)
- October** – Imphala (Antelope bears its young)
- November** – Lweti (star to see when women begin work early also Inkhosi lencane (little chief)
- December** – Ingongoni/ Mavulangamithi (Buffaloe month/ to swallow pickings of teeth) also Inkhosi Lenkhulu (big chief)

## BORDER HOURS



- Mhlumeni/ Goba Border** ..... Open 24hrs
- Lomasha/ Namaacha** ... Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
- Ngwenya/ Oshoek Border** ..... Open 24:00hrs
- Lavumisa/ Golela Border** .. Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
- Mahamba Border** ..... Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
- Mananga Border** ..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs
- Matsamo/ Jeppe's Reef** .... Open 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs
- Nsalitshe/ Onverwacht**..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs
- Sandlane/ Nerston**..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs
- Sichunusa/ Houdkop**..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs

## LOCATION

**Southern Africa, between Mozambique and South Africa Geographic coordinates:**

- Size:** 26 30 S, 31 30 E  
17 364sq km  
Countries border 535 km
- Total:** 535 km
- Border countries:**
  - Mozambique 105 km,
  - South Africa 430 km
- Lowerst point:** Great Usutu River 21m
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## BUSINESS HOURS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

**O**FFICE and shop hours are usually 08h00-13h00 and 14h00-17h00 Mondays to Fridays. Bank hours are 08h30-14h30 Mondays to Fridays, 08h30-11h00 on Saturdays.

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- New Year's Day** – 1 January
- King's Birthday** – 19 April
- National Flag Day** – 25 April
- Worker's Day** – 1 May
- Umlhanga Reed Dance Day** – (end of August or early September)
- Somhlolo Independence) day** – 6 September
- Christmas Day** – 25 December
- Boxing Day** – 26 December
- December Incwala Day** – (December or early January)

## SOME SISWATI WORDS:

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Sawubona           | Hello   |
| Unjani             | How are you   |
| Ngiyaphila         | I am fine   |
| Ngiyabonga         | Thank you   |
| Wota lapha         | Come here   |
| Sikhulekile ekhaya | A Swati way of greeting a home as well as asking for permission to enter. |
| Sala kahle         | Stay well   |
| Hamba kahle        | Go well   |



# GENERAL INFORMATION



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Rainbow Angels  
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Sambane, Malkerns  
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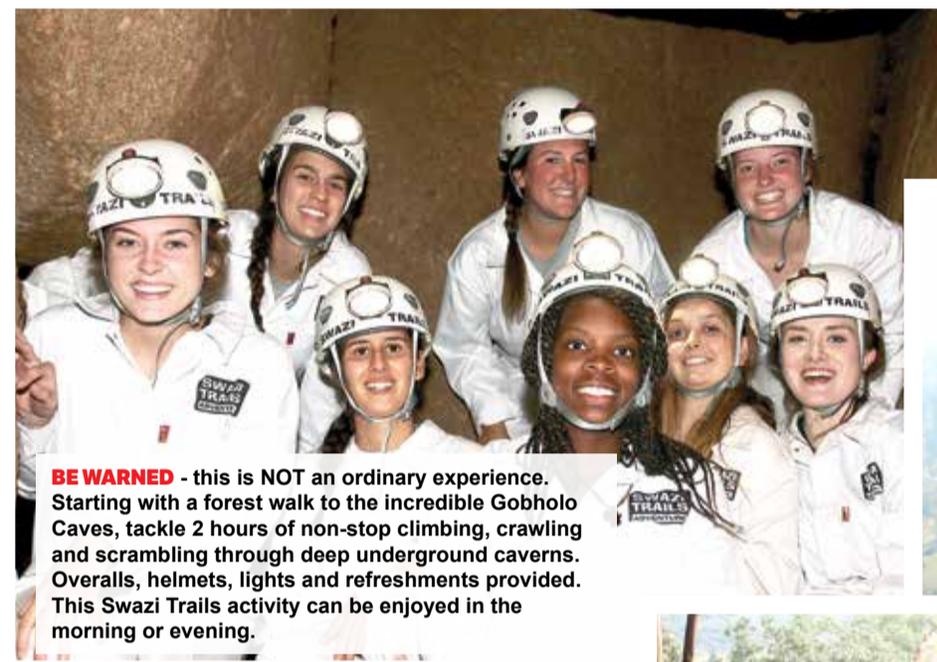
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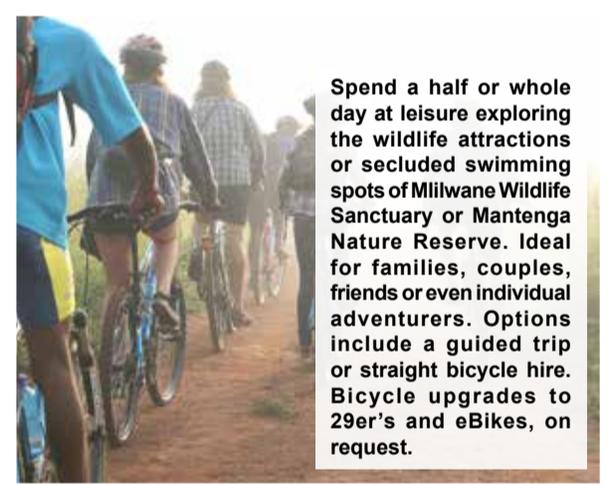
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**Ask yourself - when last did you did something that you'll remember for a lifetime?**

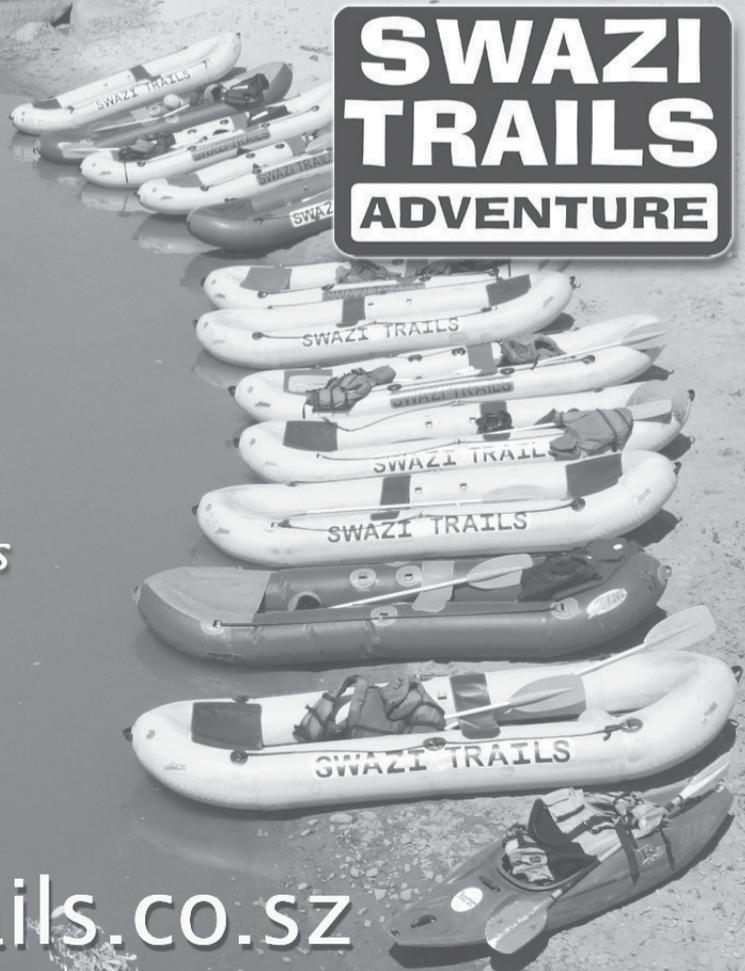
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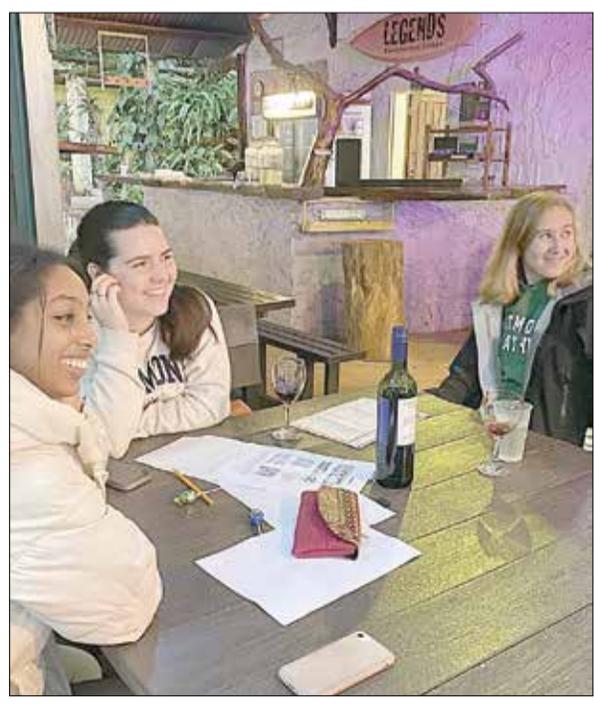
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# Events CALENDAR



# What to do this March?



## THE ADRENALINE FIX: HAKUNA MATATA SPIN FEST

**Date:** 28 March 2026  
**Venue:** Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre  
 If you want to close out the first quarter of the year with a literal bang, Mavuso is the only place to be. The Hakuna Matata Spin Fest is less of a car show and more of a high-octane exorcism. Leave your daily stresses at the gate and replace them with the smell of burning rubber and the sight of Eswatini's stunt kings defying gravity. This is pure, unadulterated adrenaline that spills from the track into the stands.  
**Don't miss:** The precision 'stunt kings' their mid-air acrobatics and tyre-shredding drifts are world-class.

**M**ARCH in the country is a sensory overload. From the rhythmic chanting of the *Lutsango* to the screech of tyres at Mavuso, the kingdom is wide awake. Pack your sunscreen, lace up your trainers and get ready to toast to the harvest.



## THE MAIN EVENT: THE BUGANU FESTIVAL (SECOND LEG)

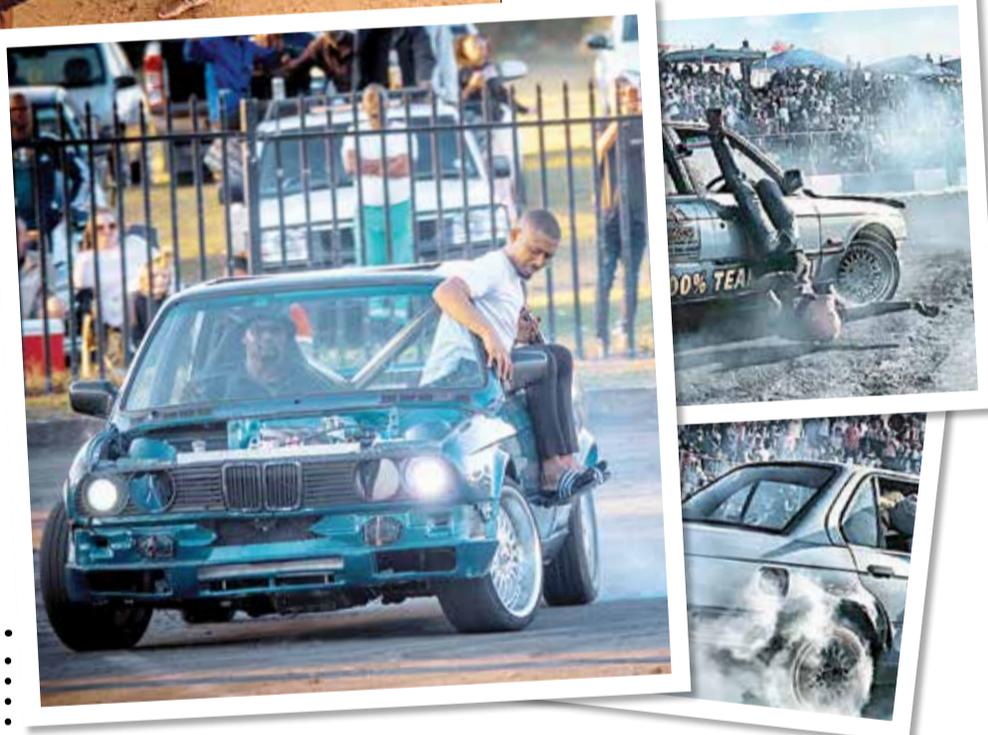
**Date:** 13-15 March 2026  
**Venue:** Hlane Royal Residence  
 Following the vibrant first leg at Buhleni, the celebrations migrate to the historic Hlane Royal Residence. This is the definitive showcase of the *Lutsango*: the women's regiments, who gather to present the first fruits of the Marula harvest to the royal family. It is a masterclass in tradition: Witness synchronised dance moves and the incredible artisan skill required to transform the humble marula fruit into potent brews and organic products.  
**Pro Tip:** Support the local economy by picking up handmade marula-infused oils or tra-

ditional crafts. The atmosphere is electric; bring a hat and an open heart.

## 2026 CHARITY RUN

**Date:** 14 March 2026 | 06:00  
**Venue:** The Fitness Zone Gym, Manzini  
 Early birds catch more than just the worm in Manzini this Saturday. The Fitness Zone Gym hosts its annual Charity Run, a community-driven dash to support the vital work of Hope House. Whether you're a seasoned marathoner or a casual walker, the crisp morning air and the spirit of *Ubuntu* make this a mandatory start to your weekend.

- 1. The Challenge:**
- 5km Fun Run: E100.00
  - 10km Road Run: E150.00



Traveller's Notebook: Fast Facts

Event	Best For	Vibe
Buganu	Culture vultures & photographers	Traditional, majestic, fruity
Charity Run	Families & fitness freaks	Energetic, community-focused
Spin Fest	Adrenaline junkies	Loud, fast and unmissable



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