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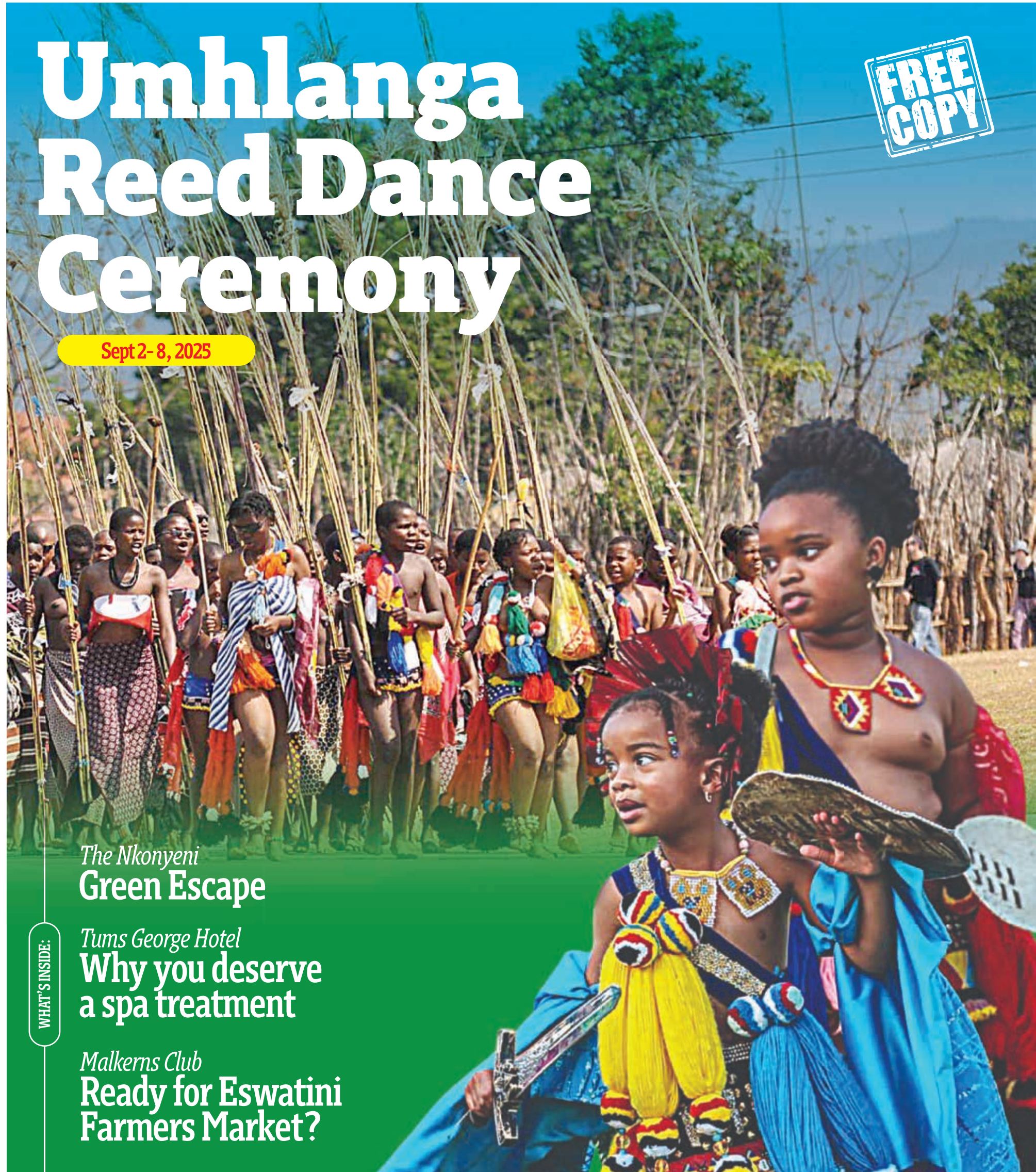
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READY to witness the *Imbali* blossom? The Umhlanga, or Reed Dance Ceremony, is set to take place from September 2 to 8, 2025, with the Main Day of celebrations on 8 September.

The Imbali is a regiment of young girls who are eligible to fetch the reed (*Umhlanga*) during this annual cultural event. The ceremony honours these girls for maintaining their chastity, providing a unique opportunity for them to showcase their purity before Their Majesties and the entire world.

This is a vibrant spectacle, a riot of colours as bright as spring blossoms. It's a celebration of the Imbali as they come into their own. You will see columns (*ticheme*) of girls, advancing like vast, ululating centipedes across the parade grounds of the Ludzidzini arena. One by one, they dissolve into the pulsating mass of bodies around the royal kraal.

Up close, it's an almost overwhelming immersion in noise and colour. The girls stamp, sing and sway in unison, their anklets rattling, their

...the Main Day: 8 September



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bare skin and dazzling costumes blurring into a living, chanting kaleidoscope.

More than just a dance: A call for change

The Umhlanga is not just a dance, it's a platform for the young women to raise pressing social issues. This year, they have adopted the powerful slogan: '*Siyimbali yemaSwati, sichakazile sitakuncoba kuhlukubeteka.*' This translates to: 'We are the pride of the nation; we will conquer gender-based violence'.

Their poignant song expresses concern about the pervasive nature of GBV, which continues to affect girls and women without an adequate legal or societal response. They highlight that the country's laws remain ineffective in addressing this issue and have called for harsher penalties, including a life sentence for perpetrators.

Rehearsals for the songs and dances began in early August across the country's various traditional villages (*imiphakatsi*). This ensures uniformity during the display of these important cultural performances for Their Majesties and the international audience.



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His Majesty King Mswati III shrouded by his warriors as he makes an entrance into the area during Umhlanga Ceremony. His Majesty attends the main day of the festival and there is a point where he appreciates the Imbali. Ingwenyama idlalise Imbali.



THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025 UMHLANGA CEREMONY IS AS FOLLOWS:

- September 2: Arrival and Registration Day
- September 3: Maidens travel to various centres to cut the reed
- September 4: Reed cutting ceremonies take place
- September 5: Maidens return to Ludzidzini Royal Residence
- September 6: Rest day for the maidens
- September 7: Presentation of the reed before Their Majesties
- September 8: Main Day of the Umhlanga Reed Dance Ceremony

The Rebirth of Hipnotik Festival

... Africa’s premier hip hop and urban culture festival returns!

AFTER a long pause, Hipnotik Festival is back. Following years of silence, the country’s biggest hip hop event is making a bold comeback, with over 10 000 young people expected to attend. “It’s time,” festival founder Sakhile Nkambule declared at the ETA Events Calendar Activation in Maputo. “We’re bringing the culture back – bigger, louder and more unapologetic than ever.” The festival is scheduled to take place from Oc-

tober 3 to 5, 2025 at Riders Ranch in Sidvokodvo. This year’s edition marks a true rebirth: bigger, bolder and more powerful than ever before. It promises to be a vibrant celebration of youth, culture, creativity and hip hop. Hipnotik has secured a partnership with Eventbrite, the leading global ticketing platform, ensuring a seamless and secure ticketing experience for fans. “This elevates Hipnotik into the international festival space, making it easier than ever for fans from across the world to be part of



HIPNOTIK FESTIVAL 2016: The energy on stage was electrifying and these talented men absolutely brought the house down with their incredible performance! From stunning dance moves to every beat that had us grooving, it was a celebration of art and talent like no other.



DON'T WRECK THE VIBE! YOU CAME FOR THE SPECTACULAR – NOT THE MAYHEM.

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The Rebirth of Hipnotik Festival

our story,” Nkambule explained.

The festival has also partnered with EmerGcare 0966 to provide on-site emergency medical support and safety services. “Safety and wellbeing remain at the core of our planning,” Nkambule emphasised.

What to Expect

Unforgettable performances: A mix of Africa’s biggest stars and Eswatini’s finest talent.

Hip hop meets culture: From trap to boom bap, live DJs, dance battles and electrifying cyphers.

Pop-up market: Streetwear, local brands and exclusive festival merchandise.

Food & drinks village: A curated selection of food stalls, bars and lounges.

Creative expressions: Live art, graffiti walls and immersive experiences.

Seamless access: ATMs, card payments and festival-friendly infrastructure.

Why Attend?

Hipnotik is more than just a festival, it’s a movement. It’s where culture connects, friendships are made and memories last a lifetime. Whether you’re a die-hard music fan, a creative spirit, or simply seeking an unforgettable experience, Hipnotik 2025 is the place to be.



“...It’s time. We’re bringing the culture back – bigger, louder and more unapologetic than ever. Hipnotik isn’t just returning; it’s being reborn as a space where hip hop, creativity and youth culture collide in the boldest way possible.”



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Sobhuza II Memorial



Sobhuza II Memorial Park at Lobamba, Zulwini.





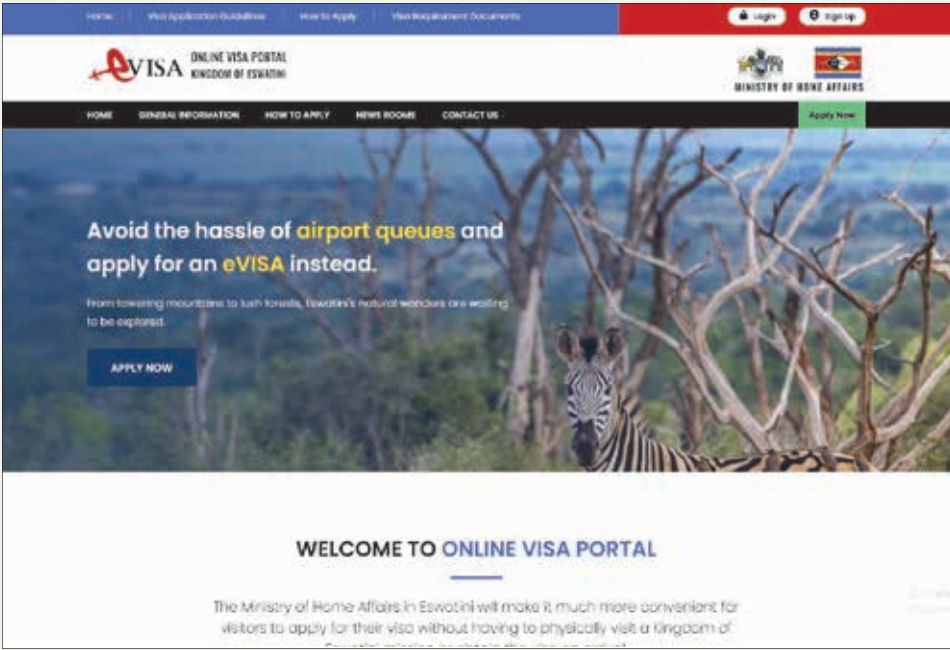
Spinners that have got crazy moves are linedup for the festival.



Kwesta rocked the Hipnotik Festival in 2016. On this comeback in October, the festival has a diverse lineup to rock your world too.



Eswatini to roll out e-visa system



Landing page of the e-visa system. This portal was expected to enhance ease of travel to Eswatini and boost the tourism industry.

ESWATINI is set to revolutionise its immigration process with a new e-visa system, moving beyond the traditional hassle of passport stamps and stickers.

Chief Immigration Officer Mthokozisi Dlamini announced the development at the inaugural Eswatini Tourism Nkwe Indaba in Ezulwini, revealing that the system is in an advanced stage.

Dlamini said the Home Affairs Ministry is finalising an Immigration Bill that will include provisions for the new system. The e-visa will allow travellers to apply online, replacing traditional passport stamps and stickers with a digital record linked to their passports.

Once the system is live, visa holders will be able to generate a unique share code for verification, simplifying travel, work, study and residency processes. The digital upgrade is also expected to enhance security and reduce the risk of losing or damaging important travel documents.

This innovative approach promises to streamline entry into the country, making it quicker and more secure for visitors and officials alike.



The Park was established as a tribute to King Sobhuza II who led the Swazi nation to independence (from the British) in 1968. It is located at Lobamba, adjacent to the Houses of Parliament, Somhlolo Stadium and the National Museum.

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Tradition, skill and royal heritage converge: Gencegece Magagula and his regiment celebrate their swift hunt, bringing down an inyala in under 20 minutes after His Majesty King Mswati III commissioned the Butimba at Malahleni. (Pic: Sibusiso Shange)



Butimba Ceremony

Butimba regiment marching to Malahleni. Malahleni is a section of Hlane Game Reserve, approximately 8 kilometres from Hlane Royal Resident. (Pic: ENTCT)

THE Butimba is one of Eswatini's most striking royal traditions, a ceremonial hunt led by His Majesty King Mswati III that unites warriors from across the nation in a display of unity, discipline and cultural pride. Often hosted at Hlane Royal National Park, it honours Swati heritage, reinforces the bond between the monarchy and the regiments; reflecting a deep respect for leadership and the natural world.

More than a hunt, Butimba serves as a living tradition – an enduring expression of identity and ecological values that continue to define the Swati people. The ceremony highlights the importance of sustainable game management, with traditional practices observed to ensure balance between cultural heritage and wildlife conservation. It also raises awareness about preserving Eswatini's rich biodiversity for future generations.

warriors carrying thier share of wild beast from emalawini yesterday morning.



Umbutto Sonkhukhu preparing for the hunting at Malahleni .

TRADITION RECLAIMED

Remarkably, the Butimba almost faded into history. In the 1960s, game numbers had fallen so drastically that annual hunts yielded little more than cane rats and hares. Yet King Sobhuza II recognised the cultural importance of this ancient ritual and ordered the protection of Hlane under Macobane's stewardship. This conservation philosophy, likened to safeguarding a cow that provides a surplus of milk each year, ensured the regeneration of wildlife. Today, Hlane's protected core sustains thriving game populations, giving fresh meaning and vitality to the Butimba.

MORE THAN CEREMONY

While deeply ceremonial, the Butimba also complements other major national events such as the Incwala and Umhlanga. It is a vibrant reminder that Eswatini's traditions are not static relics but living

practices adapted to modern conservation principles. For travellers, witnessing Butimba is a chance to experience heritage, pageantry and purpose woven together – a celebration of royal leadership, warrior spirit and the enduring bond between culture and nature.



Perched high in the branches, a young warrior scans the horizon, eyes trained on the movement of antelopes across the landscape. From this natural lookout, the vast wilderness unfolds beneath him. (Pic: Eswatini National Trust Commission).

*Information sourced from Big Game Parks and Eswatini National Trust Commission.



Maybe the pace was a bit much or the the march was long enough to losen the warriors loin? We are not sure but the warrior took a moment tightening the loin during the course of the march. (Pic: Sibusiso Shange)



Emakhosikati and abay'eskhulu at the event.



Nyakanyaka and Didumbutfo peforming the hunting ritual yesterday.

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Winter can often leave us feeling fatigued and worn out. Spa treatments such as massages and facials not only provide relaxation but also help to relieve tension and promote overall wellbeing. A soothing massage can ease tight muscles, improve circulation and restore your energy, making it a perfect antidote to the winter blues. With the end of the season, it's time to shed the layers and embrace the vibrant energy of spring.

Moreover, indulging in a spa treatment is an investment in your wellbeing. In today's fast-paced world, taking time to unwind is essential for mental clarity and emotional balance. Treating yourself to a day at The George Hotel's spa is more than just a luxury; it's a chance to focus on yourself and reconnect with what truly matters.

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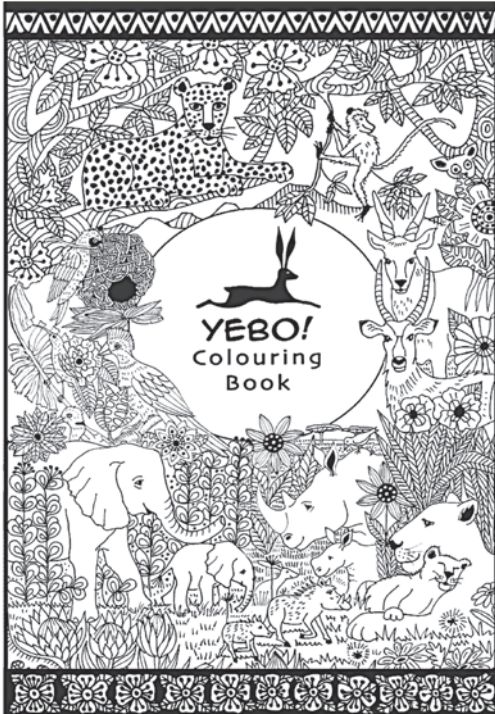
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The September exhibition is Eswatini NOW #6, 16 artists exploring their own vision of Eswatini and opening our eyes to alternative realities.

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THE Malkerns Country Club is yet again to transform into a vibrant hub of laughter, dance and perhaps a few questionable drink-testing decisions. Sponsored by the local beer Sibebe, this Farmers Market is not your average corn and carrot affair. Oh no, this event is a music festival and family-friendly event that promises to unleash your groove and carefree spirit with an array of activities!

“...the Eswatini Farmers Market is not your average corn-and-carrot affair — it’s a carnival of music, laughter, and unforgettable memories...”

ACTIVITIES

Imagine a carnival atmosphere where it’s all games, good music and great food! That’s right, carnival vibes will be in full swing! Brace yourself for thrilling games and activities that will make even the most seasoned couch potato jump into action. Whether you’re tasting drinks (we hope you don’t confuse the lemonade with the adult beverages) or cheering on the two powerhouse kid dancers from South Africa, there’s something for everyone. These pint-sized performers will make you question your own dance moves; seriously, you might want to leave the moonwalk to them!

LIVE

ENTERTAINMENT

Let’s talk about the entertainment! Last year, the artist line up was epic, the likes of the Trend Twins, Culde de Song, Murumba Pitch, and El World set the stage ablaze. This year, the line-up will feature both local and international artists too, ensuring you won’t just be tapping your feet, but possibly breaking out in a full-on dance-off. Just remember, if you challenge someone to a dance battle, you better bring your A-game, because these kids can boogie!

ZIPLINE

Wait, there’s more! Ever felt the thrill of soaring through the air? Brace yourself (kids only)



Crowds immersed in the fun at the second Farmers' Market.



Its a kids' paradise; fun, games and all.



Carnival games add excitement and a family-friendly vibe to the event.

for a zipline experience that will make you feel like a superhero—cape not included. For those who prefer a more grounded approach to adventure, hop on a horse quad and ride your way to glory. So, gather the family, bring your friends and don’t forget your sense of humour. The Eswatini Farmers Market is where dance moves and crazy memories will be made. We can’t wait to see you there; just don’t forget to hydrate (and maybe keep an eye on those drink-testing games!). Mark your calendars, **October 11, 2025** – The Farmers Market is on!

Note: This article was printed August 29, 2025 but more information will be published on Farmers Market socials for updates.



This year’s edition is sponsored by the Sibebe Premium Lager, a local beer that is named after the Sibebe Rock.

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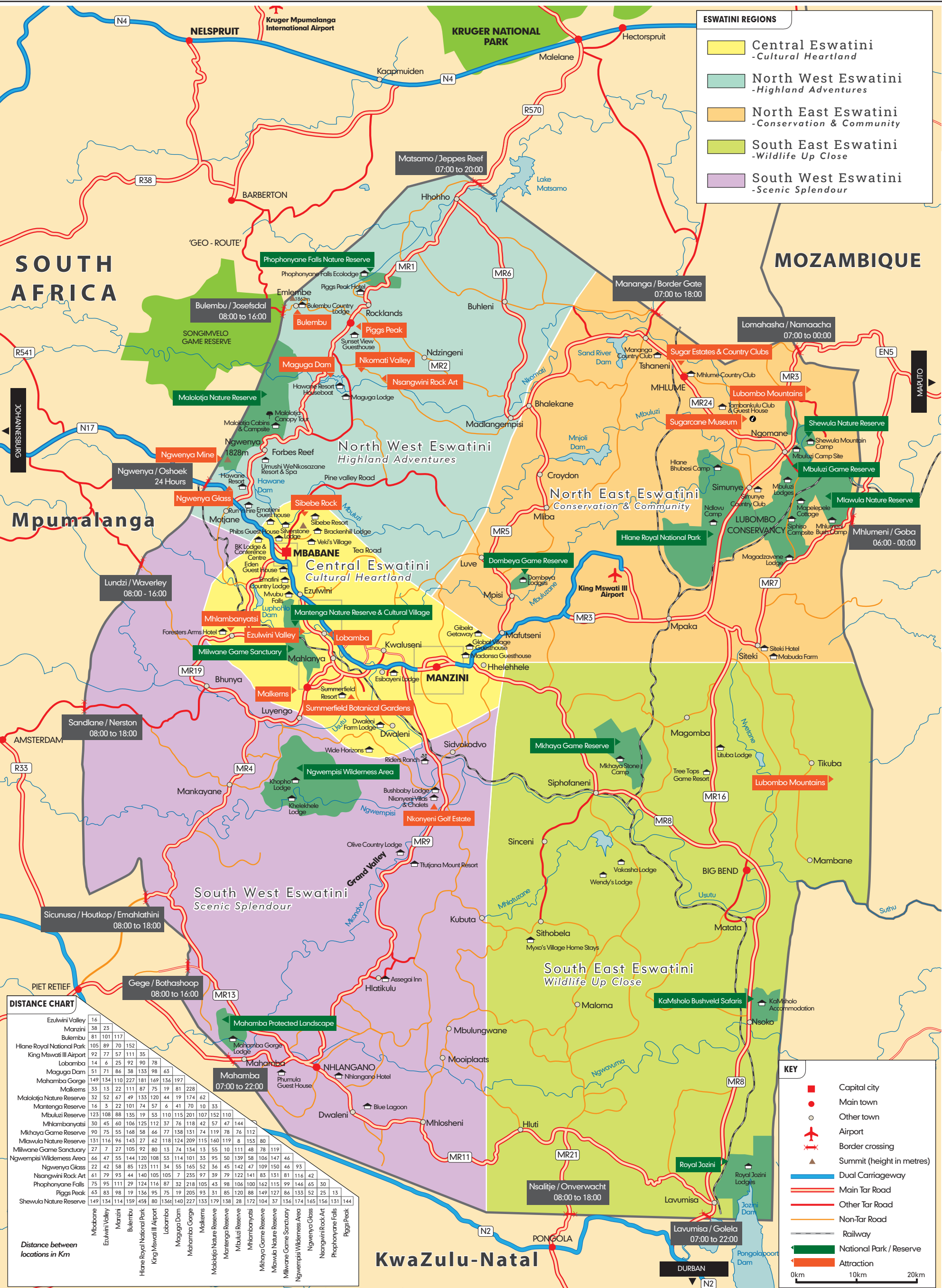
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Challenge! Spot September Bells



- Scientific Name: Rubiaceae Ixoroideae Gardenieae
- Siswati Name: *sikobe*

If the warmer temperatures aren't enough to inspire you to explore the wild, perhaps the September Bells will! Take a stroll through your backyard or hike your nearest mountain to see if you can spot this beautiful plant.

DESCRIPTION

The September Bells is a graceful shrub characterised by its slender branches, some of which are very finely downy. This hardy, evergreen (sometimes briefly deciduous) shrub can grow into a well-shaped small tree with attractive bark that becomes neatly squared with age. It features dark green glossy leaves and produces clusters of magnificent, white, bell-shaped, sweetly scented flowers from August to November.

It is often in full bloom in September, hence the common name – September Bells.

The large, round, leathery green fruits are sweet and juicy, but turn hard and woody when dry. Notably, the juice from these fruits, which stains blue, is traditionally used to heal wounds and burns.

This plant thrives as an understory shrub beneath larger trees that provide light shade, such as Acacia species.

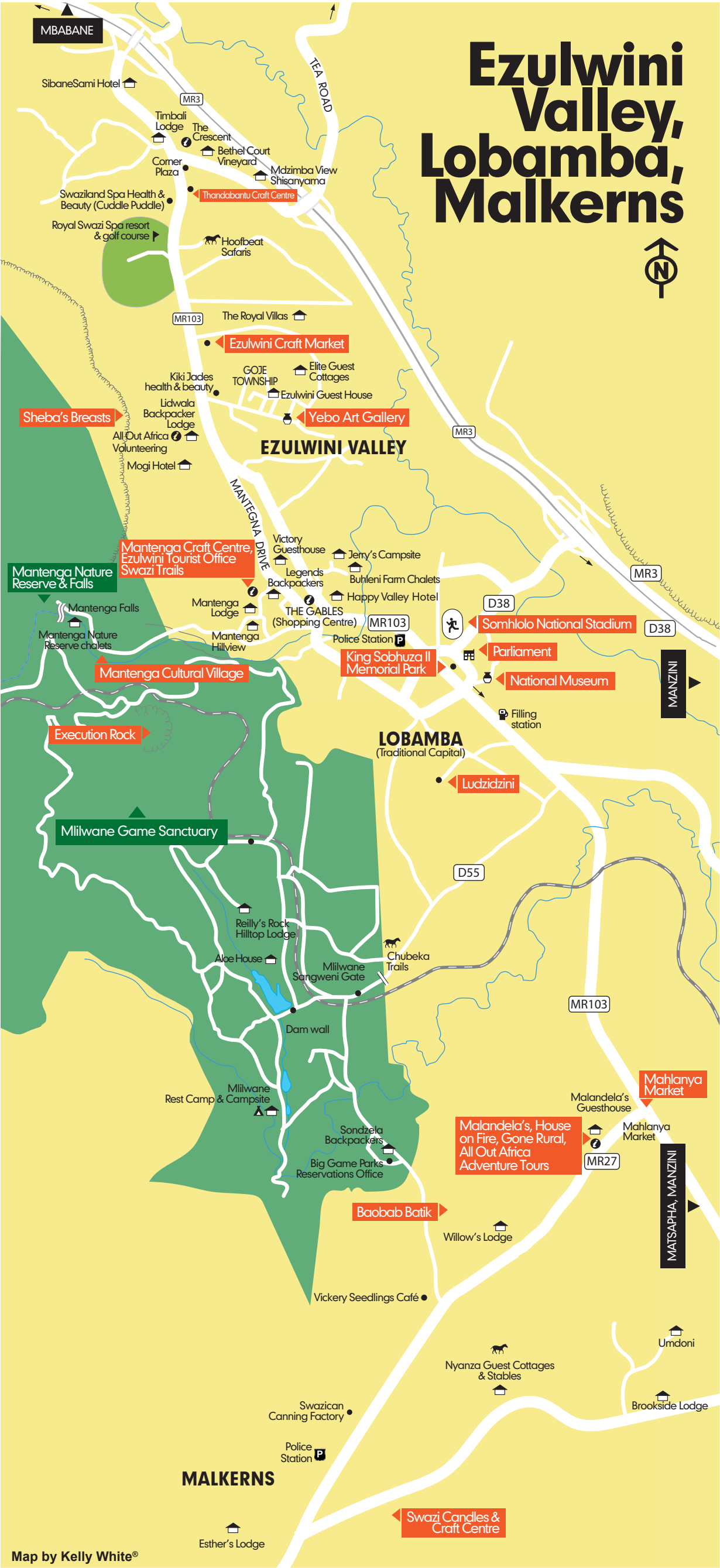
Hint where to spot it: Malolotja Nature Reserve.



ROTHMANNIA GLOBOSA (SEPTEMBER BELL) FRUIT: The specific name *globosa* means roundish and refers to the shape of the fruit.



The scented bell-shaped flowers are creamy white, usually with pink speckles in the throat, and are borne singly or in clusters of 2 to 4 on short side branches.





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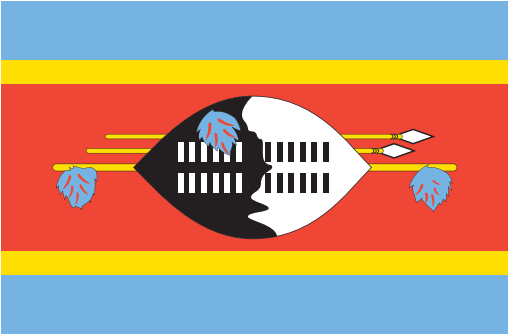
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Process: C = 51, M = 16
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PANTONE 803 C
Process: C = 0, M = 9
Y = 100, K = 0



WHITE



PANTONE BLACK

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** – Indlovulenkulu (big elephant)
- April** – Mabasa (kubasa-to make fire)
- May** – Inkhwekhwele (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
Lomahasha/ 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:
Border countries:

- Mozambique 105 km,
- South Africa 430 km

Lowerst point: Great Usutu River 21m
Highest point: Emlembe 1 862 m

YOUR EMBASSY/CONSULATE IN SD

- Cyprus Consulate: 2404 2650 / 2404 1138
- Danish-Norwigean Consulate: 2404 3547
- Honorary Consul of Finland: 7914 6951/7902 5270
- French Consulate: 2404 3667
- German Liason Off: 2404 3174
- High Commission of India: 2417 1413
- Italian Consulate: 2404 4371
- Mozambique: 2404 3700
- Portugal Consulate: 2404 6780
- Republic of China (Taiwan): 2404 4740/1
- Seychelles Con: 2505 2415
- Singapore High Commission: 2404 2661/2/3
- South Africa: 2404 4651
- Turkish Consulate: 2422 0805
- USA: 24179000

MEDICAL HELP TEL: 7606 0911

Mkhiwa Clinic, Manzini private Hospital, 24h casualty & emergency, Tel: 2505 9299 or 2505 9293
The Manzini Clinic Tel: 2505 7430
Medisun Clinic , Ezulwini Tel: 2416 2800
The Mbabane Clinic 24th Trauma Care and Laboratory Service Tel: 2404 2423
Dentist: Mbabane Clinic Tel: 2404 2423
Good Shepherd Hospital, Siteki Tel: 2343 4133

ROAD DISTANCES TO ESWATINI (MBABANE) IN KILOMETERS:

- Johannesburg 635 (South Africa)
- Durban 368 (South Africa)
- Richards Bay 368 (South Africa)
- Gaborone 748 (Botswana)
- Maputo 236 (Mocambique)
- Maseru 136 (Lesotho)

TRANSPORT BETWEEN ESWATINI & SA

GETTING to eSwatini apart from traveling by coach with a group is very easy. Busses operate daily between **Johannesburg (Sandton and O. R. International Airports)** as well as daily flights:

BY AIR:
Airlink eSwatini | Tel. +268 251 86155
swaziairlink@flyairlink.com
www.flyEswatini.com

BUSINESS HOURS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

OFFICE 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.

Post offices are open 08h00-16h00 Mondays to Friday and 08h00-11h00 on Saturdays.

New Year's Day	– 1 January
King's Birthday	– 19 April
National Flag Day	– 25 April
Worker's Day	– 1 May
Umdlhanga 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



ADVENTURE

All Out Adventure Tours, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3423

Canopy Tours at Malolotja Nature Reserve,
Tel: 2444 3241

Sibebe Rock:
Cell: 7670 1667

White Water Rafting, Swazi Trails, Ezulwini
Tel: 2416 2180

Paintball, Hoof Beat
Cell: 76117655

Paintballing, Khuselwa,
Cell: +268 7803 8838

Quad Bikes, Khuselwa Farm,
Cell: +268 7803 8838

ART GALLERIES

Yebo Art Gallery, Zulwini
Cell: +268 7914 651

BACKPACKERS

Legends Backpackers, Mantenga
Tel: 2416 1870

Lidwala Lodge, Ezulwini
Tel: 7690 5865

Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye
Tel: 2383 8885

Sondzela Backpackers, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)
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BEAUTY & HEALTH

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam
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Nkonyeni Golf Estate Spa
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The George Hotel: Manzini
Tel +2505 2260

ACCOMODATION

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Lebombo Villas, Big Bend
Tel: 7603 6585

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Tel: 2528 3448

Mdzimba View Lodge,
Cell: 7841 2930

Phumula Guest House, Nhlanguano
Tel: 2207 9099

Simunye Club, Simunye
Tel: 2328 8894

Matsapha Inn,
Cell: +268 7860 0820

Tree Tops Resort,
Cell: +268 7808 0801
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BIRD WATCHING

Buhleni Farm Chalets
Tel +268 2416 3505/8

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi
Tel: 2467 4177

Simunye (Big Game Parks)
Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772

KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)
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Mananga Country Lodge
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Malolotja Nature Reserve,
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Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks)
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Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye
Tel: 2383 8885

Mlilwane Game Sanctuary, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)
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Nkonyeni Golf Estate
Tel: 2540 0024/5

Phumula Guest House, Nhlanguano

Tel: 2207 9099

Shield Guesthouse
Tel: 2404 6072/ 7652 4021

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve
Tel: +268 76300526

Royal Jozini
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BUSHMAN PAINTING

Nsangwini Rock Shelter
Tel: 7619 2665

Hhelehhele Rock Art:

CAMPING

Buhleni Farm Chalets
Tel: +268 2416 3505/8

Brookside Lodge, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3765/ Cell: +268 76214228

All OUT Adventure Tours, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3423

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:
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KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)
Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772

CAVING

Swazi Trails
Tel: 2416 2180

CRAFTS & ARTS

Gone Rural, Malkerns
Tel: 2550 4936/ 7615 2736

Kwaziswazi, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3110

Ngwenya Glass,
Tel: 2442 4053

Rainbow Angels
Tel: 24162508

Swazi Candles, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3219

CULTURE

King Sobhuza II Memorial Park, ENTC Lobamba
Tel: 2416 2131

Maguga Lodge
Tel: 2437 3975

Mantenga Cultural Village
Tel:2416 1151

Sibebe Resort,
Cell: +268 7804 9560

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:
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FISHING

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Guided Fishing Tours Tiger Fishing at van Eck Dam
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Maguga Dam
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Mananga Country Lodge
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Mhlosinga Nature Reserve
Tel: +268 76300526

GAME VIEWING

KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 | Cell: 7677 6772

Mlawula Nature Reserve
Tel: +268 2383 8885

Mananga Country Lodge
Tel 2323 2404

Malolotja Nature Reserve
Tel: 2444 3241 or 7660 6755

Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks)
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Mlilwane Game Sanctuary, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)
Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 | Cell: 7677 6772

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:
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Brookside Lodge, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3765/ Cell: +268 76214228

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi
Tel: 2467 4177

Nkonyeni Golf Estate
Tel: 2540 0024/5

Mananga Country Lodge
Tel 2323 2404

Simunye Country Club
Tel: 2383 8894

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve
Tel: +268 76300526

Matsapha
Tel: 2518 4693

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HORSE RIDING

Chubeka Trails, at Mlilwane Game Sanctuary
Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 | Cell : 7677 6772

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi
Tel: 2467 4177

Hoof beat, Horse riding, Paintball
Cell: 76117655.

Khuselwa, Manzini
Cell: +268 7803 8838

HOTELS

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam
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Nkonyeni Golf Estate | Tel: 2540 0024/5
Phumula Guest House, Nhlanguano
Tel: 2207 9099

The George Hotel: Manzini
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LODGES

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Tel 2416 3505/8 Te: 2404 3387/ 7608 6229

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam
Tel: 2437 3975

Mahamba Gorge Lodge
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Mantenga Cultural Village,
Tel: 2416 1101/2416 1151

Mananga Country Lodge
Tel 2323 2404

Manzini Lodge
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Mbuluzi Nature Reserve North of Simunye
Tel: 2383 8861/2

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Tel 2313 4350/ 2313 4777

Shield Guesthouse
Tel: 2404 6072/ 7652 4021

Sibebe resort
Tel: 3402 0406/76088228

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MUSEUMS

Bulembu Museum |www.bulembu.org
www.sntc.org.sz

King Sobhuza II Memorial Park
www.sntc.org.sz

Mantenga Cultural Village |www.sntc.org.sz
Sugarcane Museum | +268 23737334 /
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Simunye Country Club, Simunye,
Tel: 2383 8894

The Calabash: Ezulwini
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The George Hotel: Manzini
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SELF-CATERING

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Veki's, Mbabane | Tel: 7603 6396
Mhlosinga Nature Reserve Cabins

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Lakeside Tiger Fish Cabins
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Dept. of Tourism, Swazi Plaza, Mbabane
Ezulwini Tel: 2416 2180

Swazi Trails
Tel: 2416 2180

TRAVEL AND TOURS

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WALKING/HIKING

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KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)

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Khelekhele Trail
Cell: 7631 5308

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam
Tel: 2437 3975

Maguga view point:
Tel:2437 1056/ Cell 7606 5519/7607 1175

Mahamba Gorge Lodge:
Cell 7617 9880

Malolotja Nature Reserve
Tel: 2444 3241 or 7660 6755

Mananga Country Lodge
Tel 2323 2404

Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks)

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Mlawula Nature Reserve,
Tel: 2383 8885

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Life is an Adventure

...Live it at
Khuselwa
Farm

TUCKED away in Hhelehhele, Manzini, Khuselwa Farm is an adventurer's dream. Whether you're seeking some an adrenaline rush or looking for a fresh way to enjoy Eswatini's great outdoors, this destination delivers on every front; from paintball skirmishes to quad bike trails.

PAINTBALL: BATTLE-READY FUN

Start your weekend with a splash of colour and a surge of adrenaline. Paintball at Khuselwa is fast-paced, exciting and perfect for groups looking to take their competitive spirit to the next level.

Dodge flying paintballs, capture zones and out-maneuvre opponents in a high-energy battlefield experience.

TIPS FOR WOMEN JOINING THE ACTION:

- Skip the skirts – go for activewear you don't mind getting splattered.
- A padded sports bra helps with both protection and support while sprinting across the field.
- Braids are a game-changer – they stay

“...Paintball at Khuselwa isn't just a game – it's an explosion of colour, strategy and adrenaline. Dodge flying paintballs, capture zones, and discover just how competitive you really are.

neat under a helmet and out of your eyes.

- Most importantly, dive in with confidence – paintball is a level playing field for everyone.



LET'S HAVE FUN: paintball battles at Khuselwa Farm Adventures.

ARCHERY: FIND YOUR INNER SUPERHERO

Few activities feel as empowering as drawing back a bowstring and hitting your mark. Archery at Khuselwa blends skill, focus and a hint of superhero fantasy; think Wonder Woman or Hawkeye in action.

The bows pack more weight than expected, adding to the thrill as you line up your shot. It's as much about balance and poise as it is about precision, making it a rewarding challenge for first-timers and enthusiasts alike.

HORSE RIDING: FREEDOM ON 4 HOOVES

Swap the hustle of everyday life for the rhythm of a galloping horse. At Khuselwa Farm, horse riding offers sweeping views, exhilarating rides and a deep connection with nature.

Trot along bush trails, climb gentle slopes or simply enjoy the sense of freedom that comes with open landscapes and endless horizons. Each ride feels different; part adventure, part meditation.

QUAD BIKING: OFF-ROAD ESCAPE

For those who prefer horsepower of the mechanical variety, quad biking is an unbeatable way to explore the terrain. Feel the wind in your face as you ride over dirt paths, rocky inclines and grassy tracks.

Unlike driving a car, quad biking strips away barriers between rider and landscape, turning the journey itself into an adventure. With every twist of the throttle, the excitement builds; part thrill, part escape.

WHY KHUSELWA FARM?

Because it's more than just an activity hub, it's a call to adventure. Whether you're coming for paintball battles, archery practice, horse rides or quad biking thrills, one thing is certain: You won't want to leave.



Even if you just saddle up for the insta-moments, its okay. Afterall you deserve that bit adrenaline rush.

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE... Live

- Swimming
- Hiking
- Archery
- Paintball
- Quad bikes
- Horse riding
- Outdoor camping
- Restaurant and bar onsite

BOOK NOW

Contact: 7803 8838
Email: khuselwafarmadventures@gmail.com
Location: Lugaganeni, Eswatini

MANTENGA

LIFESTYLE & CRAFT CENTRE

A Vibrant Destination for Artistry, Community, and Culinary Delights

NESTLED in the heart of Ezulwini, the Mantenga Lifestyle & Craft Centre is more than just a destination; it's an experience that captures the heart of Eswatini, inviting you to explore, indulge, and connect with the rich culture and artistry that makes our land truly special.

Established in 1975 as an aid project to support Swazi handicrafts, this enchanting spot has blossomed into a bustling hub 'Under the Big Tree,' where local artisans and culinary talents come together to create un- forgettable experiences.

THE CULINARY ADVENTURE AWAITS

Go on a culinary journey like no other at our food court, where flavours from around the globe come together. Enjoy the unique concept of ordering from various restaurants, allowing you to share a meal while savouring personalised dishes that tantalise your taste buds.

BOMDIA RESTAURANT AND BAKERY:

Indulge in delicious Portuguese meals and breakfasts, perfectly paired with handmade breads and pastries— all crafted in-house.
Contact: +268 762 62905

PIZZA VESUVIO



Relish authentic Italian pizzas and pastas, crafted by Giancarlo, who takes pride in serving guests with warmth and passion.
Contact: +268 7656 7770

THE SMOKE & GRILL



Experience the art of smoked meats, expertly mastered by Sipho Dlamini. Enjoy flavorsome smoked pork, beef, and chicken that will leave you craving more.
Contact: +268 7612 1788

THE WINE BOUTIQUE

Discover a world of exquisite wines and spirits with Lungile Dube-Mot-

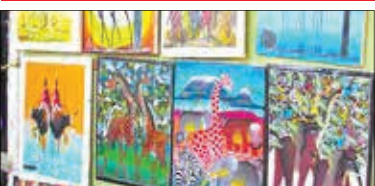


sa, who will guide you to expand your palate. Enjoy local draft beer and feel the essence of Eswatini.
Contact: +268 7802 7769 / 7612 2182

HANDCRAFTED TREASURES AWAIT

Explore a rich collection of authentic Swazi crafts, where each piece tells a story of passion and creativity. From intricate beadwork to bold textiles and captivating woodcarv- ings, the craftsmanship on display is a testament to the vibrant culture of Eswatini.

BENGUNI CRAFTS



Discover handcrafted products by local artisans, offering a treasure trove of items reminiscent of a traditional Swazi market.
Contact: +268 7657 2148

MASSAI CRAFT



Experience Pan-African art bursting with vibrant colors and funky designs, all hand-painted and stitched by Thandeka. Arrange for after-hours shopping for a truly personal experience.
Contact: +268 7621 1261

RAINBOW ANGELS



Take home beautiful wooden sculptures that make perfect gifts or mementos of your travels, crafted by skilled artisans Acan and Zanele.
Contact: +268 7633 7859

STYLE AND FLAIR FOR EVERYONE

Unleash your personal style with a variety of unique shops showcasing handmade jewelry, leather products, and high-end fashion, all

crafted with care and creativity.

EXPRESS JEWELLERS

Founded by Mr. Mumba Kashiki and his son, their bespoke jewelry pieces incorporate unique materials like giraffe and elephant tail hair.
Contact: +268 7667 3399

ROSE OF SHARON SPACE



Offering Afrocentric handmade leather products, including shoes and handbags sourced from across Southern Africa.
Contact: +268 7669 9126

EULOGIES REGALIA



BKD MAKEUP ARTISTRY

Specialising in luxury bridal makeup services to make your special day unforgettable.
Contact: +268 7696 6076

AURA BEAUTY STUDIO



Where hair care is an art form, specialising in premium hair treatments and wig services.
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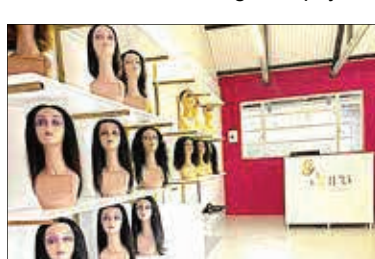
SPECIALTY SHOPS A BOLD EXPRESSION OF YOU

For those looking to express their individuality, Mantenga offers specialty services that celebrate your unique style. **By appointment only**



THE DELIGHTFUL ENCHANTMENT

Is a treasure-filled shop full of handmade magic with a distinctly Afro-chic flair. From our signature Jack & Miranda carvings to upcycled



art, sparkling crystals, and curated gifts and hampers, everything is made with heart. We also offer handcrafted jewellery made from leather, wood, seeds, and always finished with stainless steel. Plus, don't miss our fun craft workshops — come explore, create, and be enchanted!
Cell : 76021189

PICTURE THIS

A family-run business specializing in canvas art that celebrates the beauty and rich heritage of Eswatini, turning your treasured memories into stunning works of art.
Contact: +268 7863 8611

AMAHLE

Amahle caters to mothers, families with young children, and environmentally conscious consumers through eco-friendly offerings like wooden toys, organic clothing, and wellness items. By collaborating with local artisans and using sustainable materials, Amahle ensures quality while supporting fair trade practices.
Contact: +268 7669 9126

UMUHLE MBAMBA



Handcrafted classy beaded ear-



rings for the woman who wants to look and feel good. Each piece tells a story and captures the vibrant colourful culture of Eswatini. This in turn evokes emotions of joy for all that interact with the brand.
Contact: +268 7630 4697

THE LOOP – PRE-LOVED,



REFINED STYLE

Step into The Loop and discover fashion that tells a story. From timeless classics to modern must-haves, be styled in pre-loved and refined pieces that are uniquely you.
Cell : 7602 0872

HAPPINESS DESIGNS –TAKE



A BIT OF AFRICA HOME

Stuffed elephants with big personality, vibrant Tshweshwe aprons, and colourful bags for your gadgets — Happiness Designs turns traditional fabric into joyful souvenirs. Wild, wonderful, and proudly local. Find your favourite
Cell : 7833 1190

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Come and be part of our vibrant community—your adventure awaits!

FOOD COURT :
Italian, Portuguese, meat platters, wine, draught beers, artisanal ice cream

SHOPS : Local Crafts & gifts

OPEN DAILY

Mantenga Drive / Tivakashi Street, Ezulwini

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Instagram : mantengalifestyle

Facebook : mantengacraftandlifestyle

Who will wreck you?

...14 Crazy comedians set for ECOFEST 2025



The only thing you need to worry about is whether your ribs can handle the laughter!

...with 14 comedians ready to bring their best, the only thing you need to worry about is whether your ribs can handle it.

THE HEADLINER: BOLDWIN BALS

Bals has become one of Botswana's most recognisable comedians since his debut in 2016 with an impromptu open mic performance. Nearly a decade later, he has graced major stages, co-founded the Gaborone Comedy Club and earned a reputation for sharp wit, bold delivery and magnetic stage presence. Audiences at ECOFEST can expect an electrifying performance with punchlines that stay with you long after the curtain falls.



Bonginkhosi Dlamini, known as Dr Shakes, is the founder of ECOFEST and he is a local comedian.

THE VISION BEHIND ECOFEST

ECOFEST was founded by charismatic comedian Bonginkosi Dlamini, better known as Dr Shakes, who envisioned a platform that celebrates southern Africa's vibrant comedic talent while spotlighting emerging local artists. "This year marks the second edition of ECOFEST and we aim to make it bigger and better than the inaugural event," says Communications Officer Nolwazi Langwenya, underlining the festival's growing role in Eswatini's entertainment calendar.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE THERE

Laughter knows no borders at ECOFEST, where diverse comedic styles collide to create one un-missable night. With 11 comedians ready to bring the best, the only thing you need to worry about is whether your ribs can handle it.



Bongiswa and Darren, a hilarious duo that sure knows how to crack ribs with laughter.

WHO will wreck you with laughter? On September 26 2025, ECOFEST returns with a comedy line-up designed to leave you gasping for air. Expect high-energy performances from Bongiswa & Darren, Ndosh and Dr Shakes from Eswatini, Shanray Van Wyk from South Africa, Siri Matee from Lesotho and Botswana's comedy powerhouse Baldwin

Bals – plus a few surprise acts.

Hosted at the SibaneSami Hotel in Ezulwini, the venue provides the perfect stage for an evening of rib-cracking entertainment.



Ndosh is one of the headliners for Eswatini International Comedy Festival 2025.



Best birding spots



ESWATINI is a birding haven. Here are some of the interesting places to go for birding;

MBULUZI GAME RESERVE

This reserve, situated in the Lowveld bush, is home to some of the finest birds. It's a birding paradise with over 300 species of birds that have been recorded. This includes rare species such as dwarf bittern, Narina trogon, African finfoot, grey-headed kingfisher, African cuckoo-hawk, Eurasian hobby, and thick-billed cuckoo.

DOMBEYA GAME RESERVE

Now this reserve is a sanctuary for precious birds such as pink-throated twinspots and cuckoos. It boasts more than 220 bird species and is still counting. As a reserve that encourages biodiversity, it is fast becoming a home to some interesting species such as the striped kingfisher, the grey waxbill, the African cuckoo and the black-chested snake eagle.

MALOLOTJA NATURE RESERVE

More than 280 species of birds have been recorded and its is an ideal breeding spot for many endangered birds, including the blue swallow, blue crane and Stanley's bustard. The reserve also excitingly contains rare species such as striped flufftails and black-rumped buttonquails.

HLANE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

Hlane Royal National Park is home to more than 250 bird species. Alan Murphy, a renowned Africa expert who has authored many Lonely Planet guidebooks, says, "It has a dense population of birds of prey, including five vulture species. The park sustains the highest density of

tree-nesting vultures in southern Africa. Red-billed oxpecker, which was extinct in eSwatini, has made a comeback here, and big colonies of red-billed queleas nesting are a sight to behold. Migratory birds are present from November to April."

Raptors of wide variety, including stunning martial eagles, bateleurs, and long-crested eagles, can be spotted here.

MANTENGA NATURE RESERVE

Many migratory birds visit this 725-hectare nature preserve, including the little grebe, white-breasted cormorant, reed cormorant, and even the little sparrowhawk.

WHY BIRDING?

Nothing will make you feel closer to nature than birding. Birds don't live in isolation—each species interacts with numerous other animals and plants, as well as elements of the non-living world such as geologic formations and weather systems. You can begin to un-

derstand the interconnections among all of these things in nature by paying some attention to birds. And who knows? You might just become a naturalist.

DID YOU KNOW

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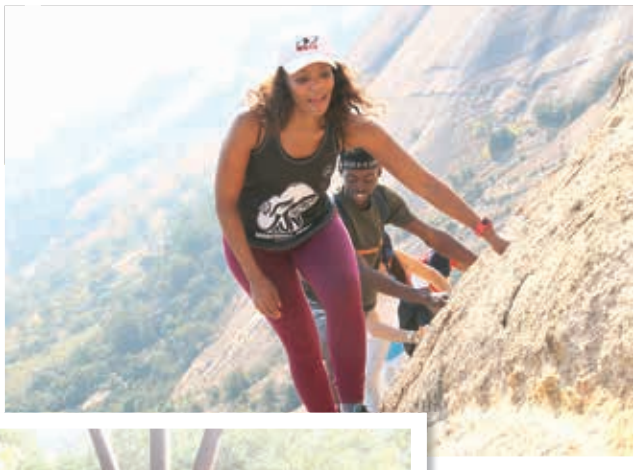
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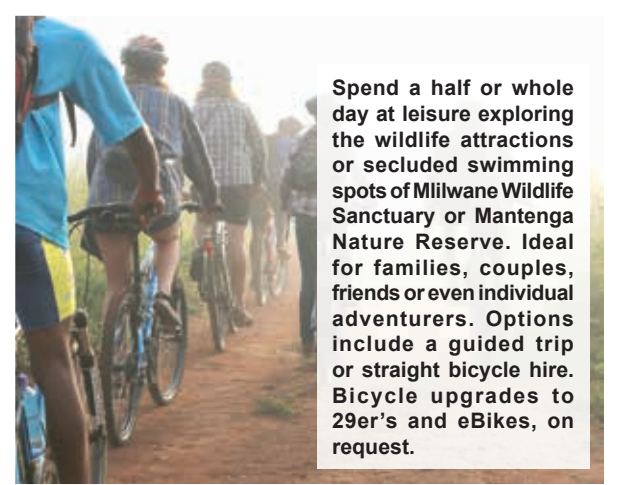
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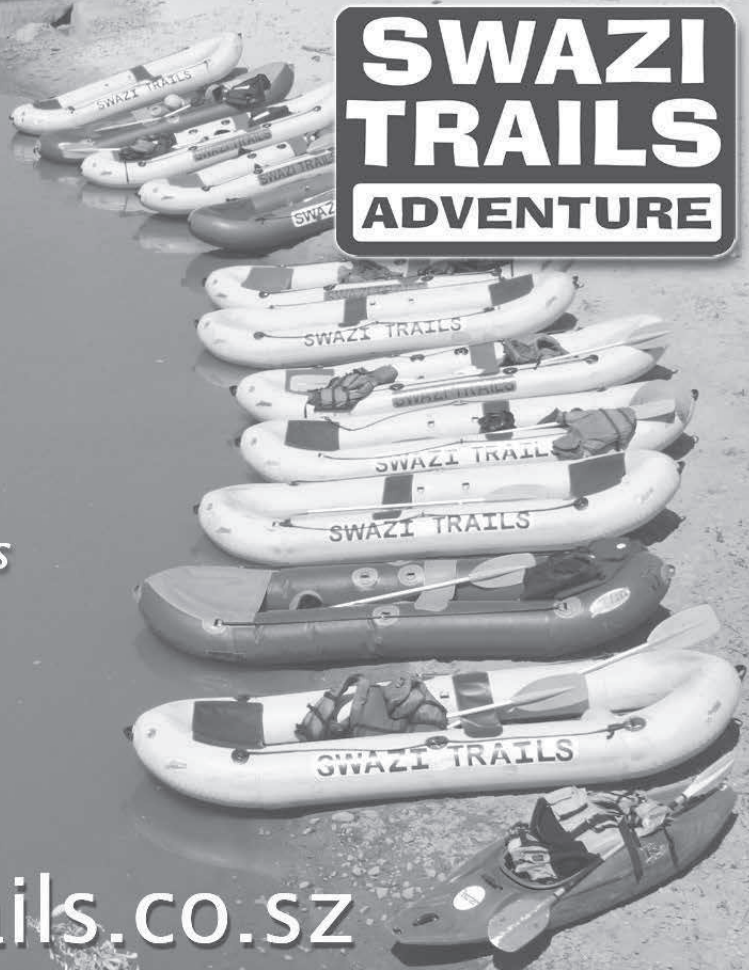
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Events CALENDAR





Ndosh is one of the headliners for Eswatini International Comedy Festival 2025.

Where to dance, laugh?

From business showcases and football excitement to belly laughs and vibrant music event, Eswatini’s event calendar is bursting with reasons to get out and about. Here’s a snapshot of what’s coming up, make sure you don’t miss a moment.

TRADE FAIR SHOW, AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 09, 2025

The annual Eswatini International Trade Fair and Exhibition (EITF) at Mavuso Trade Centre returns, offering businesses a golden platform to exhibit their products and services. Sport fans can also look forward to the thrilling 8BET Trade Fair Cup, while families can enjoy a variety of fun-filled activities. It’s an all-round celebration for work and play.

COMEDY FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Ready for a night of laughter? ECOFEST 2025 promises to leave you in stitches with a line-up of top comedians. Expect Bongiswa & Darren, Ndosh and Dr Shakes from Eswatini, Shanray van Wyk from South Africa, Sir Matee from Lesotho and Baldwin Bols from Botswana, among others. Hosted at Sibanesami Hotel in Ezulwini, the setting is just right for an evening of rib-cracking entertainment. Grab your early bird tickets now via DeltaPay.

MLAWULA CAMP FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Mlawula Campfire Festival is an annual event held at the Siphiso campsite on the last weekend of September. The event targets market is local and international camping enthusiasts; outdoor adventurers; families and companies looking for a different and refreshing adventure-filled weekend away in a pristine and scenic wilderness area. The aim is to continually grow the festival and establish it as the biggest camping event in the country. The event features entertainment activities, such as hiking, aerobics, team building exercises, game viewing, bicycle rides, comedy shows, raffle draws, live music performances, cultural dance and exhibitions and children’s games.


ESWATINI FARMERS’ MARKET, OCTOBER 11, 2025

The Eswatini Farmers’ Market returns to Malkerns Country Club, with this year’s edition promising to be bigger and better than ever. Festival Director Culolam Dlamini hints at a star-studded line-up featuring both local and international acts, with the first wave of artists to be announced soon. Early bird tickets are available now for E250; secure yours before they’re gone.



Eswatini Farmers Market 2024 introduced Amapiano genre to their line up and darn Murumba Pitch killed it.





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