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...Trade fair 2026 invites to an exciting chapter for trade and tourism

MANZINI – This August marks the exciting return of one of Eswatini’s biggest tourism and trade attractions. From 28 August to 6 September, the 58th Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF) is all set to transform the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini into a vibrant hub of business, innovation, entertainment, sports tourism and cultural exchange. This year’s edition also promises to be one of the most significant in the event’s history.

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will be complemented by pavilion exhibitors including Turkey, Taiwan, the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and the SEDCO Agriculture Pavilion. The EITF is hosted by the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) under the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, and approximately 200 exhibitors are expected this year. Around ten per cent of these exhibitors will be coming from outside Eswatini. This evolution signals the growing international profile of the country’s premier trade exhibition.

This year’s theme is ‘Unlocking Green Economy Opportunities for Sustainable Trade Promotion’ and places sustainability at the centre of the visitor experience.

Business seminars, exhibitor displays and networking activities will explore recycling, circular economy practices, green finance and ESG principles.



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EITF 2026 FAST FACTS

- 58th edition of the Eswatini International Trade Fair
- Theme: Unlocking Green Economy Opportunities for Sustainable Trade Promotion
- Kia to be won by one lucky EITF visitor
- Fitness Friday returns
- Approximately 200 exhibitors confirmed
- About 10% international exhibitors
- First-ever International Pavilion
- Regional participants from South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Tanzania and Mozambique
- Pavilion exhibitors include Turkey, Taiwan, Ministry of ICT, Hall 3 and the SEDCO Agriculture Pavilion
- 8Bet Trade Fair Cup
- Basketball, Volleyball and Netball tournaments
- Traditional Sibhaca, Ingadla and Lutsango competitions
- Children's games and Family Fun Days a prominent feature again
- Local and South African entertainment and Gospel Sunday all set
- Chef's Sunday
- Buy Eswatini Launch & Activation.

peting for the championship title. These events continue the successful integration of sport into the Trade Fair programme, creating additional reasons for visitors to spend time at the exhibition while supporting local athletes and sports tourism. The talent on display from all regions sees many members of the public cram the stadiums to witness the games each year and this year is no different.

Celebrate Swazi Culture, dances

Traditional dance competitions featuring Sibhaca, Ingadla and Lutsango will once again provide visitors with an authentic cultural experience.

The competition, spearheaded by Imigidvo Yesintfu Eswatini, will bring together teams from across the Kingdom, from grassroots imiphakatsi to elite groups representing armed forces, corporates and institutions

The groups will showcase Eswatini's heritage while competing during the exhibition period, ensuring that business, culture and national identity are celebrated together.

The 58th Eswatini International Trade Fair is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious editions in its history. Its blend of international participation, sustainability, business networking, sport, shopping and culture reflects an exhibition that continues to evolve while remaining true to its role as Eswatini's premier trade showcase. For Emaswati and international visitors alike, this year's EITF offers an opportunity to experience the Kingdom's innovation, hospitality and entrepreneurial spirit under one roof.

tourism experiences. Families, entrepreneurs, investors and regional visitors all find reasons to spend the day at Mavuso Trade Centre. Shopping, product launches, food, technology, agriculture and investment opportunities are presented alongside entertainment, making the EITF an event that appeals to both business travellers and leisure tourists.

Complementing the exhibition are a series of business seminars that have become a hallmark of the EITF, equipping entrepreneurs and professionals with practical knowledge and business insights. Topics this year include Innovation for Sustainable Growth and Empowering Youth, SMEs and Start-ups to Unlock Green Economy Opportunities in Eswatini.

CAR UP FOR GRABS FOR EITF VISITORS AGAIN!

Attending the EITF will not only unlock unlimited opportunities in business and trade, but you could also drive away with a brand-new vehicle. Just from attending the Trade Fair and visiting the exhibition stalls, and fulfilling the competition requirements, you then enter the lucky draw. Over the years, attendees have been drawn, with one winning each year. This has added much buzz to the EITF. The details of this year's draw will be shared soon and also every time at the actual exhibition venue.

SOCCER, BASKETBALL, IN SPORTS TOURISM

The popular 8Bet Trade Fair Cup returns alongside the Mulasport Basketball, Volleyball and Netball tournaments. The basketball competition now attracts participation from both Eswatini players based abroad and international players who join local teams to strengthen squads com-

They will also be demonstrating that economic growth and environmental stewardship can move forward together.

The Honourable Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Manqoba Khumalo, represented by his Principal Secretary, Melusi Masuku, said the presence of the public was what makes EITF a success and warmly invited them and exhibitors to this year's edition.

"This theme is a call to action. We urge all exhibitors, from SMEs and large corporations to government bodies, to showcase their Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks. We want to demonstrate to the world that Eswatini operates with the highest standards of ethics, transparency, and social responsibility," he said.

The EIPA Chief Executive Officer Sibani Mngomezulu said they are committed to making this the most successful EITF ever.

"Our visitor numbers soared past the 70 000 mark in 2025, thanks in large part to our integration of sports tourism through the 8Bet Trade Fair Cup and cultural dance competitions, traditions we are proud to continue this year," he said.

Visitors can keep up with programme updates, exhibitor announcements and entertainment reveals by following the official EITF social media platforms @eswatiniinternationaltradefair. Over the past months, the EITF team has also been moving around towns through roadshows where the public expressed excitement to be a part of this year's edition.

BUSINESS MEETS TOURISM & SEMINARS

The Trade Fair has evolved beyond a business exhibition into one of Eswatini's flagship

FOR more than three decades, Swazi Rally has brought together motorcycle enthusiasts from across Southern Africa to celebrate the open road, lifelong friendships and a shared passion for adventure. Now entering its 55th edition, the iconic event returns to Riders Ranch, Eswatini, from 28 to 30 August 2026, promising another action-packed weekend that continues to grow in both scale and experience.

What began as a gathering for bikers has evolved into one of the region's most anticipated lifestyle events, attracting thousands of visitors each year. Today, Swazi Rally is about much more than motorcycles. It's a celebration of motorsport, music, tourism, local culture and the unique hospitality that Eswatini is known for.

At the heart of the weekend is the Motorsport Arena, where spectators can expect an adrenaline-fuelled programme of action. Returning by popular demand is Jungle Rush FMX, whose team of freestyle motocross riders will once again defy gravity with spectacular aerial tricks, precision riding and jaw-dropping stunts that have become a crowd favourite.

Whether you're a seasoned rider or simply enjoy world-class entertainment, the arena delivers excitement from start to finish.

Building on the success of its introduction last year, the Kids Day Ticket returns, making it easier than ever for families to experience the Rally together. The initiative gives younger visitors access to the Motorsport Arena, creating an opportunity to introduce the next generation to the excitement of motorcycles and motorsport in a safe, family-friendly environment. Young rally-goers will also have the opportunity to win an exciting grand prize of their own, with more details to be revealed in the coming weeks.

Beyond the engines, visitors can explore an expanded market area featuring an exciting mix of local food vendors, artisans, craftspeople, lifestyle brands and small businesses. Organisers are placing greater emphasis on creating a vibrant marketplace that showcases the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of Eswatini while offering

Swazi Rally 2026:

Celebrating 33 Years of Bikes, Adventure and Unforgettable Experiences



rally-goers plenty to discover throughout the weekend.

Entertainment also continues to evolve. While Swazi Rally has always been known for its lively evenings, the 2026 edition promises an even more diverse programme designed to appeal to a broader audience. The first headline act, South African hip-hop heavyweight K.O., has already been announced, with organisers teasing that one of South Africa's hottest new-school DJs will also join the line-up. Together with an exciting selection of regional artists, local DJs and live entertain-

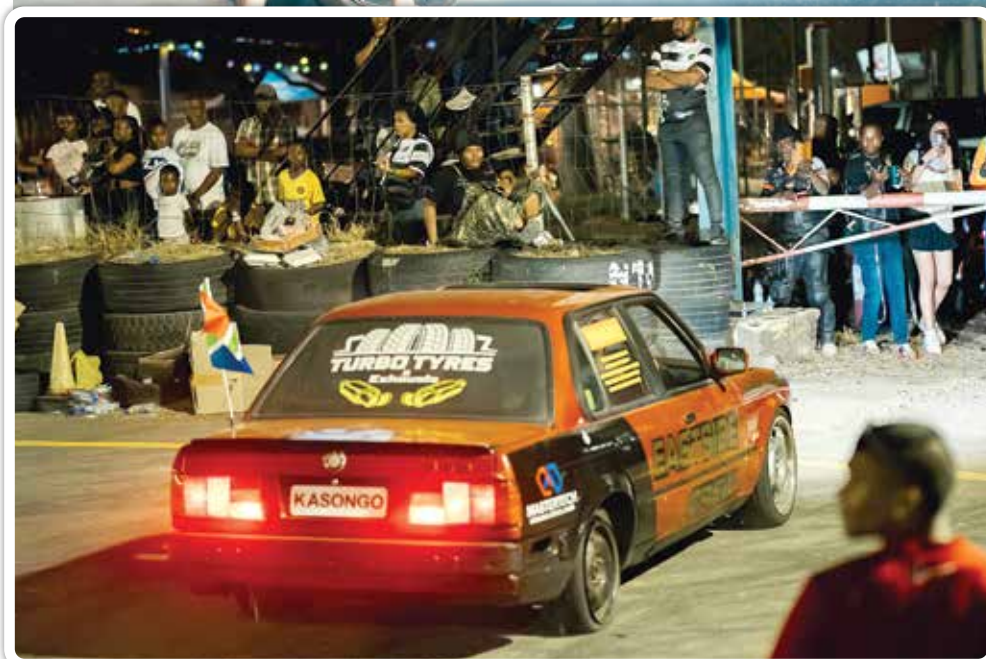


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ment, the stage is set for an unforgettable weekend of music long after the day's riding comes to an end. Entertainment continues to evolve. While Swazi Rally has always been known for its lively

evenings, the 2026 edition promises one of its strongest entertainment line-ups yet. Organisers have already announced two major South African headline acts, with award-winning hip-hop icon K.O. and

Amapiano heavy-weight DJ Stokkie set to take to the



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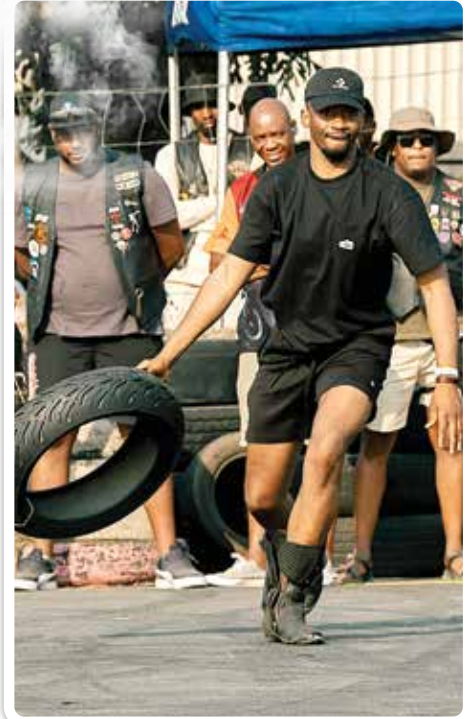


mix of regional artists, local DJs and live entertainment, attendees can look forward to an unforgettable weekend of music that will keep the energy going long after the day's riding and motorsport action comes to an end.

As if the action wasn't enough, one lucky ticket holder will ride away with the event's ultimate prize: a brand-new Suzuki GSX-800S, proudly sponsored by Xtreme Trading. One of Suzuki's most exciting naked sport motorcycles, the GSX-800S combines performance, technology and everyday rideability, making it a prize any motorcycle enthusiast would love to own.

Swazi Rally also remains an important contributor to Eswatini's tourism economy. Every year, thousands of visitors travel from across South Africa and neighbouring countries, filling accommodation establishments, supporting local restaurants, purchasing fuel, shopping at local businesses and contributing significantly to the country's economy. The event has become a flagship tourism attraction that showcases Eswatini as a welcoming destination for adventure tourism and major events.

The continued growth of Swazi Rally is made possible through the collaboration of valued partners who share the vision of building an event that benefits both visitors and the country. The organising committee extends its appreciation to partners including the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA), Xtreme Trading, the Eswatini Arts & Culture Council, and the Eswatini Tourism Authority,



delivering an event of this scale. Whether you're arriving on two wheels, bringing the family for a day of motorsport, camping with friends, or simply looking for an incredible weekend of entertainment, Swazi Rally 2026 offers something for everyone. It is an event where the roar of engines meets live music, where local businesses thrive

lifelong memories are created. Early Bird tickets are currently on sale through Howler for a limited time. With exciting entertainment announcements still to come and another action-packed programme taking shape, now is the perfect time to secure your place at one of Southern Africa's most iconic events. Swazi Rally 2026, 28-30 August | Riders Ranch, Eswatini Bikes. Spins. Beats.



Make Olive Country Lodge Your August Destination

...Escape to Comfort, Great Food



As Eswatini welcomes thousands of visitors during the country's biggest cultural and tourism events, Olive Country Lodge offers visitors a peaceful retreat away from the crowds while remaining conveniently located for exploring the Kingdom.

Whether you're visiting for the Umhlanga celebrations, the Trade Fair, business meetings, or simply looking for a relaxing weekend getaway, Olive Country Lodge is ready to welcome you with outstanding service, delicious cuisine and genuine Swazi hospitality.

Olive Country Lodge combines warm hospitality, comfortable accommodation, exceptional dining and the tranquility of nature to create an experience that feels just like home.

STAY. DINE. RELAX.

Every stay is designed with your comfort in mind. Guests can enjoy comfortable accommodation with complimentary breakfast and dinner, making your visit both convenient and value for money. Whether you're travelling for business, attending one of Eswatini's major August events, or planning a weekend escape, the lodge offers the ideal balance between relaxation and accessibility.

GUESTS CAN ALSO ENJOY:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the lodge
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The Bella Donna Restaurant & Bar

...a dining experience worth remembering



THE Bella Donna Restaurant & Bar is renowned for serving delicious meals prepared with fresh ingredients and exceptional care. Start your morning with a hearty breakfast before exploring Eswatini's many attractions and return in the evening to enjoy a flavourful dinner in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're a lodge guest or simply looking for a great dining experience, Bella Donna Restaurant & Bar promises meals that satisfy every appetite.

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Tradition. Unity. Pride.

...Umhlanga/Reed Dance is here 25 – 31 Aug 2026

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has officially summoned Imbali for the first leg of this year’s annual Umhlanga Reed Dance. Announced by Indvuna Yembali Bongiwwe Vivane Hlatjwako, the Umhlanga 2026 ceremony will commence on 25 August 2026 with the registration of maidens, marking the beginning of one of the Kingdom of Eswatini’s most cherished cultural celebrations.

Umhlanga remains a proud symbol of Eswatini’s rich cultural heritage, unity and respect for tradition under the leadership of His Majesty King Mswati III. Every year, thousands of maidens from across the Kingdom and beyond paint the Kingdom in color and song and celebrate the nation’s customs, reinforcing the values of discipline, cultural identity and national pride.

As preparations begin, the nation looks forward to another successful and colourful Umhlanga ceremony that will once again showcase Eswatini’s enduring traditions and the strength of its cultural legacy. Ready to witness the Imbali blossom? The Umhlanga, or Reed Dance Ceremony, is set to take place

from August 25, 2026 to August 31, 2026 with the Main Day of celebrations on 31 August.

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, undulating 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 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



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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 has already begun 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.

The official schedule for the 2025 Umhlanga ceremony is as follows:

- **August 25:** Arrival and Registration Day
- **August 26:** Maidens travel to various centres to cut the reed
- **August 27:** Reed cutting ceremonies take place
- **August 28:** Maidens return to **Ludzidzini Royal Residence**
- **August 29:** Rest day for the maidens
- **August 30:** Presentation of the reed before Their Majesties
- **August 31:** **Main Day** of the Umhlanga Reed Dance Ceremony



Mid-Registration now open for the 2026 Imbube Marathon



...Eswatini's biggest road race



THE countdown has begun. Mid-registration is now officially open for the 8th Edition of the Imbube Marathon, Eswatini's premier road running event, taking place on Saturday, 17 October 2026 at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Organised by the Eswatini National Provident Fund (ENPF), the Imbube Marathon has grown into far more than just a race. It is a celebration of endurance, community spirit and national pride, attracting elite athletes, recreational runners and fitness enthusiasts from across Eswatini and beyond.

As Eswatini's only official Comrades Marathon and Two Oceans Marathon qualifier, the event continues to cement its reputation as one of Southern Africa's must-run races, while providing an important platform for competitive athletics, youth development and sports tourism.

POWERED BY STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

The continued success of the Imbube Marathon is made possible through the support of valued partners committed to growing sport in Eswatini. The 2026 cash sponsors include Standard Bank Eswatini, Old Mutual Eswatini, Ubombo Sugar Limited, Unifoods, Industrial Development Company of Eswatini (IDCE), SPAR Eswatini, Balondolozzi and Lactalis Eswatini. Their investment helps deliver a world-class event that continues to raise Eswatini's profile internationally while creating meaningful eco-



economic opportunities for local businesses, tourism operators and surrounding communities. The marathon also continues to champion inclusivity, with increasing participation from athletes living with disabilities, making it a truly accessible event for all.

MISSED THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE?

There's still time to secure your place. **Mid-registration is open from 1 August to 30 September 2026**, with a **E100 surcharge** applying to all entries during this period. Late registration will run from **1 October to 10 October 2026**, attracting an additional **E150 late-entry fee**. Registration is quick and easy via the official Imbube Marathon website at www.imbubemarathon.com or by scanning the official event QR code. For assistance, contact 7902 1121 or visit imbube.enpf.co.sz.



A ROUTE THAT REWARDS EVERY RUNNER

The Imbube Marathon is renowned for offering one of the country's most scenic and challenging race routes. Runners will navigate a combination of tarred and gravel roads while taking in Eswatini's breathtaking landscapes. One of the defining features of the course is the legendary Malagwane Hill, a demanding climb that has become a badge of honour for those who conquer it.

To ensure participants enjoy a safe and comfortable race experience, hydration stations will be available approximately every three kilometres, toilet facilities every five kilometres, and comprehensive medical teams together with rapid-response vehicles will be stationed throughout the route, including the start and finish areas.

It's this exceptional organisation, energetic atmosphere and outstanding volunteer support that keeps runners returning year after year.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Date:** Saturday, 17 October 2026
- **Venue:** Somhlolo National Stadium
- **Race Categories**
- **42.2km Marathon** – Start: **5:30am** | Cut-off: **6 hours**
- **21.1km Half Marathon** – Start: **6:00am** | Cut-off: **3 hours**
- **10km Race** – Start: **6:00am** | Cut-off: **2 hours**
- **3.3km Fun Run** – Start: **6:30am**

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THERE is an old Siswati saying that has stood the test of time: “Libhodo lelihhotela lisha lishile.” Literally translated, it means “the hotel pots are always cooking.” More than a reference to cooking, it speaks to a timeless promise of hospitality, a place that is always prepared to welcome its guests, where warmth, comfort and good service are never in short supply.

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For those seeking rest and relaxation, the hotel’s beautifully appointed rooms provide the perfect sanctuary after a busy day or an exciting evening. Business travelers, holidaymakers and local guests alike can enjoy spacious rooms and suites designed



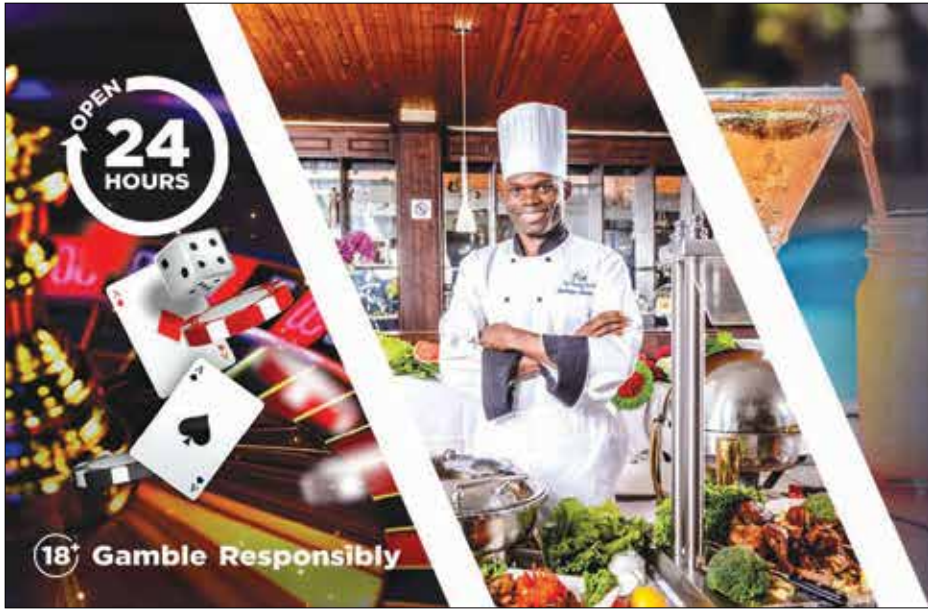
At The George Hotel, the stoves are still on. The kitchen is still serving. The spa is ready to restore. Comfortable rooms await every traveler. The casino floor is alive with excitement.

to deliver comfort and exceptional service. Complementing the accommodation is the hotel’s Health Spa, a peaceful escape dedicated to wellness and rejuvenation. Offering a range of relaxing treatments from therapeutic massages and revitalizing facials to indulgent body therapies, the spa provides you with an opportunity to pause, recharge and restore balance. It is the perfect destination for anyone looking to escape the pressures of everyday life and enjoy a few well deserved moments of tranquility. That is the spirit captured by the words “Libhodo Lelihhotela Lisha Lishile.” It is a promise that

the fire of hospitality never goes out. At The George Hotel, the stoves are still on. The kitchen is still serving. The spa is ready to restore. Comfortable rooms await every traveler. The casino floor is alive with excitement. We look forward to hosting you!



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AS Eswatini comes alive with the vibrant colours and cultural pride of the annual Umhlanga Ceremony this August, visitors have the perfect opportunity to pair this iconic celebration with a peaceful countryside retreat at Buhleni Farm Chalets in Ezulwini.

Tucked away in the heart of the Ezulwini Valley, Buhleni Farm Chalets is one of the region's best-kept secret. While many travellers flock to the valley's well-known attractions, few discover this tranquil haven where nature, comfort and serenity come together to create an unforgettable escape.

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Despite its rustic charm, Buhleni Farm Chalets offers all the modern comforts needed for a relaxing stay. After a day immersed in the festivities, returning to the calm surroundings of Buhleni Farm Chalets offers the perfect balance between cultural exploration and restorative relaxation.

Beyond the ceremony, guests can enjoy quiet nature walks, unwind beneath the stars, or simply savour the peaceful atmosphere that makes Buhleni Farm Chalets so special. It's a destination where time seems to slow, allowing every moment to be appreciated.



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Your August Retreat Awaits at Phumula Guesthouse

AS this month bring together the vibrant Umhlanga Ceremony and the bustling Eswatini International Trade Fair, Phumula Guesthouse is ready to welcome you with comfort, tranquillity, and authentic Swazi hospitality. If your idea of a border crossing usually involves long queues, frayed tempers and a desperate search for a decent cup of tea, Phumula Guesthouse is about to become your favourite sanctuary.

Strategically located just 9 kilometres from the Mahamba Border Post, the guesthouse is close enough to make your journey effortless, yet far enough away to leave the hustle and bustle of the border behind. It's where the frantic pace of travel gives way to comfort, calm and genuine hospitality.

Surrounded by peaceful countryside, Phumula Guesthouse provides a welcoming retreat for travellers arriving in Eswatini during one of the country's busiest tourism seasons. The guesthouse combines warm hospitality with



comfortable accommodation, creating a home-away-from-home atmosphere for families, couples and business travellers.

Its location also makes it an excellent starting point for discovering southern



Eswatini's attractions while remaining within easy reach of the country's major August events.

This August, don't let your journey end at the border. Continue just a little further to discover Phumula Guesthouse; a place where every arrival is met with warm smiles, restful surroundings, and the perfect opportunity to unwind after a day of celebrating Eswatini's rich culture and vibrant trade season.



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A Hidden Gem Worth Discovering

In the heart of Matsapha, Freshly Ground - Salt & Pepper Restaurant has quietly established itself as one of Eswatini's most exciting dining destinations. Blending the warmth of Afro-Portuguese cuisine and hospitality, in a unique environment full of soul. This vibrant restaurant offers an experience that keeps guests coming back.

From beautifully prepared seafood, coconut curries, traditional recipes, to authentic wood-fired pizzas, all elevated with the finest ingredients. Every dish reflects passion, quality and creativity, bringing the perfect fusion of Mozambican and Portuguese soul food.

The kitchen is open 7 days a week from 11am to 9pm Monday to Wednesday, 11am to 10pm on Thursday to Saturday and 9am to 7pm on Sundays, making it the perfect choice whether you're stopping in for a quick business lunch, a relaxed family dinner, or a celebration with friends.

The weekly calendar is packed with reasons to visit. **Tuesday's** famous wood-fired pizza promotion has become a local favourite, **Thursday's** cocktail nights show-

case sophisticated mixology, while **Friday's** after-work specials, create the ideal setting to unwind for the weekend. Add regular food and wine pairing evenings, with the daily chef's specials starting from E160, there's always something new to discover.

Beyond the food, Freshly Ground excels where it matters most: genuine hospitality. Friendly, attentive service and a welcoming family atmosphere make every guest feel at home from the moment they arrive.

If you're searching for a restaurant that combines outstanding flavours, excellent value, exciting events and consistently warm service in a chilled atmosphere, Freshly Ground is a destination that deserves a place on the top of your list. Once you've experienced it, you'll understand why so many diners are calling it one of Eswatini's best-kept culinary secrets.

FRESHLY GROUND SALT & PEPPER RESTAURANT

MR18, Matsapha,
M202, Eswatini
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@freshlygroundsp

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini



La Santé Spa
Way to Rejuvenation

YOUR SANCTUARY OF CALM AND REJUVENATION

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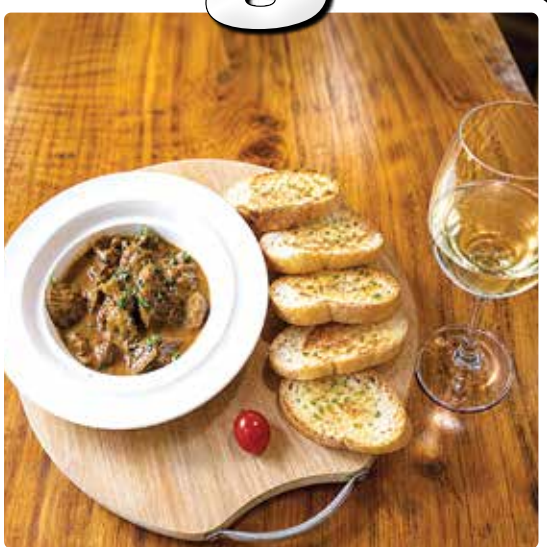
The SPLASH
Bring Your Vibe

- Swimming Pool
- Restaurant
- Kids Play Area
- Steam Room
- Bar

CONTACT US AT
78171488/ 79665665 Ngwane Park,
thesplash252@gmail.com behind The Vibe

The perfect place for dining, fun & relaxation

**RE-DISCOVER
ESWATINI THE
WANDERLUST**





**FRESHLY GROUND
SALT & PEPPER**

**TUESDAY HAS
A PLUS ONE**

BUY ANY PIZZA
AND GET A FREE
MARGHERITA
PIZZA

**EVERY
TUESDAY**

Escape to Mlawula: A Laughter, Adventure



ADVENTURE, entertainment, and culture come together at the 7th Mlawula Campfire Festival, taking place from 25–27 September 2026 at the breathtaking Mlawula Nature Reserve. Set in one of Eswatini's most beautiful natural destinations, the festival offers an unforgettable weekend for families, friends, campers, nature lovers, and adventure seekers. Whether you are looking for laughter, outdoor fun, live entertainment, or a unique cultural experience, this is the place to be.

The excitement begins on Friday with an unforgettable Comedy Night. Enjoy an evening filled with laughter as talented comedians entertain the crowd beneath the stars. The fun continues with live music, delicious food, and a vibrant campfire atmosphere where visitors can relax, socialize, make



new friends, and start the weekend on a high note.

Saturday is the heart of the festival, delivering the ultimate Mlawula Campfire Festival experience. Spend the day enjoying the beauty of Mlawula Nature Reserve through outdoor adventures, exciting games, and a lively festival atmosphere. As the day unfolds, the energy rises with electrifying live performances from talented artists



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

7th EDITION MLOWULA CAMPFIRE FESTIVAL
25-27 SEPTEMBER 2026

IMPALA PACKAGE - E650

- Full festival ticket
- Live music & performances
- Comedy live show
- Team building exercises
- Hiking experience
- Aerobics
- And more exciting activities in the wild

TICKET INCLUDES CAMPING GEAR RENTAL

FOR THE WEEKEND TEAM

- OUTDOOR COMEDY
- RESPONSE EXPERIENCES
- CULTURAL SPECTACLE

WhatsApp: 7806 9261 | Email: mlawula.info@entc.org.sz | Website: www.entc.org.sz

7th EDITION MLOWULA CAMPFIRE FESTIVAL
25-27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Glamping - E4100

- 6th RATE SAHARA LODGE TENT WITH VERANDA
- ACCESS TO A PRIVATE BAR AND RESTAURANT
- PRIVATE CHANGING CLOSET
- SECURED PARKING SPACE
- USE RECHARGEABLE LIGHTS
- DOUBLE BED WITH LINEN
- 1 FULL FESTIVAL TICKET
- 24 HOUR SECURITY

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Mantenga Cultural Village

Delicious PIZZA

Buy 2 Pizzas @E199

No Entrance Fee
Valid On Fridays & Saturdays Until 31 August 2026

7806 8932 / MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

Mantenga Cultural Village

FLAVOURS OF ESWATINI

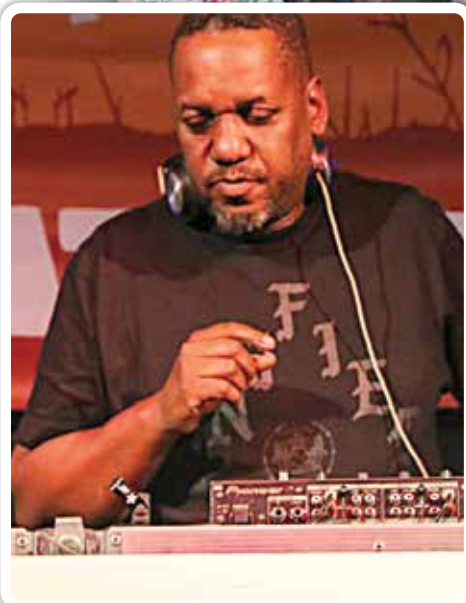
E55

Every Sunday

No Entrance Fee Valid Until 31 August 2026

7806 8932 / MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

Weekend of and Culture



and DJs who will keep the crowd entertained well into the night. With great music, delicious food, and an unforgettable campfire ambience, Saturday promises an experience filled with excitement, celebration, and lasting memories. The festival concludes on Sunday with a vibrant Cultural Exchange, bringing together surrounding regions to celebrate their unique traditions and heritage. Visitors will experience traditional dance, music, storytelling, local cuisine, arts and crafts, and cultural displays that showcase the richness and diversity of cultures. This day promotes unity, learning, appreciation, and meaningful connections while providing the perfect ending to an incredible weekend of adventure, entertainment, and celebration. More than just a festival, the Mlawula Campfire Festival is a celebration of community, conservation, and the beauty of nature. Camp under the stars, explore the reserve, meet new people, and enjoy a weekend unlike any other. Mark your calendar for 25-27 September

...Camp under the stars, explore the reserve, meet new people, and enjoy a weekend unlike any other.

2026, bring your family and friends, and experience a weekend filled with laughter, music, adventure, and culture. Join us at the 7th Mlawula Campfire Festival and create memories that will last a lifetime.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

Mantenga Cultural Village

Winter Special

ROOM PER NIGHT E700 B&B

Facilities & Activities
Restaurant & Bar Cultural Tour, Waterfall Viewing, Hiking
T & Cs Apply
Booking Essential Valid Until 31 August 2026

Call/Whatsapp: 78068932

Magadvavane Lodge

Winter Special

ROOM PER NIGHT E980 B&B
Inclu. Morning Feast, Aircon, Wifi & Smart Tv
E750 B&B
Inclu. Morning Feast, Wifi & Smart Tv
T & Cs Apply
Booking Essential Valid Only on weekends Until 31 August 2026

Call/Whatsapp: 78068931

ESARA CAMP

Winter Special

ROOM PER NIGHT E800

Self Catering
Room Amenities
Aircon, Dstv & Smart tv, Microwave & Refrigerator, Tea & Coffee Station, Braai stand
Facilities and Activities
Accommodation, Hiking, Birdwatching, Game viewing
T & Cs Apply
Booking Essential Valid Until 31 August 2026

Call/Whatsapp: 78068961

Mapelepele Cottage

Winter Special

ROOM PER NIGHT E1,600

Self Catering
Group Of 5 People
Facilities and Activities
Accommodation, Hiking, Birdwatching, Game viewing
T & Cs Apply
Booking Essential Valid Until 31 August 2026

Call/Whatsapp: 78068961

Mantenga Cultural Village

BUY 2 CHICKEN GRILL(1/2) + FRIES E199

Every Monday
No Entrance Fee Valid Until 31 August 2026
78068932 MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI, 8AM - 10PM

Mantenga Cultural Village

TUESDAYS DEAL
SAVANNA PREMIUM CIDER DRY
E20 5PM-10PM
No Entrance Fee Valid Until 31 August 2026
7806 8932 MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI, 8AM - 10PM

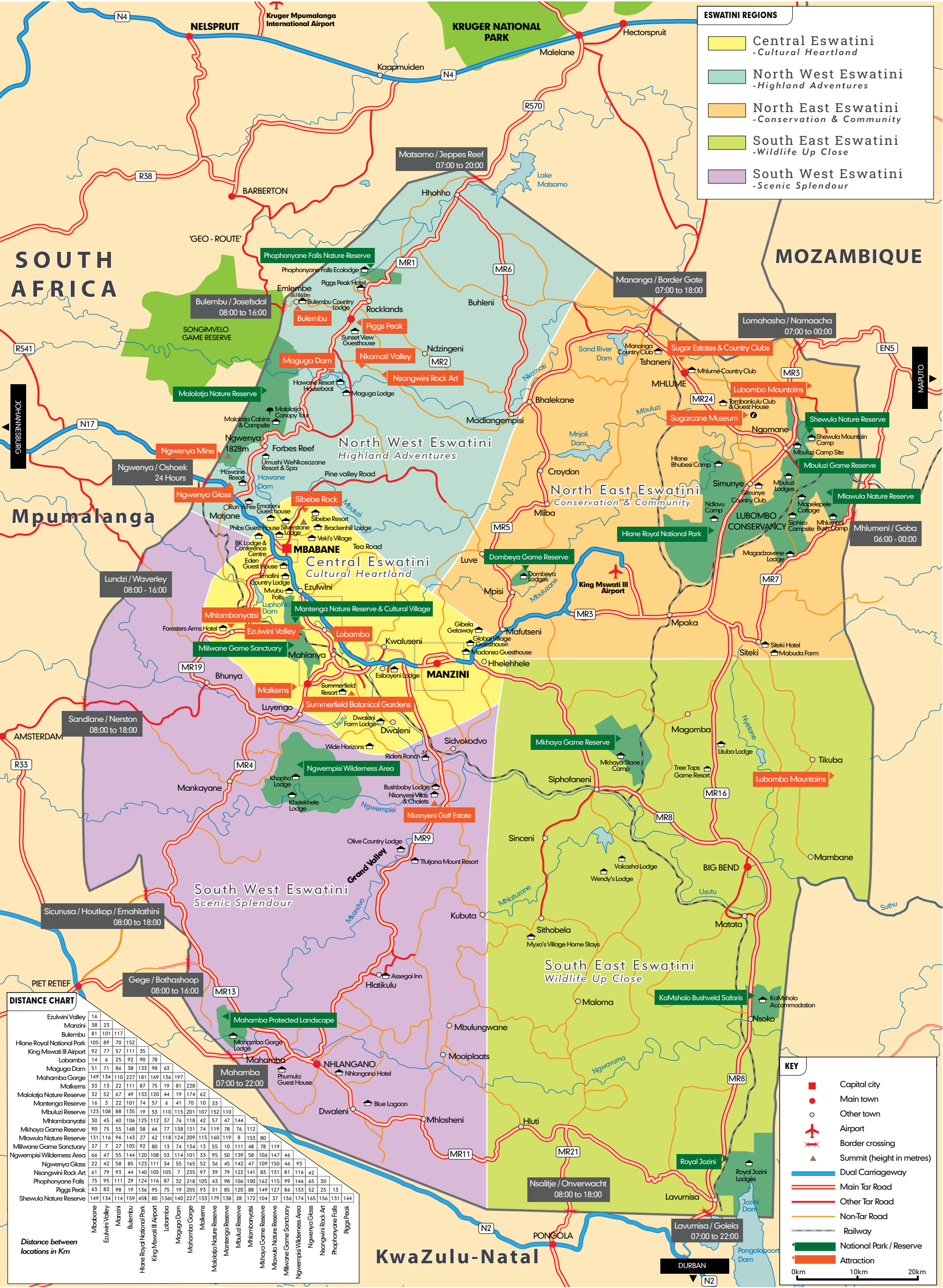
Mantenga Cultural Village

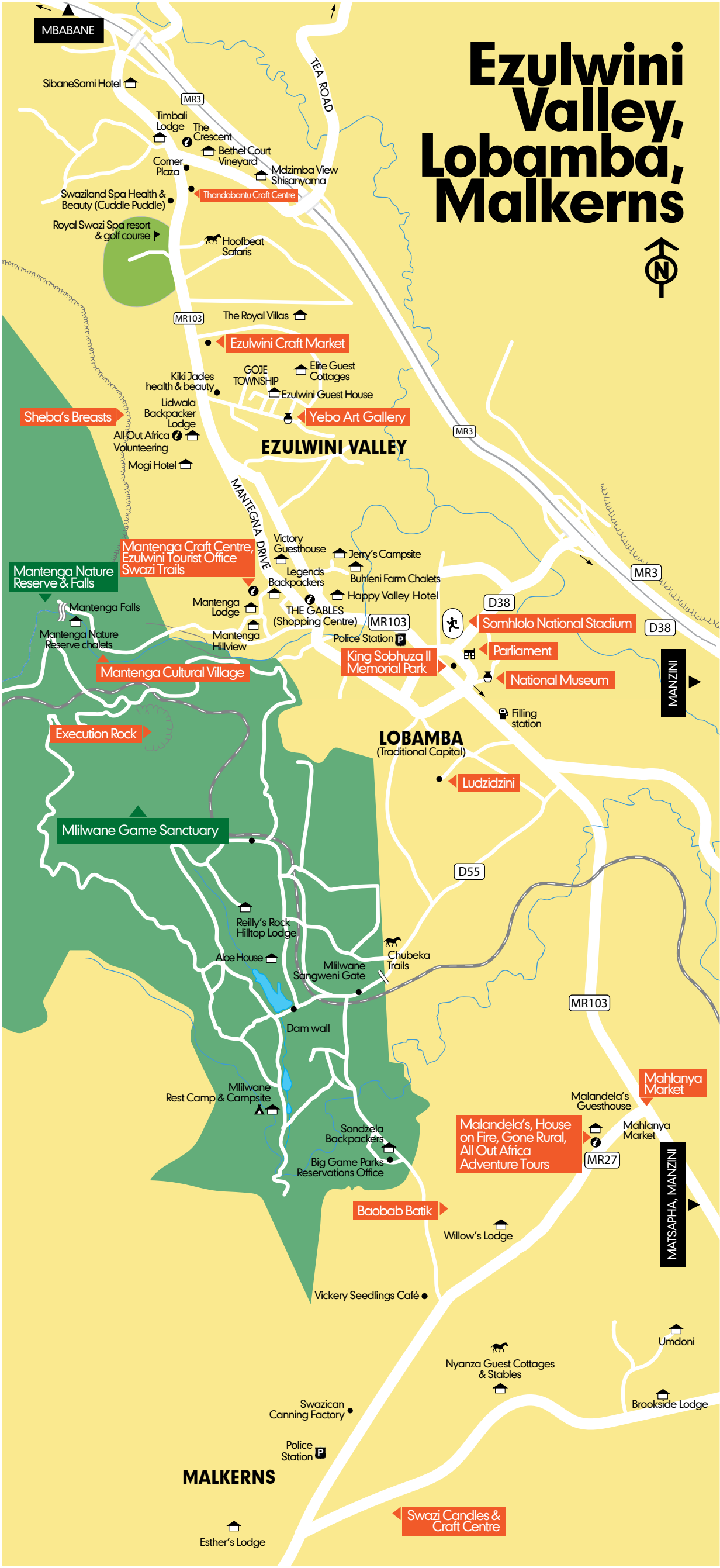
MANTENGA BURGER WITH CHIPS E95

Every Wednesday
No Entrance Fee Valid Until 31 August 2026
7806 8932 MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI, 8AM - 10PM

Mantenga Cultural Village

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
CASTLE LITE / BRUTAL FRUIT MILK STOUT / STELLA ARTOIS
E20 5PM-10PM
No Entrance Fee Valid Until 31 August 2026
7806 8932 MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI, 8AM - 10PM





--- SHOPPING IN ESWATINI ---

From candles to couture: 5 must-have brands

ESWATINI is a Kingdom where culture and craftsmanship intertwine, producing creations that are as beautiful as they are meaningful. For the traveller seeking something authentic to take home, these local brands embody the spirit, skill and heritage of the nation.

KHOKHO COLLECTION

Meaning 'great-grandmother' in siSwati, *Khokho* is a luxury accessories brand working with women weavers from Ntandozi. Their hand-dyed and handwoven bags, crafted from sisal fibre and *lutindzi* grass, marry traditional artistry with contemporary design. More than just stylish, these pieces provide sustainable opportunities and fair wages for local communities.

The Khokho Collection studio and boutique is located at Malandela's Farm in Malkerns.



MANTSHOLO CREATIONS

Mantsholo Creations is a woman-owned brand specialising in custom-made leather goods. From finely stitched handbags to wallets and belts, every item reflects meticulous craftsmanship and Eswatini's design heritage. These timeless accessories are available at select outlets across the country; Malandela's Farm and Ngwenya Glass Stores.



TINTSABA

Founded in 1985, Tintsaba has become world-renowned for its high-quality sisal baskets, jewellery and homeware. Working with over 1 000 rural women, the brand provides steady income, education and healthcare while producing vibrant designs inspired by the landscapes of Eswatini. Available in Peak Craft Centre in Pigg's Peak and Pigg's Peak Hotel.



NGWENYA GLASS

Ngwenya Glass is famous for its enchanting animal figurines and elegant tableware, all hand-made from 100 per cent recycled glass. Visitors can watch master artisans at work, transforming discarded materials into objects of beauty while promoting sustainability.

Swazi Candles

Since 1981, Swazi Candles has captivated visitors with its hand-poured creations shaped into animals, geometric forms and bold patterns. Using the millefiore technique, each candle is a miniature work of art. Guests can enjoy live

demonstrations and take home a piece of Eswatini's creativity.

Exploring these brands is more than shopping; it is a journey into the heart of Eswatini's artistry. Each item tells a story of tradition, innovation and community, making them gifts and souvenirs with a soul.





GENERAL INFORMATION

TODAY'S BANKNOTES IN ESWATINI:
PRINTER: GIESECKE & DEVRIENT-GERMANY



10 EMALANGENI (US\$0.54)



20 EMALANGENI (US\$1.07)



50 EMALANGENI (US\$2.69)



100 EMALANGENI (US\$5.37)



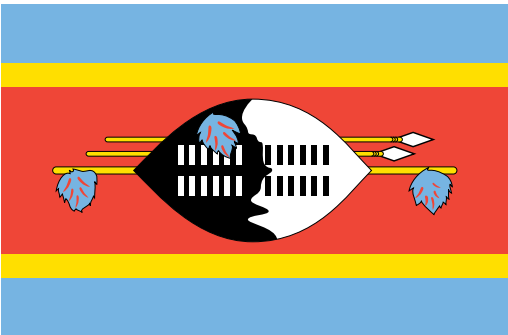
200 EMALANGENI (US\$10.75)

OUR COINS



The New Eswatini Coins currently in circulation.

THE ESWATINI FLAG



PANTONE 542 C
Process: C = 51, M = 16
Y = 0, K = 0



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
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:
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
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



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) Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cel : 7677 6772

BEAUTY & HEALTH

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam Tel: 2437 3975
Nkonyeni Golf Estate Spa Cell: 7602 7749
The George Hotel: Manzini Tel +2505 2260

ACCOMODATION

Big Game Parks, Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772
Brookside Lodge, Malkerns Tel: 2528 3765/ Cell: +268 76214228
Lebombo Villas, Big Bend Tel: 7603 6585
Malandelas, Malkerns Tel: 2528 3448
Mdzimba View Lodge, Cell: 7841 2930
Phumula Guest House, Nhlangano Tel: 2207 9099
Simunye Club, Simunye Tel: 2328 8894
Matsapha Inn, Cell: +268 7860 0820
Tree Tops Resort, Cell: +268 7808 0801
Email: treetops@madlamini.co.sz

BIRD WATCHING

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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) Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 Cell: 7677 6772
Mananga Country Lodge Tel 2323 2404
Malolotja Nature Reserve, Tel 2444 3241
Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks) Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 Cell: 7677 6772
Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye Tel: 2383 8885
Mlilwane Game Sanctuary, Malkerns (Big Game Parks) Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 Cell: 7677 6772

Nkonyeni Golf Estate
Tel: 2540 0024/5
Phumula Guest House, Nhlangano
Tel: 2207 9099

Shield Guesthouse
Tel: 2404 6072/ 7652 4021

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve
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Royal Jozini
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Nsangwini Rock Shelter
Tel: 7619 2665

Hhelehhele Rock Art:

CAMPING

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Brookside Lodge, Malkerns
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All OUT Adventure Tours, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3423

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:
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Cell 7605 1160/7603 1931

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve
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KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris,
South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)
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CAVING

Swazi Trails
Tel: 2416 2180

CRAFTS & ARTS

LaJojo's Craft, Malolotja
Cell: +268 7657 8791

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:

Tel: 2343 4524/ Cell 7605 1160/ 7603 1931

FISHING

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Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi
Tel: 2467 4177

Guided Fishing Tours Tiger
Fishing at van Eck Dam
+268 7602 5482

Maguga Dam
Tel: 2437 3975

Mananga Country Lodge
Tel 2323 2404

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)
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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
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Matsapha
Tel: 2518 4693

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HORSE RIDING

Chubeka Trails, at Mlilwane Game Sanctuary
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Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi
Tel: 2467 4177

Hoof beat, Horse riding, Paintball
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Khuselwa, Manzini
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HOTELS

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

The George Hotel: Manzini
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Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam
Tel: 2437 3975

Mahamba Gorge Lodge
Cell 7617 9880

Mantenga Cultural Village,
Tel: 2416 1101/2416 1151

Mananga Country Lodge
Tel 2323 2404

Manzini Lodge
Tel: 2505 5382

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

Mhlume Country club & lodge:
Tel 2313 4350/ 2313 4777

Shield Guesthouse
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Sibebe resort
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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 /

www.sugarcanemuseum.com

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Sambane, Malkerns
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Simunye Country Club, Simunye,
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The George Hotel: Manzini
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Matsapha
Tel: 2518 4693

SELF-CATERING

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Buhleni Farm Chalets
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Veki's, Mbabane | Tel: 7603 6396
Mhlosinga Nature Reserve Cabins
Tel: 268 7602 5482

Lakeside Tiger Fish Cabins
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Royal Jozini +268 2550 4614
+268 7680 7047

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All Out at Mandela's Internet Café, Malkerns,
Tel: 2528 3423

Dept. of Tourism, Swazi Plaza, Mbabane
Ezulwini Tel: 2416 2180

Swazi Trails
Tel: 2416 2180

TRAVEL AND TOURS

Nolu Events & Tours
Cell: +268 78603019

Wild Hogg Tours, Eddie
+268 76047510/79047510

WALKING/HIKING

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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
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Spirited Tour of Eswatini

...Rum, Gins & Spirits



Sibebe.

If 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.

Let’s start with the undisputed heavyweight of the highball: Sibebe Premium Lager. Named after the world’s largest granite pluton, this crisp, refreshing pilsner is brewed with the purest mountain water. It’s the kind of sessionable lager that makes a post-hike recovery feel like a religious experience. If you haven’t cracked a cold Sibebe while 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



Shelelela Gin.



Imbali Craft Gin products.

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.

SPOTTED HORSE RUM

If your palate leans towards the dark and dangerous, look no further than Spotted Horse Rum. This isn’t just a spirit; it’s an education in the Maillard reaction. Rich, molasses-heavy and carrying enough depth to make a pirate weep, it’s a rum that demands respect; whether sipped neat or stirred into a ‘Dark ‘n’ Stormy’ that could actually weather a storm.

The rum is produced by Royal Eswatini Sugar Corporation (RES) as part of its expansion into the retail beverage sector from industrial ethanol production, with key operations and distribution associated with Simunye Beverages.

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.



Spotted horse Rum.



Culinary Diplomacy Celebrated at SAFFEST



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HISTORY was made in the city of Manzini as the Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Honourable Jane Mkhonta-Simelane officially officiated the inaugural Southern Africa Food Festival, SAFFEST. Addressing an audience of diplomats, visiting chefs and cultural practitioners, the Minister heralded the groundbreaking event as far more than a typical festival, but rather a profound celebration of shared African culinary heritage.

The festival launch, themed 'Uniting Nations through Flavour' was held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre and was also attended by Regional Administrator Prince Gija, ETA Board Chairperson Ms. Penelope Mkhwanazi, chefs, sponsors, key stakeholders and members of the media. The festival was scheduled from 15 to 18 July 2026 respectively.

A PLATE TELLS A STORY

Set against the peaceful backdrop of the Kingdom of Eswatini, SAFFEST serves as a vibrant reminder that food is a powerful tool for cultural identity, historical memory, and human connection. In his opening address, the Minister beautifully noted that a single plate of food tells an intricate story of migration, resilience, creativity, and belonging.

"When one tastes *umbhidvo wetintsanga, emasi eticaba, sinkwa sembila*, or *sentangabomu* here in Eswatini, or *Bobotie* in South Africa," the Minister shared, "you are not just experiencing flavour. You are tasting a story." This cross-border connection highlights the unique ways identical regional ingredients are prepared across the Southern African sub-region, revealing the massive economic and gastronomic opportunities awaiting the local tourism sector.



CHEFS AS VISIONARIES OF TOURISM

A core focus of SAFFEST is bridging cultural divides through dialogue, food

exhibitions and storytelling. In a powerful nod to the industry, the Minister emphasised that chefs must be recognised as true visionaries capable of driving national tourism, rather than just practitioners in a kitchen. Led by the Eswatini Chefs Association in partnership with the Africa Chefs Alliance, the festival establishes a collaborative table where embassies, cultural institutions and members of the global diaspora can build diplomatic bridges.

Guests were warmly encouraged to explore the rich flavours of Eswatini, immerse themselves in the warmth of its people and experience firsthand why the Kingdom is celebrated as a peaceful, welcoming world-class destination.

Let SAFFEST be your ultimate intra-African food connection guide this season, making Eswatini a place where every African has a seat, every heritage is honoured, and your wonder awaits.



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