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# THE ULTIMATE OUTDOOR GETAWAY

...7th Edition

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## 7th EDITION Mlawula Campfire Festival

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# 7th Edition of Mlawwula

**M**LAWULA Nature Reserve is set to become a hub of outdoor entertainment this September as the Mlawula Campfire Festival returns for its seventh edition from 25 to 27 September 2026.

The annual festival will bring together music lovers, camping enthusiasts, families and adventure seekers for a three-day programme combining live performances with the natural surroundings of one of Eswatini's popular conservation destinations.

This year's festival comes with a strong entertainment line-up, headlined by South African vocalist Boohle, alongside a wide range of Eswatini and regional performers.

The programme features Bholoja, Linda Dlamini, Young Zesh, Shongwe & Khuphuka, Sancier, DJ MBO, Zulu D, The Bishop, The Scientists, Sgitha, Lady Zee, DJ Khuni, It's All Blaq, Ayacity, Culolam, Touch of Soul, Tjedit, Karly B, Tempt, Obsession and Bandora, among others.

The entertainment programme will also include performances by Gogo & S'lwane, Matthew J, Cedric, The Shepard Brothers, as well as show MCs Tjovitjo and Thando Ntshangase.

## ULTIMATE OUTDOOR GETAWAY

There is something undeniably magnetic about gathering around an open flame under a starry sky. The crackle of wood, the warmth of shared laughter, and the refreshing breeze of the open wilderness offer a reset button that modern life desperately demands. This highly anticipated **7th Edition Campfire** is set

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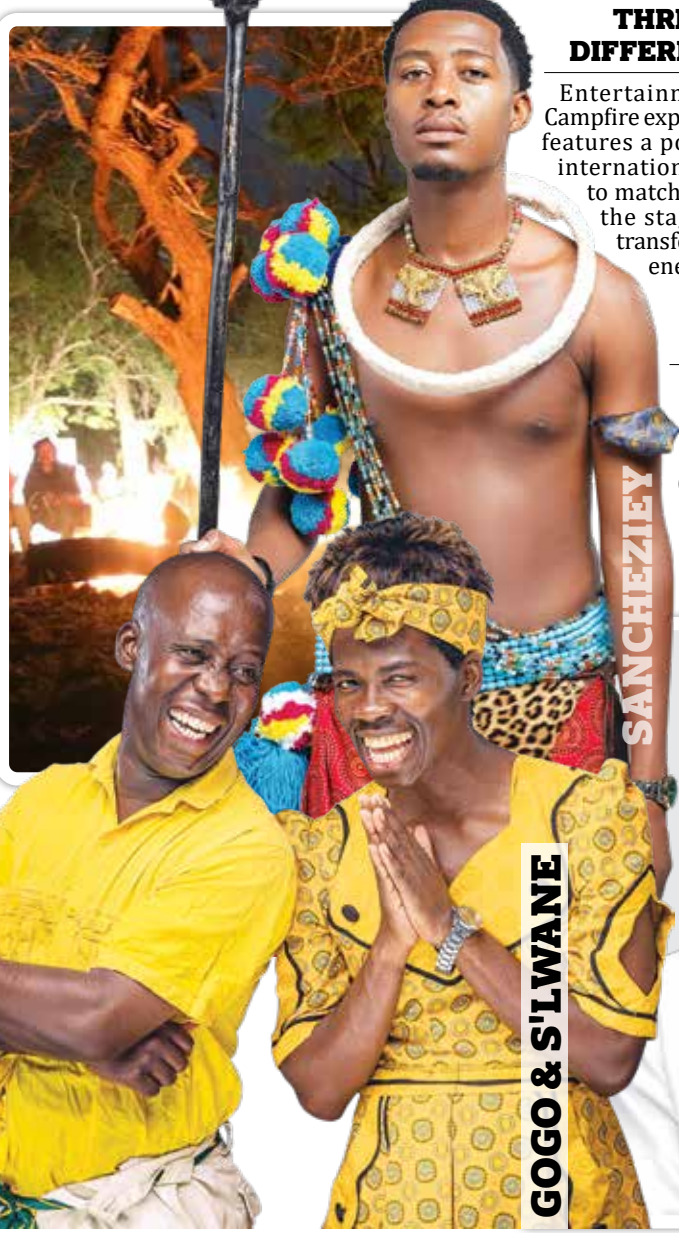


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to redefine what an outdoor festival can be. Whether you are a seasoned outdoor enthusiast, a lover of live entertainment, or simply someone looking to escape the daily hustle without sacrificing comfort, this year's edition promises an unforgettable weekend of adventure, music, and community.

## LUXURY MEETS NATURE

If the thought of sleeping on uneven ground or pitching a tent in the dark has kept you away from nature in the past, rest easy. The 7th Edition Campfire is raising the bar by introducing exclusive glamping options. Camping in style is the official mandate of the weekend. Guests can swap cramped sleeping bags for plush mattresses, crisp linens, and beautifully decorated canvas tents that feel more like boutique hotel rooms set right in the heart of nature. It's the perfect blend of rugged wilderness and refined luxury allowing you to wake up to the crisp morning air fully refreshed and ready for the action ahead.



SANCHEZIEY

GOGO & S'lwane

CEDRIC

THANDO

## THREE DAYS: THREE DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES.

Entertainment lies at the core of the Campfire experience, and this year's lineup features a powerhouse mix of local and international talent. Carefully curated to match the rhythm of the weekend, the stage will undergo a thematic transformation each day to keep the energy soaring.

## FRIDAY: COMEDY NIGHT

Leave the stress of the workweek behind and start the weekend with plenty of laughter. Friday night is Comedy Night, bringing together a selection of talented stand-up comedians to get the Campfire weekend off to a lively start. Expect jokes,

# Campfire



good vibes and plenty of reasons to laugh with friends around the fire.

## SATURDAY: THE DJ SUMMIT

When Saturday arrives, the volume goes up. The DJ Summit will bring together some of the best local and international DJs for a night of music, dancing and unforgettable energy. As the sun goes down and the stars come out, Campfire transforms into an outdoor party where the beats keep going well into the night. If dancing under the Eswatini night sky sounds like your kind of Saturday, this is one you don't want to miss.

## SUNDAY: GOSPEL & REFLECTION

After two days of laughter, adventure and entertainment, Sunday offers a chance to slow down and reconnect. The weekend closes with Gospel & Reflection, featuring soul-stirring gospel performances designed to leave guests feeling refreshed, inspired and spiritually uplifted before heading home.

## ADVENTURE, TEAM BUILDING AND THE OPEN FIRE COOKOUT

Beyond the stage and campsite, the 7th Edition Campfire offers a full itinerary of outdoor activities designed to re-energize your body and forge new connections. Early risers can take part

in guided scenic hiking trails, soaking in sweeping views of the surrounding landscape while getting a great workout. Throughout the day, interactive team-building activities bring groups and strangers together for friendly competition and shared triumphs.

The standout addition to this year's program is the inaugural Open Fire Cookout Challenge. Designed for backyard braai masters, rustic chefs, and food lovers alike, this challenge invites teams to craft mouthwatering dishes cooked exclusively over an open flame. With fantastic prizes up for

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grabs, the competition will be fierce, the aromas incredible, and the feast unforgettable.

## SECURE YOUR SPOT UNDER THE STARS

With a rich combination of luxury glamping, top-tier entertainment, outdoor adventure and culinary showdowns, tickets for the 7th Edition Campfire (September 25-27) are expected to sell out fast. Gather your friends, pack your weekend bag, and prepare to experience the outdoors like never before.

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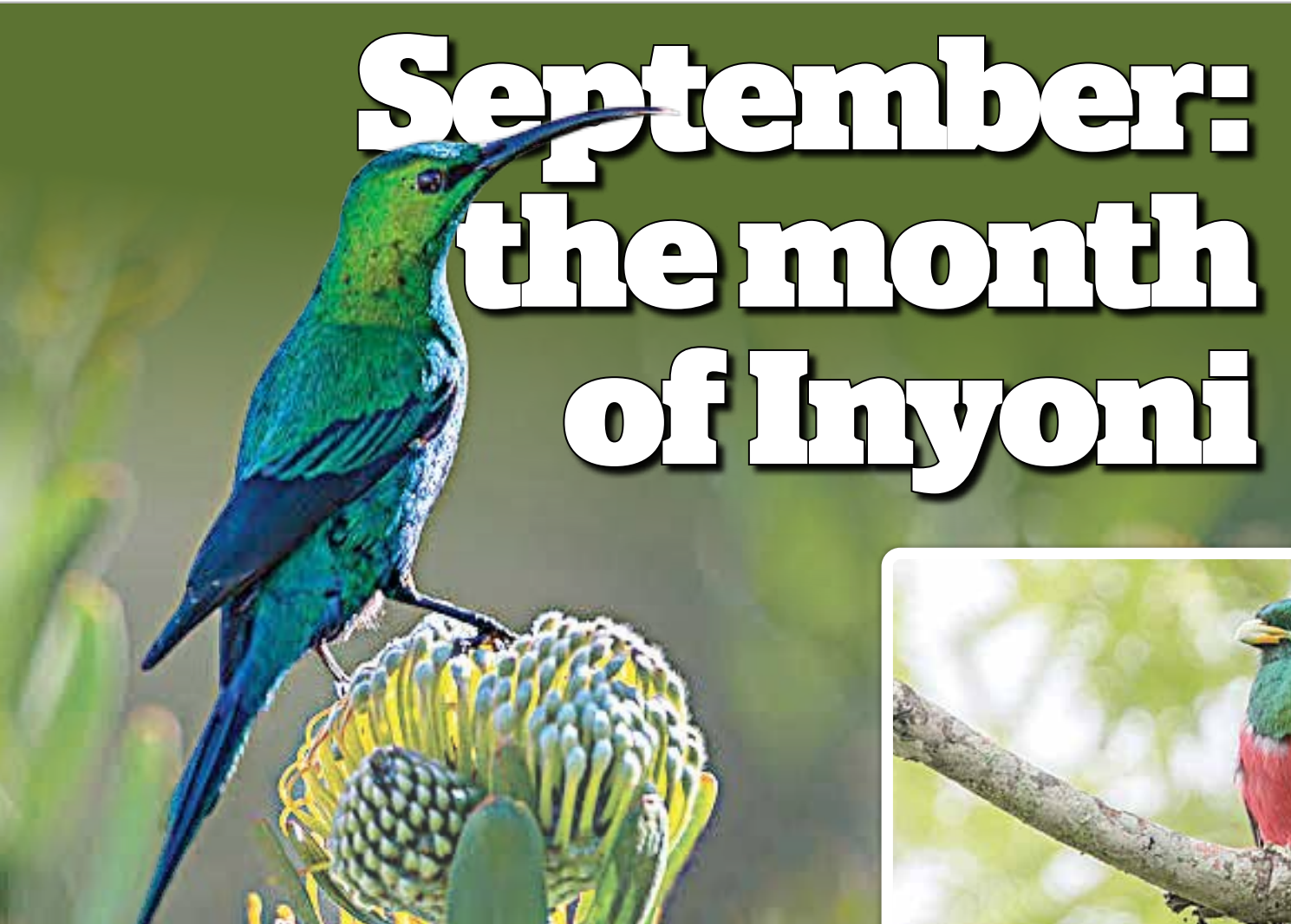
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Nothing will make you feel closer to nature than birding. Birds don't live in isolation—each species interacts with numerous other animals and plants, as well as elements of the non-living world such as geologic formations and weather systems. You can begin to understand the interconnections among all of these things in nature by paying some attention to birds. And who knows? You might just become a naturalist.

**I**N Eswatini, September is traditionally known as Inyoni; the month of the bird. The name reflects the close relationship between the people of Eswatini and the natural world, particularly the seasonal movements and behaviour of birds.

As winter gives way to spring, birds become increasingly active, with their calls, movement and breeding activity signalling the changing season. The month is therefore associated with renewal, movement and the return of life to the landscape.

For generations, Emaswati have looked to nature as a way of understanding the passing of time. The birds of *Inyoni*, the flowering plants and changing behaviour of animals all formed part of a traditional seasonal calendar, a calendar written not on paper, but across the landscape itself.

Inyoni reminds us that September is not simply the ninth month of the year. It is a season of awakening, when nature finds its voice again and the skies come alive with birds.

**ESWATINI BEST BIRDING SPOTS**

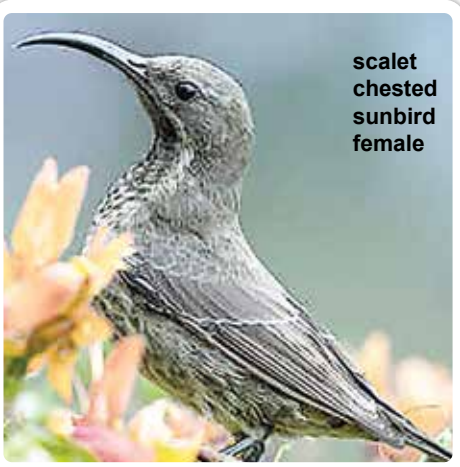
Eswatini is a birding haven. Here are some of the interesting places to go for birding;

**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,



scarlet chested sun.



scalet chested sunbird female

and thick-billed cuckoo.

**DOMBEYA GAME RESERVE**

Now this reserve is a sanctuary for precious birds such as pink-throated twin spots 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 record-

ed and it 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



Parrot.





# Eswatini Mobile Keeps Affordability at the Heart of Connectivity



**F**OR emaSwati looking for more value from their mobile services, Eswatini Mobile continues to put affordability at the heart of its offering, giving customers more data, minutes and SMSes without stretching their budgets.

As Your Affordable Network, Eswatini Mobile continues to increase the value available to customers through its Max Deals Daily Packages and No Frills bundles. The offerings are designed around the everyday communication needs of emaSwati, whether staying connected with family and friends, running a business, browsing online or keeping up with the digital world.

This has materialised through the recently improved Max deals, which also place affordability at the centre. The E5 package now has 50 on-net minutes, 5 off-net minutes, 5 SMSes and 50MB of daily data, while the E10 package provides 100 on-net minutes, 10 off-net minutes, 10 SMSes and 100MB of daily data. Customers can access these packages by dialling \*222# and selecting their preferred option.

For customers looking for even more value and connectivity, the E100 No Frills package provides 8GB of Anytime Data together with 300 on-net minutes and unlimited on-net minutes on weekends. This forms part of Eswatini Mobile’s continued focus on ensuring that customers receive more connectivity for the same price.

Head of Sales and Marketing Nosipho Xaba said affordability remains a key consideration in how the company develops its products and services.

“Affordability remains at the heart of what we do. We understand that emaSwati want to stay connected without having to constantly worry about the cost. That is why we continue to look at how we can give our customers more value without increasing the price. With No Frills, customers are getting more data at the same prices, with the freedom to use their Anytime Data when they need it,” said Xaba.

Xaba said the different offerings give customers the flexibility to choose according to their individual needs and budgets.

“...affordability remains at the heart of what we do. We understand that emaSwati want to stay connected without having to constantly worry about the cost.

“Our customers have different needs, which is why we provide different options. Whether you need data to browse, connect on social media, make calls or simply stay in touch, we want emaSwati to know that there is an affordable Eswatini Mobile

option for them,” she said.

The No Frills offering, particularly the E295 package, gives customers an option for more intensive everyday connectivity. With 25GB of Anytime Data and unlimited minutes, customers can use their phones for longer without having to constantly think about running out of data or minutes. There is also the E495 No Frills package with 48GB anytime data and 200 sms and unlimited minutes.

“Being an affordable network is not simply a slogan for us. It is a principle that guides how we approach our products and how we deliver value to our customers. We will continue looking for ways to give emaSwati more while keeping our services accessible,” said Xaba.

With more data, more flexibility, unlimited minutes on both the E295 and E495 packages and affordable prices, Eswatini Mobile continues to keep its promise as Your Affordable Network, keeping emaSwati connected to what matters and helping them get more done every day.





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UMHLANGA 2026

# A Ceremony That Than a Nation

**T**HE sound of singing, the rhythm of traditional dances and the sight of thousands of maidens in colourful regalia once again transformed Ludzidzini Royal Residence into a powerful celebration of Eswatini culture during the 2026 Umhlanga Reed Dance.

Umhlanga is a living expression of identity, bringing together generations, communities and visitors in one of the Kingdom’s most significant cultural events.

Each year, the ceremony provides a platform for young women to participate in a tradition that emphasises discipline, respect, dignity, responsibility and cultural pride. Through songs, teachings, chants and traditional practices, knowledge is passed from one generation to the next, reinforcing the importance of preserving Eswatini’s heritage.

For visitors, Umhlanga offers an extraordinary window into the Kingdom’s cultural life, a spectacle of music, dance, traditional dress and community spirit that continues to attract spectators from across Eswatini and beyond.

DAY 1: REGISTRATION

The 2026 Umhlanga journey began with the arrival of maidens at Ludzidzini Royal Residence, where registration marked the official start of the week-long ceremony.

Excitement filled the grounds as Imbali interacted and danced ahead of the formal proceedings. Alongside the celebration, guidance on the rules and expectations governing the ceremony is offered. The teachings covered respect, discipline, courtesy, personal upkeep, environmental responsibility and sanitation, ensuring that the young participants understood their responsibilities throughout Umhlanga.

DAY 2: HIS MAJESTY COMMISSIONS IMBALI FOR REED CUTTING

The second day marked a significant stage in the ceremony as His Majesty King Mswati III commissioned thousands of Imbali to begin the traditional reed-cutting exercise. To facilitate the gathering and movement of participants, the maidens were divided according to age groups. Junior Imbali travelled to Masundwini, while



senior maidens proceeded to Mpisi Farm. Through Indvuna yeMbali Bongiwe “Vivane” Hlatjwako, His Majesty encouraged the maidens to maintain discipline, respect one another and prioritise safety throughout the journey.

DAY 3: THE TRADITION OF CUTTING THE REED

At Masundwini and Mpisi Farm, the traditional reed-cutting exercise gathered momentum.

Dressed in traditional regalia and carrying themselves with pride, the maidens demonstrated the unity and discipline that have become synonymous with Umhlanga. A notable moment came as Inkhosatana HRH Princess Sakhizwe took centre stage and led the Imbali in the time-honoured exercise. She was joined by Liphovela LaZuma, Indvuna yeMbali Bongiwe Hlatjwako, princesses and members of the Royal Family, adding royal significance to the day’s proceedings.

Beyond the physical task of harvesting reeds, the day offered a

powerful demonstration of cultural continuity, with young women actively participating in a tradition handed down through generations.

DAY 4: IMBALI RETURN TO LUDZIDZINI

After days of travelling and harvesting, the Imbali began their return to Ludzidzini Royal Residence, carrying bundles of reeds gathered from the cutting grounds. The return journey became another celebration of unity, with groups of maidens converging on the royal residence carrying their harvest with pride. Their arrival signalled the completion of one of the most physically demanding stages of Umhlanga and paved the way for the ceremonial presentation of the reeds.

DAY 5: A DAY OF REST AND PREPARATION

After the demanding reed-cutting and return journey, Day 5 provided the maidens with an opportunity to rest, fellowship and prepare their traditional attire.

Behind the scenes, this was an important preparation day as Imbali fine-tuned their regalia and prepared for the major events that would follow.

DAY 6: REEDS PRESENTED TO THEIR MAJESTIES

The arrival of Day 6 brought a dramatic change in atmosphere at Ludzidzini. Thousands of Imbali gathered for the official presentation of the harvested reeds, which are used to repair the royal windbreaks.

The presentation was followed by the much-anticipated dance performances, as the maidens filled the royal arena with colour, rhythm and song. For spectators, it was among the defining moments of the ceremony, a spectacular display of unity, discipline and cultural pride. The carefully choreographed movements, traditional attire and powerful singing transformed the royal residence into a living stage celebrating Eswatini’s heritage.



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# Unites More

Keeping Eswatini's culture, pride and heritage alive



**MAIN DAY: A GRAND CELEBRATION OF ESWATINI HERITAGE**

The week-long journey culminated in the Main Day, when Their Majesties King Mswati III and the Queen Mother, members of the Royal Family, dignitaries, invited guests, visitors and thousands of Emaswati gathered at Ludzidzini Royal Residence. For the Imbali, the Main Day represented the culmination of days of preparation, travel, reed cutting and rehearsals. For spectators, it offered an unforgettable cultural experience. The royal arena came alive with traditional regalia, singing and energetic performances as maidens from across the Kingdom and beyond celebrated together. Yet beyond the spectacle, the significance of Umhlanga

lies in its ability to connect the present with the past.

**A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE SPECTACLE**

For Eswatini, Umhlanga represents much more than an annual event on the cultural calendar. It is a living institution that brings communities together and creates a space where younger generations encounter traditions that have shaped the Kingdom's identity. For international and domestic visitors, the ceremony provides a rare opportunity to experience Eswatini's cultural heritage first-hand — from traditional attire and music to dance, communal participation and royal ceremony.



# Cowboys, Culture & African Sounds

## Eswatini Farmers Market Returns for Its Fifth Edition

**MALKERNS** — The countryside will take on a distinctly Western flavour on 10 October 2026 as Eswatini Farmers Market returns to Malkerns Country Club for its fifth edition, bringing together music, food, fashion and outdoor entertainment for a day-long celebration of contemporary African culture and country living.

The annual event has established itself as a fixture on Eswatini's social and entertainment calendar, offering an experience that blends the Kingdom's countryside setting with live music and a distinctly relaxed festival atmosphere. This year, organisers are turning the volume up and the dresscode westward with **Cowboys Day** as the central theme.

Festival-goers can expect a day of cowboy hats, boots, denim, horses and country-inspired fashion, alongside food, drinks and live entertainment. The theme is expected to add a playful Wild West character to an event rooted in Eswatini's countryside lifestyle.

### AFRICAN MUSIC TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Music will be one of the major attractions of the fifth edition, with a line-up bringing together some of the region's prominent contemporary acts.

This year's event brings you the biggest stars

in Africa, which include: South African singer **Zee Nxumalo** and Amapiano and electronic music producer **Oscar Mbo** who will be joined by **Jazzworx & Thukuthela**, **JNR SA**, **Argento Dust** and **Atmos Blaq**, creating a programme that cuts across Amapiano, electronic and contemporary African sounds.

The line-up will also feature a strong contingent of Eswatini artists, giving local musicians a platform alongside established regional names.

### COWBOYS TAKE OVER FESTIVAL

While music remains central to the programme, Cowboys Day is expected to provide much of the visual character of this year's festival. The organisers are encouraging attendees to embrace the theme, with cowboy hats, boots, denim and Western-inspired outfits expected to dominate the grounds.

For some, it will be a chance to go all-in with the cowboy look; for others, the theme offers room for creative interpretations that combine Western fashion with African style.

The result promises to be a colourful meeting of country culture and contemporary African expression.

### A DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The festival is also catering for different age



groups and budgets, with separate ticket categories for adults, children and VIP guests. **Kids' tickets are priced at E120**, while **general admission is E300**. An early or discounted ticket is available at **E260, excluding Delta Pay**, allowing festival-goers to secure entry ahead of the event.

For those looking for a more premium experience, **VIP tickets are priced at E750**. Organisers have indicated that **60% of the VIP allocation has already been sold**, signalling strong early interest in the event.

With music, food, fashion and outdoor entertainment packaged into a single experience, the Eswatini Farmers Market is positioning its fifth edition as a destination event for both residents and visitors.

### MARK THE DATE

Whether arriving for the headline performers, the food, the fashion or simply the

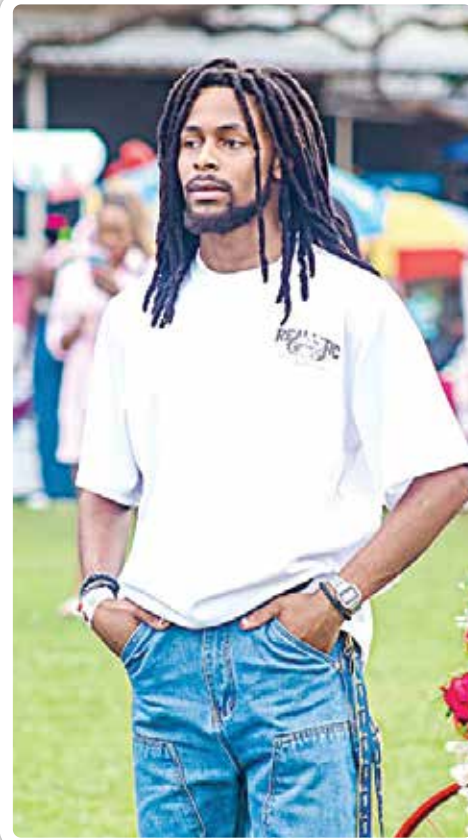
atmosphere, festival-goers are being invited to put on their boots, tip their hats and saddle up for Cowboys Day.

### EVENT DETAILS

- **Event:** Eswatini Farmers Market – 5th Edition
- **Theme:** Cowboys Day
- **Date:** 10 October 2026
- **Venue:** Malkerns Country Club, Eswatini

### TICKETS

- **E260** – Early/discounted ticket, excluding Delta Pay
- **E300** – General Admission
- **E120** – Kids
- **E750** – VIP (60% reportedly sold)



# Phumula Guesthouse

...Where Spring Invites You to Slow Down

## Challenge! Spot September Bells



**SCIENTIFIC NAME: RUBIACEAE  
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**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**

**A**S September ushers in the warmth and colour of spring, there is no better time to step away from the rush of everyday life and reconnect with nature at Phumula Guesthouse, a tranquil gem tucked away in the heart of Shiselweni.

With winter behind us, the countryside comes alive with fresh greenery, blossoming landscapes and crisp spring mornings. At Phumula, guests can embrace the season at its most beautiful, surrounded by open spaces, fresh country air and the soothing sounds of nature.

More than simply a place to stay, Phumula offers an opportunity to pause, recharge and enjoy the simple pleasures of a slower pace. Whether you are planning a spring weekend escape, travelling for business or celebrating a special occasion, the guesthouse provides a warm and welcoming

setting where every stay feels personal. The name Phumula, meaning *rest* in siSwati, perfectly captures the experience. Here, relaxation is not something you have to schedule; it comes naturally with the surroundings.

### SPRING EXPERIENCES AT PHUMULA

September is the perfect month to experience outdoors, and Phumula offers plenty of opportunities to explore and enjoy the countryside.

Guests can take leisurely

walks along scenic farm trails, discover the area's vibrant birdlife or spend a peaceful afternoon fishing at a nearby dam. For adventure seekers, mountain biking through the rolling countryside provides an invigorating way to experience the landscape while taking in spectacular views.

And then there are the moments when doing absolutely nothing becomes the perfect activity. Sit beneath the open sky, listen to the sounds of nature, breathe in the fresh spring air and simply let the tranquillity of the surroundings take over.

This September, make room for a little rest, adventure and discovery. At Phumula Guesthouse, spring is more than a change of season, it is an invitation to slow down, reconnect and experience the warmth of genuine Swati hospitality.



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# RUN WILD ESWATINI 2026

Date: 11-12 September 2026 | Venue: Mbuluzi Game Reserve, Eswatini

**R**UN WILD Eswatini is a family-friendly trail running and outdoor experience that brings together runners, walkers, families, friends and supporters for a weekend in the wild. Taking place at Mbuluzi Game Reserve on 11-12 September, the event combines trail running with camping, entertainment, food, wildlife and activities for the whole family. The event is designed to be more than just a race. Participants can choose their preferred distance and ticket option, while supporters and families can enjoy the wider weekend experience even if they are not taking part in the run.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Friday: Topsy Trail

The weekend kicks off with the 6KM Topsy Trail, a fun run/walk designed to get participants into the Run WiLD spirit before Saturday's main trail events. The Friday experience is followed by drinks, food and entertainment by the river.

Saturday – Trail Runs

The event caters for different levels of runners and walkers, from those looking for a shorter challenge to participants wanting to take on the longer trail. Participants can choose from three distances:

- 6KM
- 12KM
- 22KM

THE 2026 PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

Run WiLD is designed as a full weekend experience, with activities and entertainment



WHY RUN WILD?

Run WiLD offers participants the opportunity to combine trail running and outdoor adventure with a relaxed, social weekend in one of Eswatini's beautiful game reserve settings. Whether someone comes to chase a personal best, enjoy a walk, bring the family, support a runner or simply experience a weekend in the bush, Run WiLD is designed to offer something for everyone. Run WiLD Eswatini, come for the run, stay for the fun.

beyond the trails.

- Swazi Antivenom Snake Expo
- Live music and entertainment
- Kids' Zone
- Food stalls
- Drinks and a cash bar
- Family-friendly activities
- Camping

The Race Village will provide a space for participants, families and supporters to enjoy the atmosphere throughout Saturday.

WILDLIFE & THE MBULUZI EXPERIENCE

One of the unique aspects of Run WiLD is its setting inside Mbuluzi Game Reserve. Participants can expect a true bush experience, with the possibility of seeing wildlife while enjoying the trails. Mbuluzi is home to species including giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, waterbuck, kudu,

nyala, impala, bushbuck and warthog. The reserve itself is situated along the Mlawula River and offers a range of natural habitats, including riverine forest, savannah, grassland and rocky areas.

TICKET OPTIONS

Full Weekend Runner's Pass – E1,000  
The Full Weekend Pass includes:

- Friday 6KM Topsy Trail
- Saturday 6KM, 12KM or 22KM Trail Run
- Conservation fees
- Camping fees
- Full Weekend Entertainment Pass
- Runner goodie bag
- Complimentary cappuccino and treat
- Camping is included, with participants bringing their own camping equipment or having the option to enquire about

tent hire.

Additional Ticket Options

- Run & Go – E300 Saturday only.
- Supporter Pass: Non-Camping – E350
- Supporter Pass: Camping – E550
- Kids Pass: For children aged 5-15 years - E150

Oracle Group Eswatini clients receive 30% off the Full Weekend Runner's Pass. To receive the unique discount code, Oracle clients can WhatsApp 7638 7335 with their name and Oracle Policy or Membership Number.

Entries

Online entries close on 9 September 2026. Entries can be completed online at:

[www.runwildeswatini.com](http://www.runwildeswatini.com)

For event enquiries: +268 7674 1002

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

**La Santé Spa**  
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**OPERATING HOURS:**  
Mon - Thurs:  
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Fri - Sun:  
08:00 - 22:00

FOR ENQUIRIES/BOOKINGS: CALL/WHATSAPP: +268 7685 4275  
[WWW.LASANTESPA.CO.SZ](http://WWW.LASANTESPA.CO.SZ) | [INFO@LASANTESPA.CO.SZ](mailto:INFO@LASANTESPA.CO.SZ)

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- Steam Room
- Bar

**CONTACT US AT**  
**78171488/ 79665665** @Ngwane Park,  
[thesplash252@gmail.com](mailto:thesplash252@gmail.com) behind The Vibe

The perfect place for dining, fun & relaxation

**11-12 September**  
Mbuluzi Game Reserve

**Online Entries:**  
Close 9 September

**E1,000 Full Weekend Pass**

**Ticket Prices**

- **E300** – Run & Go (Saturday only)
- **E350** – Supporters Pass (Non-Camping)
- **E550** – Supporters Pass (Camping)
- **E150** – Kids Pass (5-15 years)

To enter visit our website: [www.runwildeswatini.com](http://www.runwildeswatini.com)  
**+268 7674 1002**

**SCAM AWARENESS**

DONT deliver the product until you CONFIRM the payment

**VERIFY every TRANSACTION MESSAGE and make sure they are LEGIT**

# ECOFEST 2026: 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Brings Africa Together

...One Stage. One Continent. Endless Laughter.

**E**SWATINI is preparing to welcome a wave of African comedy as the Eswatini Comedy Festival returns for its third edition on Friday, 25 September 2026, promising an evening of laughter, entertainment and cross-border cultural exchange.



Under the bold theme “Africa Is Coming to Eswatini”, the festival will bring comedians from across Southern Africa together on one stage at Sibane Sami Hotel, creating a unique entertainment experience that celebrates the diversity and humour of the continent.

## 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 third edition of ECOFEST and we aim to make it bigger and better than the inaugural event,” says Dlamini, underlining the festival’s growing role in Eswatini’s entertainment calendar.

## A CONTINENTAL COMEDY LINE-UP

The 2026 edition features a di-

verse line-up representing several African countries. Audiences can look forward to performances from Simphiwe Shembe, Smowkey and Mbali Gudazi from South Africa; Masapo from Lesotho; OD Brooks from Botswana; Q Dube from Zimbabwe; Inspector Pamela from Zambia; Courage from Namibia, alongside a strong Eswatini contingent featuring Darren, Dr Shakes, Sewakhile, Makwa Sfonyo and Mbukiso.

The international line-up gives the festival a distinctly regional character, bringing together comedians with different backgrounds, accents, experiences and comedic styles.

For visitors to Eswatini, this creates an opportunity to combine entertainment with a wider cultural experience — spending time in the Kingdom while discovering its hospitality, cuisine, nightlife and tourism attractions.

## YOU SHOULD BE THERE

Laughter knows no borders at ECOFEST, where diverse comedic styles collide to create one unmissable night. These comedians are ready to bring their best, the only thing you need to worry about is whether your ribs can handle it.

## AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER IN THE KINGDOM

At a ticket price of E150 early bird E200 at the door, the festival offers an accessible entertainment option for both residents and visitors looking to experience something different during their stay in Eswatini. From the first punchline to the final performance, the message is clear: Africa laughs here.

## EVENT DETAILS:

- **Event:** Eswatini Comedy Festival – 3rd Edition

**Theme:** Africa Is Coming to Eswatini

**Date:** Friday, 25 September 2026

**Venue:** Sibane Sami Hotel

**Tickets:** E150/ E200 at the door

- **Time:** 7pm

Whether you are a comedy enthusiast, an events traveller or simply looking for a lively night out in the Kingdom, the Eswatini Comedy Festival promises to put Southern Africa’s funniest voices centre stage and turn September into a month of continental laughter.



3RD EDITION

**E150**  
EARLY BIRD  
**E200**  
AT THE DOOR

FRIDAY  
**25 SEPT**  
**2026**

**AFRICA IS COMING TO ESWATINI**  
ONE STAGE. ONE CONTINENT.  
ENDLESS LAUGHTER.

TIME  
**7PM**

VENUE  
**SIBANE SAMI HOTEL**

**AFRICA LAUGHS HERE**

|                                     |                             |                           |                                  |                           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Simphiwe Shembe<br>- South Africa | • Darren<br>- Eswatini      | • Dr Shakes<br>- Eswatini | • Mbali Gudazi<br>- South Africa | • OD Brooks<br>- Botswana |
| • Masapo<br>- Lesotho               | • Smowkey<br>- South Africa | • Sewakhile<br>- Eswatini | • Makwa Sfonyo<br>- Eswatini     | • Q Dube<br>- Zimbabwe    |
| • Inspector Pamela<br>- Zambia      | • Courage<br>- Namibia      | • Mbukiso<br>- Eswatini   |                                  |                           |

ESWATINI COMEDY FESTIVAL

LEGENDS SHARED

# Rediscover the wonder around you

## ...Embrace Spring Across Eswatini

**S**PRING has officially returned, bringing crisp morning breezes, golden sunshine, and vibrant blossoms across our landscapes. It is time to step out of the shadows of winter, pack away the heavy coats and jackets, and fully embrace the great outdoors. If the noise of daily routines and city life has left you searching for a reset, the ultimate escape is closer than you think. Eswatini's natural treasures are calling, ready to offer unforgettable moments with family, friends, and colleagues.

Start your seasonal adventure by gathering your favourite people for an invigorating day on the trail. Lace up your boots and explore the breathtaking landscapes of **Malolotja Nature Reserve**, where rolling highveld hills and dramatic river gorges create a paradise for hikers. If you prefer lush greenery and rich cultural surroundings, head to **Mantenga**, where gentle trails lead to stunning waterfall views. Both destinations offer the ideal backdrop to reconnect with nature, stretch your legs, and soak in the fresh spring air.

As the sun begins its low arc across the sky, make your way to **Magadzavane**. Nestled amidst dramatic scenery, Magadzavane offers front-row seats to some of the most spectacular sunsets in the region. Head over to our recently renovated bar, order a refreshing sundowner, and watch the horizon turn into shades of amber and violet. It is more than just a place to relax—Magadzavane is fully equipped for dynamic **team-building retreats** and is open for **private events**, weddings, and corporate celebrations that leave a lasting impression.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**FLAVOURS OF ESWATINI**

**E55**

Every Sunday

NO ENTRANCE FEE / VALID UNTIL 30 SEPT. 2026

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

**Magadzavane Lodge**

**Spring Special**

**E160** **E80** **E180**

Call/WhatsApp: 7806 8931

**Choose Mantenga Cultural Village**

**TUESDAYS DEAL**

SAVANNA PREMIUM CIDER DRY

**E20**

5PM-10PM

NO ENTRANCE FEE / VALID UNTIL 30 SEPT. 2026

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

**Malolotja Nature Reserve**

**Reverse**

**Pizza Special**

**E150**

GET ONE DRINK OF YOUR CHOICE:

Corona  
Amstel  
Brutal Fruit  
Hunter's Dry  
Dry Lemon

Valid until 30 Sept. 2026

7806 8934 / MALOLOTLA NATURE RESERVE. 8AM - 6PM



For those seeking an intimate retreat away from the hustle and bustle, **Esara** awaits inside Mlawula Nature Reserve. Featuring **6 private, charming chalets** directly overlooking the pristine Mbuluzi Game Reserve, Esara provides a quiet sanctuary where you can wake up to the sounds of wildlife and peaceful river views.

Whether you are planning a weekend hike, a corporate get-away, or a sunset cocktail session with friends, our local reserves offer everything you need to recharge. Shed the winter layers, embrace the new season, and book your next escape today!



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini



### Mantenga Cultural Village



**BUY 2 CHICKEN GRILL (½) + FRIES**

**E199**

*Every Monday*

NO ENTRANCE FEE | VALID UNTIL 30 SEPT. 2026





### Mapelepele Cottage

**ROOM PER NIGHT**

**E1,600**

**Self Catering (Group of 5 people)**

*Spring Special*

Facilities & Activities: Accommodation, Hiking, Bird Watching, Game Viewing, Fishing

T's & C's Apply  
\*Booking Essential! | Valid until 30 Sept. 2026





### Mantenga Cultural Village



**ROOM PER NIGHT**

**E980.00 B&B**

**2-Nights E1,900.00 B&B**

*Spring Special*

Facilities & Activities: Restaurant & Bar, Cultural Tour, Watertall Viewing, Hiking

T's & C's Apply  
\*Booking Essential! | Valid until 30 Sept. 2026





### Mantenga Cultural Village



**MANTENGA BURGER WITH CHIPS**

**E95**

*Every Wednesday*

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





### Magadzavane Lodge



**ACCOMMODATION FOR 2**

**1-Night E1,100 B&B**

**2-Nights E2,000 B&B**

(Incl. Morning Feast, Aircon, Wi-Fi & Smart TV)

**1-Night E800 B&B**

**2-Nights E1,500 B&B**

(Incl. Morning Feast, Wi-Fi & Smart TV)

T's & C's Apply  
\*Booking Essential! | Valid until 30 Sept. 2026





### ESARA CAMP

**ROOM PER NIGHT**

**E750**

**Self Catering**

*Spring Special*

Room Amenities: Air-conditioner, Dishes & Smart TV, Microwave & Refrigerator, Tea & Coffee Station, Breakfast

Facilities & Activities: Accommodation, Hiking, Bird Watching and Game Viewing

T's & C's Apply  
\*Booking Essential! | Valid until 30 Sept. 2026





### Eswatini National Museum



**Historical Experience**

Services:

- Museum Tour
- Bushmen Exhibition
- Planet Africa Exhibition
- Outreach SGCSE/JC
- Conferencing
- Curio Shop





### King Sobhuza II Park

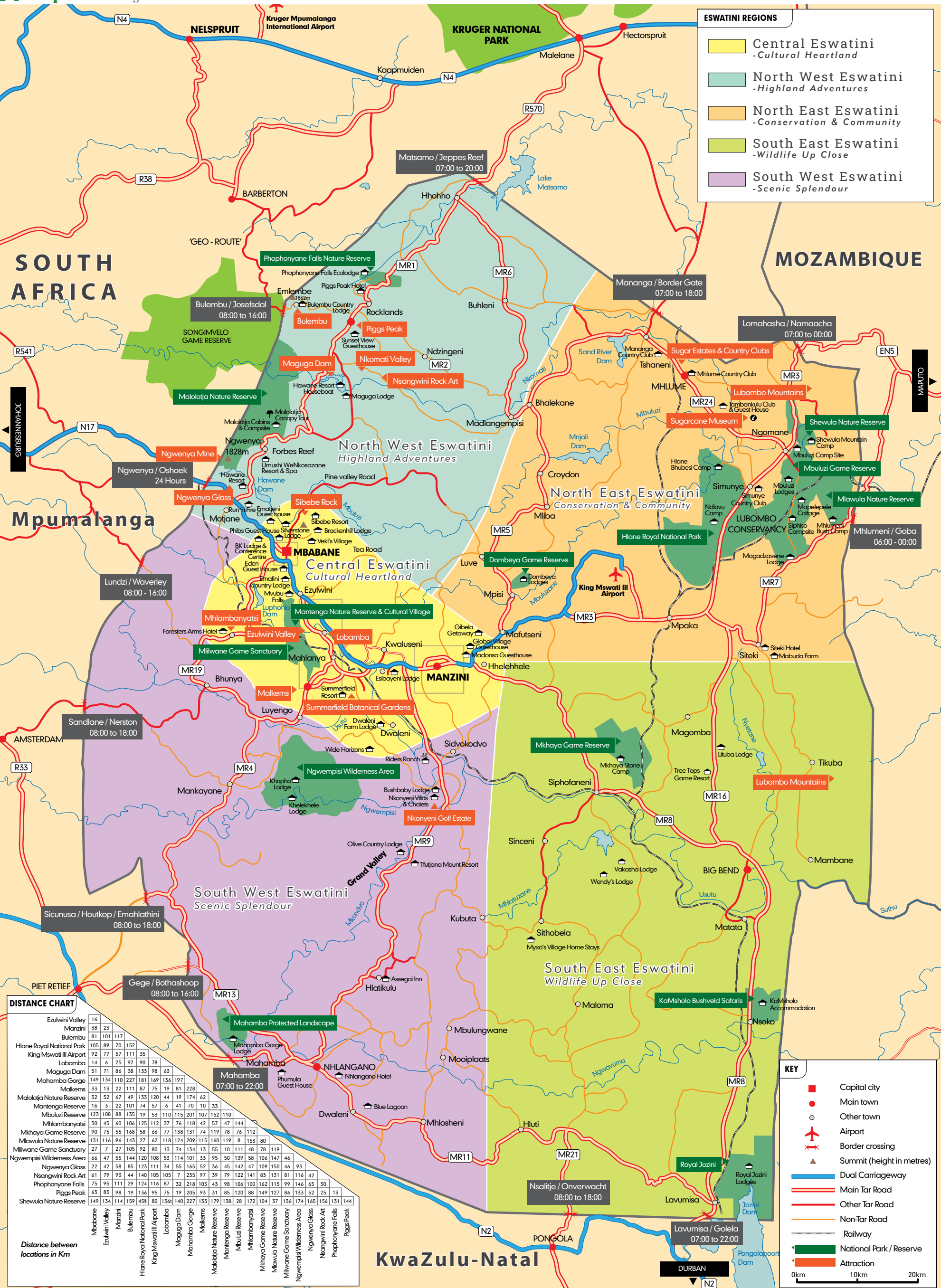


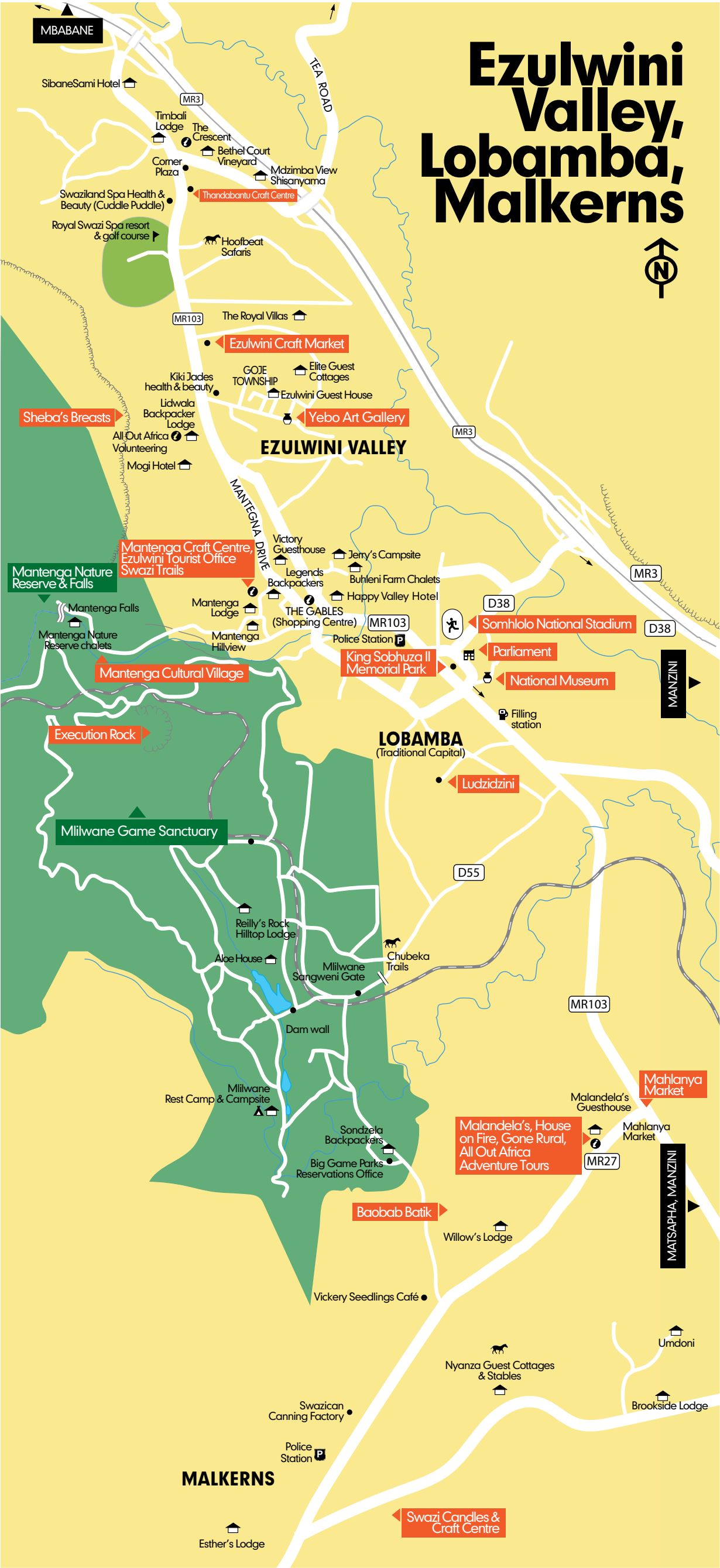
**Historical Experience**

Services:

- Guided Tour
- Conferencing
- Auditorium/Events/Weddings
- Photo shoot







# Swazi Rally 2026

... where roaring engines meet culture, adrenaline and unforgettable experiences.



**T**HE 55rd Swazi Rally once again put Eswatini in the spotlight, bringing together motorcycle enthusiasts, tourists and spectators for a high-energy celebration of motorsport, culture and adventure.

The unmistakable roar of motorcycles, the energy of thousands of spectators and the vibrant celebration of Swati culture once again took centre stage as this year's Swazi Rally transformed Eswatini into Southern Africa's adventure and motorsport capital.

## A HISTORIC MOMENT AS THE GRAND PRIZE STAYS HOME

The 33rd edition delivered one of the most memorable moments in the rally's history when the coveted grand prize motorcycle was won by Tyra Rose, a young woman from Eswatini. Who was left visibly emotional and in disbelief when her name was announced as the winner

to dream bigger and embrace new possibilities.

## STUNTS THAT SET THE ARENA ALIGHT

If the motorcycles brought visitors together, the stunt performances kept the adrenaline pumping throughout the day. The Jungle Rush FMX Crew returned with gravity-defying freestyle motocross performances, thrilling spectators with spectacular aerial tricks, daring jumps and breathtaking backflips that lit up the afternoon programme. Adding even more excitement, stunt riders from Mozambique delivered smoke-filled burnout displays while spinning tyres and entertaining crowds with high-energy performances inside the arena. Models joined the entertainment, adding flair and spectacle to the action-packed show.

Beyond the motorcycles, the Swazi Rally continues to support **tourism, local businesses and cultural pride**, cementing its reputation as one of Eswatini's must-experience annual adventure events.





# 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)



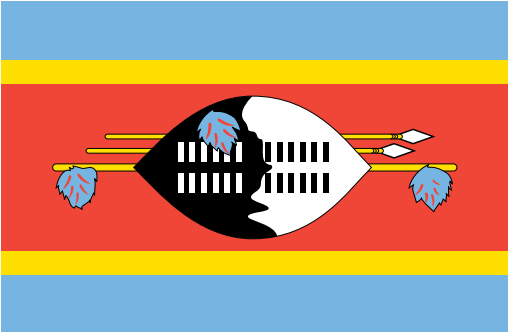
200 EMALANGENI (US\$10.75)

## 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
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- USA: 24179000

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**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 368 (Lesotho)

## TRANSPORT BETWEEN ESWATINI & SA

**G**ETTING 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:

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

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

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



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,  
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Quad Bikes, Khuselwa Farm,  
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Yebo Art Gallery, Zulwini  
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Lidwala Lodge, Ezulwini  
**Tel: 7690 5865**

Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye  
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Sondzela Backpackers, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)  
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Nkonyeni Golf Estate Spa  
**Cell: 7602 7749**

The George Hotel: Manzini  
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Lebombo Villas, Big Bend  
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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)  
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KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)  
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Mananga Country Lodge  
**Tel 2323 2404**

Malolotja Nature Reserve,  
**Tel 2444 3241**

Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks)  
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Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye  
**Tel: 2383 8885**

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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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BUSHMAN PAINTING

Nsangwini Rock Shelter  
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Hhelehhele Rock Art:

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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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**Cell 7605 1160/7603 1931**

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve  
**Tel: +268 76300526**

CARAVAN SITES

Buhleni Farm Chalets  
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Hlane Royal National Park  
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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

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Gone Rural, Malkerns  
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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, ENT  
C Lobamba **Tel: 2416 2131**

Maguga Lodge **Tel: 2437 3975**

Mantenga Cultural Village**Tel:2416 1151**

Sibebe Resort,**Cell: +268 7804 9560**

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

Maguga Dam  
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Mananga Country Lodge  
**Tel 2323 2404**

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve  
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GAME VIEWING

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Cell: 7677 6772

Mlawula Nature Reserve  
**Tel: +268 2383 8885**

Mananga Country Lodge  
**Tel 2323 2404**

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**Cell 7617 9880**

Mantenga Cultural Village,  
**Tel: 2416 1101/2416 1151**

Mananga Country Lodge  
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Manzini Lodge  
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Mbuluzi Nature Reserve North of Simunye  
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Mantenga Cultural Village |www.sntc.org.sz  
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# Spring into serenity at Buhleni farm chalets

...Discover the beauty of spring in the heart of the Ezulwini Valley



As September brings the arrival of spring, Eswatini's landscapes burst back into life, making it the perfect season to step outdoors and discover the natural beauty of Buhleni Farm Chalets, nestled in the heart of the Ezulwini Valley.

Surrounded by lush forests, blossoming orchards, tranquil gardens and open countryside, Buhleni Farm offers visitors a refreshing escape from the pace of everyday life. The arrival of warmer days creates the perfect setting for reconnecting with nature, spending quality time with loved ones and enjoying the outdoors. Whether you are planning a romantic getaway, a family holiday, a group retreat or simply looking for a peaceful weekend escape, Buhleni Farm Chalets offers a memorable combination of comfort, tranquillity and adventure.

This spring, leave the city behind and follow the birdsong, explore the countryside and soak up the beauty of a new season at Buhleni Farm.

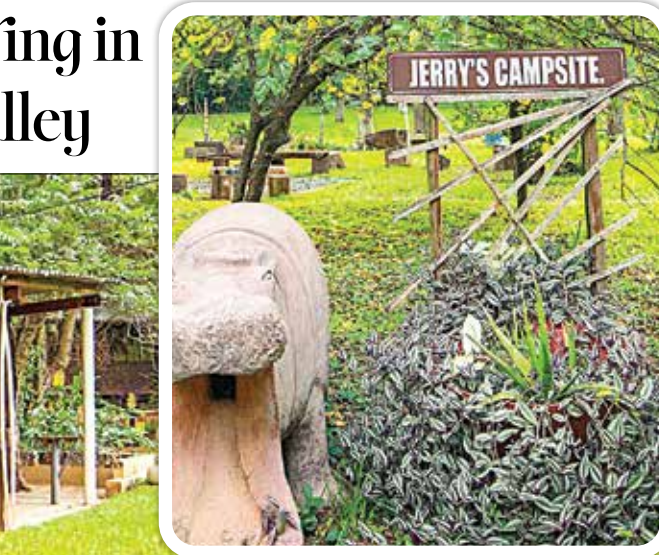
## WHAT TO DO THIS SPRING AT BUHLENI FARM

### Enjoy a Traditional Braai

Spring evenings are made for gathering around the fire. Each chalet features its own braai area, creating the perfect space for family and friends to enjoy good food, conversation and beautiful evenings beneath the stars.

### Explore Nature Trails

With the countryside awakening after the cooler months, spring is an ideal time to explore the farm's walking trails. Wander



through forests, orchards and bushveld while enjoying fresh air, vibrant greenery and the sights and sounds of nature.

### Wildlife and Bird Watching

Nature enthusiasts can spend time discovering the farm's diverse birdlife and watching for monkeys and other wildlife. With spring bringing renewed activity to the natural surroundings, every walk can offer a new discovery.

### Make Memories with Family

The spacious chalets and open grounds provide plenty of room for families to enjoy time together. From outdoor adventures to relaxed afternoons, Buhleni Farm offers an environment where memorable moments come naturally.

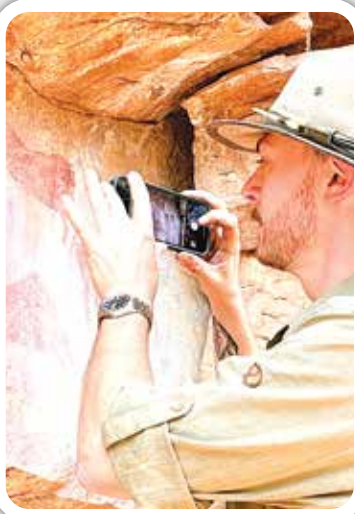
### Capture the Beauty of Spring

Bring your camera and capture the season as it unfolds. From blossoming trees and vibrant landscapes to colourful sunsets and wildlife encounters, Buhleni Farm offers plenty

## NHSe Walk and Talk with archaeology experts

...Discover Khabane Cave's Archaeological Secrets in Mlawula

For explorer's fascinated by history, archaeology and the great outdoors, Khabane Cave in Mlawula Nature Reserve is offering a rare opportunity to step beyond the conventional tourist trail and witness the past being uncovered in real time.



On Saturday, 12 September 2026, the Natural History Society of Eswatini will host a special full-day outing to the archaeological excavation site at Khabane Cave. Led by Ton Vriend, the excursion will take visitors directly to an active archaeological dig, where they will have the opportunity to interact with scientists and learn about the latest research and technology being used to investigate the cave.

Among the experts speaking on site will be Dr Georg Bader, a prehistoric archaeologist from the University of Tübingen in Germany, together with other specialists who will deliver a series of short talks on their respective fields.

## WHERE SCIENCE MEETS ADVENTURE

The walk to the cave is approximately 1.5 kilometres and takes around 30 minutes, although visitors should be prepared for a challenging uphill section. The route rises approximately 120 metres, with cement steps covering most of the steeper sections. The trail remains relatively stable until the final 20 metres, where a scramble is required.

## A JOURNEY THROUGH THOUSANDS OF YEARS

Khabane Cave offers an exceptional glimpse into Eswatini's prehistoric past. Excavations at the site are helping researchers investigate evidence of life stretching back approximately 5,000 to 6,000 years, making the cave an important destination for archaeological research and heritage tourism.

## MAKE IT A WEEKEND IN THE WILD

Although the excursion is planned as a full-day outing, participants who want to extend their experience can book a chalet at Mabuda for Saturday night. Overnight guests will also have the opportunity to join the team for a braai before returning on Sunday.

The outing is being facilitated with the assistance of Bob Forrester of the Swazi Archaeological Research Society (SARA). Participants travelling from Mbabane should allow approximately two hours each way, plus about 30 minutes within Mlawula.

## EVENT DETAILS

**Meeting point:** Theatre Club, Mbabane. **Departure:** 7.45am sharp. **Alternative meeting point:** Mlawula Main Gate at 10am. **Date:** Saturday, 12 September 2026. **Leader:** Ton Vriend. **Members:** Free. **Guests:** E40. **Mlawula entrance fee:** E50, payable at the gate

Visitors are advised to carry at least 1.5 litres of water, snacks, a wide-brimmed hat and sun protection. Hiking poles are recommended, while overnight participants should bring a braai pack.

## RESERVE YOUR PLACE

Because Khabane Cave is an active archaeological excavation site, organisers are asking interested participants to RSVP in advance so that an appropriate schedule can be prepared around the work taking place at the site.

**RSVP to Ton Vriend:** [tgfriend@realnet.co.sz](mailto:tgfriend@realnet.co.sz)  
**Natural History Society of Eswatini:** [nhse@realnet.co.sz](mailto:nhse@realnet.co.sz)  
Please note that Ton Vriend is not available on WhatsApp.

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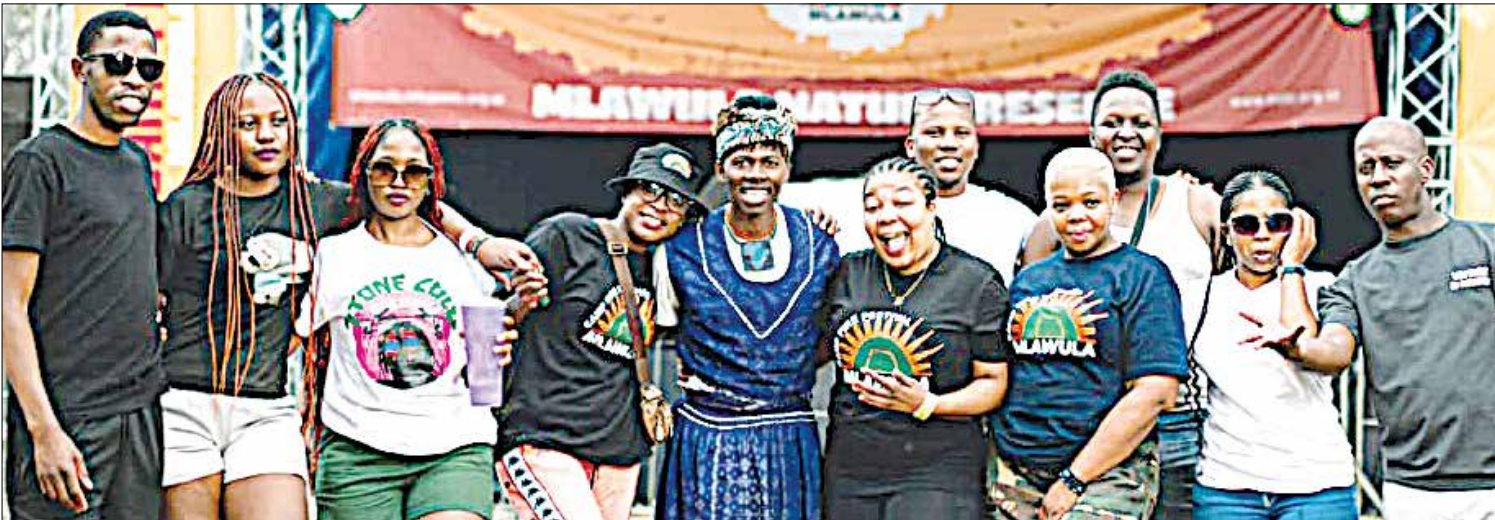
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# Events CALENDAR



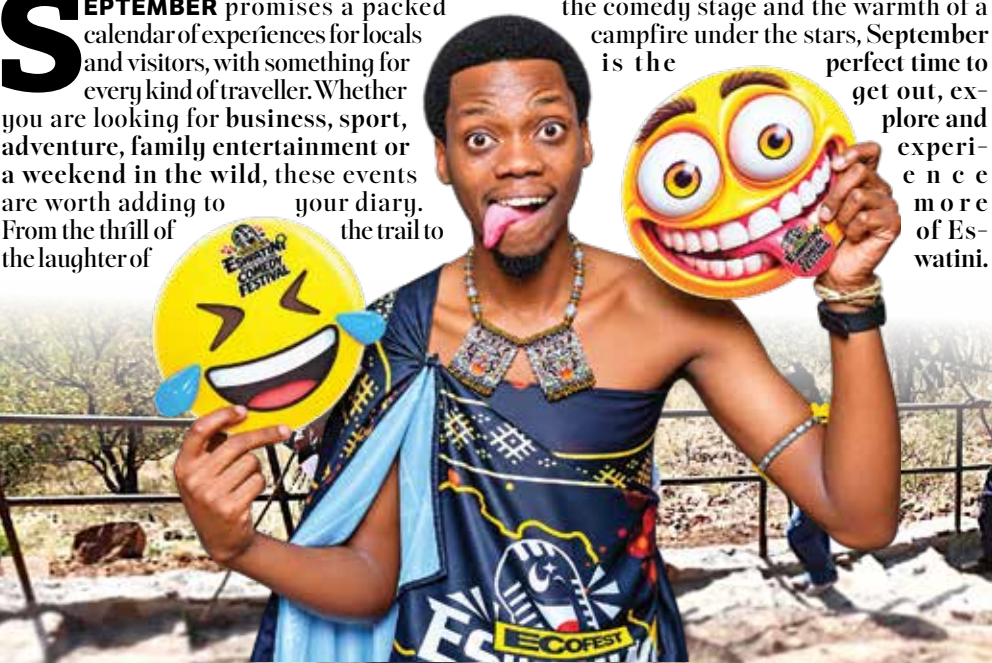


# Experience September in Eswatini!

From trade fairs and trail runs to comedy, campfires and cultural experiences, Eswatini comes alive this month.

**S**EPTEMBER promises a packed calendar of experiences for locals and visitors, with something for every kind of traveller. Whether you are looking for business, sport, adventure, family entertainment or a weekend in the wild, these events are worth adding to your diary. From the thrill of the trail to the laughter of

the comedy stage and the warmth of a campfire under the stars, September is the perfect time to get out, explore and experience more of Eswatini.





**RUN WILD ESWATINI  
11–12 SEPTEMBER**

Mbuluzi Game Reserve

Trade the city for the wild at **Run Wild Eswatini**, a family-friendly weekend combining trail running, walking, camping, wildlife, food and entertainment. Whether you are competing on the trails or simply enjoying the outdoors with family and friends, there is something for everyone.  
Online entries close 9 September 2026.  
[www.runwildeswatini.com](http://www.runwildeswatini.com)

**NHSE WALK & TALK  
12 SEPTEMBER**

Khabane Cave, Mlawula Nature Reserve

Step into Eswatini’s deep past with the **Natural History Society of Eswatini’s Walk and Talk** to Khabane Cave. Visitors will have the rare opportunity to explore an active archaeological excavation site and interact with scientists researching evidence of human and environmental history dating back thousands of years.  
RSVP: Ton Vriend — [tgfriend@realnet.co.sz](mailto:tgfriend@realnet.co.sz)  
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**ECOFEST – 3RD EDITION  
25 SEPTEMBER**

One Stage. One Continent.  
Endless Laughter.

Get ready for a night of continental comedy as **ECOFEST** brings comedians from across Africa to Eswatini. The line-up features talent from **South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia and Eswatini**, promising an evening of big laughs and unforgettable entertainment.  
Venue: Sibane Sami Hotel, Ezulwini  
Date: 25 September 2026

**MLAWULA CAMPFIRE FESTIVAL  
| 25–27 SEPTEMBER**

Siphiso Campsite, Mlawula Nature Reserve

End September under the stars at the **Mlawula Campfire Festival**, an adventure-filled weekend designed for camping enthusiasts, families, outdoor lovers and companies seeking a refreshing escape into nature. Expect a lively programme featuring **hiking, game viewing, cycling, aerobics, team building, comedy, live music, cultural performances, exhibitions, children’s activities and raffle draws**. With its combination of wilderness, adventure and entertainment, the festival aims to grow into Eswatini’s biggest camping event.

**SWAZI BOY ENTERTAINMENT  
TURNS 20 | 25–26 SEPTEMBER**

Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini

Celebrating **20 years of entertainment**, Swazi Boy Entertainment is marking the milestone with a spectacular two-day celebration from **25–26 September 2026** at **Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini**. The anniversary promises a major weekend of music and entertainment, headlined by the one and only **Young Stunna**.



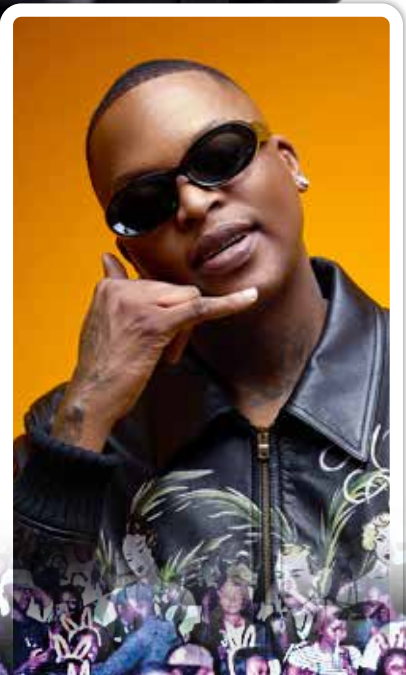
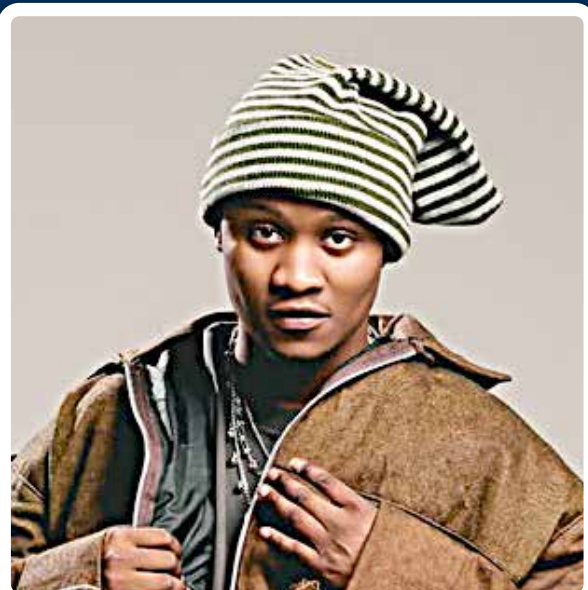
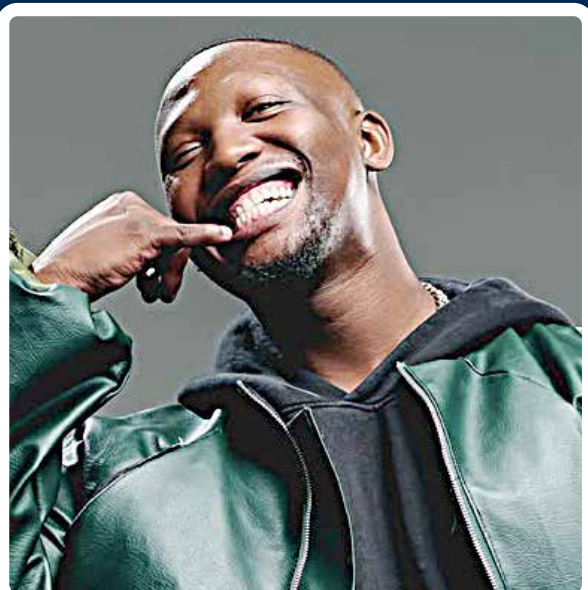
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