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GO FOR A CULTURE TOUR

...Step into Eswatini's story

BYOND its spectacular mountains, wildlife and scenic landscapes lies a living culture that is best experienced not from a distance, but up close through the rhythm of a traditional dance, the warmth of a Swati homestead, the stories shared around a fire and the age-old customs passed from one generation to the next.

When you find yourself in Eswatini, don't simply tick cultural attractions off your travel list. Go for a culture tour. One of the highlights of any cultural tour in Eswatini is witnessing the vibrant traditional dances. The sibhaca dance, performed by men, and the ummiso dance, performed by women,

are particularly captivating. These high-energy performances showcase the strength, agility and cultural pride of Eswatini.

SISWATI HOME TOURS

Exploring a traditional siSwati home offers invaluable insights into Swati daily life. Your guide will explain the significance of various household items, architectural elements, and family structures. Don't hesitate to ask questions - this is your chance to truly understand the intricacies of Swati culture.

LOCAL CUSTOMS AND FOLKLORE

The rich oral traditions are kept alive through storytelling. During your cultural tour, you'll have the opportunity to hear fascinating tales and folklore that have been passed down through generations. These stories often provide explanations for cultural practices and beliefs, offering a deeper understanding of Swati heritage.



WHERE TO GO FOR A CULTURE TOUR?

From Mantenga Cultural Village to the cultural experiences at Sibebe Resort, and with local tour operators ready to take you deeper into rural Eswatini, there are countless ways to experience the

kingdom through the eyes of its people. An authentic Swati experience is deeply rooted at Mantenga Cultural Village. The traditional performances are always outstanding there. The sangoma's trance dance is always hypnotic. And the resident guide, will take you through the simple life of emaSwati traditions and culture.

Another place to experience is Sibebe Resort which also has a cultural village where young girls and boys perform the cultural dances, sibhaca and ummiso. The tour guide for umuti wesiSwati will enchant you

with a tour in the home. Cultural tours in Eswatini offer a unique window into the rich traditions and warm hospitality of the emaSwati. By immersing yourself in these experiences, you gain a deeper appreciation for this fascinating culture and create memories that will last a lifetime.

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IMPHALA:

October's Name Written in Nature

In Eswatini, the months of the year carry more than dates on a calendar. They are connected to the rhythms of nature, culture and everyday life. October is known as *Imphala* in siSwati, a name that also refers to impala, the graceful antelope found across Eswatini and much of southern Africa.

The connection makes *Imphala* a particularly evocative name for the month. As October arrives, Eswatini moves further into spring, bringing warmer days, greener landscapes and renewed activity in the natural world.

The Impala of Imphala

The impala is one of Africa's most recognisable antelopes. Agile, elegant and remarkably quick, these animals are known for their reddish-brown coats, distinctive white markings and impressive ability to leap across the landscape.

In Eswatini, impala can be encountered in several wildlife areas, making them part of the country's rich natural heritage.

Seeing a herd moving through the bush, grazing beneath trees or suddenly bounding away is one of those encounters that reminds visitors of the wild character of the Kingdom.

There is something fitting about October carrying the name *Imphala*. The month arrives with its own sense of movement and renewal, as the landscapes begin responding to the warmer spring conditions

This month was named after these charming antelopes because it's when they give birth to their young ones. With a rutting season in May and a gestation period of six to seven months, October is the time to welcome those adorable calves into the world.

Impalas are the most successful species across all reserves in the country. While they're a guaranteed sighting on any safari drive, their prevalence often leads to them being overlooked. But don't underestimate how special these graceful antelopes really are. So This October take your family and go for that game drive to admire them.



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Pictures from Eswatini Tourism

FARM LIFE EXPERIENCE AT BUHLENI FARM CHALETS



THIS October, families, nature lovers and curious travellers can trade the city for a farm escape at Buhleni Farm Chalets in Ezulwini, where a stay comes with the opportunity to experience the charm of farm life.

Set in the beautiful Ezulwini Valley, Buhleni Farm Chalets offers visitors a chance to reconnect with nature, enjoy the outdoors and discover some of the simple pleasures that make a countryside getaway so special.

Go mulberry picking
Imagine wandering around the farm, searching among the trees for ripe, juicy mulberries, picking them straight from the branches and enjoying their fresh, naturally sweet flavour. For children, it is a chance to experience food in a completely different way not from a supermarket shelf, but directly from the tree.

Mulberry picking turns a simple walk around the farm into a fun little adventure. Who can find the ripest berry? Who can fill their basket first? And, of course,

who can resist eating a few along the way? It is the kind of wholesome outdoor activity that brings families together and creates holiday memories that cannot be replicated in the city.

But that's not all! Did you know that mulberry trees are fantastic at attracting birds? As you wander the farm, you'll be enchanted by the melodic calls of various birds. Keep your eyes peeled for vibrant woodpeckers and lively bulbuls flitting through the branches. Come and pick mulberries at Buhleni Farm Chalets, where every moment is a chance to connect with nature and create unforgettable



From vibrant woodpeckers to lively bulbuls, let nature's melodies accompany your farm escape."



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HAPPY WORLD TOURISM DAY 2026!

WORLD TOURISM DAY 2026 | DIGITAL AGENDA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO REDESIGN TOURISM



WORLD Tourism Day is celebrated globally every year on September 27. Established by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism, formerly UNWTO) at its General Assembly session in 1979, the inaugural celebration officially took place in 1980. The date chosen holds deep symbolic significance. September 27 marks the anniversary of the adoption of the UN Tourism Statutes in 1970, a critical milestone that paved the way for modern international tourism governance. Additionally, the date corresponds with a major seasonal transition in global travel, the end of the peak tourism season in the Northern Hemisphere and its commencement in the Southern Hemisphere.

The primary purpose of World Tourism Day is to foster global awareness regarding the social, cultural, political and economic value of tourism. The sector serves as a crucial driver of economic development, job creation, local community empowerment and heritage preservation worldwide.

Each year, UN Tourism selects an official overarching theme to

address pressing opportunities and challenges in global travel, ranging from sustainability, digital transformation and green investments to rural development, peace and human capital. Host nations and international destinations observe the day through conferences, cultural exhibitions, policy forums and educational workshops.

This year's theme "Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism," highlights how innovation is transforming travel. Led internationally by official host El Salvador, the observance explores AI and digital tools to create smarter, highly personalised and sustainable travel experiences. In Eswatini, the occasion serves as a milestone for empowering local tour operators, guides, and hospitality leaders with AI skills. Blending technology with the nation's core promise, "A Royal Experience Awaits," the celebrations reinforce Eswatini's commitment to data-driven marketing, rich cultural storytelling and sustainable growth.

As the month of September comes to a close, ETA engaged captains of the tourism to share how the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) 2026 theme resonates with them. Please have a look.

Happy World Tourism Day!



VUSIE N. DLAMINI
Chief Executive Officer (ETA)

"As the Kingdom of Eswatini we have no choice, we need to rethink how we look at Tourism. We have to align accordingly. Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence will place Destination at the palm of our visitors, making them to see our destination before they travel. It will also allow us to tell stories about our cultural heritage, sustainability practices, the natural scenic beauty even our traditional food. Ultimately, the digital transformation should paint a vivid picture of the Royal Experience."



NOKULUNGA MKHONTA
Nolu Tours

AI is changing the way I experience and deliver tourism. It has given me the freedom to turn my ideas into posters, captions, tour packages and experiences without always waiting for someone else. Using these new tools helps me tell our stories differently, open our communities to the world and take the beauty, culture and heart of Eswatini further than ever before."



BONKHE SHABANGU
Brand Influencer

In the wake of a growing digital infrastructure and adoption of Artificial Intelligence and how it is increasingly impacting our way of life, we must appreciate the creativity and thinking it enhances, particularly at domestic tourism level. New ideas for experiential living are born.



EMMA BENNETT
Marketing Officer, Global Village Guesthouse

AI is redefining how we market, communicate and deliver experiences in tourism. For me, embracing AI means combining data, creativity and innovation to understand our guests better, market Eswatini more effectively and improve hospitality without losing the human connection that makes travel meaningful.



LUNGILE T DUBE-MOTSA
The Wine Boutique Founder

"Let us harness digital innovation and Artificial Intelligence to redesign tourism creating smarter, more inclusive and sustainable journeys, with human connection at the heart of every experience."



MFANFIKILE NKAMBULE
eJubukweni Community Tour Guide

"The tourism of tomorrow will be powered by data, digital platforms and Artificial Intelligence; but it must remain guided by people, culture and community. Let technology serve the destination, not erase its identity"

EVOLUTION OF DOMESTIC TOURISM IN ESWATINI

COMMUNITY TOURISM

SOME of Eswatini’s most memorable tourism experiences can be found beyond the well-known attractions, in communities where visitors are welcomed to experience the kingdom through the eyes of the people who call it home.

Across the country, community tourism is creating opportunities for visitors to connect with local culture, traditions, food, crafts, nature and everyday life. From rural homesteads and cultural experiences to community-led conservation initiatives, these experiences offer a more personal and authentic way of discovering Eswatini.

Community tourism also places local people at the heart of the tourism experience. When visitors stay at community-based accommodation, enjoy locally prepared meals, purchase handmade crafts, participate in cultural activities or engage local guides, tourism income can flow directly into communities.

Jubukweni community Tours encourages travellers to come and experience the authentic Eswatini culture through the voices of its custodians. In Eswatini villages, culture is not only something you watch, it is something you hear, feel, share and learn from those who have lived it.

Travellers can join Jubukweni community Tours for an authentic village experience where you can sit with elders, traditional custodians and community members, hear stories of the past, learn about traditional customs, family life, indigenous knowledge, herbs, traditional practices, food, crafts and the values that have shaped communities over generations.

- Listen to the wisdom of our elders, hear stories around the traditional homestead.
- Discover indigenous knowledge passed down through generations.
- Learn about traditional crafts and everyday village life.
- Understand the values, customs and traditions that continue to shape Eswatini’s identity.

Jubukweni Community Tour not simply a tour: It is a conversation between generations. It is living heritage: It is an opportunity to learn Eswatini through the people who know it best. Come with curiosity. Sit down. Listen. Ask questions. Share your own story. Come as a visitor. Leave with a deeper understanding of Eswatini.

DISCOVERING THE KINGDOM THROUGH ITS PEOPLE

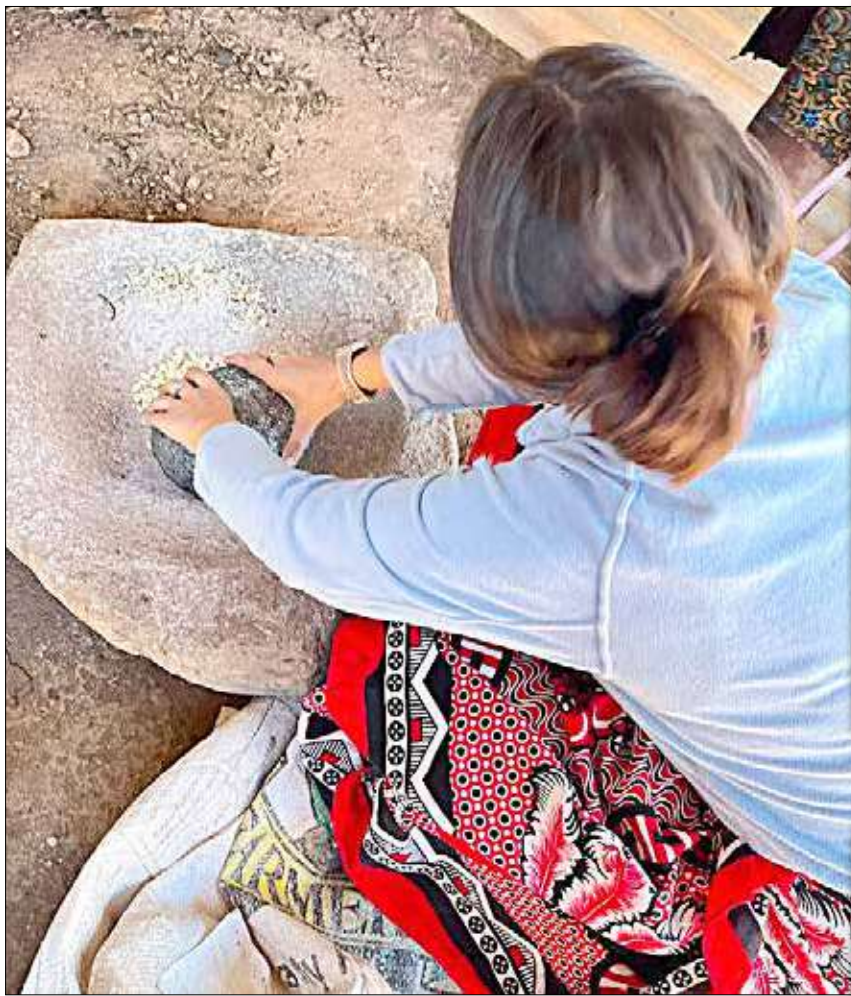
Tourism has come a long way in the Kingdom of Eswatini. As we celebrate Tourism Day, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the remarkable evolution of domestic tourism and the growing desire among emaSwati to discover, experience and celebrate their own kingdom.

Once largely associated with international visitors exploring Eswatini’s wildlife, landscapes and cultural heritage, tourism has increasingly become an experience for locals too. This transformation has been driven by a combination of cultural pride, the kingdom’s natural beauty, and the remarkable growth of the sports and entertainment sectors.

More than simply a leisure activity, tourism carries significant **social, cultural, environmental and economic value**. It creates opportunities, connects communities, supports livelihoods and encourages emaSwati to become ambassadors for the beauty and heritage of their own country.

CULTURE AND NATURAL BEAUTY: THE HEART OF THE KINGDOM

Eswatini’s greatest tourism asset has always been its people, culture and extraordinary natural beauty. For generations, the kingdom’s traditional ceremonies and cultural celebrations have provided a window into the rich heritage of emaSwati. Today,



Discovering Eswatini is not simply about seeing the Kingdom, it is about experiencing it through its people.”



they are also powerful drivers of domestic travel. Celebrations such as **Buganu, Umhlanga (Reed Dance) and Incwala** continue to attract thousands of visitors, while inspiring emaSwati themselves to travel across the kingdom and experience these iconic moments.

Beyond the ceremonies lies a landscape waiting to be explored. From the rolling hills and majestic mountains of the Highveld to the scenic valleys, waterfalls, forests and nature reserves, Eswatini offers remarkable experiences within a relatively small and accessible destination.

This growing appreciation of our heritage and landscapes has encouraged emaSwati to look closer to home and discover that unforgettable experiences do not always require crossing a border.



ESWATINI'S IDEAL END PARTY DESTINATIONS



...Celebrate the Year in Style

As temperatures rise and the festive season draws closer, why not start planning your year-end celebration right here in Eswatini? From vibrant parties and live entertainment to scenic getaways, delicious dining experiences and unforgettable nights out, the Kingdom is gearing up to close the year in style.

As the year draws to a close, companies, families and groups begin looking for the perfect place to celebrate, reconnect and appreciate the journey they have shared throughout the year. Whether the plan is a lively cultural experience, a relaxing getaway or an adventure in the mountains, Eswatini offers destinations that can turn an ordinary end of year function into a memorable experience.

Among the destinations worth considering are Mantenga Cultural Village, Magadzavane Lodge and Malolotja Nature Reserve. Three unique destinations managed by the Eswatini National Trust Commission, each offering a different way to celebrate the end of the year.

MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE - CELEBRATE THROUGH CULTURE

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Located in the scenic Ezulwini Valley, Mantenga Cultural Village provides the perfect setting for a vibrant and memorable end of year celebration. The destination offers visitors an opportunity to experience the warmth and richness of Eswatini's traditional culture while enjoying a relaxed environment.

Guests can explore the traditional homestead, experience cultural performances and enjoy delicious meals at the Mantenga Falls Café, which offers both traditional Eswatini dishes and Western cuisine. With its beautiful surroundings and cultural atmosphere, Mantenga is well suited for companies and groups looking for a celebration that combines entertainment, food and a meaningful cultural experience.

The village is also located within Mantenga Nature Reserve, providing an opportunity to combine the cultural experience with a walk through the reserve and a visit to the spectacular 95metre high Mantenga Falls, one of Eswatini's best known waterfalls.

MAGADZAVANE LODGE - RELAX, RECONNECT AND CELEBRATE

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Located within Mlawula Nature Reserve, along the Mhlumeni Road near the Lubombo escarpment, Magadzavane Lodge offers a combination of accommodation, dining, relaxation and outdoor experiences. Guests are surrounded by natural vegetation and have opportunities to encounter the reserve's wildlife and birdlife.

For an end of year function, groups can enjoy a meal from the lodge's buffet or set menu options, followed by time around the swimming pool or simply relaxing and taking in the views. Those wanting a more active experience can explore the hiking trails around the lodge and Mlawula area.

Magadzavane also offers 20 ensuite chalets, with each chalet accommodating up to four people,





Mantenga Cultural Village

HOT DEAL



FLAVOURS OF ESWATINI

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Malolotja Nature Reserve

Reverse

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- Amstel
- Brutal Fruit
- Hunter's Dry
- Dry Lemon

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7806 8934 | MALOLOTLJA NATURE RESERVE. 8AM - 6PM

OF YEAR



making it suitable for companies or groups wanting to extend their celebration into an overnight retreat. There is also a thatched conference facility accommodating up to 80 delegates, making it possible to combine a year end meeting, team session or awards programme with a celebration and overnight stay.

MALOLOTJA NATURE RESERVE - AN ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER

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For groups that want their year-end celebration to be different, active and memorable, Malolotja Nature Reserve offers an experience surrounded by some of Eswatini's most spectacular mountain landscapes. Covering approximately 18,000 hectares, Malolotja is described by ENTC as one of Southern Africa's impressive mountain parks and one of Eswatini's remaining unspoilt mountain wilderness areas.

Groups can take to the reserve's hiking trails, exploring valleys, mountains and diverse ecosystems while looking out for wildlife and birdlife. For those seeking a bigger adrenaline rush, the

Malolotja Canopy Tour offers an unforgettable adventure through the forest canopy. The experience includes 11 elevated platforms, 10 slides and a 50metre suspension bridge crossing the Majolomba River. Participants also travel by open game vehicle to the starting point, where sightings of animals such as blesbuck, eland, impala and zebra are possible.

For groups wanting to slow down after the adventure, Malolotja also offers camping, with tent hire, braai facilities, firewood, showers and scenic views. Spending the evening around a campfire beneath the mountain sky provides a completely different way to close the year.

A CELEBRATION WORTH REMEMBERING

Whether your team wants to dance to the rhythm of Eswatini's culture at Mantenga, relax and reconnect at Magadzavane, or challenge themselves in the mountains of Malolotja, these destinations offer more than just a venue. They offer experiences. This year, instead of simply ending the year, make the final celebration one worth remembering.



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Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini



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Magadzavane Lodge



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MADE IN ESWATINI:

HOMEGROWN BRANDS
TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating the products,
people and creativity putting
Eswatini on the map



Eswatini's homegrown brands are telling the world that the Kingdom is a country with talent, creativity and innovation.

WHAT DOES ESWATINI
TASTE LIKE? WHAT
DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
WHAT DOES IT FEEL
LIKE?

Increasingly, the answer can be found in the growing collection of proudly homegrown brands being created, produced and championed right here in the Kingdom.

On 17 September 2026, local brands took centre stage at the Made in Eswatini Consumer



Choice Awards, hosted by A Peculiar People at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mbabane. The event brought together businesses, consumers and industry players for an evening dedicated to celebrating the products, entrepreneurs and brands making an impact in Eswatini.

The occasion highlighted an important part of the Kingdom's evolving identity: Eswatini is not only a destination to visit but a destination that creates.

From food and fashion to beauty, art, technology, tourism and innovative services, homegrown brands are increasingly reflecting the creativity, talent and entrepreneurial spirit of emaSwati. Made in Eswatini becomes part of the

tourism experience.

For visitors, discovering Eswatini can extend far beyond its mountains, wildlife, cultural experiences and scenic landscapes. The country's growing collection of locally made products offers another way to experience the Kingdom.

A bottle of locally produced beverage, a beautifully crafted leather product, a piece of contemporary art, locally designed clothing or a handmade décor item can become more than a purchase, it can become a lasting reminder of a journey through Eswatini.

Shopping locally gives visitors an opportunity to discover the people and stories behind the products while supporting the entrepreneurs, artisans and businesses contributing to the country's economy.

FROM THE TABLE TO
THE TRAVEL BAG

The 2026 Consumer Choice Awards showcased the remarkable diversity of Eswatini's homegrown products.

Among the recognised brands were Explorers Smash Burgers, named Consumers' Favourite Convenience Food Brand;



PHUMULA GUEST HOUSE EARNs FOUR-STAR GRADING

A new four-star recognition is putting the spotlight on quality hospitality in Eswatini's southern hub.

TRAVELLERS exploring the southern reaches of Eswatini have another reason to consider Nhlanguano as part of their itinerary, with Phumula Guest House receiving a four-star grading from the Eswatini Tourism Authority.

The grading follows an assessment conducted by the Authority's official grading assessors as part of a wider initiative to elevate and standardise service and hospitality standards across tourism properties in the Kingdom.

For Phumula Guest House, the four-star recognition marks an important milestone in its hospitality journey and reinforces its commitment to creating a comfortable, reliable and welcoming experience for guests.

WHERE QUALITY MEETS A WARM WELCOME

The name *Phumula* means “rest” in siSwati — an apt description for a guest house designed to offer travellers a place to pause, recharge and settle into the relaxed character of Nhlanguano.

For visitors travelling through southern Eswatini, the town offers an opportunity to experience a dif-



ferent side of the Kingdom, away from the bustle of the major urban centres.

Whether stopping overnight, exploring the surrounding region or looking for a comfortable base from which to discover the south, Phumula Guest House offers hospitality with a renewed seal of quality.

WHAT DOES A FOUR-STAR GRADING MEAN?

Phumula Guest House's four-star grading also reflects the growing importance of quality accommodation in strengthening Eswatini's tourism offering.

Tourism grading is more than a badge displayed on a property. It provides travellers with an indication that an establishment has been assessed against recognised standards relating to areas such as service, facilities, quality, safety and the overall guest experience.

The Eswatini Tourism Authority's grading programme plays an important role in strengthening confidence in the Kingdom's accommodation sector. By assessing tourism establishments against established standards, the programme helps create greater consistency across the industry while encouraging properties to continually improve their services. Grading ranges from 1* to 5* with higher numbers indicating increased luxury, amenities and service quality. Establishments need to meet about 900 – 1000 standards.



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TASTE THE HEAT

KFC eSwatini brings back the Black Mamba collab

ONE of Eswatini’s most exciting flavour collaborations is back and visitors are invited to taste the heat. When exploring Eswatini, the experience goes beyond mountain landscapes, wildlife encounters and cultural traditions. It is also found in the flavours that make the Kingdom uniquely its own.

Now, there is another taste experience to add to the list. KFC Eswatini has final brought back its fiery collaboration with Black Mamba, pairing KFC’s much-loved chicken with the bold, unmistakable flavour of one of Eswatini’s best-known hot sauce brands.

A TASTE OF THE KINGDOM WITH A KICK

The star of the comeback is the Black Mamba Dunked Wings crispy KFC wings drenched in that legendary Black Mamba flavour for a fiery kick that you won’t forget.

It is the kind of meal that comes with a warning: expect heat, expect flavour and expect to go back for another bite.

For travellers looking to experience Eswatini through its food, this collaboration offers a fun and accessible introduction to the country’s love for chilli and bold flavours. Black Mamba brings the local personality, while KFC brings a familiar favourite, creating a combination that is both international and unmistakably Eswatini.

FROM ESWATINI’S CHILLI CULTURE TO YOUR PLATE

Black Mamba has built a name around turning locally grown chillies and bold ingredients into sauces that pack serious flavour. Its

presence in this K F C collaboration gives visitors the opportunity to experience a taste associated with Eswatini in a completely different way.

Think of it as a fast-food stop with a local twist the kind of unexpected food discovery that can become one of the memorable moments of a trip.

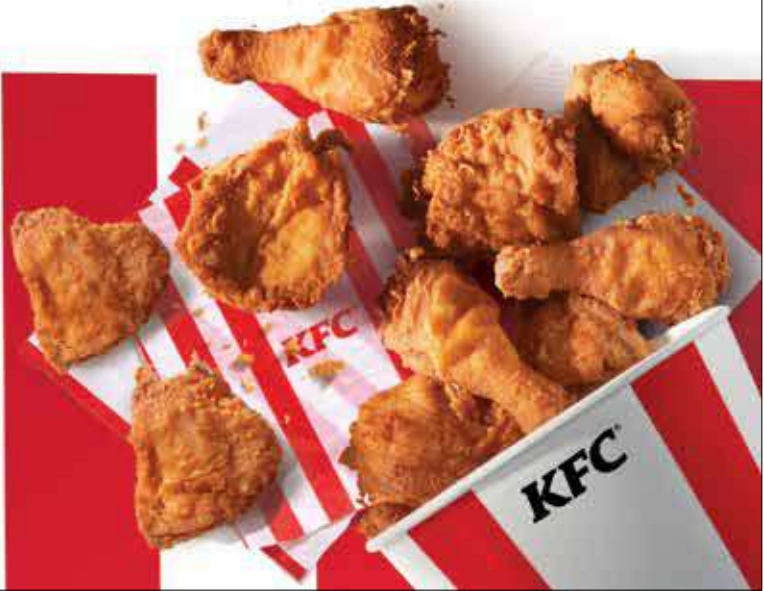
After a day exploring the Kingdom’s scenic val-

leys, discovering its cul-tural at-trac-tions or travelling between destinations, why not turn up the heat with a box of Black Mamba Dunked Wings?



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FOLLOW THE FLOWERS: DISCOVERING ESWATINI ONE TRAIL AT A TIME

Sometimes, the most beautiful discoveries grow quietly beneath your feet.

When exploring Eswatini, it is easy to be captivated by sweeping mountain views, dramatic valleys and spectacular landscapes. But look a little closer and you will discover another side of the Kingdom’s natural beauty one that blooms along the trails.

So lace up your hiking boots, leave the rush behind and take a walk through Eswatini’s great outdoors. **The mountains have plenty to show you, but the flowers have stories of their own.**

LOOK DOWN. SLOW DOWN.

A hike is not always about reaching the highest point or ticking off another viewpoint. Sometimes, the real adventure is slowing your pace and noticing the details.

Along mountain paths and open grasslands, colourful wildflowers can transform an ordinary trail into something memorable. Tiny blooms emerge between rocks and grasses, while bursts of colour brighten the landscape and attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

Breathe in the crisp mountain air. Listen to the birds. Feel the breeze move through the grass. Then look closely at the flowers growing beside the path.

A GARDEN IN THE WILD

Eswatini’s varied landscapes create a fascinating natural tapestry, with different plants thriving across its mountains, forests, grasslands and valleys.

For hikers, this means that every trail can offer a different botanical experience. Depending on the season and altitude, you may encounter delicate blossoms, striking indigenous plants and colourful seasonal displays that change with the landscape. Flowers are part of a much bigger ecosystem. They provide food for pollinators, shelter for insects and contribute to the delicate balance of life along the trail. What

looks like a small flower beside your hiking boot can be part of an entire world of activity.



Guide to Great Mountain Escapes



THERE is something irresistible about heading into the mountains leaving the bustle of city life behind and trading busy roads for winding trails, fresh mountain air and breathtaking views. In Eswatini, the journey is every bit as rewarding as the destination, with rugged landscapes and scenic backroads waiting to be explored.

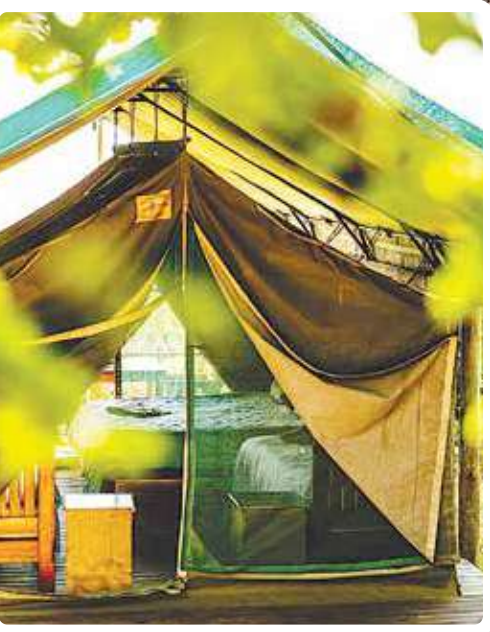
So, dust off the hiking boots, fire up the 4x4 and leave the 'city you' behind. These mountain escapes invite you to slow down, reconnect with nature and discover the thrill of getting off the beaten track. Because sometimes, the best views really are found at the end of a dirt road.

1. SHEWULA MOUNTAIN CAMP: LOW TECH, HIGH SOUL

Perched precariously and perfectly on the lip of the Lubombo Mountains, Shewula is the ultimate 'off-the-grid' flex. Located a mere 20 minutes from the Lomahasha Border with Mozambique, this isn't your typical resort; it's a community-owned masterclass in rustic cool.

You'll be bunking down in traditional stone-and-thatch rondavels, but the real theatre happens at night. Forget fancy indoor plumbing; there is nothing quite like showering under a sky so cluttered with stars that you'll wonder why we ever invented ceilings.

The Insider Tip: For the twitchers among us, they've recently unveiled a new bird hav-



en. It's a brisk, scenic trek out to the wetlands, where the feathered locals are far more interesting than your social media feed.

2. MHLUMENI BUSH CAMP: ADRENALINE ON THE EDGE

If Shewula is for the soul, Mhlumeni is for the shins. Also tucked into the Lubombo range, this camp is less about 'finding yourself' and more about finding the limit of your mountain bike tyres.

Mhlumeni is a thrill-seeker's playground with a conscience. It's an authentic eco-adventure where every cent helps preserve the Mbuluzi Gorge and supports the local community.

- **The Gorge Hike:** Lace up and descend



into the Mbuluzi Gorge. It's mesmerising, slightly exhausting, and your Instagram followers will be green with envy.

- **The Trails:** The mountain biking here isn't for the faint-hearted. It's rugged, twisting, and will make you feel like a pro (even if you spend half the time in granny gear).
- **The Night Show:** Far from the orange glow of Mbabane, the stargazing here is a celestial riot.

3. SIBEBE RESORT: THE ROCK STAR TREATMENT

The drive to Sibebe is a thriller on its own right. As you wind along the Pine Valley road, the legendary Sibebe Rock, the world's second-largest monolith looms over you like a

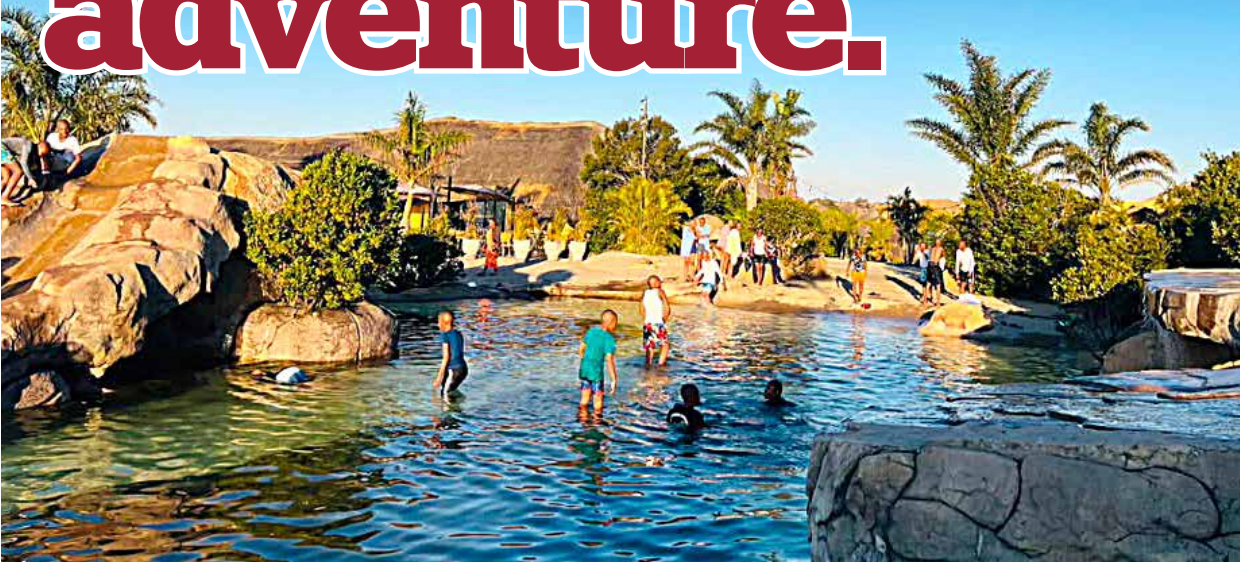
silent, granite deity.

Taking the off-ramp at Mbuluzi, you'll climb the rugged slopes of KaLaMgabhi until you reach a resort that perfectly balances 'wild' and 'wet.' After conquering the road, you're rewarded with arguably the best man-made pools and water slides in the kingdom. It's the perfect place to wash off the mountain dust with a literal splash.

The Early Bird Special: If you're bold enough to stay the night, set the alarm for 05:00. Watching the sunrise hit the face of the Sibebe dome is a religious experience. Follow it up with a morning zipline session before heading to the restaurant to put back all the calories you just burned.



Your summer. Your ...at Sibebe Resort adventure.



As we step into the warmer months, what better way to celebrate summer than with an exciting escape to Sibebe Resort? With sunny days calling for fun, adventure and a refreshing splash, Sibebe is the perfect destination to cool off and make the most of the season.

Get ready to turn up the summer fun with the resort's thrilling water slides, where every splash promises laughter, excitement and unforgettable memories. Whether you are planning a family day out, a fun-filled weekend with friends or simply looking for a refreshing break from the summer heat, Sibebe Resort offers the perfect setting to soak up the season.

Pack your swimwear, gather your favourite people and get ready to slide, splash and enjoy summer the Sibebe way!



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS: TWO CELEBRATIONS THAT LIT UP ESWATINI

FROM 20 years of Swazi Boy Entertainment to the 7th Mlawula Campfire Festival, September showcased two very different sides of Eswatini's lifestyle and tourism offering.

SWAZI BOY ENTERTAINMENT TURNS 20 IN STYLE

TWO decades of entertainment called for a celebration to remember, and Swazi Boy Entertainment's 20th Anniversary delivered exactly that at Happy Valley Hotel.

One of the night's biggest highlights was DJ Zinhle, who took to the stage and immediately had the crowd dancing, singing along and fully immersed in the celebrations. Her high-energy performance added another memorable chapter to a milestone event celebrating 20 years of Swazi Boy Entertainment.

ESWATINI STEPPED INTO HER ERA

The ERA pop-up became one of the spots to be during the celebrations, bringing together accessories, laughter, connection and plenty of what could only be described as *bestiehood energy*. With its stylish atmosphere and social buzz, the pop-up added a lifestyle element to the festivities.

MLAWULA CAMPFIRE FESTIVAL: WHERE NATURE MEETS MUSIC



THE 7th edition of the Mlawula Campfire Festival brought together music, camping, local enterprise and the unmistakable magic of gathering around a campfire.

Taking centre stage was Boohle, who brought her signature energy to the festival and had the Mlawula surroundings buzzing with excitement. Her performance became one of the standout moments of the festival, adding a powerful musical dimension to an experience rooted in nature and community.

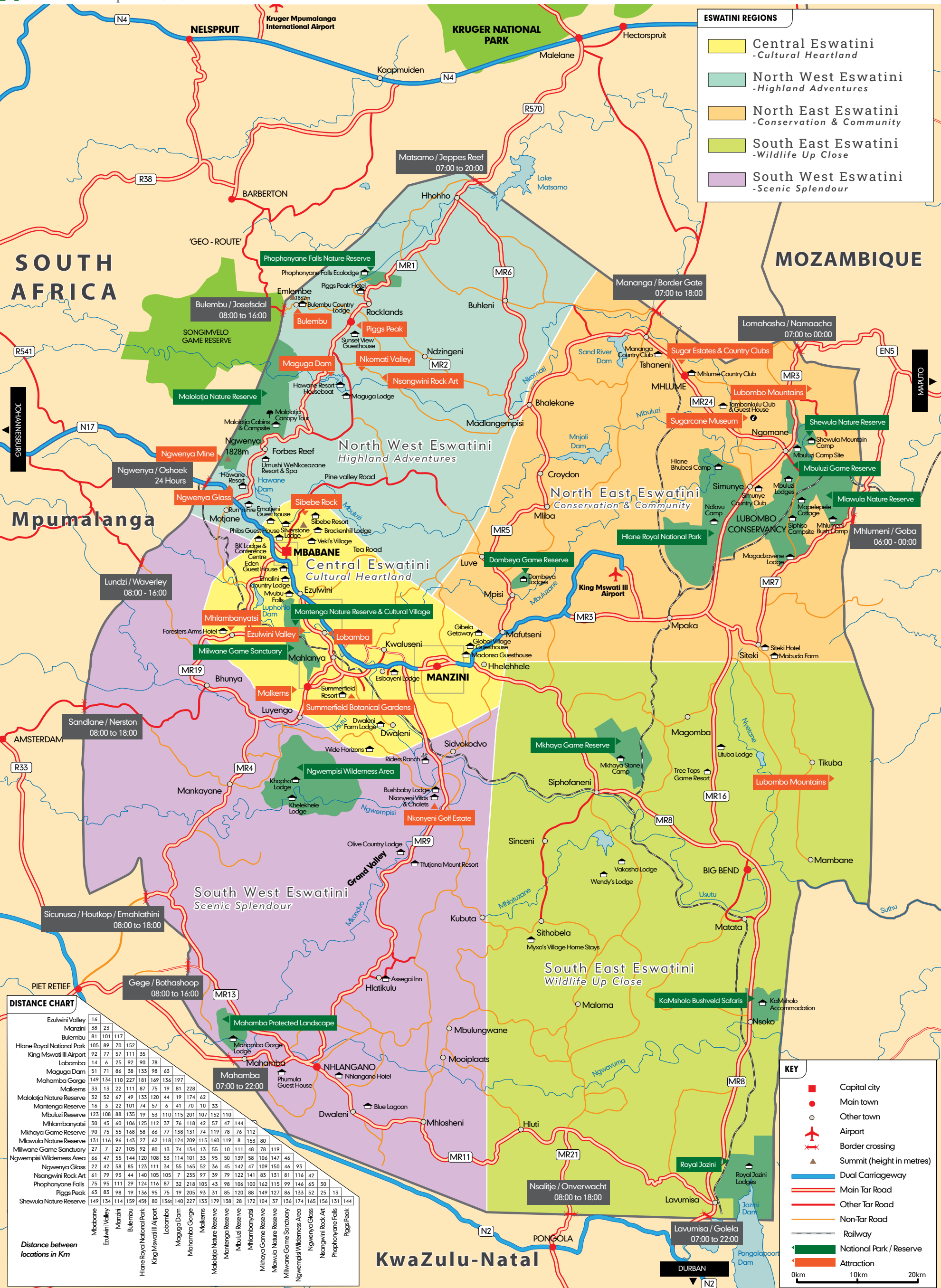
The festival closed on another high note with Bholoja, who lit up the final day with an incredible performance, giving festivalgoers one more reason to sing, dance and celebrate before the campfire experience came to an end.

A PLATFORM FOR LOCAL CREATIVES

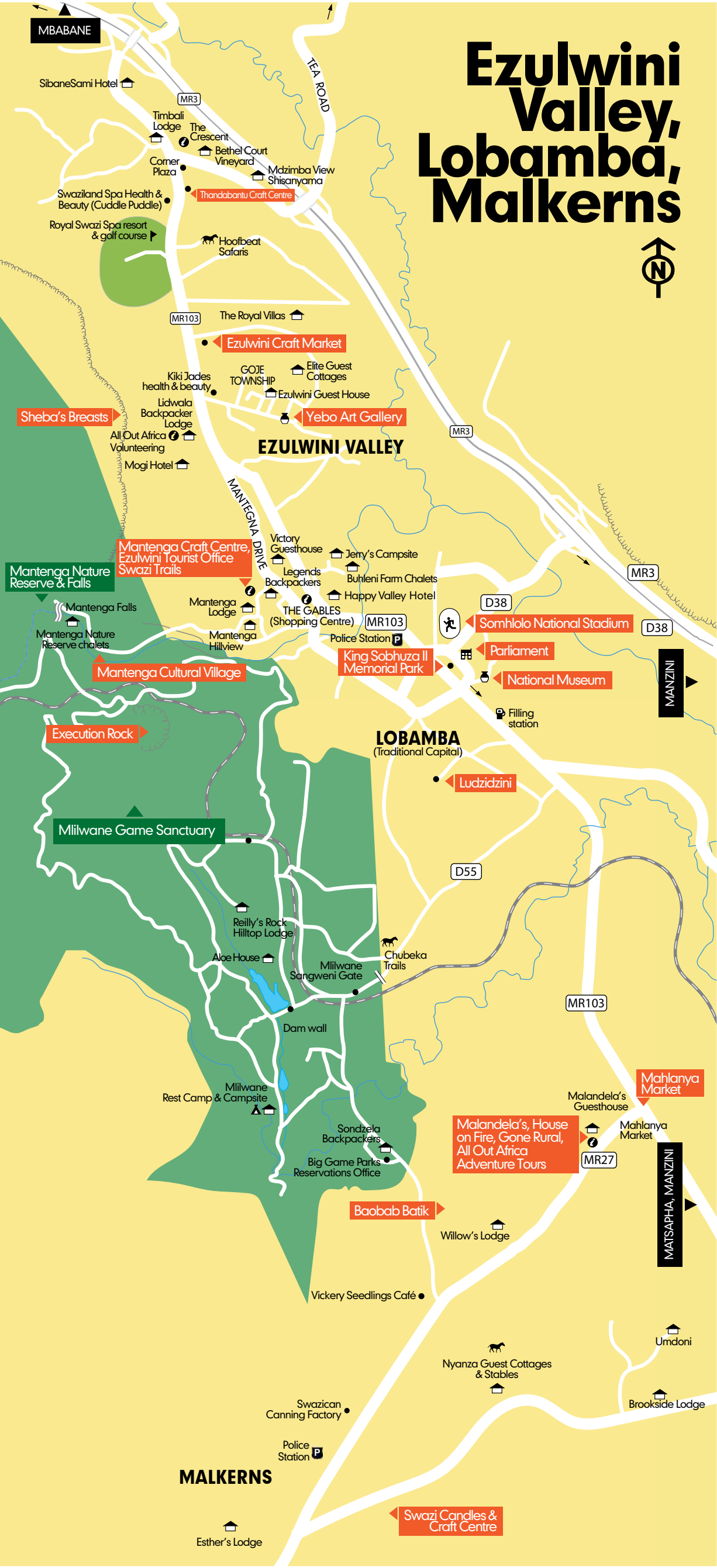
One of the most exciting aspects of the Mlawula Campfire Festival was the opportunity it created for local businesses and entrepreneurs. Beyond the music and outdoor experience, the festival provided a platform for local creatives and businesses to showcase their products and connect directly with visitors.

Stalls filled the festival with colour and creativity, featuring everything from beautifully handcrafted bags, baskets and accessories to food, clothing, crafts and other locally made products.





Ezulwini Valley, Lobamba, Malkerns



HALLOWEEN AT MDZIMBA VIEW

...The Night Of The Living Party

WHEN the sun goes down on Saturday, 31 October 2026, get ready to trade the ordinary for the extraordinary as Mzimba View Shisanyama hosts its highly anticipated Halloween Party.



Themed Halloween Costumes, partygoers are invited to unleash their imagination and arrive dressed to impress, frighten or simply steal the spotlight. Whether you choose to become a terrifying creature of the night, a mysterious character or your favourite Halloween icon, there is only one rule: come dressed for the occasion.

WHERE THE NIGHT COMES ALIVE

Mzimba View Shisanyama will provide the perfect setting for a night built around music, entertainment, costumes and good company. The night will feature PHENOMENAL DJ, MBO, BANDO-RA, LADY ZEE, SWEET SHANDIS, AURA, SO WHAT, DARKSOUL and many more. From DJs keeping the crowd moving to live performances that promise to keep the energy high, the Halloween party is shaping up to be a celebration for anyone looking to experience Eswatini's vibrant nightlife scene.

DRESS UP. SHOW UP. STAND OUT.

Halloween is all about transformation, and Mzimba View Shisanyama is inviting partygoers to fully embrace the theme. With the Best Dressed Prize up for grabs, guests can turn the night into their own fashion-meets-fantasy moment. The more imaginative the costume, the more memorable the entrance!

SAVE THE DATE

Venue: Mzimba View Shisanyama
Date: Saturday, 31 October 2026
Theme: Halloween Costumes
General Entry: E50
VIP Access: E200

Start planning that costume, gather your crew and prepare for a Halloween night where music meets mystery and the party comes alive after dark.



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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)



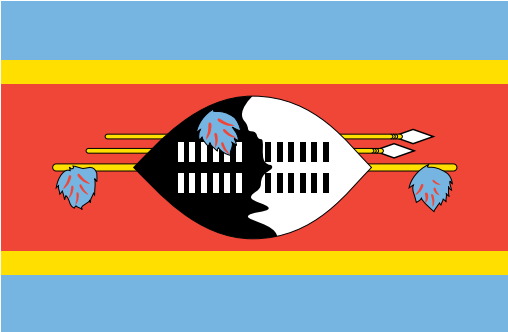
200 EMALANGENI (US\$10.75)

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

LOCATION

Southern Africa, between Mozambique and South Africa
Geographic coordinates:

Size: 26 30 S, 31 30 E
17 364sq km
Countries border 535 km
Total:
Border countries:
• Mozambique 105 km,
• South Africa 430 km
Lowerst point: Great Usutu River 21m
Highest point: Emlembe 1 862 m

YOUR EMBASSY/CONSULATE IN SD

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

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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 635 (South Africa)
- Richards Bay 635 (South Africa)
- Gaborone 635 (Botswana)
- Maputo 236 (Mocambique)
- Maseru 236 (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:

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

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Rainbow Angels
Tel: 24162508

Swazi Candles, Malkerns
Tel: 2528 3219

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Ezulwini Tel: 2416 2180

Swazi Trails
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ROYAL SWAZI SPA SET TO REOPEN BEFORE THE FESTIVE SEASON



THE Royal Swazi Spa Hotel is set to reopen before the end of December 2026, ending a lengthy closure and restoring one of Eswatini's best-known hospitality landmarks to the Ezulwini Valley just as festive-season demand gathers pace.

The reopening timeline was confirmed by Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini during a networking cocktail for UAE leadership at the Hilton Garden Inn Mbabane. The announcement marks a significant development for Eswatini's tourism sector, with the return of the Royal Swazi Spa expected to add accommodation capacity, support employment and stimulate economic activity across the Ezulwini Valley.

The development comes as Tibiyo TakaNgwane and the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) advance due diligence, restoration and preparations to bring both the Royal Swazi Spa and Lugogo Sun back into operation. PSPF CEO Masotja Vilakati has also affirmed that upgrades are continuing around the clock, as efforts intensify to restore the historic Ezulwini Valley to its former prominence as a major tourism and hospitality destination.

For travellers planning an end-of-year escape, the message is clear: the Royal



Swazi Spa is preparing to welcome guests again and the countdown to its return has begun.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

December is traditionally a period when Eswatini welcomes increased movement of visitors, returning residents and holidaymakers looking for a getaway.

The anticipated reopening before the end of December could therefore add much-needed accommodation capacity at a particularly important time of year.

For visitors, it also creates another opportunity to experience the Ezulwini Valley, a destination known for its combination of mountains, cultural attractions, wildlife experiences, golf, shopping and hospitality.

The Royal Swazi Spa's return could

give travellers another reason to linger a little longer.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR A CLASSIC

The reopening is not simply about bringing back an old name. The current restoration presents an opportunity to combine the heritage that made the Royal Swazi Spa significant with a renewed hospitality experience suited to today's traveller.

As work continues, anticipation is building around the return of a property that has been part of Eswatini's tourism landscape for generations. And before the end of December, the Royal Swazi Spa is expected to welcome a new generation of guests while reconnecting with a remarkable chapter in Eswatini's tourism story.





Experience Eswatini this October

OCTOBER is a vibrant month in Eswatini, bridging the gap between the cooler dry season and the warmer spring/summer weather. It features popular culinary and lifestyle festivals, community markets and great outdoor conditions for wildlife viewing and adventure. Key highlights and events happening in Eswatini this October include:



FEATURED FESTIVALS AND LIFESTYLE EVENTS

● **Eswatini Farmers Market (October 10, 2026):** In its fifth edition, the event will be held at the Malkerns Country Club. This year's theme is 'Look Like a Cowboy'; the event promises to be a celebration of music, fashion, arts, food and lifestyle.

● **Imbube Marathon (October 17, 2026):** The 8th edition of the marathon is set to take place on 17 October 2026 at Somhlolo National Stadium. Race Categories include 42.2km which is set to start at 5:30am with a cut-off of 6 hours, a 21.1km set to start at 6:00am with a cut-off of 3 hours, a 10km set to start at 6:00am with a cut-off of 2 hours.

● **Eswatini Kota Festival (October 24, 2026):** Held at the Malkerns Country Club, this massive family and food-lovers' day

celebrates the iconic street-food "kota" with a fusion of flavours from across Eswatini and South Africa. It features live performances by top local artists, energetic music, and a dedicated kids' entertainment section.

● **The Ocean Summer Vibes (October 24, 2026):** Set to take place at the Riders Ranch Sidvokodvo starting at 12 noon till 6 am.

● **Mantenga Lifestyle and Craft Centre Monthly Music Event:** A popular local fixture offering live music, an authentic community atmosphere, late-opening artisan shops, and great food and drink options in the Ezulwini Valley.

● **Comedy meets Gospel (October 31, 2026 at 6pm):** To be held at SibaneSami Hotel, Ezulwini, this is an uplifting entertainment night combining stand-up comedy performances and rhythmic, powerful live Gospel music.



● **Ekuphileni Farmer's Market (October 31, 2026):** Held at Computronics in Mbabane, offering a lively marketplace for fresh local foods, crafts and community socialisation.



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