



## KIT LIST 4, 5 OR 6 DAY ROOF OF AFRICA TOUR

### PASSPORTS AND VISAS:

Passport absolutely essential: No passport = no entry into Lesotho.

**South African ENTRY/EXIT regulations:** On 1 June 2015, South Africa brought into effect new regulations applying ONLY to children under 18 years of age. Any child of any nationality will require the following when departing from or arriving in South Africa:

- 1) **A CHILD TRAVELLING WITH BOTH PARENTS:** A Birth Certificate which has the names of both parents on it. This must be either an original or a copy which has been certified by a Commissioner of Oaths. (In SA, a police station will certify such copies)
- 2) **A CHILD TRAVELLING WITH ONE PARENT ONLY:** The birth certificate as well as an affidavit (an official letter stamped and signed at a police station) from the non-travelling parent giving permission for the child to travel into and/or out of South Africa.
- 3) **A CHILD TRAVELLING WITH AN ADULT WHO IS NOT THEIR PARENT:** If the child is travelling with another adult, this person must produce the birth certificate as well as an affidavit from the parents giving the child permission to travel into and/or out of South Africa with this adult, copies of the parents' identity documents and their contact details
- 4) **A CHILD TRAVELLING UNACCOMPANIED:** If the child is travelling unaccompanied, the child must produce the birth certificate as well as an affidavit from the parents giving the child permission to travel into and/or out of South Africa and the parents' contact details as well as the identity documents and contact details of the person receiving the child in South Africa.

If you unsure about any aspect of these regulations, contact us for clarity, or else contact your nearest South African embassy or if in SA, the nearest Home Affairs office.

NOTE that we have spoken to the station commander at the South African border post at Sani pass and he is inclined to be somewhat lenient to people on our tours, but he suggests that anyone unsure contact him directly to clarify their individual situation as follows:

Captain Dlamini of the Sani Pass border post on +27 33 7029000 or +27 33 7029001 or +27 33 7029002

**Visa for entry into Lesotho:** Certain countries require visas for Lesotho, especially from South America, eastern Europe and some countries in Asia and Africa. Please see Lesotho visa list on our website [www.sanilodge.co.za](http://www.sanilodge.co.za) or check the official Lesotho Government website at <http://www.foreign.gov.ls/services/default.php> or contact your local Lesotho Embassy. Visas must be procured **BEFORE** arrival at Sani Lodge Backpackers and can NOT be obtained at the border.

*We will not carry any passenger who does not have a valid passport or a visa if required.*

### BRING ALONG:

Small day pack.

Long pants suitable for riding if you plan to ride (tracksuit pants work well) (*5 or 6 day tours only*).

Warm windproof and preferably waterproof jacket/ raincoat or rain suit or poncho.

Fleece jacket or top (or equivalent).

Warm clothing including trousers, tracksuit, jersey for winter.

Sun hat.

Sun bloc cream.

Suitable footwear for riding and walking.

Swimming costume (summer)

Small towel.

Beanie or balaclava and gloves (winter).

500ml water bottle.

Torch or flashlight (a head torch is ideal).

Camera.

Personal medications and toiletries.

Refuse bag for your own rubbish

## MEALS:

All meals are provided on these trips as follows:

**Day 1:** packed lunch, dinner at No. 10 Riverside – traditional Basotho cuisine

**Day 2:** breakfast at No. 10 Riverside (*sometimes we take it away and eat on the road*), packed lunch, dinner at Katse Lodge restaurant

**Day 3:** breakfast in cottage at Katse, packed lunch, dinner at Maliba Lodge (*Ha Mamohase on 4 day trip- traditional Basotho cuisine*).

**Day 4:** breakfast at Maliba Lodge (*Ha Mamohase on 4 day trip*), packed lunch, dinner at Maliba lodge

**Day 5:** breakfast at Maliba Lodge, packed lunch, dinner at Molumong Lodge (*6 day trip only*)

**Day 6: (6 day trip only):** breakfast and lunch at Molumong Lodge

**NOTE: Maliba Lodge restaurant serves delicious and renowned meals!**

*In-between snacks are NOT included and you can bring along your own (they may be purchased at Sani Lodge if required.)*

## DRAKENSBERG ADVENTURES MINIMUM IMPACT REFUSE POLICY

All your own refuse must be carried out with you. No toilet paper or tissue paper is to be buried, placed under a tree or rock, or strewn about above ground. Please bring your own refuse bag to discard any litter you generate on the tour ; ie plastic bottle, tissues, used toilet paper, plastic bags.

## BASIC TOUR INFO:

**Departure:** From Sani Lodge Backpackers at 9am on Day 1

**Return:** To Sani Lodge Backpackers around 5 - 5.30pm on last day

**General Information:** Lesotho may look like a small country on the map, but it takes lots of time to get around it. This tour does a loop around the northern part of the country, and will mean a lot of time in the vehicle.

Since there are wonderful views everywhere one goes in Lesotho, this means lots of great scenery and views.

The 4 day trip will leave only a couple of hours on days 1, 2 and 3 to do a bit of walking, the 5 and 6 day trips both include a full day to hike, horse-ride or just chill in Ts'ehlanyane National Park. The 6 day trip also includes time for a morning of horse-riding at Molumong. Katse Dam is the centrepoint of the Lesotho Highlands Water project, with water from the Lesotho Highlands being exported via a series of tunnels to the thirsty mouths of Johannesburg. A fascinating and spectacular destination. We also get to visit a unique craft centre and of course get a chance to meet and get to know local Basotho people and their traditional lifestyle.

*Tour itinerary:*

### 5 DAY ROOF OF AFRICA TOUR

DAY 1: Depart Sani Lodge around 9am in 4x4 vehicle up the Sani Pass. Cross into Lesotho and carry on via Kotisepola Pass (3240m) and down the Sehonghong Valley. Picnic lunch by the river. Continue on to Matsoaing village where we stay the night at the quaintly named No. 10 Riverside. Our hosts the Nkune family will show us around the area, with opportunities to visit a traditional healer, experience traditional dancing and eat traditional meals with the family.

**Accommodation in either a 9 bed dormitory room or a 4 bed large rondavel. No electricity or running water, but fresh water provided in buckets. It's the experience you're after here, not the creature comforts!**

DAY 2 : Depart after breakfast and travel west, over another 3000m+ road pass, the Menoaneng. Beautiful scenery, then drop down, down, down to the major river draining the Lesotho Highlands, the Senqu (becomes the Orange) River. Cross the river at the low level Koma Koma crossing, then climb out of the valley, via the vibrant town of Thaba Tseka to arrive early afternoon at Katse Dam. Join the tour of Katse Dam and go inside the towering dam wall. Visit lovely Katse Botanical gardens to see some of Lesotho's beautiful plants and flowers in a magnificent setting.

**Accommodation in a self-catering cottage at Katse village with electricity and running water!**

DAY 3: Depart Katse after breakfast and follow the lake north, up towards its headwaters. The road crosses the dam over the spectacular Malibatso Bridge, then climbs another 3000m+ pass, Mafika Lisiu, at the top of which is Bokong Nature Reserve. Time for a short hike to view the Lepaqa Waterfall. Continue on down the other side of the pass, via the town of Hlotse (we visit the Leribe Craft Centre) to Ts'ehlanyane National Park.

DAY 4: Full day to enjoy the wonders of Ts'ehlanyane, either on a guided hike or horse-ride. Soaring mountain scenery, an enchanted indigenous forest, pools, magnificent waterfalls and a sense of serenity make this a special place. Enjoy the great views from your lodge and swim in the river pools below.

***Accommodation on days 3 and 4 in the Riverside huts at Maliba Lodge. The huts sleep two in each in a double bed and have solar lighting and running water.***

DAY 5: Depart after breakfast to the cultural reserve at Liphofung. The guide will interpret a very good panel of Bushman Rock Art, tell of the significance of the cave in Basotho history and then show us around the cultural village which has been set up there. Climbing back into the mountains via the Moteng Pass we drive the "Roof of Africa" route to the town of Mokhotlong, known in the 1950's as the most isolated outpost of the British Empire. From here we return to Sani Lodge with a stop at the Highest Pub in Africa.

#### **4 DAY ROOF OF AFRICA OPTION**

As for 5 day tour, but leave out day 4, the full day at Tsehlanyane. Overnight instead at Mamohase Home Stay near Butha Buthe.

***Accommodation on Day 3 at Ha Mamohase homestay in a traditional rondavel. No electricity or running water, but fresh water provided in buckets. A little more "upmarket" than No. 10 Riverside.***

#### **6 DAY ROOF OF AFRICA OPTION**

As for 5 day tour, but split day 5 into two. This allows more time to see things on the Roof of Africa route. We stay the night of Day 5 at Molumong Lodge, with time for morning horse ride on Day 6.

***Accommodation on Day 5 at Molumong Lodge. Rustic but comfortable, Molumong has no electricity but does have running water and hot showers.***

***Toilet stops:*** Flush toilets at the SA border post, Katse, Maliba and Molumong, pit latrine (long drop) at No. 10 Riverside, Ha Mamohase (4 day tour only), *au natural* elsewhere on the tour.

See the "Vehicles and Guides" and "Community Tourism" pages of our website at [www.drakensbergadventures.co.za](http://www.drakensbergadventures.co.za) for more information on our tour ethos.