

KRUGER LOWVELD EHLANZENI



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### Sudwala Caves & Mankele



### O1 SUDWALA CAVES

**Directions**: Drive from Mbombela on the N4 towards Gauteng for 22km and turn right onto the R539 Sabie/ Rosehaugh Road. Continue for 8km to the Sudwala Caves.



Sudwala Caves is considered one of the oldest caves in the world. Open 08:30-16:30 daily, with hour long tours every 15 minutes. Entrance fee payable.

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**Directions:** 5km from Sudwala Caves, or the R539 towards the N4.

Outdoor activities for the whole family such as geckoing, paintball, an obstacle course, foofie slide, mini zipline, fishing and mountain biking with bicycle hire.

Open 07:00-17:00 daily. Fees apply for the activities.

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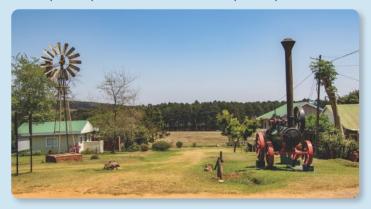


### Kaapschehoop & Dakota Ranch



### **03** KAAPSCHEHOOP

**Directions:** From Gauteng on N4; at Ngodwana, just past the mill, turn right onto Kaapschehoop road and drive for 14km to Kaapschehoop.



Enjoy a walk on the escarpment, visit the breathtaking Pear Orchard Picnic Site or see the town on horseback. Chase adventure on a uniquely designed scooter through Battery Creek gorge and indigenous forests.

**Pear Orchard** is open daily from 09:00- 17:00. Contact +27 (0)82 495 6253

**Kaapschehoop Horse Trails** is open daily. Rides are Monday to Friday 10:00, 12:00 and 14:00 and Sundays 10:00 and 12:00 for one hour. Pre booking is essential. Contact +27 (0)82 774 5826

**Kaapschehoop Scootours** is open daily. Pre booking required. Contact +27 (0)83 576 6541 | kaapsehoop@scootours.co.za

### OAKOTA RANCH, MBOMBELA

**Directions**: Follow the N4 into Mbombela and take a right at large the ABSA building. This is Ferreira Street. Drive for 7km and turn right onto Snyman Street. Follow the road to Dakota Ranch and Adventure Centre.

Family fun with zipline adventures, archery and pony outrides.

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# The Barberton Makhonjwa Geotrail & Barberton

# OS THE BARBERTON MAKHONJWA GEOTRAIL

### **UNESCO World Heritage Site**

**Directions:** Drive from Mbombela on the R40, south, to Barberton. The entire 37km from Barberton to the Bulembu/Josefsdal Border Post is the Geotrail. Return the same way to Mbombela.

The oldest well-preserved sequence of volcanic and sedimentary rocks which are a record of Archaean Earth between about 3.2 and 3.57 billion years ago. The trail is 37km long and spans from Barberton to the Josefsdal border with Eswatini.





### 06 BARBERTON

### THINGS TO DO IN BARBERTON:

- Heritage Walk: A meander through the town tracking all its historical attractions.
- Barberton Museum: Captivating displays and descriptions of the area's early history.
- Gold Panning and Underground Mining Tours: Relive the 'Gold Rush Boom' by arranging a tour with Barberton Tourism.
- **Eureka City**: The remnants of a historical town situated 1,5 km northwest of Sheba Mine and 11 km northeast of Barberton.
- Barberton Nature Reserve: Located 30km from Barberton on R38. Picnic site with barbeque stands are available.
- Off Road Adventures: The Mountainlands Nature Reserve, Msauli Village and Songimvelo Nature Reserve. These can be booked through Barberton Tourism.
- Queen Rose Hiking Trail: Located 45km from Barberton. A section of the trail is accessible for day visitors.



# Lowveld National Botanical Garden & Casterbridge

### OV LOWVELD NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Directions:** Located in the Riverside Precinct, continue through Mbombela on the R40 towards the direction of White River. At the intersection you will see a BP fuel station on your left. Turn right onto Emnotweni Avenue and follow less than 200 metres where you will see the entrance to the Botanical Garden on your right.





The Garden is shaped by the Crocodile and Nels Rivers that run through it. They form spectacular waterfalls which can be viewed at the Cascades and the Nels viewpoints. Walk through the enchanting African Rain Forest and cross the Crocodile River at the suspension bridge. Bring along a picnic basket or eat at the onsite restaurant. A children's play area is available.

Open Daily: September - March: 09:00-18:00 & April - August: 09:00-17:00

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### **OS** CASTERBRIDGE LIFESTYLE CENTRE

**Directions**: From the Garden, return to the R40 and drive towards White River. Once in White River, continue until the intersection where you see the mosque, turn left and drive out of White River for 4km to the roundabout where you will exit at Casterbridge Lifestyle Centre.

Casterbridge is a unique lifestyle destination with tranquil gardens, quirky country shops in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. With an art gallery, vintage car museum and cinema, you a guaranteed a one-of-a-kind shopping experience.

Open Daily: Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:30 Saturday 09:00 - 16:00 Sunday and Public Holidays 09:30 - 15:00

+27 (0)13 751 1540 | info@casterbridge.co.za



# The Kruger National Park



### KRUGER NATIONAL PARK GATES 📤



Directions: Drive from Nelspruit on the R40 to White River and continue to Hazyview. Turn right onto the R536 to Phabeni Gate. Explore the Kruger Park. Suggested route is to take the S1 to Skukuza, then South on the S114 and turn right on the H1-1 to Pretoriuskop and Numbi Gate. Exit at the Numbi Gate and take the R538 back to White River and Nelspruit (check road conditions, if not good, go back via Phabeni Gate).

An unmatched wildlife experience that is considered one of the best in the world, Kruger National Park spans nearly 2 million hectares and its permanent game is unrivalled with hundreds of different species; 507 bird, 336 trees, 147 mammals, 114 reptiles, 49 fish and 34 amphibians.

Six entrance gates in Southern Kruger make accessibility to the Kruger Lowveld region easy. These are namely Crocodile Bridge Gate, Kruger Gate, Malelane Gate, Numbi Gate, Orpen Gate, Phabeni Gate. Enjoy a self-drive and make a stop at the main rest camps which have day visitor facilities, ablution blocks, shops and restaurants. Make sure to visit many of the archeological sites located within Kruger.

Open daily with gates opening 06:00 (latest) and closing 17:30 (earliest). Entrance fees are payable

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### **Marloth Park**



**Directions:** From Mbombela, follow the N4 towards Komatipoort for 86km. Turn left in Oliphant Drive and drive for 5km to reach Marloth Park.

Sharing a 19km common boundary with Kruger National Park along the Crocodile River, Marloth Park is both a holiday town and a conservation area.

### THINGS TO DO IN MARLOTH PARK:

- Walking on the Crocodile River viewing game in Kruger
- Independent and guided bird walks over 380 species identified
- Various cycling routes and along the Crocodile River viewing into Kruger
- Guided and self-guided game drives into Kruger or Lionspruit Nature Reserve
- Bushveld Atlantis Water Park & Putt-putt
- Quad biking
- Day spas





#### **NEAR MARLOTH PARK:**

- Tiger fishing on the Komati River.
- Matsamo Cultural Village- an authentic Swazi experience at the Jeppes Reef Border Post.
- Ebukhosini Resort- Swimming and barbeque facilities at Mzinti.
- The Driekoppies Dam Boat Cruise-daily boat trips on the picturesque Driekoppies Dam.
- Horse riding in Malalane and Komatipoort.
- Microlight Safaris over Kwa Madwala Game Reserve in Hectorspruit.



# Long Tom Pass, Lydenburg Museum & Pilgrim's Rest



**Directions:** From Mbombela, travel on the R37 Sabie Road. At the R537 intersection turn left onto the Lydenburg/ Mashishing Road to drive along the Long Tom Pass.

### **09** LONG TOM PASS

Breath-taking views of the Sabie Valley, more than 1 000m below. Replica of the Long Tom Cannon from the Anglo Boer War.

On the same route is the Gustav Klingbiel Nature Reserve. The Lydenburg Museum is situated within this reserve.



### 10 LYDENBURG MUSEUM

The museum features some excellent exhibits of early human occupation of the area and the most notable being a replica of the Lydenburg Heads. There are also displays of military history, old gold mining tools and strategies as well as a number of cultural exhibitions featuring clothing, tools and materials used and much more.

Continue on to Mashishing (Lydenburg) and take the R36 North towards Ohrigstad and drive 28km to turn right on the R533 to Pilgrim's Rest via Robber's Pass. Marvel at the breath-taking views on this route.

### 11 PILGRIM'S REST

A unique and historic town that is a living museum of historical interest and importance.



# Blyde River Canyon Boat Cruise & Shabalala Culture Center



### 12 BLYDE RIVER CANYON BOAT CRUISE

**Directions:** From Hazyview, take R40 towards Hoedspruit for 91km. After the town of Acornhoek, take the R531 for 13.7km. This will take you to Swadini, A Forever Resort with the Blyde River Dam jetty located 7km from the resort. The jetty can also be accessed from the R527.

A 1 hour 30 minute interpretation boat tour offering a different view of the Blyde River Canyon and the rare Kadishi Tufa Waterfall.

Open daily with the first tour at 09:00 and the last tour at 15:00.

Closed on Christmas day.

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### 13 SHABALALA INTERPRETATION OF CULTURE CENTER

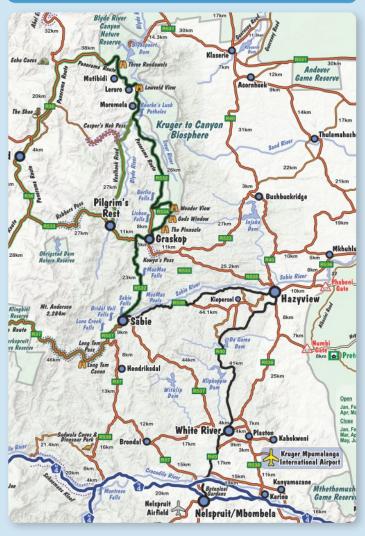
**Directions:** From the Blyde River Dam jetty, drive back to Hazyview. In Hazyview, take the R536 and drive 6km towards Phabeni Gate where you will see a sign on your right, leading to the center.

Experience authentic Swati culture through dance, storytelling, cuisine and even meet the locals through a two-hour township tour.

Open daily, pre booking essential.

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### The Panorama Route



**Directions:** The route stretches along the town of Sabie along the R532 up to the Blydepoort Dam and back. Can be explored in its entirety or in portions.

### NOTABLE STOPS ALONG THE PANORAMA ROUTE:

- Bourke's Luck Potholes: 35km on the R532 from Graskop are a unique and natural water feature caused by the confluence of the Treur and Blyde Rivers.
- God's Window: One of the most breath-taking viewpoints.
- Three Rondavels/Three Sisters: Three rock formations that rise over 700m above the surrounding Canyon.



### TOWNS TO EXPLORE ALONG THE WAY...

- **Sabie:** a beautiful forestry town with plenty of adventures activities.
- **Graskop:** a travel hub known for gift shops and pancake cafes.
- **Pilgrim's Rest**: home to unique shops, pubs, museums and restored old buildings.

# A Day of Adventure

**Directions:** Most of the activities are offered from Hazyview. Follow the R40 from Nelspruit to Hazyview.

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### **EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES:**

- 4X4 trails
- Abseiling
- Aerial cable trail
- Archery
- Brewery tours
- Caving/ caving by candlelight
- Coffee/ginger plantation tour
- Fishing
- Gold panning
- Graskop Gorge Lift Co.
- Helicopter Flights
- Hiking
- Historical mining tours
- Horse Trails

- Hot air ballooning
- Microlight flight
- Mountain biking
- Open vehicle safari in Kruger
- Panorama Tour
- Quad biking
- Scootours Kaapschehoop
- Scootours Misty Mountain
- Skydiving
- The Big Swing
- The Long Tom Toboggan
- Tubing/geckoing/river rafting
- Ziplining









# A Bit of Retail Therapy

### **MBOMBELA**

- Tsakani Silk: Located off the R40 on the way to White River (from Mbombela). Pass the Riverside Mall and turn right onto the University of Mpumalanga Road (D725) and drive for 5km.
   Look out for Tsakani Silk signage on a turnoff to your left.
- Ilanga Mall: Located on the N4 upon entering Mbombela (from Gauteng) on the right.
- Sonpark Shopping Centre: Off the R40, two blocks from the N4 intersection towards Barberton.
- Riverside Mall & The Grove Shopping Centre: Off the R40 towards White River on the outskirts of Mbombela.
- Crossing Centre: Corner N4 and R40 (Samora Machel and Madiba Drive).
- The Farm Stall at Halls: Located on the N4 towards Gauteng.



### **KAAPSCHEHOOP**

**Directions:** From Mbombela on the N4 towards Gauteng, turn onto the Kaapschehoop road at the Sun1 Hotel. Drive for 28km to Kaapschehoop.

- Gold Dust Trading: collectables store
- Delightful Glass Worx: glassware store
- Artz Africa Exhibiting: arts and crafts
- Soul Creations Jewellery

### **BARBERTON:**

• Umjindi Jewellery: Located on Pilgrim Street, in Barberton.

### WHITE RIVER

- Esra Bosch Ceramics: ceramic art studio and gallery.
   Directions: Turn onto the KMI Airport Road (R538) and continue 3.6km and turn left. The address is 64 St Georges Road, White River.
- Bagdad Centre: Off the R40 on the way to Hazyview, 4km outside White River at the roundabout, opposite Casterbridge.
- Casterbridge Lifestyle Centre: Off the R40 on the way to Hazyview, 4km outside White River at the roundabout.



# A Bit of Retail Therapy

#### **HA7YVIFW**

- **Blue Haze Mall**: Located in Hazyview on the corner of the R40 and Portia Shabangu Drive (R536).
- Perry's Bridge Trading Post Tourism Centre: Located on the R40 after Hazyview town, just before the Sabie R536 turn off.
- Curios: Roadside crafters along the R40.



### **GRASKOP**

Many authentic country shops such as:

- Delago Arts and Crafts: Located on Louis Trichardt Avenue (R532)
- The Graskop Art Company: Located on 56 Oorwing Street, Graskop. Fine art, custom signage, silk screening and sculpture
- Africa Silks: Located on Louis Trichardt Street, Graskop
- The Community Craft Centre: Located at the Graskop Gorge Lift Co.



#### SABIF

A variety of shopping options, both modern and quaint:

- Curios: Located on the Long Tom Pass, at the Long Tom Cannon
- Mphozeni Arts and Crafts: Located on Trichardt Street, Sabie

### **PILGRIM'S REST**

Informal vendors and a selection of unique country shops in a nostalgic oldworld setting.

Ponieskrantz Arts and Crafts: pottery, weaving



# Top 10 Day Hikes in the Kruger Lowveld

**Bakkrans Hiking Trail, Sudwala area**: This trail can be found after turning onto the Sabie/Sudwala turnoff (R539) from the N4. The road becomes a dirt and after 10 km turn right at the Uitsoek hut sign. Keeping on this road will lead you to the plantations. The trail starts and ends at the Uitsoek hut. This 11km moderately difficult trail can be undertaken by anyone of any age with some level of fitness. A hiking permit is required.

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**Forest Falls Day Trail, Sabie**: Located just outside the town of Sabie on the road to Graskop, this 4.5km circular route begins and ends at the Green Heritage Picnic Site. A permit is required for this walk and be obtained from the Forestry Museum in Sabie

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**Kaapschehoop Escarpment Walk**: A moderate walk from the village, with fascinating and unique rock formations enroute.

**Queen Rose Hiking Trail, near Barberton**: Initially a two-day trail, but can also be done as a challenging one-day 14km circular trail.

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**The Kadashi-Tufa Trail:** An easy 2km hike that runs along the Kadishi River. The trail starts at Blyde Canyon, A Forever Resort is located on the R532, 50km from the town of Graskop. An entrance fee is payable and a map is provided.

The Guinea-Fowl Trail: A 3km trail that requires a reasonable level of fitness. The trail starts at Blyde Canyon, A Forever Resort is located on the R532, 50km from the town of Graskop. An entrance fee is payable and a map is provided.

The Jock of the Bushveld Trail: The trail starts in the town of Graskop and is a circular 8km walk that starts and finishes at the horse stables at the end of Bloedrivier Avenue



**The Leopard Trail**: Spanning a distance of 5km and offers views of the northern section of the Blyde River Canyon, Blyde Dam, Three Rondavels and Mariepskop. This trail requires one to be fit.

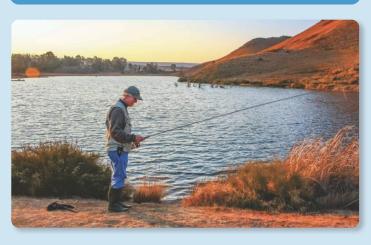
Blyde Canyon, A Forever Resort is located on the R532, 50km from the town of Graskop. An entrance fee is payable and a map is provided.

**The Loerie Trail:** A 14km highly popular trail due its challenging nature and wondrous view of the Sabie River Valley along the trail. This circular day trail starts at Merry Pebbles and has Bridal Veil Falls and Glynis and Elna Falls located on the route. A hiking permit is required.

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**Secretary Bird Day Trail**: Located 13 km from Sabie on the R532 road to Graskop, this 3km trail starts and ends at Mac Mac Pools. An entrance fee is payable at Mac Mac Pools gate.

# Top 10 Fishing Spots in the Kruger Lowveld



**Primkop Dam:** Located a mere 13km from White River and a stone throw away from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, Primkop Dam is a family friendly location for bass, carp and barbel fishing. An entrance fee is charged. No loud music, jet skis and motorbikes are not permitted as a peaceful environment is encouraged.

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**Komati River, Komatipoort**: A variety of fresh water specie thrive in the river's vast waters, with tiger fish considered the best in the area. Best caught from a boat, tiger fish thrive in these waters.

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**Da Gama Dam**: Easily accessible from the R40 road from White River to Hazyview, Da Gama Dam can be described as a bass fishing paradise. Fishing permits can be purchased at most angling stores in the Lowveld.

**Horseshoe Trout and About, Sabie:** Trout fishing using any tackle and bait is permitted and paid for by weight. Tackle and bait are available on the premises. Drive through Sabie towards Graskop. Take the Lone Creek Falls Road by turning left at the last street (Lydenburg Rd.) and follow the tar road for 6.8 km before turning left on the gravel road towards Horseshoe Falls.

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**Driekoppies Dam, Schoemandsdal:** Bass fishing, although best undertaken by boat.

**Dullstroom:** A fly fishing, bass and trout mecca, the town has countless dams to challenge any fisherman.

**Sabie River:** The Sabie Trout Club is home to on of the best flyfishing spots in the Kruger Lowveld. Permits available at Uvivi Fishing in Sabie.

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**York Timber Klipkraal Dam, Sabie:** A catch and release bass fishing destination. Pre booking required.

info@york.co.za

**Klipkoppie Dam, White River:** Power boats and jet skis are welcome. For the day visitor there are ablution blocks and also braai and picnic areas

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**Witklip Dam, Sabie**: Fishing can be done from the banks or if you have a small motored boat or non-motorised boat, you can head out to the middle of the dam and sink your line.

# Top 10 Picnic Spots in the Kruger Lowveld



**Kruger National Park**: Hire a skottel braai (a gas barbeque) for a small charge, to cook your own meals on at most of the picnic spots or bring along a picnic basket.

**Kaapschehoop Pear Orchard Picnic Site, Kaapschehoop:** Braai (barbeque) facilities available. Open 09:00 - 17:30 daily and pre booking is advised. An entrance fee is payable.

+27 (0)82 495 6253 for bookings

**Lowveld National Botanical Garden, Mbombela**: An ideal breakaway for a picnic with the family. Open daily. Entrance fees are payable.

**Cranko's Creek, Low's Creek:** Grassed and shaded picnic areas with barbeque facilities and an inviting swimming pool. An entrance fee is payable. Pre booking is advised.

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**Fairview Picnic Site, Barberton:** Located near a stream, Fairview is a rustic and tranquil spot with a place to barbeque right on the edge of a wonderful stream. Picnic tables and benches are available. No bathroom facilities. Pre booking is advised to arrange access.

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**Kaapschehoop Escarpement, Kaapschehoop**: A leisurely walk can be taken from the village centre up to the top of the escarpment. There are plenty of scenic picnic spots as there are jaw-dropping views.

**Lone Creek Falls, Sabie:** Well grassed and shaded, this is a perfect location for an afternoon of outdoor fun. An entrance fee is charged.

**Mac Mac Pools:** A fun for all picnic site with braai (barbeque) and toilet facilities. Located 13km from Sabie on the R532 to Graskop. A nominal fee is payable.

**Songimvelo Nature Reserve, between Barberton and Badplaas:** The picnic site is equipped with permanent braai facilities, running water and bathroom facilities. A nominal fee is charged.

**Horseshoe Trout and About, Sabie:** Bring your own picnic basket or make use of your own private, fully equipped picnic spot - complete with wood, charcoal, gas cooker and all cutlery, crockery and braai utensils. Drive through Sabie towards Graskop. Take the Lone Creek Falls Road by turning left at the last street (Lydenburg Rd.) in Sabie and follow the tar road for 6.8 km before turning left on the gravel road towards Horseshoe Falls. This 3.6 km gravel road can be very muddy when wet and very dusty when dry. A nominal fee is payable at the entrance gate.

# Top 10 Restaurants with a View

### **Orange Restaurant, Mbombela**

A fine dining heavenly taste experience with a breath-taking view of the city. Open Monday to Saturday

www.eatatorange.co.za

### Friends Café, Mbombela

Located on a riverbank with rocky outcrops and indigenous bush. Open daily. www.friendscafe.co.za

Kingfisher's Country Kitchen and Traditional Smokehouse, Mbombela

Set on the banks of the Gladdespruit, with scenic views of the Lowveld brush. Open daily.

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### The Deck Restaurant, at Rio Vista, Malalane

Enjoy your meal along the banks of the Crocodile River, which is all that separates you from the Kruger National Park.

Open daily except for Sunday evening and Monday lunch.

www.riotvista.co.za

### Kambaku Restaurant at Kambaku Golf Club, Komatipoort

An open-air restaurant with an expansive view of the Crocodile River. Open Tuesdays to Sundays.

www.kambakugolf.co.za

### Divine Foods at The View, Graskop

Located at Panorama Chalets, the view from the restaurant deck looks over a gorge. Open Thursday to Sunday.

+27 (0)71 185 5266



### The River Café at Summerfields Rose Retreat and Spa, Hazyview

Set on the banks of the Sabi River, enjoy your meal glancing at hippos lazing on the river bed. Open daily.

www.summerfields.co.za

### Amazing Kruger View Restaurant, Marloth Park

Amazing River view Restaurant is situated on the banks of the Crocodile River in the heart of Marloth Park. Open daily.

www.krugerview.org.za

### Kadisi Restaurant at Blyde Canyon, a Forever Resort

The Kadisi Restaurant offers a unique ethnic atmosphere where you can relax and enjoy the unforgettable view of the Three Rondavels. Open daily.

www.foreverblydecanyon.co.za

### Buhlebethu Restaurant at Pestana Kruger Lodge, Malalane

Over looking the Crocodile River and into the Kruger National Park you can spot wildlife as you sip on your latte. Open daily.

www.pestana.com

### **Top 10 Scenic Drives**

**Bourke's Luck Potholes to Pilgrim's Rest via Vaalhoek Road:** The Vaalhoek Road is a gravel road taking the traveller from Bourke's Luck Potholes to Pilgrim's Rest and follows the Belvedere powerline. The beginning of the Vaalhoek Road is signposted just opposite the entrance to the Potholes and ends at the historical town of Pilgrim's Rest.

**Ngodwana to Nelspruit/Mbombela via Kaapschehoop Pass:** This 45km-long pass is one of the hidden gems of the Lowveld and provides an alternative route to Nelspruit/Mbombela off the N4. Leaving the N4 at the Ngodwana paper mill, the road climbs roughly 15km through timber plantations to the quaint village of Kaapschehoop, until it again joins the N4 in Nelspruit/Mbombela.

Machadodorp/eNtokozweni to Barberton via Skurweberg Pass & Nelshoogte: The Skurweberg Pass is an excellent alternative route from Machadodorp/eNtokozweni into the Lowveld and climbs 444 metres in altitude to a summit of 1719 metres above sea level, as it traverses the spectacular Skurweberg Mountains. The R38 offers breath-taking views into the Nkomazi Game Reserve and the world-renowned Makhonjwa mountains to the south.

**Lydenburg/Mashishing to Roossenekal via Steenkampsberg Pass:** The R577, linking Lydenburg/Mashishing and Roossenekal, is a 71km tarred route through beautifully rugged scenery. This is a wonderful road trip to take, although it is a bit off the beaten track.

**Ohrigstad to Hoedspruit via Abel Erasmus Pass & JG Strijdom Tunnel**: For travellers heading towards the central Kruger National Park, Hoedspruit or the Timbavati and Klaserie private game reserves from Gauteng or the Panorama Route, the picturesque R36, via the Abel Erasmus Pass and JG Strijdom Tunnel, is worth the drive.

**Graskop to Bushbuckridge via Kowyn's Pass & Injaka Dam: The** R533 from Graskop to Bushbuckridge takes the traveller through sweeping bends and an altitude drop of over 500m from the escarpment down into the Lowveld.

**Karino to Kaapmuiden via Boulders/Mara Road**: Before the construction of the N4 through the Crocodile Gorge in 1966, the old road between Nelspruit/Mbombela and Kaapmuiden took travellers on a scenic, winding route, through granite outcrops south of the Crocodile River.

**Graskop to Echo Caves via Panorama Route**: The Panorama Route is one of South Africa's most-visited and much-loved tourist routes. It's jam-packed with incredible natural wonders and sights.

**Lower Sabie to Tshokwane via H10 in the Kruger National Park**: One of Kruger National Park's most delightful drives for scenery and wildlife viewing is the H10 road heading north from Lower Sabie to Tshokwane.

**Sabie to Lydenburg/Mashishing via Long Tom Pass:** The 56km tarred road between Sabie and Lydenburg/Mashishing on the R37 is renowned for its spectacular views across mountains, valleys and waterfalls. It encompasses the Long Tom Pass, one of South Africa's most famous mountain passes.



# Top 10 Camping & Glamping Experiences



**Africamps at Mackers, Hazyview:** Located in the Sabie Valley Nature Conservancy and on the edge of the Sabie River, this is a glamping experience of note. The tastefully decorated tents have facilities and are spacious.

hello@africamps.com

**Kruger National Park**: There are a total of 13 camps that span the length of the park that cater for campers and 6 camps that offer a glamping experience. info@krugerlowveld.com

**Merry Pebbles Holiday Resort & Caravan Park, Sabie:** Lovely shaded camping sites on the river's edge. The resort has onsite activities such as fishing, tubing, mountain biking and birdwatching.

info@merrypebbles.co.za

**Henk van Rooyen Holiday Resort, Marloth Park:** Caravan stands at the resort are situated on the river bank, overlooking the Crocodile River into the Kruger National Park.

info@henkvanrooyen.co.za

**Sabie River Camp, Sabie:** Picturesque and surrounded by nature, the camping grounds offer a tranquil experience with plenty of adventure activities nearby. info@sabierivercamp.co.za

**Panorama Chalets & Ruskamp, Graskop:** Beautiful caravan and camping ground on the edge of the Graskop Gorge with a breathtakingly beautiful view overlooking the Lowveld.

ruskamp@outlook.com

**Lakeview Camping, Mbombela:** This spacious caravan park has a hundred level, shaded stands/sites with electricity. Situated in peace and quiet makes this holiday resort the perfect family getaway.

lakeviewnelspruit01@gmail.com

**Under the Stars Camping, Barberton:** A rustic camping ground in a farm setting that has amazing views over Barberton. Secluded and functional, this is a great place to relax.

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**Luxury Caravan Park at Kiaat Bungalows, Hazyview:** Located on a scenic farm, the Luxury Caravan Park consists of 14 caravan and tent stands power and luxury ablutions.

info@kiaatbungalows.co.za

**Kaapsehoop Adventures, Kaapsehoop:** A rustic establishment that is totally off the grid and makes use of solar, fire and gas as alternate energy sources. The three tipis are simple and homely.

kaapsehoopadventures@gmail.com

# The Kingdom of eSwatini

**Directions:** Can be accessed from the Kruger Lowveld region through Ngwenya/Oshoek Border, Jeppes Reef/Matsamo Border, Josefsdal/Bulembu or Mananga Border Post.



### **PLACES TO VISIT:**

- Maguga Dam, Piggs Peak: Eswatini's largest reservoir and the fourth largest in Southern Africa. Boating and fishing are available on the dam.
   Fully equipped houseboats can also be hired.
- Phophonyane Falls Nature Reserve, Piggs Peak: The private nature
  reserve lies on the forested hillside above the tumbling Phophonyane river,
  incorporating the attractive Phophonyane Falls. Scenic with various hiking
  trails.
- **Peak Fine Craft Centre, Piggs Peak**: High quality locally produced craft items. There is a restaurant with a spectacular view on site.
- Ngwenya Glass, Ngwenya: Tableware, art glasses and ornaments all handmade from recycled glass.
- Ezulwini Valley: An array of roadside markets selling crafts and curios. Diverse shops at Mantenga Craft Centre. Swazi Trails which offer unforgettable experiences such as horse riding and cycling. Try your luck at the Happy Valley Casino or the casino at the Royal Swazi Spa. The cultural village at Mantenga Nature Reserve. Experience hassle-free craft shopping at Mantenga Craft and Lifestyle Centre.
- Summerfield Botanical Garden, Matsapha: A display of Eswatini's exceptionally rich plant life with panoramic views of the countryside.
- Malkerns Meander: Malandela's Centre is a uniquely creative shopping, entertainment and accommodation venue surrounded by botanical and sculpture gardens.
- **Sibebe Rock, Mbabane:** Visit the world's largest exposed granite dome. Hiking map available at the Mbuluzi Gate reception.
- Mahamba Gorge, near Mahamba Border: A scenic gorge ideal for hiking, mountain biking and birding. A community development project with a tourism centre.
- **Big Game Parks**: Experience the conservation pride of Eswatini through one of the game parks; Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Mkhaya Game Reserve, Hlane Royal National Park and KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris.



# Maputo, Mozambique

# It is advisable to obtain a good city map of Maputo for this day trip.

**Directions:** Travel from Mbombela on the N4 East to Komatipoort and cross the border into Mozambique. Maputo lies 96km from the border.



### TOP 10 PLACES TO VISIT IN MAPUTO:

- **Maputo Train Station**: Designed by Gustav Eiffel and regarded as one of the most beautiful train stations in the world.
- Museum of Natural History: Located in a Manueline style building, one of Maputo's most popular landmarks.
- Fortaleza: Its striking architecture, battlements and cannons have a dominant position over the main harbour area. Inside are several striking reliefs of battles.
- Cardozo Hotel/Polana Hotel: Historical buildings of old splendour. Great views
- Louis Trichardt Memorial: An interesting site to visit, especially for South Africans. Very well maintained and a peaceful place to take a break in the middle of the city.
- War Memorial (The Snake Lady): Sculpted by Ruy Gameiro, commemorates the loss of lives during the First World War.
- Iron house (Casa do Ferro): Another Gustave Eiffel creation, unpractical in the tropical heat of Maputo, but nonetheless very interesting and certainly beautiful.
- The Fish Market: A popular and vibrant market to visit and eat within the city. Seafood is freshly prepared to your taste and enjoyed in an outdoor setting.
- City Hall: Neo Classical style building, opposite the Cathedral.
- **Cathedral of Nossa Senhora Da Conceicao:** The tall white spire of the cathedral dominates Independence Square-amazing architecture.



# Waterfalls & Pools

**Directions:** From Mbombela, take the R40 to White River and turn left at the first traffic light on the R537 Sabie Road. Chase waterfalls from Sabie through the Blyde River Canyon.

Lone Creek Falls: a short 200m walk from the parking area will take you to the foot of a 68m waterfall.





Mac Mac Falls: Regarded as the most stunning of the lot, Mac Mac has twin falls that plunge some 70m into a gorge below.

**Mac Mac Pools:** A popular picnic area in a shallow rocky river which drops into a series of natural formed swimming pools.

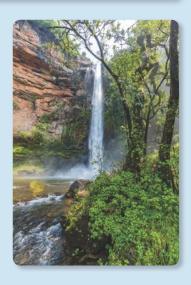
**Berlin Falls:** The shape of the falls is likened to a giant candle as it flows down for 80m into a deep dark green hole surrounded by red cliffs.



**Lisbon Falls:** At an impressive 98m, this is the highest waterfall in Mpumalanga.

Bridal Veil Falls: The waterfall resembles a bridal veil and roars down from a spectacular height of 70m. There is a challenging 750m walk through a luscious indigenous forest before on can see the waterfall. Nominal fees are levied at most sites.

Small entrance fees are charged at most sites.



### Kids' Corner

All the great places kids will love to visit.

### **MBOMBELA**

**Ilanga Mall/ Riverside Mall:** Games arcade, ten-pin bowling, ice rink, go carts, movies and restaurants with play areas.

**Lowveld National Botanical Garden**: Play area, boardwalks and a suspension bridge. Great picnic venue.

**Mafunyane Riverside Water Park:** Super slides, sparkling pools and barbeque areas.

**Dakota Ranch and Adventure Centre:** Ziplining, pony rides, archery and nature walks. Excellent picnic venue.

**Tsakani Waterpark**: Waterpark with three swimming pools, slides and barbeque area.



### **SUDWALA** (see directions inside)

The Butterfly Effect Nature Garden Sudwala Caves The Unity Labyrinth Sudwala Dinosaur Park

### **KAAPSCHEHOOP**

Horse Riding: Guided trails.

Picnic: Overlooking the escarpment.

Hiking: Beautiful views.

Kaapsehoop Scootours



### **HAZYVIEW**

**Perry's Bridge Reptile Park**: Located at Perry's Bridge. **Adventure Activities:** Tubing, geckoing, abseiling, archery. **Horse Whispers:** Pony outrides.

### SABIE/GRASKOP

Adventure Activities: Tubing, abseiling, mountain biking.

Forest & Falls Carriage Tours: Horse drawn carriage tours.

Cooper's Creek: Horse riding

Longtom Toboggan & Scootours

SAFCOL Forestry Museum: A peek into South African forestry history

### KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

See wildlife in their natural habitat

### **BADPLAAS**

A Forever Resort: Swimming pools, super tube, paintball, mini golf, tennis.

### **ANNUAL EVENTS**

To view all the events taking place during the time of your stay, visit www.klcbt.co.za, or enquire at our information office at +27 (0)13 755 1988 e-mail info@krugerlowveld.com

### **Safety Tips**

### 1. Use common sense anywhere:

Do not walk alone

Do not walk around with expensive items such as jewellery or cameras

Do not leave valuable items /shopping bags in the car

Do not pick up hitch-hikers

### 2. DO NOT DRIVE AFTER DARK (Never!)

If you have absolutely no choice -

Phone your next stop and tell them when to expect you and what route you are following.

### 3. Plan your itinerary and route in advance:

GPS is not always reliable in rural areas

Cell phone signal is patchy or not available on rural roads

Ask a local person before you depart, which road is the best

Enquire about known road blockages because of protest action Look out for potholes, pedestrians and stray animals

### 4. Adhere to road signs (always!)

### 5. If you get pulled over by police / traffic police

Remain cooperative

Insist on a written fine in case of an alleged violation

It is strictly illegal to pay cash to a traffic / police officer

Legitimate fines should be paid at a police station or magistrate's court only, where a receipt must be issued

If prompted for a bribe, take note of the officer's name, place, time and their vehicle registration number

Report it to the Police - see emergency numbers below

### 6. ALWAYS...

Keep copy of your passport with your travel agent or store a photo of it on the cloud

Keep list of important contacts with your travel agent / cloud

### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

Police / Any Emergency 10111 From a Cell Phone 112 Medical 10177

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