



Tour Routes — Packages

Mountain Bike and 4 x 4 Route (4 Days)

Definition: This is a route extremely popular with cultural adventure tourists who would like to experience Basotho culture and life at the cattle posts. The weather here is unpredictable and very changeable — four distinct types of weather could be experienced within as little as an hour. Activities that can be enjoyed along this route are bird watching, mountain biking, motor biking and 4x4 driving, such as the Spring Toyota 4x4 track competition, which runs from Underberg to Qacha's Nek through Mokhotlong. There is a moderate to difficult level of challenge

- Day 1** Hiking and pony trekking for two days from Sani to Thabana Ntlenyana
- Day 2** Drive and hiking from Sanitop to No 10 Rural and a home-stay in Matsoaing.
- Day 3** A 4x4 drive from Matsoaing to Molumong, plus pony trekking to Malubalube, where the Morojele Rural Home-stay can be found. The village of Malubalube overlooks the construction site for Polihali Dam wall.
- Day 4** Travel from Molumong to Mashai, via Linakeng, for an extreme 4x4 adventure drive through the Matebeng Pass. Below the pass in the village of Matebeng there is a rural home-stay facility that offers travellers a rich cultural experience. The Matebeng Pass is followed by a steep descent into the Maluti Drakensburg Trans-frontier Park, where there is a rich bio-diversity both in and around the park.

Moshoeshoē 1 Heritage Route (4 Days)•••••

Definition: The route is mainly accomplished by hiking and there are many other accompanying activities along the route. There is a moderate to difficult level of challenge.

Day 1 Hike from 'Mate to Menkhoaneng where the Tlokoeng rock formations, echo crying stone, Bushmen's cave paintings, etc may be seen.

Day 2 Hike from Menkhoaneng to Outward Bound for a cultural heritage experience and adventure in the Mamafubelu River. There is cave viewing at Pitseng, pony trekking, rock climbing, quad biking, camping, abseiling, fishing, etc to be enjoyed.

Day 3 From Outward Bound to Malimong the route passes through Lipetu — an historical site where King Moshoeshoē's grandfather's collar bones were found. The route is perfect for sightseeing, with its picturesque scenery, rock formations, river crossings and the Lekhaklo La Mahlatsa historical site. The route then proceeds to Malmomg, which was a cannibal settlement. There is rock art, pony trekking, home-stays with Basotho cuisine, be experienced.

Day 4 From Malimong you proceed to Thaba Bosiu for a visit to the Kome Cave village to experience Basotho culture, rock art and the river crossing at the Phuthiatsana River. You then continue to the Metolong Dam to view the dam and the development, as well as the scenery. Next is a visit to the Thaba Bosiu Cultural Village and Lodge where you can get a real feel for the cultural heritage of the Basotho and all its clans. The nearby Qiloane Mountain was the inspiration for the famous traditional Basotho hat (Mokorotlo). The Thaba Bosiu Fortress was the Basotho settlement during the lifaqane Wars and is also the burial ground for all the paramount chiefs of the clan.

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Quthing Valley 4 x 4 Route (4 Days)

Definition: A moderate to difficult drive. A drive from Mount Moorosi to Letsa-la-Letsie lake and or Tsatsane valley, where you can take pleasure in pony trekking, vulture feeding, bird watching, camping, etc. You then drive for one-and-a-half hours to Letsa La Letsie for a view of the lake, bird watching, a chance to view a cattle post and pony trekking before driving to the Mount Moorosi Mountain, which is a national heritage site.

Southern Highlands Route (Day)

Definition:The level of challenge for this route is moderate. Activities that can be enjoyed on this route are sightseeing, looking at the mighty Senqu valley, visiting the Castle Snake Park, rock formations, rock pools in the park and the breath-taking scenery — a true African wilderness with a rich bio-diversity. The bearded vultures soaring through the skies above and a wide range of bird species, buck and other small wildlife are a common sight in the Maloti Drakensberg Trans-frontier Park.

Lowlands Self-Drive (7 Days)

- Definition: A drive from Maseru to Quthing is a very easy route to do with all modes of transport and hiking.
- Day 1** You start by passing the Lion Rock Mountain in Maseru on the way to Thaba Bosiu, a mountain fortress rich in the history of the founding of the Basotho nation. The journey then proceeds to Roma, home to the National University with its rich history, and then proceeds to Ha Baroana for camping and viewing rock paintings. The Bushmen's Pass follows, with its rich national history. Excellent views can be enjoyed at the Thaba Putsoa Pass, along with camping and hiking.
- Day 2** This begins with a tour of the Mohale Dam, followed by a cruise on the dam to visit the spectacular Thaba Chitja Island. A closer look at the Mohale Dam wall is always popular. There are also horseback tours of the village and a picnic at the Mohale jetty site.
- Day 3** At the Marakabei Lodge you can experience pony trekking, fly fishing, camping, paint-balling, abseiling, archery, a community outreach, the Liheleng Waterfall and some amazing the scenic beauty. All these activities may be found in one place before heading on to Ha Noha, where the second monument to King Moshoeshoē II may be found amidst the scenic beauty of the site.
- Day 4** This is followed by a sleep-over at the Katse Lodge, where there is an information centre with facts about the Katse Dam and the surrounding area, the botanical gardens, fishing, dam tours, pony trekking, hiking, village tours and the community outreach.
- Day 5** On Day 5, there is a tour of the Malibamatso Tunnel intake, fishing, the Mamohau Calvary Mountain and a walk across the Malibamatso Bridge, which remains a spectacular attraction for travellers.
- Day 6** Includes a visit to fish farms, pony trekking, community tours, and a visit to a cattle post
- Day 7** This starts with a drive from Bokong to Teyateyaneng. At Bokong there is a nature reserve, which includes wetlands that are home to a large range of bird species, including the bearded vulture. The Afro-alpine vegetation, with its wide variety of wild flowers, including the spiral aloe, and small wildlife, such as rock rabbits, baboons and buck, can be seen any day, any time. The waterfall at the Tourist Information Centre at Bokong and the Mafika Lisu Pass provide spectacular viewing points. The viewing point at the Pafikalisiu Pass offers a picnic spot, caravan-park and camping. At Bokong one may choose to go horse riding to the Tshlanyane National Park or Pitseng.
- Day 8** At Pitseng there is a chance to go quad-biking, visit rock art sites, go pony trekking to the great Pitseng Cave and several rock art sites, as well as camping. A tour to Leribe lasting a couple of hours is an exciting one, before going on to visit to Handicrafts Centre at Hlotse and the old Major Bell Tower, as well as to see the dinosaur footprints at Subeng.

The Highlands Circular Drive Route (7 Days)

- Definition: The going is much easy from Leribe to Maseru via Katse, Thaba Tseka and Mohale dam area.
- Day 1** A trip from the Botha-Bothe Plateau to Sekubu is a popular choice. You can hike to different places to go bird watching and also to visit a conservation site. The traveller has an opportunity to experience Basotho culture, see rock formations, scenery and rock art sites, and camping and river crossing are popular. At Leribe, there are dinosaur footprints and fossils can be seen at Subeng and Tsikoane. At the Maputsoe Industrial Site, you can uncover the history of industrialization in the area.
- Day 2** At Teyateyaneng, the home of arts and crafts, there is a tour of the community-based arts and crafts gallery where items ranging from tapestry to pottery can be bought. Also on offer is a tour of a sandstone mining operation. A monument to the Prophet Matita is a shrine on the top of the Maqhaka Mountain, where an indigenous ornamental flower, called Moqhaka, may be seen. A little further on, at Ha Foso, there is a cave with a natural lake.
- Day 3** Beyond Maseru is the Qeme Plateau, which is neatly placed opposite the Moshoeshoē I International Airport. The plateau houses the Hlephelle Well and the Fika la Morija, the first administrative centre established by the British, has many civil developments, like the hospital, the first evangelical mission and the first printing press and you can also see rock art and the rock formations so typical of this place. Also in this area is Matsieng, currently home to the royal family with the King's traditional palace.
- Day 4** At Mafeteng is the Mathebe, where you will find beautiful scenery and heritage in abundance. Tsa-khololake is a bird sanctuary and the home of Queen Mamohato Bereng Seiso. This is where Thabure, the famous knight horse that belonged to Chief Lerotholi, was captured by the Boers during the Seqiti War. At Mohale's Hoek, the home of the Basothos' traditional form of horse racing, there is stunning scenery, and adventure sports and canoeing is on offer at Hloahloeng. The Motlejoa Cannibal Caves are here too, with rock paintings and a history of the age of cannibals.



Day 5 Quthing, is home to the Bathepu, the Baphuthi and the Basotho clans, and there is a tour to meet the different tribes of this area. Visitors can also visit the Masitise cave houses and view the rock art and dinosaur footprints there.

**Eastern Highlands Ski Route
Botha-Bothe - Sani Pass (7 Days)**

Definition:This is the most popular route in the highlands of Lesotho. It starts at Botha-Bothe and ends at Sanitop. Here activities like skiing, driving, bird watching, pony trekking, trying out the hot springs, camping, and many other adventure activities may be enjoyed.

Day 1 At the Botha-Bothe plateau, is the Tlokoeng Valey with hiking trails linked to Moshoeshoe I, sandstone formations and the renowned Protea forest (Sekila).

A tour of the hydro power station at Muela, a heritage site, and experiencing life at a cattle post are available amid the breathtaking scenery.

Day 2 At the Soloane Hot Springs, you will find bubbling acidic, natural water showers and mud bathing, as well as camping in an authentic African Wilderness.

Day 3 This is a trip to Mount Aux Sources, which is famous for its rich biodiversity within a wide wetland which is frequently covered by a dark mist.

Day 4 Enjoy a hike to the Thabana Ntlenyana Mountain — at 3482 m the highest peak in Southern Africa. Here you will find Sanitop Chalets, home to the highest pub in the world. The scenic zig-zagging Sani Pass remains a mecca for adventure travellers to eastern Lesotho. This place is famous for its amazing cloud formations and mist, the cultural experience that it offers, the scenery, its clean air and river sources and also its wetlands, trout fishing, camping, hiking and 4x4 drives. Sanitop is an amazing place where you can experience four different seasons in the space of an hour.

Central Pony Trekking Route

The stunning mountain scenery can be enjoyed whilst horse riding or hiking from either Malealea or Semonkong to Letsa-la-Letsie via Mount Moorosi. The rich community involvement that gives a traveler an opportunity to experience Basotho's culture through rural homestays, village based museum and crafts, camping, star gazing and mountain biking are popular in the area.

1 Roma Valley and Traces of the Cannibals of the 1800s

This is the site of the first national university and the first Roman Catholic mission in Lesotho. It was founded in the Roma Valley. You can enjoy magnificent views of the Roma Valley whilst hiking, horse riding, or mountain biking. Camping and 4x4-ing are popular in the area.

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**2 Extreme 4x4 Adventure Route within the
Thabana-li-mele Valley to Baboons Pass**

Visit Ha Ramabanta for hiking, pony trekking, motor-biking, extreme 4x4 trekking, crafts, camping and mountain biking whilst enjoying the scenery and African wilderness.

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**3 Semonkong Adventure Hiking
and Overnight Horse Riding.**

Semonkong is home to a horseracing event held in July every year. The famous Semonkong Waterfall is recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records as the highest single waterfall in the world. Visit the place for bird watching (endangered Cape and bearded vultures), the highest commercial abseiling in the world (85 metres), camping, overnight horse riding and hiking. Experience Basotho's culture through rural home-stays, crafts, and village tours.

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**4 Malealea Adventure Hiking and
Overnight Horse Riding**

The stunning mountain scenery can be enjoyed whilst horse riding or hiking. The rich community involvement gives the traveller an opportunity to experience Basotho's culture through rural home-stays, village-based museum and crafts. Camping, star gazing and mountain biking are popular in the area.

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**5 Matsieng Traditional Palace,
Morija Museum and Archives**

Visit Lesotho's Traditional Palace and learn the Basotho's traditional laws (The Law of Lerotholi) and see the architectural development from the first palace to modern design. Dinosaur footprints can be seen at the Morija Museum and Archives, the first Christian missionary base in Lesotho. Pony trekking, camping, mountain biking and visiting crafts market are key activities in the area, which offers travellers an opportunity to learn more about Basotho's culture through its Rural Home-stay facilities.

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6 Ribaneng to Ketane Falls Adventure

Visit Ribaneng and the Ketane Falls on horseback for a breathtaking view of the plains and foothills of Lesotho. This route is a sought-after cultural experience with rural home-stays, but camping in the wilderness is unavoidable.

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7 Tlaeeng Pass Viewing Point

The Tlaeeng Pass that stands at 3270 metres above sea level is renowned for its scenic beauty. It gives travellers an opportunity to view the formation of the majestic Malotis from below without any obstruction of the view.

8 Motete Valley and River Challenge — Kao Mine

Renowned for camping, fishing, canoeing, bird watching and extreme 4x4 trekking, this route is not for the faint-hearted. The road to the open-cast diamond mine at Kao is an extreme 4x4 trek for strong and well-built vehicles and adrenalin adventure-seekers. Bird watching is common, and there is a possibility of canoeing and river-rafting along the Motete and Malibatso Rivers.

9 Bokong Nature Reserve and Lejone Camp

The nature reserve is known for bird watching (the endangered Bearded Vulture) and its vulture restaurant, Afro-alpine vegetation and small wildlife. Fly-fishing in the Katse Dam and camping are popular. The area offers an opportunity for a cultural experience through crafts and rural home-stays. It is known for overnight hiking and horse riding to Tshlanyane National Park.

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10 Mapholaneng to Seshote Extreme 4x4 Trekking

Extreme adventure enthusiasts enjoy the adrenalin rush of the 10-hour drive of more than 70 kilometres. It starts at the viewing point overlooking the Polihali Dam construction site, then on to the Taung and Makhoaba Valleys, reaching its peak at Thabana-Lisele 3061m above sea level. Then drive down the Liseleng Valley to join the road to the Katse Dam.

11 Botha-Bothe Plateau to Menkhoaneng

This is a destination for adventure-seekers. It is a route for the young and the restless looking to use up their energy through outdoor adventure or team-building activities. Along this route, travellers visit the birthplace of the founder of Basotho nation and the Menkhoaneng village with its cave used as a hide-out for women and children during times of war.



12 Kome Caves

Malimo (Cannibals) Caves to Kome Caves
It is at Khalo-la-lithethana where the grandfather of King Moshoeshoe I, the founder of the Basotho nation, was captured by cannibals and taken to the Malimong Caves, where he was eaten. Less than five kilometres east of this place is ???Mp... and authentic rock art site. Visit Kome and see the popular cave dwellings established in the 1800s and experience Basotho culture through crafts, traditional performances, Basotho cuisine and rural home-stays. The Metolong Dam is less than 20 kilometres away for those who enjoy water sport activities.

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13 Thaba Bosiu Monument

The Thaba Bosiu Mountain is where the Basotho nation was formed in the 1800s. It is a mecca for traditional healers and seers as it has been the burial place for all the kings and members of the royal family since the times of King Moshoeshoe I. The state-of-the-art cultural village, museum and self-catering chalets, rural home-stays and traditional performances are daily attractions.

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**14 4x4 treks to Tsatsane, Mt Moorosi and
Letsa-la Letsie (a natural lake)**

This is a 4x4 trek route for adventure-seekers. The strong-hearted head here for hiking and horse riding up to the highest cliffs in Lesotho. Close to the Tsatsane Pass, along Seapala River, it is home to the endangered Bearded and Cape vultures, which nest here in colonies. Adventure enthusiasts get to see authentic and unspoilt rock art sites and experience the Thembu tribe and their culture in their rural home-stay facilities. Fishing and tasting Basotho and Thembu cuisines are a must. Chief Moorosi, the chief of Baputhing tribe's village and fortress begin the journey up the Maphooaneng Pass. Bird watch at Letsa-la-Letsie, a natural lake that stands at 2480m above sea level. The route is a popular destination for extreme 4x4 travellers.



15 Mohale Dam Area Ha Noha to Ha Marakabei

The majestic Mohale Dam offers excellent opportunities for water sport activities, bird watching and camping and picnicking within the jetty area. Mountain biking, hiking and horse riding are popular in this area. A cruise on a 30-seat boat to enjoy the scenic beauty and view the dam wall is popular, as is a sundowner Champagne cruise.

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16 Katse Dam Area

This 185m high double-curvature arch dam wall was constructed in 1991, and forms part of Phase 1 of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. Situated at 2,000 metres above sea level, the Katse Dam is described as "a striking piece of modern engineering". It is one of fewer than 30 double-curvature concrete arch dams in the world and one of the world's 10 largest concrete arch dams in terms of its volume. It is the highest dam wall in Africa. The Katse Dam area has become one of Lesotho's most popular tourism drawcards, with activities that include a tour of the dam wall, boating, hiking, village walks to neighbouring communities and visits to arts and crafts centres and trout fisheries.

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17 Pitseng Valley and Mphosong Pass to Bokong

The westward-facing Pitseng Valley is conducive to growing peaches and the area is known for its pink colour during spring, thanks to blossoms on the peach trees. Travellers can enjoy the scenery on quad bikes, or by horse riding and hiking. Enjoy a visit to the numerous rock art sites, Moshoeshoe's Cave, the breath-taking scenery at the Mafikalisu Pass. Cow races are held here during March.

18 Mohale Boating

Mohale Boat Services offers exciting scheduled boat trips that operate daily. It is based in the Highlands of Lesotho, the home of the award winning 185m-high wall of the Katse Dam. It is the ultimate one-stop adventure and culture destination. The company specializes in offering a unique and fun-filled experience destination.

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**19 A drive to the Maluti Drakensberg
Trans-frontier Park**

This is the only proclaimed park in Lesotho to be declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. It is rich in bio-diversity and breath-taking scenery and it is a destination for people who want to renew their body, soul and spirit. It is renowned for hiking and horse riding in the African wilderness — travellers can visit rock art sites, rock pools, cave houses, bird watch and visit the rapid waterfall and meandering Tsoelikane River to view the endangered Maluti minnow fish. 4x4 trekking, mountain biking and camping are popular here



20 Mohale's Hoek to Maphutseng

A glimpse of the Basotho's traditional villages high in the mountains — the ruins of Chief Mohale's home are located on a mountain top near the town of Mohale's Hoek. The renowned cannibals' cave, named after Motlejoa, features interesting rock formations that create natural partitions within the cave. Mohale's Hoek is home to the national horse race run in July every year. On the way to Quthing, less than 20 kilometres away, there are dinosaur footprints at Maphutseng.

21 Masitise and Moyeni to Fort Hartley

The Ellenberger Cave House and Museum showcases the creative missionary artist's stone piano. Travellers get to meet the Thembu tribe at the town of Alwyn's Kop. There are several sites where dinosaur footprints can be seen in this area. The Fort Hartely building was used by the British during the war against the Baphuthi Chief Moorosi in the 1870s

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22 Liphofung Cultural and Heritage Site

The area around the Moteng Valley is known for its high mountains and beautiful scenery. The valley is criss-crossed by rivers with sparkling clean water. Travellers can enjoy the scenery while quad biking or pony trekking to the rock art sites or while bird watching. Basotho culture is on offer at the rural home-stay facility at Mamohase B&B Hiking.

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23 Afriski

This is one of the most popular winter sports destinations in Southern Africa, hosting a series of skiing competitions in which international skiing athletes show off their talent. In summer travellers can enjoy abseiling, quad biking, 4x4 trekking and hiking to Mount Aux Sources. There is also an opportunity for adventure seekers to experience life in the cattle posts

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**24 Letseng Diamond Mine, Soloane Hot Springs
to Mont Aux Sources**

The Letseng Diamond Mine was the first diamond mine in Lesotho and is world-renowned for producing the first 95-carat diamond. It is very close to the Soloane Hot Springs. Hiking and pony trekking to Mont Aux Sources is extremely popular. The villages around the Maloraneng offer a cultural experience through rural home-stays and bird watching is popular with travellers looking for the big birds, such as the bearded vulture, along the Khubelu Valley on the way to Mount Aux Sources



25 Sanitop/Thabana-Ntlenyana

The area is renowned for its beautiful scenery and rich biodiversity, as well as the rock formation of the cliffs known as the Twelve Apostles. Hiking and pony trekking are popular. Don't pass through the area without visiting the Nthabana-ntlenyana Mountain which, at 3482m absl, is the highest point in Southern Africa. It is the starting point for extreme 4x4 trekking to Sehlabathebe. A popular rural home-stay facility at Matsoaing (No. 10) is one of the must-do attractions, offering a rich cultural experience to travellers.

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26 Matebeng Pass to Sehlabathebe

A climb up the Matebeng Pass that stands 3230 metres above sea level, gives adrenalin-seeking adventurers the opportunity to try out their 4x4 vehicles in the magnificent scenery of the Mashai Valley and plains. Extreme 4x4 trekking here is a one-of-a-kind experience and something that should not be missed. Overnighting at the rural home-stays below the pass give travellers a chance to build new energy before starting up the pass.