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A RETURN
TO THE
**AFRICAN
FUTURE**



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ARTIST LINE-UP

**ZOLA 7 LIQUIDEEP SHWI MANTOMBAZANE BHOLOJA
MANDISI DYANTYIS THE MASEKELA BAND MALEH
NEYMA THANDO ZIDE WANDILE MBAMBENI KYLE SHEPHERD TRIO
JUDAH SOUL WONDERBOOM MANDISA MAMBA DJ BOB CECE & RINA
CIRCLES & SQUARES KATEMBE CONNEXION EMAGAGU SANCHEZIEY
BATHINI ORIIGINELLE MK HLOPHE & MORE!**

CULINARY SHOWCASES

**COCO & J MMABATHO MOLEFE MAGRIZA MADE ME COOK
CHEF PRINCE SIVALO MAHLANGU CHEF SIVE BHEMBE**

REGIONAL FASION SHOWCASES

**MZUKISI MBANE- HEADLINING DESIGNER
ESWATINI, SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, LESOTHO**

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Eat.Sway.Love at the Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival!



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FROM Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd August 2026, the region descends to the iconic House On Fire in the scenic Malkerns Valley of Eswatini for one of Southern Africa's leading food & fashion events, the Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival!

This year marks the 8th edition of this premium sensory experience that unites over 10,000 festivalgoers from more than 26 countries for a lavishly and tastefully curated celebration of African culinary exploits, high-end fashion and Afrocentric music.

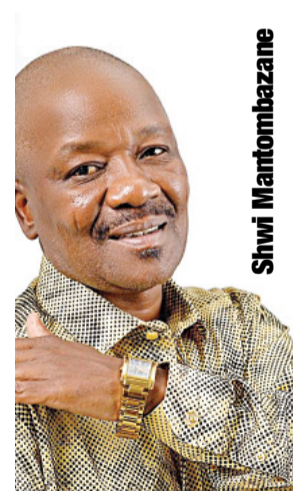
The Sound of the Continent



Liquideep



Mandisi



Shwi Mantombazane



Thando Zide



Mandisa Mamba



Sancheziey



Zola 7



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THE LUJU CULINARY EXPERIENCE: AN ODE TO NGUNI FOODWAYS

As one of the festival's staple offerings, Food is thoughtfully presented as a tribute to the land that has nourished generations from the beginning of time. The Luju food experience honours age-old traditions and revives their enduring influence on contemporary African gastronomy.

This year's Luju culinary theme, 'Nguni Foodways', explores the rich heritage of the Nguni people as custodians of innovation and cultural memory rooted in land, livestock and indigenous knowledge.

The celebrity chefs headlining the cooking demonstrations on this year's Luju culinary programme are dynamic South African duo, **Coco & J** who will deliver a wholesome Afro Fusion soul food experience. Award-winning South African chef known for her contemporary take on traditional Zulu cooking, **Chef Mmabatho Molefe**, will present her signature Nguni fine dining experience. From Zimbabwe, **Chef Prince Sivalo Mahlangu**, loved for his take on the rich tapestry of Zimbabwean and African food culture, will



facilitate fermentation and ancestral forage sessions.

Chef Sive Bhembe will serve an innovative Nguni-inspired dessert cooking demonstration which will be held on Sunday, 02 August at House On Fire.

Across the festival grounds, food transforms into more than a symbol of nourish-



ment. It represents memory, identity and storytelling.

Be sure to explore Luju's signature culinary environments, called Hives, including the Premium Lounge, Beer Garden, Wine Saloon, Sweet Spot, Cocktail Lounge and Heritage Food Garden, for a memorable taste of African culinary excellence.

KWASUKASUKELA (ONCE UPON A TIME): FASHION AS A PORTAL TO STORYTELLING



FASHION takes centre stage under the evocative theme 'Kwasukasukela', a siSwati expression for "Once Upon a Time" and nostalgic prelude to folktales told around the fire. In resonance with *A Return to the African Future*, 'Kwasukasukela' invites designers and festivalgoers alike to revisit African histories, symbols and craftsmanship reimagined through a contemporary lens.

Leading this year's fashion programme and headlining the annual Luju Fashion Runway Show is acclaimed South African designer **Mzukisi Mbane**, founder and creative director of **Imprint South Africa**, whose Afro-futuristic aesthetic has earned international acclaim from Johannesburg to Paris. Fresh

from winning Africa Fashion Up 2026 and recognised as South Africa's Best Heritage & Cultural Designer, Mbane brings to Luju a body of work that blends indigenous identity, original textile innovation and contemporary African luxury.

11 talented Eswatini designers will present their

Kwasukasukela-inspired collections across the Emerging Designers Showcase and the Luju Fashion Runway. Their work reflects a new generation of creative voices drawing inspiration from heritage while shaping the future of African design, reinforcing Luju's reputation as one of Southern Africa's leading platforms for fashion innovation and a must-attend for any festivalgoer with an eye for style.



2 DAYS, 2 OUTFITS!

In a groundbreaking development, the 2026 Luju Festival will unfold across 2 full weekend days for the first time in the event's history.

Festival attendees will get to flaunt their cultural pride and stylish interpretations of Luju's fashion theme, *Kwasukasukela*, with two distinct outfits across Saturday and Sunday for one of the biggest fashion events of the year!

This extended 2-full-day format is a creative response to the festival's growing profile and regional appeal. It asserts the Luju Festival as a vibrant catalyst for increased cultural tourism and an immersive weekend destination for festivalgoers traveling from different parts of the continent.

So, come ready to connect more deeply with enhanced culinary showcases, more runway moments and a wider music lineup.

A RETURN TO THE AFRICAN FUTURE

Guided by its founding ethos, *A Return to the African Future*, the Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival summons us all to a spirited reawakening of our rich heritage and the reclaiming of our unique identity as Africans. The festival's programme is designed in remembrance of and reference to the indigenous knowledge systems that sustained our forefathers as we carve a future powered by African innovation.

'A Return to the African Future' is a bold declaration of Africa's evolving story. It is an invitation to reclaim our precolonial heritage, reimagine our African identity and reconnect with the traditions that sustained our forefathers as we carve a future powered by African innovation.

Embrace the resilience of Africa's rich cultures, flaunt its authenticity and be part of its pioneering spirit expressed lavishly through the festival's wholesome family-friendly programme.

THE 2026 music programme journeys across the continent's rich and evolving soundscape, bringing together artists whose music reflects the diversity, depth and dynamism of African expression.

South African kwaito pioneer, **Zola 7**, will bring his unmistakable catalogue of township anthems to the Luju stage, while celebrated trumpeter, composer and vocalist, **Mandisi Dyantyi**, returns with his acclaimed body of work *Intlambululo: Ukuhlambulula*. Award-winning duo, **Liquideep**, will transport audiences with the soulful, emotive sound that has made them one of Southern Africa's most enduring musical acts.

Maskandi legend, **Shwi Mantombazane**, will honour generations of Zulu musical storytelling through a performance steeped in tradition. Festivalgoers will also experience the heartfelt folk-country storytelling of **Wandile Mbambeni**, alongside the soulful blend of African soul, jazz and contemporary R&B from **Thando Zide**.

Carrying Hugh Masekela's fire forward, **the Masekela Band**, the touring ensemble drawn from the final 15 years of Hugh Masekela's career, will bring a breathing celebration of one of Africa's most enduring musical legacies. **WONDERboom**,

marking three decades of distortion, energy, and genre-defying grit this year, will bring their infectious, loud, and unique energy to the Luju stage. Johannesburg DJ duo **Circles & Squares** will weave together bossa nova, house, disco, and broken beat into a highly eclectic set while Mozambique will be represented by celebrated Marrabenta music singer, **Neyma**, and the Eswatini-Mozambique ensemble, **ka-Tembe Connexion**.

In a celebration of Eswatini's own creative excellence, **Cece & Rina** will join forces to deliver a special collaborative performance. Afro-pop artist **Sancheziey** will bridge generations through his signature Umgidvo sound while Swazi Soul pioneer and legend, **Bholoja** will bring contemporary African folk music to the Luju stage. Award-winning R&B artist **Mandisa Mamba** will showcase her soulful artistry. Afro-pop trio **Emagagu** will bring together Swazi storytelling and indigenous rhythms and **Originelle** will deliver an exclusive performance from her latest album, *Loving This Black Woman*.

Stay tuned for additional artist announcements to be revealed in the weeks leading up to the festival.

Secure Your Pass to Luju 2026!

TICKET TYPE	EARLY BIRD	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
FULL FEST PREMIUM LOUNGE	SOLD OUT	E1,980	E2,380	E2,780
FULL FESTIVAL LUJU GARDENS	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	E780	E880
KIDS FULL FEST (6-12 YRS)	SOLD OUT	E180	E250	E280

ONLINE Luju Garden Tickets have moved to Phase 2, but Premium Lounge and Kids Tickets remain available at Phase 1. Festivalgoers are encouraged to purchase tickets

online at www.lujufestival.com while stocks last.

Eswatini residents can purchase Premium Lounge, Luju Gardens and Kids tickets via the Unayo Ticketing Service on WhatsApp. Simply send "Hi" to 7805 6364 and follow the prompts. Tickets are also available at Standard Bank Eswatini branches in Mbabane (The Corporate Place), Ezulwini (The Gables) and Manzini (opposite Bhunu Mall) as well as at Dala Spaces at Malandela's Lifestyle.



Plan Your Stay

THE Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival accommodation partners offer a range of accommodation options to suit every traveller.

Festivalgoers are encouraged

to secure their accommodation early to ensure a seamless and memorable festival experience.

To explore accommodation options and plan your stay, visit the Accommodation page on the official Luju Festival website.

Keep up with all the latest Luju Buzz by visiting www.lujufestival.com and follow the Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival on Facebook, and @luju_festival on Instagram, Tik Tok and X.



A Step Towards World-Class Hospitality

Eswatini Launches National grading of accommodation Establishments programme



EVERY visitor who arrives in

Eswatini leaves with a story. Some remember the breathtaking landscapes, others the rich cultural heritage and warm smiles that define the Kingdom. But what truly transforms a visit into an unforgettable experience is the quality of hospitality they receive.

Recognising that exceptional service is the heartbeat of a thriving tourism industry, Eswatini has taken a bold step towards securing its place among Africa's most sought-after destinations.

The official launch of the National grading of accommodation Establishments programme by the Honourable Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Hon. Jane Mkhonta-Simelane, marks the beginning of a new era where quality, consistency and excellence become the hallmark of the Kingdom's hospitality sector.

Held at Happy Valley Hotel & Casino on the 19th June 2026, the launch brought together government leaders, tourism stakeholders, accommodation operators, industry partners, and members of the media to witness a landmark moment in Eswatini's tourism journey.

More than the introduction of a grading programme; The grading exercise is conducted using electronic grading system and it ensures accuracy of the assessment being done to the facilities. It demonstrates Eswatini's commitment to ensuring that every guest; whether travelling for business, leisure, or cultural exploration, receives exceptional service that



inspires them to return and recommend the Kingdom to others.

The grading system is far more than a regulatory framework; It is a promise to every traveller that Eswatini is committed to delivering quality they can trust and hospitality they will remember. While participation in the grading programme is voluntary, tourism establishments are strongly encouraged to embrace the initiative as a pathway to contin-

Grading Committee & Facility



The Grading Committee members posing for a picture from left is Sethabile Dlamini, Wakhile Zwane, Deborah Jele, Ntfobeko Tobie Motsa, Min. Jane Mkhonta-Simelane, Penelop Mkhwanazi (ETA Board chairperson), Tshepo Motlau (Strictly business fusion consultancy), Milagrosa Mondlane, Phinda Manyatsi and Phinley Vilakati.

THE launch marked more than the introduction of a quality assurance framework it signaled the Kingdom's unwavering commitment to raising hospitality standards and positioning itself among Africa's leading tourism destinations.

A key highlight of the occasion was the official unveiling of the country's newly appointed Grading Committee and the presentation of certificates to the first cohort of Certified Grading Facility Assessors by the Honourable Minister.

These appointments represent a significant milestone in the professionalisation of Eswatini's tourism sector. The Grading Committee will provide strategic oversight, ensuring that the grading process remains transparent, fair, credible and aligned with both national priorities and internationally recognised best practices. Their leadership

will safeguard the integrity of the grading system and ensure that every participating establishment is assessed against consistent and objective standards.

MEET THE GRADING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Tobie Motsa- Chairperson

- Phinley Vilakati
- Wakhile Zwane
- Deborah Jele
- Milagrosa Mondlane
- Phinda Manyatsi
- Sethabile Dlamini

Working alongside the Committee is a team of



The National Establishments Grading System is more than a rating programme—it is Eswatini's promise of quality, consistency and world-class hospitality.

nationally aligned framework for assessing accommodation establishments across Eswatini. Through a transparent star-rating system; facilities will be evaluated against clearly defined quality standards benchmarked internationally, regionally and locally. Grading ranges from 1* to 5* with higher numbers indicating increased luxury, amenities and service quality. Establishments need to meet about 900 - 1000 standards.

- Bed & Breakfasts
- Self-catering facilities

WHAT IT MEANS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS

For accommodation establishments, the grading system is an opportunity to showcase excellence, strengthen market credibility and improve business performance. For visitors, it provides confidence that the quality promised is the quality delivered. And for the nation, it represents another important step towards building a tourism sector that is competitive, resilient and capable of contributing meaningfully to Eswatini's economic development for years to come.

CATEGORIES TO BE RATED:

- Hotels
- Lodges
- Guesthouses

uous improvement.

RAISING THE STANDARD OF HOSPITALITY

The grading system is implemented under

gazette standards of the Eswatini Tourism Authority grading act No.2 of 2001. It provides a legal framework that ensures accommodation establishments are assessed fairly, consistently and professionally. Therefore, this launch introduces an inter-

Assessors Unveiled

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The Facility Grading Assessors posing for a picture from left is Jackson Dlamini, Mhlobiso Nxumalo, Phumelele Kunene, Hon. Jane Mkhonta-Simelane, Penelop Mkhwanazi, Tshepo Motlau, Nelisiwe Sigwane, Todvwa Gwebu and Ntsiki Mavuso

trained and certified Facility Grading Assessors to be led by Assistant Quality Assurance Officer. These professionals will be on the ground with establishment to gather evidence to be used in reporting and scoring facilities.

FACILITY GRADING ASSESSORS:

- Nelisiwe Sigwane - Assistant Quality

- Assurance Officer
- Todvwa Gwebu
 - Mhlobiso Nxumalo
 - Ntsiki Mavuso
 - Jackson Dlamini
 - Phumelele Kunene

Together, the Grading Committee and the Fa-

cility Grading Assessors form the cornerstone of Eswatini's quality assurance framework. Their collective expertise will help elevate service standards, encourage continuous improvement within the hospitality industry, and provide visitors with confidence that graded establishments have been independently assessed and benchmarked against recognised quality standards.

As the Kingdom works towards its ambitious target of welcoming two million visitors annually, the establishment grading system will play a crucial role in enhancing destination competitiveness, strengthening traveler confidence and showcasing Eswatini as a world-class tourism destination where quality, professionalism and authentic hospitality go hand in hand.

Experience the 7th Edition Festival and Escape to the

TRADE the city lights for a canopy of stars this spring. From 25-27 September 2026, the pristine wilderness of Mlawula Nature Reserve will transform into a vibrant oasis of music, culture, and nature for the highly anticipated 7th Edition Campfire Festival.



Promising an unmatched outdoor experience, this year's festival brings together an incredible lineup of local and international acts, blending raw natural beauty with world-class entertainment.

Whether you are a seasoned outdoorsman or a festival-goer looking for a touch of luxury, the Campfire Festival has a package tailor-made for your budget and style.

- **The Impala Package (Full Weekend Pass) – E650** Immerse yourself completely in the weekend's festivities. This all-access pass guarantees you the full entertainment experience, including our signature Comedy Night featuring the funniest comedians from the Kingdom and surrounding countries, alongside stellar live musical performances.
- **The Imbabala Package (One-Night Pass) – E450** Pressed for time but still want to join the magic? This package is perfect for campers looking to soak up the great outdoor atmosphere for a single night of music, firelit connection, and memories.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

7th Edition Mlawula Campfire Festival
25-27 SEPTEMBER 2026

IMPALA PACKAGE - E650

- Full festival ticket
- Live music & performances
- Comedy live show
- Team building exercises
- Hiking experience
- Aerobics
- And more exciting activities in the wild

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7th Edition Mlawula Campfire Festival
25-27 SEPTEMBER 2026

IMBABALA PACKAGE - E450

- 1-day access ticket (Sat-Sun)
- Live music & performances
- Team building exercises
- Hiking experience
- Aerobics
- And more exciting activities in the wild

TICKET EXCLUDES CAMPING GEAR RENTAL

THEME:

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Wild

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- A plush double bed complete with fresh linen.
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- Dedicated, secured parking space close to your tent.



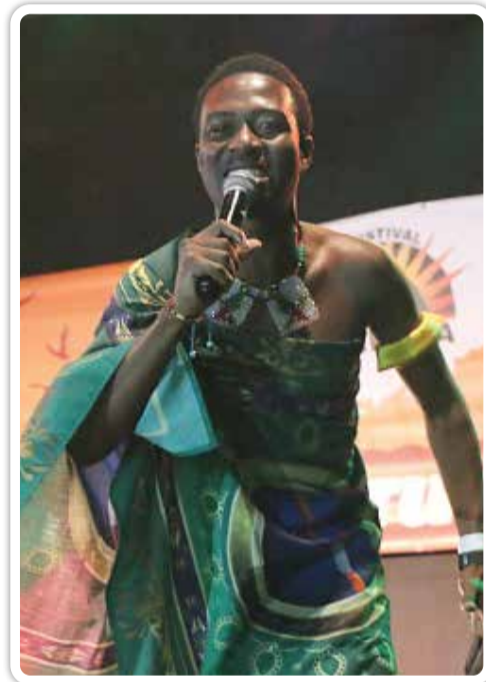
In addition to the incredible entertainment, the Campfire Festival food court will be a culinary journey of its own. Festival-goers can indulge in a variety of mouthwatering delicacies, ranging from quick and savory street food to wholesome, traditional cultural dishes. For those with a global

palate, the food court will also feature popular international cuisine widely enjoyed across the Kingdom, ensuring there is a delicious option to satisfy every craving.

Reconnect with nature, dance under the stars, and wake up to the calls of the wild. Space is limited,

and these packages will sell out fast.

For more information, ticket bookings, and glamping reservations, visit www.entc.org.sz. Let the countdown to the ultimate wilderness escape begin! **BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY...**



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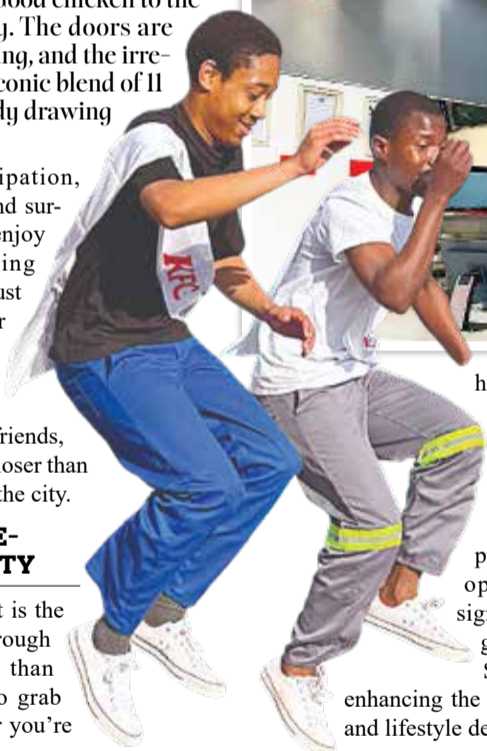
KFC Woodlands Is Officially Open

KFC has officially opened its newest restaurant at Woodlands Shopping Centre, bringing its world-famous Finger Lickin' Good chicken to the northern side of the city. The doors are open, the fryers are sizzling, and the irresistible aroma of KFC's iconic blend of 11 herbs and spices is already drawing in hungry customers.

After months of anticipation, residents of Mbangweni and surrounding areas can now enjoy the convenience of having their favourite KFC meals just around the corner. Whether you're craving a quick Streetwise meal, a crispy Zinger Burger, or a bucket to share with family and friends, your next KFC fix is now closer than ever, no need to drive into the city.

MODERN DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY

Adding to the excitement is the branch's modern drive-through facility, making it easier than ever for busy motorists to grab a meal on the go. Whether you're



heading home from work, running errands, or looking for a quick family dinner solution, KFC Woodlands offers convenience without compromising on flavour. The opening marks another significant addition to the growing Woodlands Shopping Centre, further enhancing the area's appeal as a retail and lifestyle destination.



VIBRANT POP-UP PARADE

To mark the occasion, KFC took to the streets with a vibrant pop-up parade, filling the city with music, dancing and plenty of Finger Lickin' Good excitement. Stop by KFC Woodlands for your favourite meals and be part of the excitement.

The grand opening was celebrated in style with a lively pop-up parade, filling Mbabane city with music, dancing and plenty of excitement as KFC Woodlands officially welcomed its first customers. If you haven't stopped by yet, now's the perfect time to experience the newest hotspot for Finger Lickin' Good moments in Mbabane.



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Warm Up This Winter with Amigos' Delicious Wednesday Special



As winter temperatures continue to drop, there is nothing better than enjoying a warm and hearty meal with family and friends. This season, Amigos Restaurant in Ezulwini Valley is giving customers the perfect reason to stay warm with its exciting Wednesday Special that promises both great value and delicious flavour.

Every Wednesday, customers can enjoy a mouth-watering **Buy One, Get One Free** offer on Amigos' popular **baby chicken meal**. Purchase one baby chicken meal and receive another one absolutely free, complete with a choice of starch, all for just **E199**. This limited-time winter promotion is designed to bring comfort, satisfaction and exceptional value during the chilly season.

Served hot and fresh, the meal features perfectly grilled baby chicken paired with your preferred starch, making it an ideal choice for sharing with family or friends or enjoying as a generous feast on your own. Available as a **take-away special**, it has quickly become a favourite among customers looking for quality meals at an affordable price.

Amigos Restaurant invites customers to make Wednesdays something to look forward to by enjoying delicious food in a warm and welcoming environment. The restaurant remains committed to bringing people together through great food, proudly living up to its slogan, **"Where Good Friends Meet."**

FRIDAY SPECIAL: GREAT FOOD, GREAT VALUE

Fridays at Amigos are all about choice and cele-

branded Diners can choose from three delicious meals and enjoy a **free soda or draught beer** with every special purchased.

The Friday menu includes:

- **Grilled T-bone Steak** served with your choice of starch for **E199**.
- **200g Lemon Butter Grilled Hake** served with your choice of starch for **E130**.
- **Grilled Half Chicken** (available in Mild, Hot or Lemon & Herb) served with your choice of starch for **E150**.

Whether you're winding down after a busy week or gathering with friends, the Friday Special offers a satisfying meal at an affordable price.

located at 103 Road, Ezulwini Valley, Eswatini, Amigos Restaurant operates:

- **Monday to Saturday:** 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm
- **Sunday:** 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

Visitors can place orders by calling +268 7662 1645 or +268 2416 1190. For updates on specials and promotions, follow @AmigosTheGables on Instagram, AmigosGables on TikTok, or email swazilandadegas@gmail.com.

Whether you're a first-time visitor to Eswatini or a regular traveller through the scenic Ezulwini Valley, Amigos Restaurant offers more than just a meal; it delivers a warm dining experience where great food, good company and exceptional value come together

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Eswatini's Best Restaurant 2026

ESWATINI'S vibrant culinary landscape is once again earning international recognition, with four outstanding establishments nominated in the World Culinary Awards 2026. Ramblas Restaurant, Mandela's Lifestyle, 268 Jams, and The Palm Cascades Restaurant at Summerfield Botanical Garden have all been recognised for their contribution to the country's growing reputation as a destination for exceptional dining.

The nominations are a proud milestone, not only for the restaurants themselves but also for Eswatini's hospitality and tourism industry. They place the Kingdom on a global culinary map alongside internationally acclaimed restaurants, showcasing the creativity, quality, and warm hospitality that define the local dining experience.

The World Culinary Awards celebrate excellence across the global restaurant and culinary industry, recognising establishments that consistently deliver outstanding cuisine, exceptional service, innovation and memorable guest experiences. The awards attract nominations from around the world, with winners determined through public voting and industry support. As voting continues, emaSwati have an opportunity to rally behind their local favourites and help bring international honours home.



of Eswatini's premier culinary destinations. A four-time World Culinary Awards winner since 2022, the restaurant continues to set the benchmark for excellence, combining outstanding cuisine with warm hospitality in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. Guests can savour a diverse selection of dishes inspired by international flavours, with favourites including the succulent Chicken Espetada, flavour-packed Quesadilla, and the wholesome Lentil Dahl.

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RAMBLAS RESTAURANT: AWARD-WINNING DINING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Renowned for delivering exceptional dining experiences, Ramblas Restaurant has established itself as one



268 JAMS: CONSISTENTLY EARNING A PLACE ON THE WORLD CULINARY STAGE

Nestled in the leafy Woodlands suburb of Mba-



MALANDELA'S RESTAURANT: A CULINARY FAVOURITE WITH GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Malkerns



THE PALM CASCADES RESTAURANT: ELEVATING FINE DINING ON THE WORLD STAGE

Nestled within the lush surroundings of Summerfield Botanical Garden, The Palm Cascades Restaurant continues to earn international acclaim, having secured nominations at the prestigious World Culinary Awards for several consecutive years. Celebrated for its elegant approach to fine dining, diners can indulge in expertly aged smokehouse grills, fresh seafood, French and Continental classics, as well as delicately crafted Asian-inspired dishes, each prepared with exceptional attention to detail.

Swazi Rally 2026 Returns for its 33rd Edition



inspiring the next generation of motorsport enthusiasts.

Visitors can also look forward to an expanded market experience, showcasing a vibrant mix of local food vendors, artisans, craftspeople and small businesses. The marketplace celebrates

Eswatini's entrepreneurial spirit while creating opportunities for local businesses to engage with thousands of attendees over the three-day event.

Entertainment remains a cornerstone of the Swazi Rally experience, and organisers have promised an exciting programme that blends crowd favourites with fresh talent. While the full line-up is yet to be announced, attendees can expect one of South Africa's hottest new-school DJs to headline alongside an exciting mix of regional and local artists.

Swazi Rally 2026 would not be possible without the support of its valued partners, including the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA), Xtreme Trading, the Eswatini Arts & Culture Council, and

the Eswatini Tourism Authority, whose continued collaboration helps position Eswatini as a leading destination for motorsport and event tourism.

Whether you're arriving on two wheels, four wheels or simply looking for an incredible weekend away, Swazi Rally 2026 promises an experience unlike any other.

Early Bird tickets are now available via Howler and MTN MoMo. For the latest event announcements, accommodation options and ticket information, follow Swazi Rally on social media or visit www.swazirally.com.

SWAZI RALLY 2026
28-30 AUGUST | RIDERS RANCH,
ESWATINI

THE countdown is officially on as Swazi Rally 2026 returns to Riders Ranch, Eswatini, from 28 to 30 August for its 33rd edition. Widely regarded as one of Southern Africa's premier biking and lifestyle events, Swazi Rally continues to evolve, offering an unforgettable weekend of motorsport, entertainment and community.

day, giving younger rally fans the opportunity to experience the excitement of Swazi Rally in a family-friendly environment. The initiative forms part of the event's continued commitment to making the rally accessible to a broader audience while

While motorcycles remain at the heart of the event, Swazi Rally has become much more than a rally. Thousands of visitors from across Southern Africa travel to Eswatini each year to experience the unique atmosphere, world-class entertainment, camping, local cuisine and the camaraderie that has made the event a fixture on the regional calendar.

A major highlight for 2026 is the return of **Jungle Rush FMX**, bringing gravity-defying freestyle motocross action back to the Motorsport Arena. Fans can once again expect spectacular jumps, aerial tricks and adrenaline-pumping performances throughout the weekend.

Following its successful introduction last year, the **Kids Day Ticket** also returns on Satur-



SWAZI RALLY RETURNS.

28 - 30 August 2026

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Khabane Cave Walk Strengthens Heritage Conservation



THE spirit of adventure, conservation and national pride came alive at Mlawula Nature Reserve on 28 June 2026, as hundreds of nature lovers, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts gathered for the annual Khabane Cave Explorer Walk.



Set against the breathtaking landscapes of eastern Eswatini, the event invited participants to discover one of the Kingdom's most treasured natural and cultural landmarks while immersing themselves in spectacular scenery, diverse wildlife and the rich history of the iconic Khabane Cave.

The walk was officially set off by the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Jane Mkhonta-Simelane, who wished participants a safe and memorable journey while encouraging



emaSwati to continue protecting the country's natural heritage for future generations. Adding royal inspiration to the occasion, Her Royal

Highness Princess Sakhizwe, Brand Ambassador of the Khabane Cave Explorer Walk, joined participants as they embarked on routes tailored to different fitness

levels, including 3 km, 12 km and the challenging 21 km trail. The variety of routes ensured that families, casual walkers and experienced hikers could all enjoy the unique experience at their own pace.

Over the years, the Khabane Cave Explorer Walk has grown into one of the flagship initiatives of the Eswatini National Trust Commission (ENTC), combining outdoor recreation with heritage conservation and sustainable tourism. The event continues to showcase one of Eswatini's remarkable natural attractions while encouraging both locals and visitors to appreciate the country's rich cultural and environmental legacy.

Speaking during the event, Minister Mkhonta-Simelane applauded the successful partnership between the Eswatini National Trust Commission and the Rotary Club of Matsapha, describing it as an excellent example of how collaboration between the public and private sectors can strengthen Eswatini's tourism industry.



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...the Khabane Cave Explorer Walk is more than an outdoor adventure—it is an investment in Eswatini's future.

HRH Princess Sakhizwe

She noted that the continued development of the Khabane Cave Explorer Walk has transformed the trail into a leading tourism event, ensuring that Khabane Cave remains a living symbol of Eswatini's history rather than a forgotten landmark. Through initiatives such as these, the country's heritage is not only preserved but shared with new generations of explorers and visitors.

Addressing participants after completing the hike, Her Royal Highness Princess Sakhizwe congratulated everyone for their determination and resilience, describing their achievement as a reflection of their commitment to preserving Eswatini's heritage.

Speaking under this year's theme, 'Umhlaba



Wetfu, Likusasa Letfu' (Our Land, Our Future), she emphasised that the walk represents more than an outdoor adventure. It is an investment in the nation's future. She encouraged emaSwati to recognise that protecting landscapes such as Khabane Cave is essential to safeguarding the country's identity and cultural sovereignty.

Princess Sakhizwe further highlighted that conservation and sustainable development must go hand in hand, noting that heritage tourism has the power to create economic opportunities for surrounding communities while ensuring that Eswatini's cultural treasures are protected for generations to come.



NHSE Walk: Let's Go Explore Lunkuntfu Cave

SUNDAY, 12 JULY 2026

ADVENTURE awaits as the Natural History Society of Eswatini (NHSE) invites outdoor enthusiasts, nature lovers and explorers to discover one of Eswatini's newest hiking destinations during a guided walk to Lunkuntfu Cave on Sunday, 12 July 2026.

This exciting outing offers participants the opportunity to experience the breathtaking beauty of the Lubombo Mountains while learning about the ecological, geological and cultural significance of this remarkable landscape.

The July walk takes participants to the Lubombo Mountains, where they will be among the first organised groups to visit Lunkuntfu Cave. The site forms part of a recently launched commu-

nity tourism initiative supported by the Eswatini National Trust Commission's (ENTC) National Monuments Department, which has worked with the local community to make the cave accessible to visitors while promoting the conservation of the area's natural and cultural heritage.

The hiking trail offers stunning panoramic views overlooking Big Bend, with the surrounding mountains creating a unique landscape where the

morning sun only reaches the trail after 7:00 a.m. as the towering peaks shield the early sunrise.

The track is yet to be constructed to 'normal' standards, with solid steps and even arm support, which will come in the near future. Hikers will ascend for about 1.2 KM this will be a nice spot for someone who loves a challenge. The track is relatively steep but manageable and leads to the cave, which, in appearance, is a 'mirror' of Khabane Cave. From the cave, you will enjoy views of the Big Bend area and its surroundings. Please note; The team will leave Mbabane an hour earlier than usual.

LOCATION:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLRAQZpt-w4RmP9HY8>

The community set up a campsite that is open to those who want to make a weekend of it. Camping is E200 and has access to toilets. Booking done directly with the community; call Bheki 7607 3442.

FEES:

NHS standard fees (E40 pp for one-off). There are no entrance fees for the hike.

BRING:

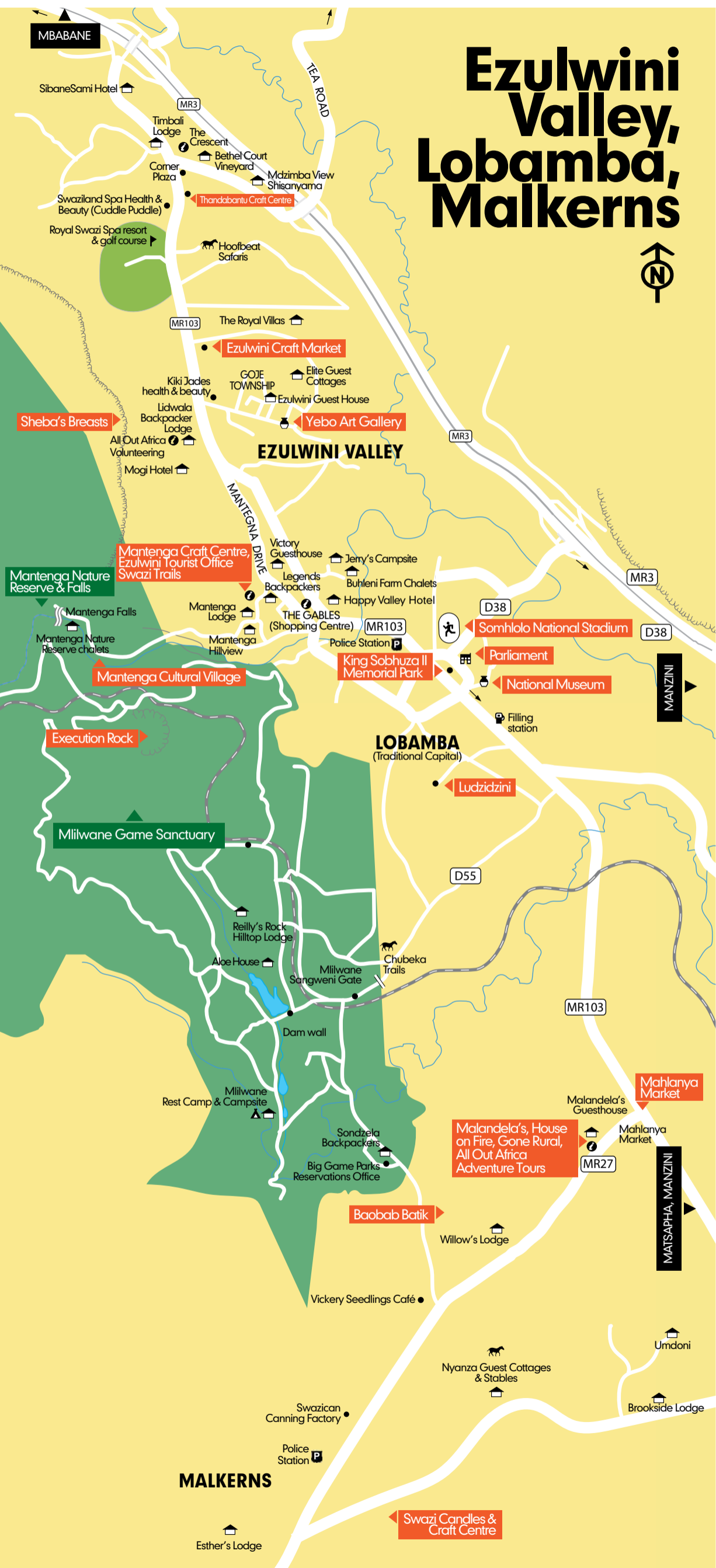
- Water and snacks
- Hat
- Hiking shoes
- Suncream
- Peaceful Sleep for ticks

MEETING:

12 July, 6.30am Eswatini Theatre Club, 8.30-8.45am at the junction into Big Bend, or see you there if you're camping.

OUTING LEADER - YAEL UZAN-TIDHAR 76128310

Ezulwini Valley, Lobamba, Malkerns



Make It a July Lunch Date at Vickery Coffee Shop



THERE is something special about slowing down over a good meal. Whether you're catching up with friends, enjoying a midweek lunch date, treating a colleague, or spending quality time with family, July is the perfect month to make Vickery Coffee Shop your go-to lunch destination.

A MENU WORTH SHARING

Lunch at Vickery Coffee Shop is all about fresh ingredients, comforting flavours and dishes prepared with care. Guests can enjoy a variety of favourites, from the ever-popular homemade quiche to rich, slow-cooked oxtail that falls off the bone. Seafood lovers can indulge in the fragrant prawn curry, while traditional beef and chicken curries continue to satisfy those craving hearty comfort food.

For diners looking for lighter options, the colourful vegan chickpea curry salad and the wholesome quinoa sushi salad deliver flavour without compromising on freshness.

No lunch date is complete without dessert, and Vickery's homemade treats are reason enough to visit. Their famous lemon meringue pie, indulgent chocolate brownies, freshly baked carrot cake and rich chocolate cake have earned a loyal following. Pair your dessert with a perfectly brewed coffee, speciality tea or a refreshing cold beverage for the ideal finish.

YOUR JULY MEETING PLACE

As Eswatini embraces the cool winter season, there's no better excuse to reconnect over a leisurely lunch. Whether you're celebrating a birthday, planning a business meeting, enjoying a romantic lunch date or simply taking a break from work, Vickery Coffee Shop offers the perfect setting to savour delicious food and meaningful conversation.

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20 EMALANGENI (US\$1.07)



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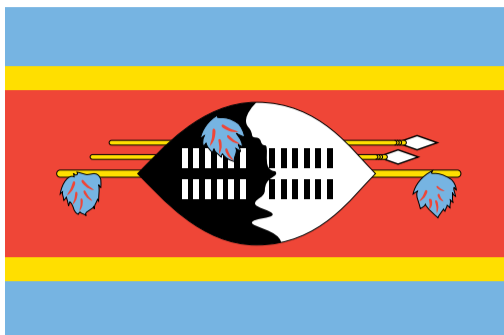
200 EMALANGENI (US\$10.75)

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
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 lenkane (little chief)
- December** – Ingongoni/ Mavulangamithi (Buffaloe month/ to swallow pickings of teeth) also Inkhosi Lenkhulu (big chief)

BORDER HOURS



- Mhlumeni/ Goba Border** Open 24hrs
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- Ngwenya/ Oshoek Border** Open 24:00hrs
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- Mahamba Border** Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
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- 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:** 535 km
- Border countries:**
 - Mozambique 105 km,
 - South Africa 430 km
- Lowerst point:** Great Usutu River 21m
- Highest point:** Emlembe 1 862 m

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- New Year's Day** – 1 January
- King's Birthday** – 19 April
- National Flag Day** – 25 April
- Worker's Day** – 1 May
- Umlhanga 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



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Fire Up July at Embiveni's Biggest Braai



THERE is something magical about a braai in Eswatini. It is where stories are shared, friendships are rekindled, families come together and strangers leave as friends. This July, that unmistakable spirit comes alive once again as the Embiveni Biggest Braai celebrates its 10th Agape Edition; a day where every sizzling grill, every shared meal, and every smile helps change lives.

Supported by Robertsons The Spice People, the much-loved annual event has become one of Eswatini's signature social gatherings, drawing food lovers, families and travellers from across the country and beyond. More than just a celebration of great food, it is a celebration of community, generosity and the warmth that defines the Kingdom.

On 25 July 2026, Embiveni will transform into a vibrant feast of flavours, laughter, music, and unforgettable memories. The aroma of expertly seasoned meats cooking over open flames will fill the air as guests embrace this year's fitting theme: "Grill. Chill. Network."

Whether you are a seasoned braai master, a curious foodie, or a visitor eager to experience authentic Swazi hospitality, the Embiveni Biggest Braai offers a genuine taste of local culture. It is a place where conversations flow as freely as the music, children play without a care, entrepreneurs connect, and families create memories that last long after the fires have gone out.

The most beautiful ingredient of the day is its purpose; every ticket purchased helps support the Philani Maswati Charity Organisation, ensuring that this celebration extends far beyond the braai stands. By attending, guests are helping uplift vulnerable members of the community and bringing hope where it is needed most. In a world where every act of kindness matters, this is one event where your appetite can truly make a difference.

SECURE YOUR EARLY BIRD TICKET NOW

Tickets remain affordable, making it easy for everyone to be part of the experience. Early bird tickets are available for E180, while gate tickets cost E200, with secure parking available for just E20. Secure your Early Bird ticket for only E180 using e-Mali:

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THE EMBIVENI LINEUP IS OFFICIALLY OUT

Get ready for an unforgettable performance packed with energy, great music, and good vibes from this year's incredible lineup including **Ayacity**, **M Nation**, **Lord F**, **BANDORA**, **Obsession**, **Thaifo Son**, **Junior De DJ**, **Carrency** with many more exciting experiences waiting for you at the biggest lifestyle event in Eswatini.



Sjava Set to Light Up Mdzimba View Shisanyama



...Sjava will headline the event, supported by a strong line-up of local entertainers including Zulu D, Bandora, Sbu De Drum DJ, The Bishop, LadyZee, MixMash and resident DJs.

VISITORS looking for an authentic Eswatini entertainment experience this winter are in for a memorable evening as Mdzimba View Shisanyama hosts acclaimed South African musician Sjava on 31 July 2026.

Set against the beautiful surroundings of Mdzimba, the venue has become one of Eswatini's emerging lifestyle and entertainment destinations, combining breathtaking views, delicious local cuisine and vibrant live performances. The event promises more than just a concert—it offers visitors an opportunity to experience the country's growing tourism and nightlife scene.

The celebration begins at 4:00 PM and continues until 3:00 AM, giving guests plenty of time to enjoy food, music and the lively atmosphere. Sjava will headline the event, supported by a strong line-up of local entertainers including Zulu D, Bandora, Sbu De Drum DJ, The Bishop, LadyZee, MixMash and resident DJs.

Known for showcasing local hospitality and creating unforgettable social experiences, Mdzimba View Shisanyama has become a popular meeting place for both locals and visitors seeking quality entertainment in a relaxed outdoor setting.

Tickets are affordably priced, with General Pre-sale tickets available for E100, VIP Pre-sale at E300, while gate tickets will cost E150 for General Admission and E400 for VIP. Tickets are available through Moja Ticket.

Whether you're travelling within Eswatini or visiting from neighbouring countries, this event presents the perfect opportunity to explore one of the Kingdom's scenic entertainment venues while enjoying award-winning African music, local flavours and warm Swazi hospitality.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- **Venue:** Mdzimba View Shisanyama
- **Date:** Friday, 31 July 2026
- **Time:** 4:00 PM – 3:00 AM
- **Headline Act:** Sjava
- **Tickets:** From E100
- **Dress Code:** Coat and Sneakers

Mdzimba View Shisanyama continues to position itself as a destination where food, music, nature and culture come together. Events like these not only provide world-class entertainment but also contribute to Eswatini's growing reputation as a vibrant tourism and events destination.



Sbu De Drum DJ



LADY ZEE



MIXMASH

31 JULY 2026

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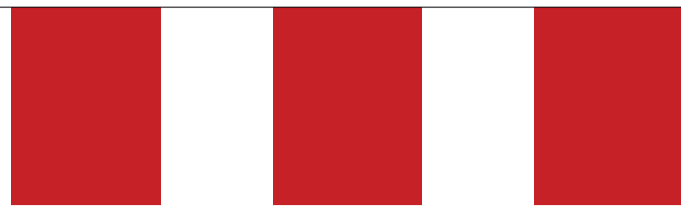
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