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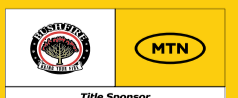
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# MTN BUSHFIRE 2026 LINE-UP:

# A DIVERSE, ECLECTIC CELEBRATION



**A**s the cool winds of May settle over the lush Malkerns Valley, a different kind of heat begins to rise. From 29 to 31 May 2026, Eswatini will host the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of one of Africa's most celebrated cultural gatherings, the MTN Bushfire festival. Music, art and activism will, once again, spark to life in the festival's inspiring call to action for positive social and environmental change, Bring Your Fire.

More than simply a festival, MTN Bushfire stands as a beacon of conscious celebration, inviting Fire Starters from across the globe to connect through its signature celebration of unity in diversity, spirit of social inclusion and atmosphere of tolerance. Staged at the iconic House On Fire in Malkerns, this globally acclaimed event blends family-friendly energy, creative expression and a firm commitment to sustainability for an unforgettable three-day experience.

## A global line up with an African heart

**M**TN Bushfire 2026 sets the fire ablaze with a dynamic, Pan-African and international line-up of artists spanning 20 countries, reaffirming its place as a truly global yet deeply African festival.

Among the most anticipated highlights is a special tribute to the legendary **Busi Mhlongo (SA)**. This powerful homage, featuring **Buhlebendalo, Xolisa Dlamini, and**

**Zawadi YaMungu** reimagines her timeless fusion of Zulu tradition, jazz, and Afro-soul, ensuring her legacy continues to inspire new generations.

Equally electrifying is the long-awaited homecoming of **Uncle Waffles (SZ)**, Eswatini's own global Amapiano sensation. Known for her magnetic stage presence and immersive performances, her return promises to be both deeply personal and explosively energetic. The broader line-up reads like a musical journey across continents and genres. From

the genre-blending brilliance of **Kokoroko (UK)** and the high-energy rhythms of **Jupiter & Okwess (DRC)**, to the poetic intensity of **Yugen Blakrok (ZA/ES)**, the soulful harmonies of the **Ndlovu Youth Choir (ZA)**, and the experimental sounds of **Wayne Snow (NG/DE)**, each act contributes to a vibrant tapestry of global expression.

Local talent will shine just as brightly. Artists like **Velemsemi, Sibu Manzini, !Sooks, and iYa** will bring Eswatini's creative spirit to the forefront with performances that will reinforce the festival's commitment to supporting and elevating homegrown artistry.

As anticipation builds, festivalgoers are encouraged to keep an eye on MTN Bushfire's official digital platforms for the full programme reveal, with more exciting announcements still to come.

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# MTN BUSHFIRE 2026 LINE-UP:

# AND CONSCIOUS

## Where creativity lives: the MTN Bushfire stages

**B**YOND the music, MTN Bushfire offers an immersive, multi-layered experience shaped by its diverse stages, each with its own distinct atmosphere.

The **Main Stage** delivers unforgettable performances beneath the open sky, while the **House On Fire Amphitheatre** creates space for more intimate and soul-stirring moments. The **Firefly Stage** pulses with cutting-edge electronic energy, and the **Bring Your Fire Zone** invites festivalgoers into a dynamic space for creative activism and dialogue. Younger attendees are equally catered for through the vibrant **KidZone**, while the **Cirk Stage** in the Main Arena dazzles with breathtaking acrobatics, theatre and visual storytelling.



### Travel made easy: discounted flights on Eswatini Air

**M**TN Bushfire ticketholders enjoy 15% off direct return flights from Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town and Harare on the festival's official airline partner, Eswatini Air, for a third consecutive year! Safe and seamless travel to the country's biggest tourism event is now just a flight away.

To access the promo code, visit the 'Plan' section on the MTN Bushfire website, [www.bush-fire.com](http://www.bush-fire.com). The offer is valid for return flights between 5 February and 8 June 2026.



### The temple lounge: a new golden sanctuary for MTN Bushfire 2026

**N**EW for 2026 is the introduction of The Temple Lounge, a serene sanctuary nestled within the botanical gardens of Mandela's. Designed as an extension of the Golden Lounge, this thoughtfully curated space offers a place to pause and reconnect amid the festival's vibrant rhythm.

With relaxed seating, a dedicated bar, curated DJ sets, and even a silent disco, it provides an elevated experience rooted in com-

fort and connection. The name of this new space is a tribute to the late Chairperson of the Bushfire Committee and Golden Lounge Supervisor, Senator Mike "Mkhanyakudze" Temple. The lounge stands as a reflection of the spirit of community that Mike Temple embodied and his inspiring belief in creating environments where people can connect authentically, and experience MTN Bushfire at its very best.

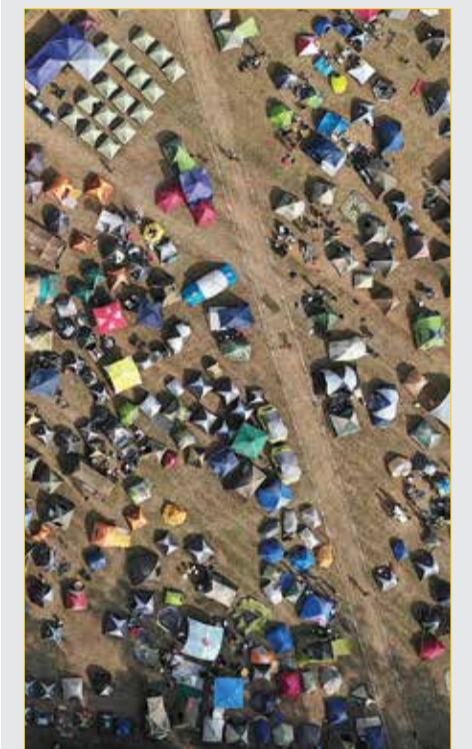


### All Out Africa return travel packages

**A**LL Out Africa provides curated return travel packages from Durban IN South Africa, and Maputo IN Mozambique which are the only remaining options available now that packages from Tofo and all other locations have completely sold out.

Each package includes two nights of camping in the Tent Village and breakfast for two, offering a seamless blend of convenience and full festival immersion. With limited packages left, Fire Starters are encouraged to secure their travel plans soon to avoid missing out.

### Experience festival camping & glamping



**W**HETHER you're a classic camper or prefer elevated comfort, MTN Bushfire offers options to suit all Fire Starters, with campsites selling fast due to high demand.

**Camping:** Managed by All Out Africa, the few remaining camping options include the Tent Village and Forest Fire. All other camping sites are officially sold out, which is a positive reflection of the strong demand for the full festival experience. Festival camping areas include a 24-hour café and on-site medical support.

**Glamping:** All glamping options are now fully sold out.

Note: Camping and Glamping require both a festival ticket and a separate camping ticket, available via the Howler portal. Visit the Plan page on [www.bush-fire.com](http://www.bush-fire.com) for more information and to secure your spot before the last options are gone.

### MTN Bushfire Festival App & Connectivity

To enhance the festival experience, you can now download the Howler App to access MTN Bushfire updates on this all-in-one digital companion which allows Fire Starters to schedule their must-see performances, connect with key announcements and navigate the festival with ease.

#### STAY TUNED!

Stay tuned for the hottest festival updates! Follow @mtnbushfire on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X, and sign up for the festival newsletter on the website.

Stay connected with the My MTN App for data and airtime uploads on the MTN network and keep up with all festival developments in real time.

## Tickets: limited availability online

**T**HE overwhelmingly positive demand for tickets to MTN Bushfire 2026 reaches new heights every year. Golden Lounge tickets have already completely sold out! However, a limited number of Main Arena and Kids tickets are still available online. Festivalgoers are encouraged to hurry and secure their tickets via [www.bush-fire.com](http://www.bush-fire.com) while stocks last.

#### DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR EMASWATI MOMO MARKETPLACE

In the spirit of maintaining local access to the festival, MTN Bushfire and **MTN Eswatini** are offering **discounted tickets** for Eswatini residents. Fire Starters in Eswatini with a valid Mobile Money account can WhatsApp "Hi" to **7808 4000 (MoMoMarketplace)** to purchase tickets conveniently.

#### MOMO TICKET TABLE

MTN Bushfire is a fully cashless event. Purchases are facilitated through the NFC chips on the festival wristbands. Attendees are encouraged to preload funds in advance or top up on-site for a smooth and uninterrupted experience. More information is available on the 'Tickets' page on the festival website.

TICKET TYPE	EARLY BIRD	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
FULL FESTIVAL GOLDEN LOUNGE	<del>E2,250</del>	<del>E2,950</del>	<del>E3,150</del>	<del>E3,950</del>
FULL FESTIVAL MAIN AREA	<del>E1,950</del>	<del>E1,980</del>	<del>E1,580</del>	E1,680
FULL FESTIVAL KIDS (8-12 YRS)	<del>E370</del>	<del>E420</del>	<del>E470</del>	E520

TICKET TYPE	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
FULL FESTIVAL GOLDEN LOUNGE	<del>ZAR 3,050</del>	<del>ZAR 3,400</del>	<del>ZAR 3,650</del>	<del>ZAR 3,950</del>
FULL FESTIVAL MAIN AREA	<del>ZAR 1,580</del>	<del>ZAR 1,780</del>	<del>ZAR 1,980</del>	ZAR 2,200
FULL FESTIVAL KIDS (8-12 YRS)	<del>ZAR 420</del>	<del>ZAR 470</del>	<del>ZAR 520</del>	ZAR 560

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...the Mkhuzweni paintings are unique in Eswatini — the only intact white Bushman paintings in the Kingdom, exceptionally rare across southern Africa, and among the best preserved in the region

# NHSe Sunday

## 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

(Note change of normal date to accommodate “long” weekend)

- Mkhuzweni San-Bushman Paintings and forest walk
- Walk leaders Yael and Caroline with community guide

**T**HE Natural History Society eSwatini has assisted the community with the opening up to the public of a recently discovered Bushman painting site, which has been declared a National Monument. We visited the site before its official opening in December 2024 and for our May walk we will return to this fascinating site and include a forest walk in the sur-

rounding area.

The Mkhuzweni paintings are unique in Eswatini and are by far the best preserved in the country. They are the only intact white paintings in the Kingdom, and are exceptionally rare within southern Africa.

The paintings are reasonably easily accessible after a 25-minute short up-hill walk. A local guide will give a talk on the significance of this particular site and talk about the Bushman history in eSwatini.

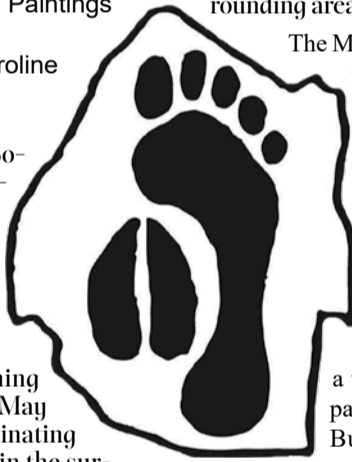
Mkhuzweni is on the Hhelehele –Big Bend road approx. 75km from Mbabane.

Meet at the Theatre Club at 07.30 am for a prompt departure at 07.45 am. Alternatively meet at the site at 9am. It is clearly signposted (signs sponsored by NHSe) on the Helehele Big Bend road. The sign is on the left. The turnoff on the right.

Remember to bring

1,5 lt. of water, sun screen and hats, snacks to last you for a full morning’s outing. Travelling 1.30 hour each way. Easy access, no high clearance required. This visit is not suitable for dogs. Entrance fee E70pp.

For more information What’s App NHSe or email [nhse@realnet.co.sz](mailto:nhse@realnet.co.sz)



# Make an impact

Take action for the planet everyday



Please Take Nothing But Pictures Leave Nothing But Footprints



**E**ARTH Day was observed on Wednesday, April 22, 2026—but caring for our planet cannot be a once-a-year event. In Eswatini, where our natural landscapes, rivers, and communities are deeply connected, every individual has the power to protect and restore the environment through daily action.

Real change doesn't begin with governments it begins with people. When individuals take responsibility, communities form. When communities speak up, leaders listen. The future of our environment depends on consistent, everyday choices made by all of us.

Across Eswatini, there is growing awareness about sustainability, climate resilience, and environmental protection. But awareness alone is not enough action must follow. Whether in urban centers like Manzini and Mbabane or in rural communities, each person can make a meaningful difference.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### FOR THE EARTH DAILY

Protecting the environment doesn't require grand gestures. Small, consistent actions can create lasting impact:

- **Leave no trace** at your next outing—respect nature and take all waste with you.
- **Shop at local farmers' markets** to support sustainable agriculture and reduce carbon footprints.
- **Switch to clean energy** where possible, even in small ways.
- **Grow an organic garden** to promote healthy, chemical-free food.
- **Plant a tree**—a simple act with long-term benefits for climate and biodiversity.
- **Pick up litter during your daily walk**—keeping communities clean starts with you.
- **Organize a park or community cleanup** and inspire others to join.
- **Go plastic-free for a day** and gradually reduce reliance on single-use plastics.
- **Use reusable bags** instead of plastic ones.
- **Support organic and eco-friendly products** whenever possible.
- **Become an Earth Day educator**—share knowledge with friends, family, and young people.
- **Support renewable energy initiatives** and advocate for



sustainable policies.

### BUILDING A CULTURE OF CARE

Environmental protection is not just a responsibility—it is a culture we must build together. Teaching children to respect nature, encouraging neighbors to participate in cleanups, and supporting local sustainability efforts all contribute to a healthier Eswatini.

We are custodians of this land, and the choices we make today will shape the country we pass on to future generations. Clean rivers, green landscapes, and thriving ecosystems are not guaranteed—they are created through daily commitment.

Earth Day may come once a year, but the Earth needs us every single day. Let's take action—not tomorrow, not next month, but today.

**Together, Eswatini can make a difference—one action at a time.**

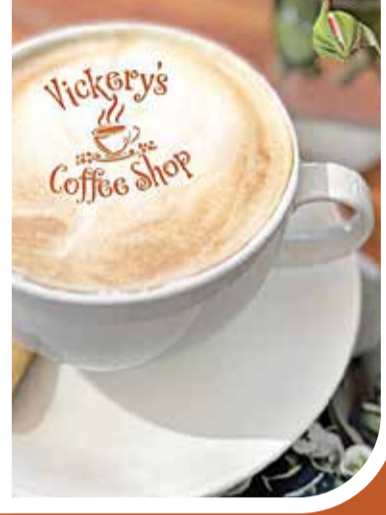




**MONDAY MORNING CAFFEINE**  
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# Vickery's Coffee Shop

...down the road from Bushfire



**T** IRED of junk food and craving something wholesome, fresh, and genuinely satisfying? Pop into Vickery's just down the road from Bushfire and rediscover what good food is supposed to feel like.

As the excitement builds for the iconic MTN Bushfire Festival this May, the energy, music, and crowds will be unforgettable but so will the need to pause, refuel, and take care of yourself in between it all. That's where **Vickery Coffee Shop** comes in.

Well loved by locals and visitors alike, this popular restaurant sits comfortably within Vickery's Seedlings and Nursery in the lush, green Malkerns Valley. Surrounded by plants, flowers, shrubs, and tall shady trees, it's the perfect spot to kick back and enjoy one of our many tasty, wholesome, well-prepared meals while our warm, attentive team takes care of you.

Start your day with one of our hearty cooked breakfasts, or keep things healthier with our homemade muesli, fresh fruit and Greek yoghurt.

If tea (or coffee) and cake is more your style, you're in for a treat. Our chocolate and carrot cakes are lovingly baked in-house, and honestly, they're delectable. And don't leave without trying the fluffy, traditional, freshly baked scones served with jam and cream, pure bliss.



...tucked among the greenery of Malkerns Valley, Vickery's offers more than just a meal—it's a moment to reset, refuel, and rediscover what wholesome, feel-good food is all about amid the buzz of Bushfire



Later in the day, settle in with an ice-cold beer or a glass of wine and choose from our selection of comforting

lunch dishes. Our quiche is a favourite, but you'll also find tender fall-off-the-bone oxtail, spicy prawn curry and flavour-packed beef or chicken curries. Prefer something lighter? Their

vegan chickpea curry salad or vibrant quinoa sushi salad are excellent options.

And for the sweet-toothed among us—the famous lemon meringue pie and decadent chocolate brownies are the perfect way to finish off your meal.

And during Bushfire weekend, that balance becomes everything. Between the dancing, the late nights, and the electric atmosphere, having a nearby spot that offers calm, quality, and comfort is something you don't realize you need—until you find it.

So this May, as you plan your Bushfire experience, plan your reset moments too.

Choose something real. Something nourishing. Something memorable.

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# Nkonyeni Winter Golfing



**W**HILE the rest of the world might be packing away their clubs for the season, winter in the Eswatini lowveld offers arguably the best golfing conditions of the year. Nkonyeni Lodge and Golf Estate, nestled along the banks of the majestic Usuthu River, transforms into a premier sanctuary for golfers seeking sun-drenched fairways and crisp, clear African skies.

## THE PERFECT CLIMATE FOR PLAY

Eswatini's winter (May to August) is characterized by mild, dry days and cool, refreshing evenings. Temperatures typically hover around a comfortable 22°C, eliminating the sweltering humidity of summer. This allows for a full 18 holes without the fatigue of the heat. The dry season also ensures the **Nkonyeni Bushveld Course** remains fast and firm, rewarding precision and offering a distinct challenge through its indigenous bush surroundings.

## A TALE OF TWO COURSES

Nkonyeni boasts two distinct experiences:

- **The Bushveld Course:** An 18-hole masterpiece designed by Phil Jacobs. It meanders through a 500-hectare private game reserve, where you'll likely share your gallery with impala, zebra, and kudu.
- **The Links:** A newer, more open 9-hole addition influenced by Louis Oosthuizen. It features undulating fairways and world-class green complexes that test your shortgame.

Beyond the Fairways: Adventure & Culture  
The estate offers a rich tapestry of activities that go far beyond the green. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy the **Great Usutu Walk** along the riverbanks or a guided **Game Reserve Walk** to spot local wildlife on foot. For a more

relaxed pace, the **Bushveld Golf Cart Tour** provides a scenic overview of the estate's natural beauty. To truly connect with the heart of Eswatini, guests can join the **Sigcineni Homestead Tour** for a glimpse into traditional life, culminating in a **Cultural Immersion Evening** filled with local stories, music, and authentic cuisine.

## A WORLD-CLASS RETREAT

The winter experience extends past the final putt. The **Nkonyeni Clubhouse** offers a warm atmosphere to enjoy a post-round meal, while the **Beauty Nkonyeni Spa** provides specialized treatments to rejuvenate. Whether you are staying in luxury lodge rooms or rustic bush chalets, winter at Nkonyeni is a serene

escape into the heart of nature. Book your tee time this season and discover why the Eswatini winter is the golfer's best-kept secret. Nkonyeni Lodge & Golf Estate: Your Golden Moment Awaits.  
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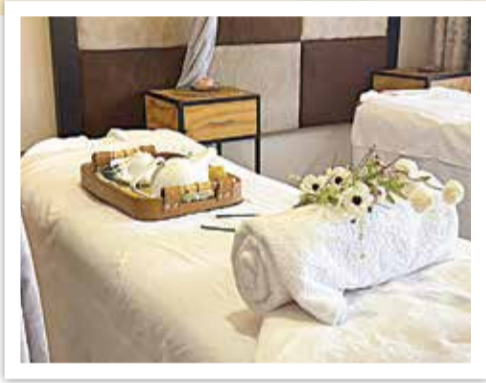
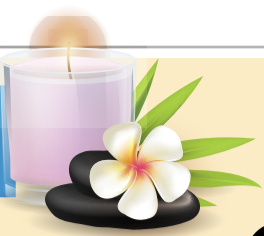


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# La Sante Spa: Wellness & Beauty Spa

## ...a Quiet Luxury Escape in the Heart of Ezulwini



**T**HERE are places you visit and then there are places that *restore you*. This May, step into the calm, refined world of La Sante Spa, an intimate sanctuary located within Happy Valley Hotel, Garden Rooms 504 to 505, in Ezulwini, Eswatini.

Created and run by a passionate partner team, La Sante was designed around one idea: wellness should feel effortless, personal, and deeply considered. From the moment you arrive, the pace softens. The atmosphere is discreet and serene, allowing you to truly switch off, whether you are staying at the hotel, visiting from nearby, or treating yourself while exploring the Valley.

May is a perfect time to recalibrate. As schedules fill and the seasons shift, the body often carries what the mind tries to move past: tight

shoulders, mental fatigue, restless sleep, and a lingering sense of being 'on' all the time. A thoughtfully delivered spa experience does more than relax you in the moment; it supports better movement, clearer focus, and a calmer nervous system long after you leave.

At La Sante, each visit is an invitation to come back to yourself. Choose from a curated menu of wellness and beauty treatments designed to relax the body, ease muscle tension, improve circulation, and refresh the skin. Whether you prefer an indulgent unwind or a targeted reset, you will find services that feel both luxurious and purposeful. With extended hours **Monday to Sunday, 08:00 to 22:00**, La Sante fits seamlessly into real life. Book an early session to set the tone for your day, or an evening appointment to melt away the

week's buildup. This May, make wellness part of your lifestyle, not an occasional reward. For bookings and enquiries: **+268 7685 4275**

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# May Magic at Happy Valley Hotel

## A Luxury Escape This Month



**A**s the days grow brighter in May, Happy Valley Hotel invites you to slow down, savor the moment, and indulge in a celebration of comfort, style and spirited evenings. Be nestled in the while our May lineup promises experiences that linger well after you've checked out.

### MOTHER'S DAY

#### MOMENTS: BEYOND A MEAL

This May, treat Mom to a getaway that honors her with warmth, grace and a touch of glamour. Our Mother's Day accommodation special pairs seamlessly with an indulgent Sunday Lunch for **E550.00**, creating a family celebration she'll remember. And there's more: when you reserve a table for Mother's Day Sunday Lunch, you **automatically enter a prize draw** for an unforgettable Happy Valley experience:

- a complimentary night's stay for two
- breakfast for two,
- an exclusive VIP Pool Bar and Lounge voucher
- A little luxury to kickstart your next chapter of memories.

#### A WING OF FIRST-WORLD



#### LUXURY AT WINTER RATES

The new wing is more than a refurbishment; it's a reimagining of what luxury feels like and how accessible it can be. For winter, we offer three exquisite suites designed to elevate every moment at affordable prices: Executive Suites, Luxury Suites, and the Royal Suite. Each suite is designed to deliver comfort, convenience, and a sense of being pampered from arrival to departure.

#### THEME NIGHTS AND LIVE FOOTBALL: A WEEK THAT KEEPS YOU CURIOUS

May at Happy Valley is defined by texture and tempo; weeknights that spark conversation, weekends that glow with music and live sports that bring people together. Our VIP Pool Bar & Lounge hosts weekly theme nights to suit every mood:

- Thursday Ladies' Affair: unwind with soothing tunes and crafted cocktails in a relaxed poolside atmosphere.
- Poolside Fridays: a pulse of energy with live DJs and sophisticated ambi-

ance.

- Sunday Soulful Family Lunch: a refined, easygoing setting to ease into the week with good company and great drinks.

For soccer fans, we've carved out a space where football screenings bring the thrill closer. Gather with friends, savor game-day bites and celebrate every goal in a convivial, stylish setting.

Make May a chapter of refined pleasure and memorable moments at Happy Valley Hotel. Reserve your Mother's Day table, secure your preferred suite in the new wing and prepare for evenings that charm, entertain and inspire. [reservations@happyvalleyhotel.com](mailto:reservations@happyvalleyhotel.com) +268 24178100/ 34690640

## Mother's Day

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**L**ACE up your boots and prepare your camera: the highly anticipated Khabane Cave Walk is returning for its third consecutive year on June 28, 2026.

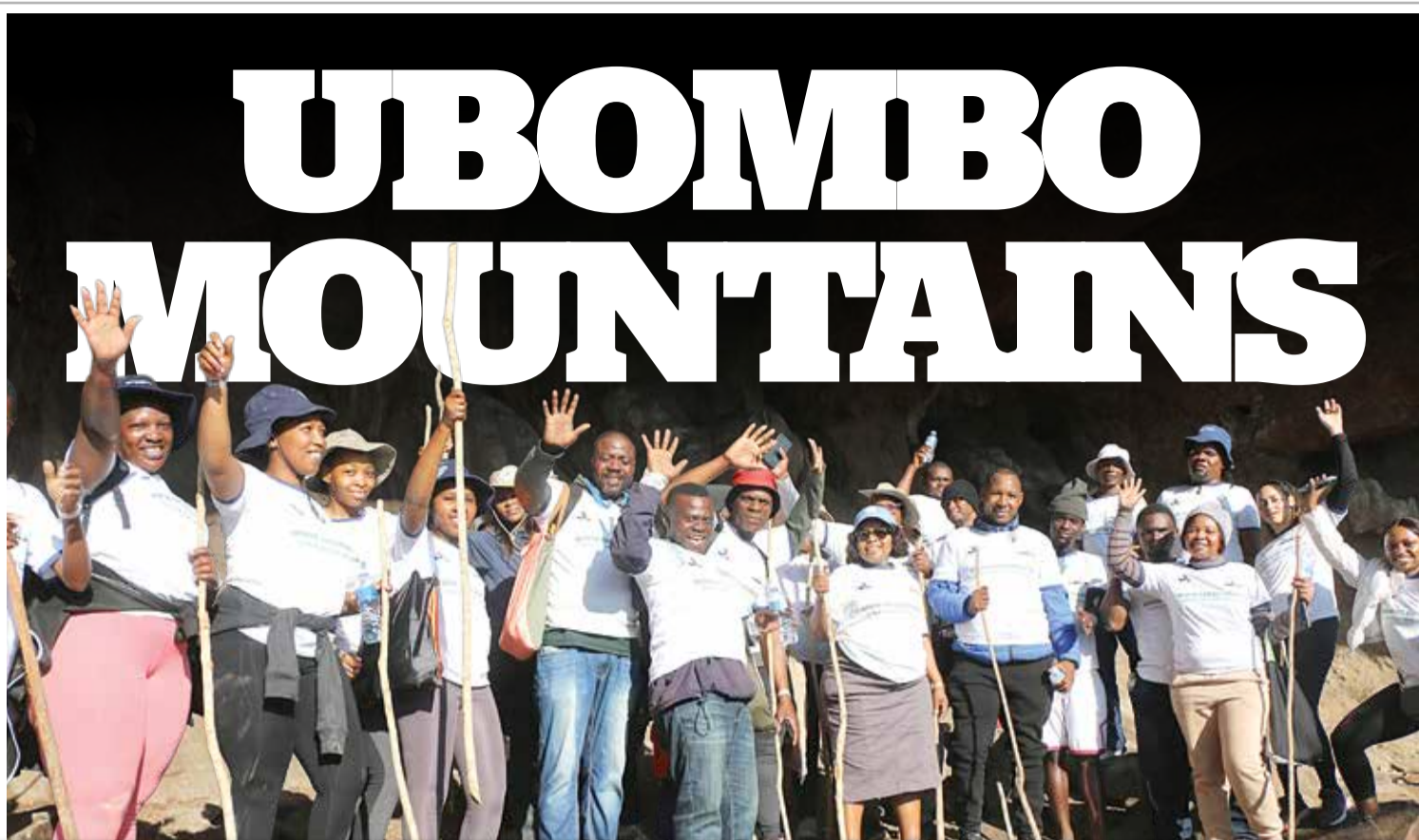
In a continued partnership with the **Matsapha Rotary Club**, this year's event promises more than just a hike. It's a full immersion into the rugged beauty of the Mlawula Nature Reserve, blending history, conservation, and high-energy adventure.

The Khabane Cave is not just a geological marvel; it is a significant historic site. Hikers who conquer the trail are rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the Lubombo escarpment from the summit. Whether you are a seasoned trekker or a casual explorer, this experience has officially been dubbed a "bucket list" essential for 2026.

Mlawula Nature Reserve is expanding the adventure this year with the introduction of a **new game drive experience**. For those looking to see the wilder side of the park, a specialized sunset drive to the water hole will be available. This offers a rare opportunity to observe the reserve's diverse wildlife at close range as the African sun dips below the horizon.



From rugged trails to sunset game drives, the Khabane Cave Walk is Eswatini's ultimate outdoor adventure for 2026



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

**Siphiso Campsite**

**FREE CAMPING WHEN YOU RENT A TENT FROM US (TENT RENTAL: 12-Nights!)**

**May Special**

- 1-Sleeper Tent, E150.00
- 2-Sleeper Tent, E250.00
- 3-Sleeper Tent, E350.00
- Mattress, E50.00

Facilities & Activities  
Accommodation | Biking | Bird Watching  
Game Viewing | Fishing

T & A's Apply  
\*Booking Essential | Valid until 31 May 2026

Call/WhatsApp: 7806 9261

**Mapelepele Cottage**

**ROOM PER NIGHT E1,600**

Self Catering (Group of 5 people)

**May Special**

Facilities & Activities  
Accommodation | Biking | Bird Watching  
Game Viewing | Fishing

T & A's Apply  
\*Booking Essential | Valid until 31 May 2026

Call/WhatsApp: 7806 9261

**ESARA CAMP**

**ROOM PER NIGHT E800**

Self Catering

**May Special**

Room Amenities  
Air-conditioned | Sofa & Smart TV  
Refrigerator & Dishwasher  
Tea & Coffee Station | Iron Board

Facilities & Activities  
Accommodation | Biking | Bird Watching  
Game Viewing | Fishing

T & A's Apply  
\*Booking Essential | Valid until 31 May 2026

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**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**ROOM PER NIGHT E700 B&B**

**May Special**

Facilities & Activities  
Restaurant & Bar | Cultural Tour  
Waterfall Viewing | Biking

T & A's Apply  
\*Booking Essential | Valid until 31 May 2026

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The organizers have designed this year's event to be inclusive, catering to various groups with a variety of activities which include karaoke, game drive, sunset hike and a huge bonfire to keep you warm.

- **Families:** A perfect day out to bond in nature.
- **Corporate Teams:** Specialized team-building challenges will be integrated into the day, making it an ideal retreat for companies looking to foster collaboration outside the office.

For participants wanting to wake up to the sounds of the bush, Mlawula offers a range of stays to suit every preference

Option	Style	Best For...
<b>Siphiso ECO-Lodge</b>	Self-catering	Those seeking magnificent views of the escarpment.
<b>Mapelepele Cottage</b>	Group Lodging	Families or groups of up to 6 people.
<b>Magadzavane Lodge</b>	Luxury	Fine dining, an infinity pool, and proximity to the start line.
<b>Overnight Camping</b>	Rugged Adventure	Those who want the true "under the stars" experience. We offer 3sleeper and 2 sleeper tents with mattress.

**Early bird tickets** are currently available for those looking to secure their spot at a discounted rate. To book your hike, game drive, or accommodation. **Bookings essential** 7806 9261

Don't miss the chance to support the Matsapha Rotary Club's initiatives while exploring one of Eswatini's most iconic natural landmarks. Grab your gear the mountain is calling!

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini

**Magadzavane Lodge**

**ROOM PER NIGHT**

**E980 B&B**  
(Incl. Morning Feast, Aircon, Wi-Fi & Smart TV)

**May Special**

**E750 B&B**  
(Incl. Morning Feast, Wi-Fi & Smart TV)

Call/WhatsApp: 7806 8931

**Khambane Cave Walk**

30 June 2026 | Mlawula National Reserve | 8:00AM

TICKET TYPE	PHASE 1 (EARLY BIRD) (MAY)	PHASE 2 (JUNE)
Professional (Corporate)	E550	E550
Standard (Individual)	E290	E330
Student	E70	E70

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**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**FLAVOURS OF ESWATINI**

**E55**

Every Sunday

7806 8932 | MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**BUY 2 CHICKEN GRILL (1/2) + FRIES**

**E199**

Every Monday

7806 8932 | MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**Delicious PIZZA**

**Buy 2 Pizzas @E199**

7806 8932 | MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**Sip & Chill Weekend**

**E20**

5PM-10PM

7806 8932 | MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**MANTENGA BURGER WITH CHIPS**

**E95**

Every Wednesday

7806 8932 | MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

**Mantenga Cultural Village**

**Choose Mantenga Cultural Village**

**TUESDAYS DEAL**

**SAVANNA PREMIUM CIDER DRY**

**E20**

5PM-10PM

7806 8932 | MANTENGA CULTURAL VILLAGE, EZULWINI. 8AM - 10PM

# Festival weekend Accommodation

**M**AKE your festival weekend in Eswatini as memorable as the music itself with a stay at Mdzimba View Shisanyama — where comfort, atmosphere, and entertainment come together seamlessly.

Upgrade your **Bushfire Festival** experience by choosing accommodation that lets you recharge in style. After a full day of dancing, exploring, and soaking in the festival energy, imagine returning to a hot shower, a plush bed, and a peaceful setting — the perfect way to reset for another exciting day.

For just E3,600 for three nights (accommodating two guests), you'll enjoy a comfortable and convenient stay that includes Wi-Fi and secure parking (excluding breakfast). It's an ideal option for both local festival-goers and international visitors seeking a balance between adventure and relaxation.

Set against the breathtaking Mdzimba Mountains, Mdzimba View Shisanyama offers more than just accommodation — it's a destination. By day, the venue invites you to unwind with a relaxed daytime experience featuring brunch-style bites, refreshing drinks, and great music.



As the sun sets, it transforms into a vibrant hub of nightlife, where the grill fires up, the music flows, and the energy comes alive.

Whether you're visiting for the festival or simply exploring the country, Mdzimba View Shisanyama offers the perfect base. Come for the comfort, stay for the experience, and make your Bushfire weekend one to remember.

# Sibebe Resort: Where Sunsets Steal the Show



- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Bar
- water park
- Zipline
- Conference facilities
- Cultural village

**P**ERCHED at the foot of one of Eswatini's most iconic natural landmarks, Sibebe Resort is fast becoming a must-visit destination for travelers seeking both relaxation and breathtaking scenery.

Overlooking the legendary **Sibebe Rock**, the resort offers an experience that blends natural beauty with comfort but it's the sunsets that truly set it apart. As the day winds down, the sky transforms into a canvas of warm golds, deep oranges, and soft purples, casting a magical glow over the surrounding landscape. Whether you're enjoying a quiet moment alone or sharing the view with friends, the sunset at Sibebe Resort is nothing short of unforgettable.







## Luxury

# BUSHFIRE ACCOMODATION

ACCOMODATES 2 PEOPLE

**E3 600**  
FOR 3 NIGHTS  
EXCLUDING BREAKFAST

**FEATURES ROW**






**BOOK NOW!**

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# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Exploring the Beauty of Eswatini



## ZIPLINING

SIBEBE RESORT



Experience the thrill of Ziplining.  
**Call 7804 9560**



## WATER SLIDES

SIBEBE RESORT




*A lil' more of summer time*  
 splish splash!  
 Kids and adults.  
**Call 7804 9560**



## CULTURE

SIBEBE RESORT



Experience the Soul of Eswatini - Where Culture, Nature and Adventure Unite!  
**Call 7804 9560**

## RE-DISCOVER ESWATINI THE WANDERLUST




**TO BE FEATURED HERE CALL 76719334**

# Discover the hidden gem - Stush in the Bush



...ideal place for relaxation, social outings and team-building experiences.



**E**SCAPE to a place where time slows down and nature takes centre stage. Nestled along the Lubombo Mountains, just outside Siteki in KaLanga (Ngcina), Stush In The Bush is Eswatini's best-kept secret, a sanctuary designed for those who crave rest, beauty and connection.

Here, the rhythm of the wild meets refined luxury. Wake up to sweeping mountain views, savour exquisite cuisine, and immerse yourself in an atmosphere crafted to calm the mind and uplift the spirit. The tranquil setting makes it an ideal place for relaxation, social outings and team-building experiences.

Whether you're a local seeking a peaceful retreat or an international traveller searching for an authentic African escape, Stush In The Bush offers an experience that is both intimate and unforgettable.

## UNWIND. INDULGE. EXPLORE.

Stush In The Bush offers more than just a place to stay — it delivers a complete lifestyle experience designed to elevate every moment of your visit.

- Guests can unwind at the bar, where refreshing drinks and a relaxed atmosphere set the tone for easy afternoons and vibrant evenings.
- The swimming pool provides the perfect escape from the heat, inviting you to cool off while surrounded by the natural beauty of the Lubombo landscape.
- Ideal events destination. Whether it's an intimate celebration or a larger occasion, the venue offers versatile spaces tailored to create unforgettable

experiences.

- Five exclusive VIP areas, designed for guests who want a more private and elevated experience. These spaces combine comfort, style, and a touch of luxury — perfect for groups or individuals seeking something extra special.
- Weekly DJ sessions bring music and atmosphere into the heart of the bush, creating a unique blend of nature and nightlife that sets Stush In The Bush apart.

## CAMPING AT STUSH IN THE BUSH THIS BUSHFIRE SEASON

As you plan your Bushfire journey, consider making Stush In The Bush part of your adventure, where you can stay for the festival but also stay for the stillness, the scenery, and the sense of escape. For travelers heading for the vibrant energy of the annual Bushfire festival, finding the right place to recharge between the music, art, and cultural experiences is essential.

Stush In The Bush offers camping spaces with already set-up tents, making your stay effortless from the moment you arrive. Designed for comfort and convenience, these ready-to-use tents allow guests to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors without the hassle of bringing or pitching their own gear.



# Escape. Unwind. Indulge.

...Lubombo escape

- Restaurant
- Bar
- Events Hosting
- Swimming



- Bushfire Camping site available
- Swimming pool available

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Siteki Kalanga, Ngcina

# Imbube Marathon 2026 officially launched

global athletics map. It is fast becoming the country's signature road running event a true celebration of endurance and culture, proudly earning its nickname: 'The Bushfire of Running.'

**SAVE THE DATE | 17 October 2026  
| Somhlolo National Stadium**

**T**HE Imbube Marathon 2026 has been officially launched, marking the return of one of Eswatini's most anticipated sporting events.

In a major milestone, the Imbube Marathon is now a recognized qualifying race for the prestigious **Two Oceans Marathon**, giving runners an exciting pathway to compete on an international stage. Whether you're chasing a personal best or aiming for that coveted blue number in Cape Town, your journey begins at Imbube.

The 8th edition of the marathon is set to take place on 17 October 2026 at the iconic **Somhlolo National Stadium**. More than just a race, this year's event represents a powerful national movement bringing together

er fitness, unity, royal heritage, and the celebratory spirit of Eswatini's Ruby Jubilee.

From elite competitors to everyday Eswatini, the 'People's Race' continues to unite the nation on a single course, symbolizing discipline, resilience, health and collective progress.

With growing international recognition, the Imbube Marathon is steadily elevating Eswatini's presence on the



## Carters Garden Centre

From plants to patio living, Carters brings style, comfort, and inspiration to every corner of your home...

ly prepared meals, good coffee, and a relaxed atmosphere - ideal for a catch-up with friends or a quiet moment after shopping.

**Location:** Conveniently located in the Mbabane Industrial Site, opposite Cashbuild.

**OPENING HOURS:**

- Monday to Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Saturday: 8:00am – 1:00pm
- Sunday: Closed

**Contact:** Visit us in-store or reach out via social media for enquiries, product availability, and updates: @cartersgardencentre | @sugarsnapcafe

Whether you're planting, decorating, securing, or simply relaxing, Carters offers something for everyone - all in one welcoming destination.

**A**t the heart of Eswatini's gardening, home, and lifestyle scene, Carters offers a unique collection designed to make everyday living more beautiful and convenient.

Carters Garden Centre is your go-to destination for all things green. From vibrant seasonal flowers and hardy shrubs to vegetable seedlings and gardening essentials, it's a space where both beginners and seasoned gardeners can find inspiration and expert advice.

Carters Pots & Locks brings together practicality and style. Explore a wide

variety of pots - from decorative ceramics to functional planters - as well as a comprehensive range of locks and hardware to keep your home secure.

For home décor and lifestyle pieces, Carters In & Outdoor offers a selection of raw pine indoor furniture alongside a variety of outdoor patio living essentials.

When it's time to take a break, SugarSnap Cafe provides the perfect setting. Enjoy fresh-

FOLLOW

## Carters GARDEN CENTRE & SugarSnap Cafe



Mbabane Industrial Site, opposite Cashbuild, Siteshi Rd  
SugarSnap Cafe ☎ 7680 8941  
Carters Garden Centre ☎ 7628 8808



# Make Mother's Day Unforgettable

...at Ramblas Restaurant



**T**HIS Mother's Day, treat the most important woman in your life to a memorable dining experience at Ramblas Restaurant, where great food, warm ambiance, and family moments come together beautifully.

Known for its generous portions and crowd-pleasing dishes, Ramblas is pulling out all the stops with exclusive **Mother's Day Family Combos** designed to bring everyone to the table. Whether you're planning a relaxed lunch or a special dinner, these value-packed meals make it easy to celebrate together.

Diners can enjoy the hearty combo of **600g ribs, ¼ chicken, and a kids' meatball pizza** for just **E250.00**—perfect for families who love a mix of bold, comforting flavors. Seafood lovers can indulge in the delicious pairing of **hake, 6 prawns, and kids' chicken strips** for **E325.00**, offering something for both adults and little ones alike. For a lighter option, the fresh and flavorful **Greek salad** is available for only **E55.00**.

But that's not all: Ramblas is adding even more excitement to the celebration with a **Mother's Day Competition**. Simply spend **E800.00 or more** between **5th and 8th May**, and you could win a **Mother's Day voucher worth E1200.00**. To enter, just write your details on the back of your receipt and drop it into the in-store entry box. The lucky winner will be announced on **9th May**.

This is more than just a meal—it's a chance to create special memories while enjoying exceptional value and the vibrant atmosphere Ramblas is



known for.

Make this Mother's Day one to remember. Gather the family, share

a delicious meal, and celebrate mom the Ramblas way. For more details contact: +268 2404 4147.

## Outdoor adventure at Buhleni Farm Chalets

**W**HETHER you're seeking a peaceful weekend retreat or a refreshing break from the city, this charming destination invites you to slow down and reconnect with nature.

Surrounded by lush greenery and breathtaking mountain views, Buhleni Farm provides **self-catering chalets** designed for comfort and convenience. Each unit offers a cozy, private space where guests can unwind, cook their own meals, and enjoy the serenity of the countryside at their own pace.

For those who prefer a more immersive outdoor experience, the **camping facilities** provide a unique opportunity to sleep under the stars while still enjoying essential amenities. It's the perfect setting for families, couples, and groups looking to create memorable moments around the campfire.



**Ramblas**  
RESTAURANT

*Mother's Day SPECIAL*

FAMILY COMBOS

**600G RIBS & ¼ CHICKEN & KIDS MEATBAL PIZZA - E250.00**

**HAKE + 6 PRAWNS & KIDS CHICKEN STRIPS - E325.00**

**GREEK SALAD - E55.00**

**For more details contact: ☎ 2404 4147**

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# Made in Eswatini

**T**HE second edition of the Made in Eswatini Consumer Fair, proudly hosted by A Peculiar Peoples Person in collaboration with the Municipal Council of Mbabane and key partners, proved to be a resounding success this past weekend.

Led by **Princess Sakhizwe** and Chairman **Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini**, the fair continues to evolve into more than just a marketplace. Its core mission is to bridge the gap between local entrepreneurs and larger distribution networks, offering a platform where small businesses can engage directly with distributors and retail chain stores to secure meaningful, long-term partnerships.

The event showcased the power of the Buy Local movement, with brands from across Eswatini stepping forward to represent innovation, resilience, and creativity. From emerging startups to growing household names, the fair highlighted how local businesses are transforming ideas into impactful brands.



Eswatini's future is being built by its own people—one bold idea, one local brand at a time.

Bringing together creatives, entrepreneurs, and enthusiastic shoppers, the Made in Eswatini Consumer Fair created an energetic and supportive environment where home-grown talent could truly shine. It was a celebration of local enterprise, a clear reminder that Eswatini's future is being built by its own people, one bold idea at a time.



# Buy Swati, Build Swati: Powering our economy together



Buying local keeps the Lilangeni moving—fueling businesses, creating jobs, and growing communities

start-ups to fashion houses and tech innovators. These events are more than showcases; they are launch pads created to give Swati businesses the stage they deserve. Then there's the MTN Bushfire Festival and the Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival, both magnets for regional and international visitors. These festivals, which have flourished under the nation's peaceful stability, do not just entertain; they promote and celebrate local products. Artisans, chefs, and creatives get to introduce their work to a wider audience, and for many, these events are a major source of exposure and income. It is where culture meets commerce, and where supporting local feels natural and joyful. But buying local should not only happen during big events. It should be our everyday

choice. Choosing locally grown produce at the supermarket, wearing clothes made by Swati designers, or sipping on local tea instead of imported brands—these simple decisions make a massive difference.

SMEs make up a large portion of employment in Eswatini and they are key to reducing poverty and inequality. But for them to thrive they need more than just passion and talent; they need consistent support from consumers like you and me. His Majesty has laid the foundation over the last 40 years by fostering an environment where local industries can grow. Now, the responsibility lies with us.

So next time you are shopping, attending a festival, or even gifting someone a present, pause and ask: Can I buy this locally? Chances are, the answer is yes, and that one choice could help keep someone's dream alive. Buying local is not just patriotic; it is practical. It is powerful. And it is one of the most direct ways we can shape the kind of economy and country we want to live in.



LET us be honest, there is something special about seeing a product on a shelf and knowing it was made right here in Eswatini. Whether it is handcrafted leather, freshly brewed coffee, or a beautifully stitched dress from a local designer, there's quite a sense of pride in knowing your money is going straight into the hands of someone from your own community.

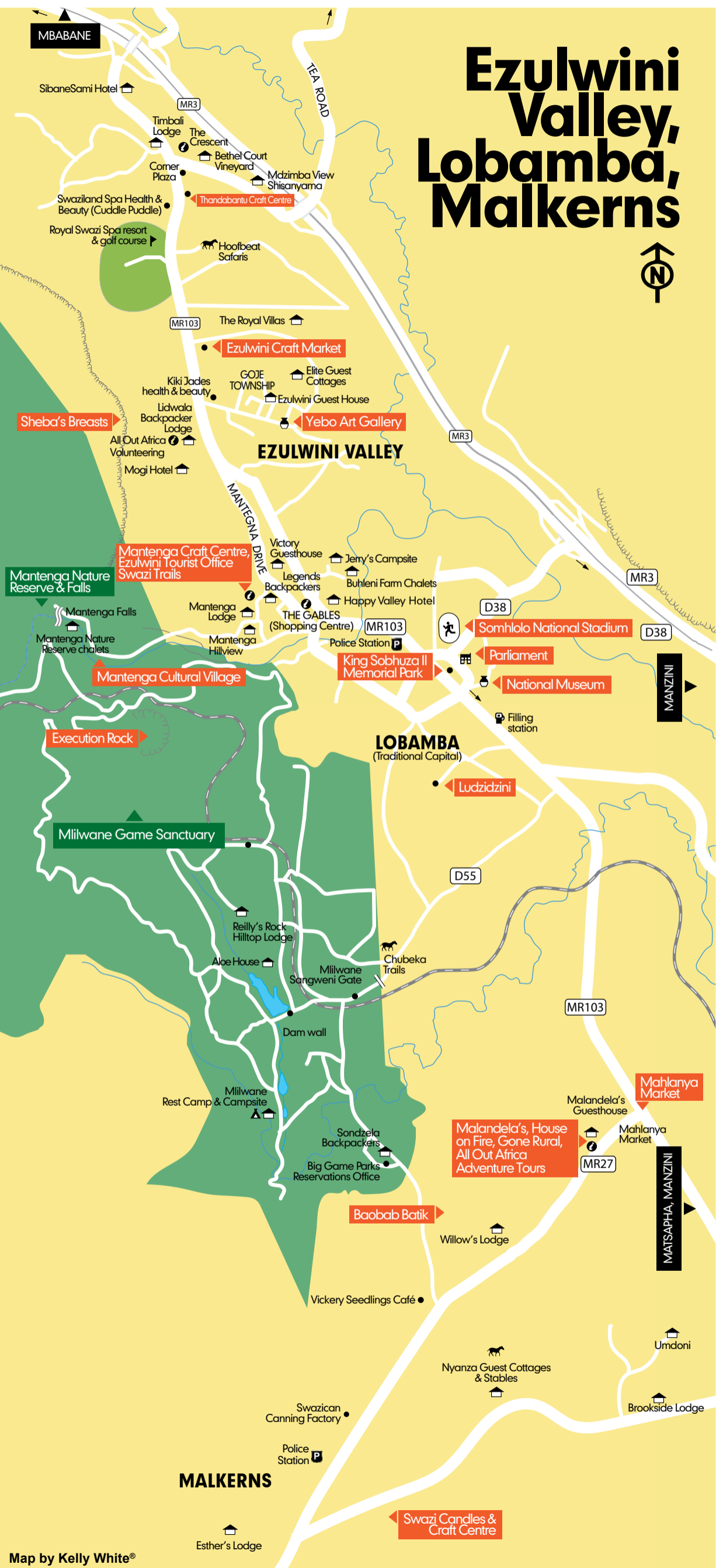
Buying local isn't just a feel-good trend; it's an economic force. We're a nation full of talented, hardworking entrepreneurs. From market stalls to home-based bakers, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are the heartbeat of our economy. These are not just side hustles; they are real businesses, often run by people juggling multiple roles to keep the lights on. When we choose to buy local, we're not just purchasing a product; we are investing in someone's dream, someone's family, and in turn, the future of our country.

The push for buy Swati isn't just a patriotic slogan; it is a strategic directive to ensure that the Lilangeni circulates within our borders. Think about the ripple effect. When you buy a locally made candle, a ceramic pot, or a packet of chilli relish, you're keeping money circulating within our economy. That money helps an entrepreneur pay staff, expand their business and source more materials, often from other local suppliers. This is how jobs are created. This is how communities grow. This philosophy has been a cornerstone of the King's vision for four decades: a self-sustaining Eswatini where wealth is generated and retained at home.

Our national events have done a brilliant job of shining a spotlight on this local talent. The recent Made in Eswatini Consumer Fair, Eswatini International Trade Fair are primarily platforms where you see the full potential of our local brands, from agro-processing



# Ezulwini Valley, Lobamba, Malkerns



## Makoti Festival 2026 Recap:

A Celebration That Raised the Bar

**T**HE 5th edition of the Makoti Festival delivered an unforgettable showcase of culture, music, and style a vibrant experience that lit up the Malkerns Country Club.

From the moment the gates opened, it was clear this wasn't just another event. Spearheaded by visionary organizer **Them-binkosi Mthethwa**, this year's festival was bigger, bolder and more electrifying than ever before, a true evolution of a now-iconic celebration.

Setting the tone for the festival were dynamic hosts **Sphehile laNkwananya** and award-winning entertainer **Mzwandile 'Tjovitjo'**, whose energy kept the crowd engaged and the mo-

mentum soaring from start to finish.

The stage came alive with a powerful lineup of artists and DJs who delivered back-to-back performances that had the audience on their feet, singing along and calling for more. Among the standout moments was a show-stopping appearance by Metro Awards winner **Inkhosikati Nothando Dlamini**, who brought undeniable star power and excitement to the festival.

Makoti Festival 2026 was more than just an event it was a movement of expression, identity and celebration. A fusion of tradition and modern flair, it once again proved why it remains one of Eswatini's most anticipated cultural experiences.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

**TODAY'S BANKNOTES IN ESWATINI:  
PRINTER: GIESECKE & DEVRIENT-GERMANY**



**10 EMALANGENI (US\$0.54)**



**20 EMALANGENI (US\$1.07)**



**50 EMALANGENI (US\$2.69)**



**100 EMALANGENI (US\$5.37)**



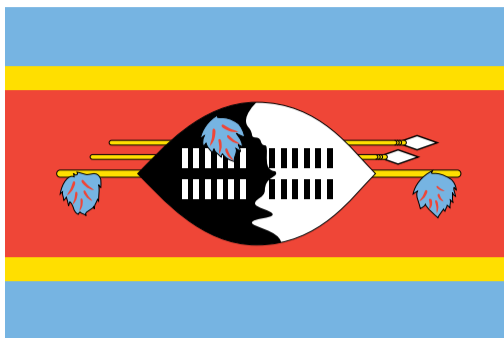
**200 EMALANGENI (US\$10.75)**

## OUR COINS



The New Eswatini Coins currently in circulation.

## THE ESWATINI FLAG



**PANTONE 542 C**  
Process: C = 51, M = 16  
Y = 0, K = 0

**PANTONE 803 C**  
Process: C = 0, M = 9  
Y = 100, K = 0

**WHITE**  
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** – Inkhwekhweti (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
- Lomasha/ Namaacha** ... Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
- Ngwenya/ Oshoek Border** ..... Open 24:00hrs
- Lavumisa/ Golela Border** .. Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
- Mahamba Border** ..... Open 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs
- Mananga Border** ..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs
- Matsamo/ Jeppe's Reef** .... Open 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs
- Nsalitshe/ Onverwacht**..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs
- Sandlane/ Nerston**..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs
- Sichunusa/ Houdkop**..... Open 08:00hrs – 18:00hrs

## LOCATION

**Southern Africa, between Mozambique and South Africa Geographic coordinates:**

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

## TRANSPORT BETWEEN ESWATINI & SA

**G**ETTING to eSwatini apart from traveling by coach with a group is very easy. Busses operate daily between **Johannesburg (Sandton and O. R. International Airports)** as well as daily flights:

**BY AIR:**  
Airlink eSwatini | Tel. +268 251 86155  
swaziairlink@flyairlink.com  
www.flyEswatini.com

## YOUR EMBASSY/CONSULATE IN SD

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

## MEDICAL HELP TEL: 7606 0911

- Mkhiwa Clinic**, Manzini private Hospital, 24h casualty & emergency, Tel: 2505 9299 or 2505 9293
- The Manzini Clinic** Tel: 2505 7430
- Medisun Clinic**, Ezulwini Tel: 2416 2800
- The Mbabane Clinic** 24th Trauma Care and Laboratory Service Tel: 2404 2423
- Dentist:** Mbabane Clinic Tel: 2404 2423
- Good Shepherd Hospital**, Siteki Tel: 2343 4133

## ROAD DISTANCES TO ESWATINI (MBABANE) IN KILOMETERS:

- Johannesburg (South Africa) 635
- Durban (South Africa) 635
- Richards Bay (South Africa) 635
- Gaborone (Botswana) 718
- Maputo (Mocambique) 236
- Maseru (Lesotho) 306

## BUSINESS HOURS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

**O**FFICE and shop hours are usually 08h00-13h00 and 14h00-17h00 Mondays to Fridays. Bank hours are 08h30-14h30 Mondays to Fridays, 08h30-11h00 on Saturdays.

Post offices are open 08h00-16h00 Mondays to Friday and 08h00-11h00 on Saturdays.

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

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|--------------------|---|
| Sawubona           | Hello   |
| Unjani             | How are you   |
| Ngiyaphila         | I am fine   |
| Ngiyabonga         | Thank you   |
| Wota lapha         | Come here   |
| Sikhulekile ekhaya | A Swati way of greeting a home as well as asking for permission to enter. |
| Sala kahle         | Stay well   |
| Hamba kahle        | Go well   |



# GENERAL INFORMATION



## ADVENTURE

All Out Adventure Tours, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3423

Canopy Tours at Malolotja Nature Reserve,

Tel: 2444 3241

Sibebe Rock:

Cell: 7670 1667

White Water Rafting, Swazi Trails, Ezulwini

Tel: 2416 2180

Paintball, Hoof Beat

Cell: 76117655

Paintballing, Khuselwa,

Cell: +268 7803 8838

Quad Bikes, Khuselwa Farm,

Cell: +268 7803 8838

## ART GALLERIES

Yebo Art Gallery, Zulwini

Cell: +268 7914 651

## BACKPACKERS

Legends Backpackers, Mantenga

Tel: 2416 1870

Lidwala Lodge, Ezulwini

Tel: 7690 5865

Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye

Tel: 2383 8885

Sondzela Backpackers, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)

Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cel : 7677 6772

## BEAUTY & HEALTH

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam

Tel: 2437 3975

Nkonyeni Golf Estate Spa

Cell: 7602 7749

The George Hotel: Manzini

Tel +2505 2260

## ACCOMODATION

Big Game Parks,

Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772

Brookside Lodge, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3765/ Cell: +268 76214228

Lebombo Villas, Big Bend

Tel: 7603 6585

Malandelas, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3448

Mdzimba View Lodge,

Cell: 7841 2930

Phumula Guest House, Nhlango

Tel: 2207 9099

Simunye Club, Simunye

Tel: 2328 8894

Matsapha Inn,

Cell: +268 7860 0820

Tree Tops Resort,

Cell: +268 7808 0801

Email: [treetops@madlamini.co.sz](mailto:treetops@madlamini.co.sz)

## BIRD WATCHING

Buhleni Farm Chalets

Tel +268 2416 3505/8

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi

Tel: 2467 4177

Simunye (Big Game Parks)

Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772

KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1

Cell: 7677 6772

Mananga Country Lodge

Tel 2323 2404

Malolotja Nature Reserve,

Tel 2444 3241

Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 Cell: 7677 6772

Mlawula Nature Reserve, north of Simunye

Tel: 2383 8885

Mlilwane Game Sanctuary, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1

Cell: 7677 6772

Nkonyeni Golf Estate

Tel: 2540 0024/5

Phumula Guest House, Nhlango

Tel: 2207 9099

Shield Guesthouse

Tel: 2404 6072/ 7652 4021

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve

Tel: +268 76300526

Royal Jozini

+268 2550 4614/ +268 7680 7047

## BUSHMAN PAINTING

Nsangwini Rock Shelter

Tel: 7619 2665

Hhelehele Rock Art:

## CAMPING

Buhleni Farm Chalets

Tel: +268 2416 3505/8

Brookside Lodge, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3765/ Cell: +268 76214228

All OUT Adventure Tours, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3423

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:

Tel: 2343 4524/

Cell 7605 1160/7603 1931

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve

Tel: +268 76300526

## CARAVAN SITES

Buhleni Farm Chalets

Tel +268 2416 3505/8

Hlane Royal National Park

Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772

KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris,

South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)

Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 Cell : 7677 6772

## CAVING

Swazi Trails

Tel: 2416 2180

## CRAFTS & ARTS

LaJojo's Craft, Malolotja

Cell: +268 7657 8791

Gone Rural, Malkerns

Tel: 2550 4936/ 7615 2736

Kwaziswazi, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3110

Ngwenya Glass,

Tel: 2442 4053

Rainbow Angels

Tel: 24162508

Swazi Candles, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3219

## CULTURE

King Sobhuza II Memorial Park, ENTC

Lobamba Tel: 2416 2131

Maguga Lodge Tel: 2437 3975

Mantenga Cultural Village Tel: 2416 1151

Sibebe Resort, Cell: +268 7804 9560

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:

Tel: 2343 4524/ Cell 7605 1160/ 7603 1931

## FISHING

Royal Jozini

+268 2550 4614/ +268 7680 7047

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi

Tel: 2467 4177

Guided Fishing Tours Tiger

Fishing at van Eck Dam

+268 7602 5482

Maguga Dam

Tel: 2437 3975

Mananga Country Lodge

Tel 2323 2404

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve

Tel: +268 76300526

## GAME VIEWING

KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, South of Big Bend (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 |

Cell: 7677 6772

Mlawula Nature Reserve

Tel: +268 2383 8885

Mananga Country Lodge

Tel 2323 2404

Malolotja Nature Reserve

Tel: 2444 3241 or 7660 6755

Mkhaya Game Reserve, Phuzamoya (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 | Cell: 7677 6772

Mlilwane Game Sanctuary, Malkerns (Big Game Parks)

Tel: +268 2528 1000/1 | Cell: 7677 6772

Shewula Mountain camp and nature reserve:

Tel: 2343 4524/ Cell 7605 1160/ 7603 1931

Brookside Lodge, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3765/ Cell: +268 76214228

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi

Tel: 2467 4177

Nkonyeni Golf Estate

Tel: 2540 0024/5

Mananga Country Lodge

Tel 2323 2404

Simunye Country Club

Tel: 2383 8894

Mhlosinga Nature Reserve

Tel: +268 76300526

Matsapha

Tel: 2518 4693

Royal Jozini

+268 2550 4614/ +268 7680 7047

## HORSE RIDING

Chubeka Trails, at Mlilwane Game Sanctuary

Tel : +268 2528 1000/1 | Cell : 7677 6772

Foresters Arms, Mhlambanyatsi

Tel: 2467 4177

Hoof beat, Horse riding, Paintball

Cell: 76117655.

Khuselwa, Manzini

Cell: +268 7803 8838

## HOTELS

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam

Tel: 2437 3975

Nkonyeni Golf Estate | Tel: 2540 0024/5

Phumula Guest House, Nhlango

Tel: 2207 9099

The George Hotel: Manzini

Tel +2505 2260

## LODGES

Brookside Lodge, Malkerns

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Buhleni Farm Chalets

Tel 2416 3505/8 Tel: 2404 3387/ 7608 6229

Maguga Lodge, Maguga Dam

Tel: 2437 3975

Mahamba Gorge Lodge

Cell 7617 9880

Mantenga Cultural Village,

Tel: 2416 1101/2416 1151

Mananga Country Lodge

Tel 2323 2404

Manzini Lodge

Tel: 2505 5382

Mbuluzi Nature Reserve North of Simunye

Tel: 2383 8861/2

Mhlume Country club & lodge:

Tel 2313 4350/ 2313 4777

Shield Guesthouse

Tel: 2404 6072/ 7652 4021

Sibebe resort

Tel: 3402 0406/76088228

Royal Jozini +268 2550 4614

+268 7680 7047

## MUSEUMS

Bulembu Museum | [www.bulembu.org](http://www.bulembu.org)

[www.sntc.org.sz](http://www.sntc.org.sz)

King Sobhuza II Memorial Park

[www.sntc.org.sz](http://www.sntc.org.sz)

Mantenga Cultural Village | [www.sntc.org.sz](http://www.sntc.org.sz)

Sugarcane Museum | +268 23737334 /

[www.sugarcanemuseum.com](http://www.sugarcanemuseum.com)

## RESTAURANTS

Velvet Monkey, Zulwini,

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Email [info.esphino@swazi.net](mailto:info.esphino@swazi.net)

Mdzimba View Shisanyama, Zulwini,

Cell: 7841 2930

email: [mdzimbaview@gmail.com](mailto:mdzimbaview@gmail.com)

Forester's Arms, Mhlambanyatsi

Tel: 2467 4177

Sambane, Malkerns

Tel: 2528 3466

Simunye Country Club, Simunye,

Tel: 2383 8894

The Calabash: Ezulwini

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The George Hotel: Manzini

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Matsapha

Tel: 2518 4693

# Ready for world class events



...the Opening of Ezulwini Palazzo



**E**SWATINI is stepping into a transformative new era, with the official opening of the Ezulwini Palazzo International Convention Centre by His Majesty King Mswati III, the Kingdom confidently positions itself on the global stage as a leading destination for international dialogue, business tourism, and high-level events.

Eswatini is no longer waiting to be discovered; it is ready to host, to lead, and to inspire. The world is invited not only to visit, but to engage, collaborate, and experience a nation that blends tradition with modern excellence.

For years, Eswatini has been known for its rich cultural heritage, peaceful environment, and genuine hospitality. Today, with this state-of-the-art convention centre, the country adds another powerful dimension to its identity: a hub for global engagement. From high-level diplomatic summits to international business conferences and world-class exhibitions, Eswatini is now equipped to host events that shape conversations and influence the future.

This development is not only about infra-



structure; it is about people. It is about opening doors for local businesses, empowering entrepreneurs, and creating opportunities for the tourism and hospitality sectors. It signals growth, job creation, and a thriving ecosystem that benefits every emaSwati.

With a built-up area of approximately

42,000 square metres and a ground floor footprint of over 23,000 square metres, nearly equivalent to four to five football fields. This development by Inyatsi Group's Construction Associates reflects exceptional scale and engineering excellence.

The facility features an impressive 1,800

seat theatre, a 3,000 delegate multipurpose hall, a chamber hall suited for major international assemblies, as well as expansive exhibition and conference facilities. Supported by advanced audiovisual technology, modern infrastructure and significant seating capacity, the development meets international



# Events CALENDAR




# What to do this May

**I**f you've been looking for a reason to dust off your running shoes, tune up your bike, or simply lose yourself in the rhythm of the Kingdom, May 2026 is the answer.

We're calling it: May is officially the 'Month of Mayhem' the good kind. From the rugged trails of our reserves to the global stage of Malkerns, here is why your calendar needs a serious intervention.

## BUY N SAVE ENJABULWENI MTB CYCLE RACE

**Date: 9 May 2026**

Get ready to ride! The **Buy n Save Enjabulweni MTB Cycle Race** promises an unforgettable day of adrenaline, endurance, and community spirit. Expect high-energy action, a supportive atmosphere, and a shared passion for the ride. It's more than just a race it's a celebration of fitness, adventure, and community.

## VUSUMNOTFO GOBOLONDLO HIKE

**Date: 10 May 2026**

Get ready to tackle the trail with the ninth annual Gobolondlo Mountain Hike. Hike starts near the Pigg's Peak Hotel. Whether you're a first-time hiker eager to test your limits or an experienced adventurer aiming for the top, this trail promises excitement at every turn.



## THE MAIN EVENT: MTN BUSHFIRE 2026

**Date: 29 – 31 May 2026**

The month ends in the fire that burns brightest. MTN Bushfire returns to House On Fire for its 19th edition. More than just a music festival, it's a global explosion of art, 'Bring Your Fire' activism and pure, unadulterated joy. Tickets sell out every year; don't be the one watching the photos on social media; be the one in the crowd.

## JOKES FROM FAR AWAY: ESWATINI

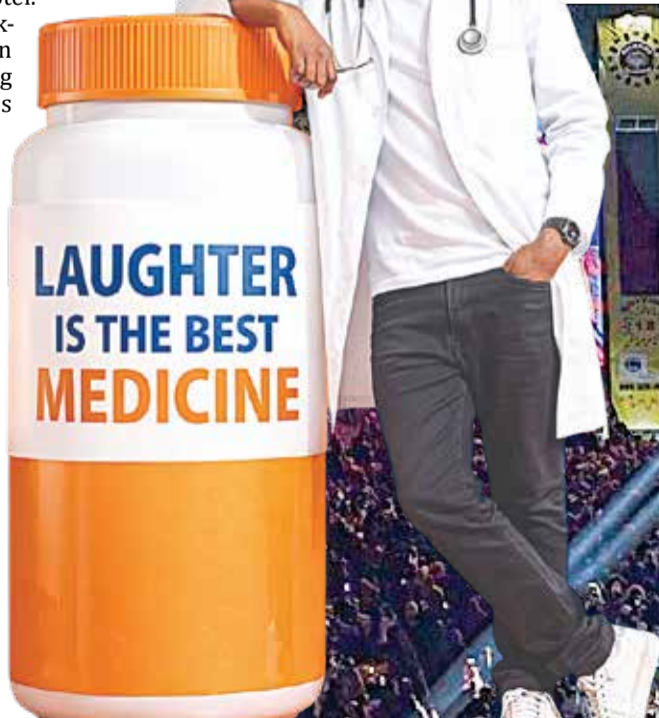
**Date: 28 May 2026**

Get ready for a night of world-class laughter with Dr Hilary Okello live in Mbabane as Jokes From Far Away 2026 brings sharp wit, fresh stories, and nonstop comedy to the stage at Mbabane Theater Club.

## THE TIMES HALF MARATHON

**Date: 23 May 2026**

Lace up for a milestone! This year, the *Times of Eswatini* creates a new narrative by hitting the pavement with the inaugural Times Half Marathon. Starting at the EOCGA offices near Somhlolo National Stadium, there's a distance for everyone from the 5km family fun run to the serious 21km challenge. With E65 000 in prizes up for grabs, it's time to find your stride.





# Where Luxury meets the Thrill of the Game



**S**TEP into a new era of entertainment in Eswatini as The George Hotel Casino officially opens its doors, redefining the gaming and leisure experience in the region.

George Hotel Casino introduces a premium destination for both seasoned players and curious newcomers. Designed with a sleek, contemporary aesthetic, the space blends sophistication with excitement creating an atmosphere that is as inviting as it is exhilarating.

The dynamic gaming floor has a wide selection of modern and fully automated slot machines with world acclaimed games like:

- AMERICAN ROULETTE
- BLACKJACK
- BACCARAT
- TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER
- 5 & 7 CARD CARIBBEAN STUD POKER
- MAGIC GAMES
- THE LEGEND GAMINATOR & MORE

For guests seeking exclusivity, the VIP gaming rooms offer private lounges and bathrooms, ensuring discretion, luxury and personalized attention.

### LOUNGE. RELAX. INDULGE.

The stylish bar and lounge area provides the perfect setting to unwind between games or celebrate a win. Enjoy expertly crafted drinks in a vibrant yet refined atmosphere designed for both social connection and relaxation.

### MORE THAN A CASINO

As part of The George Hotel, guests have access to the hotel's premium facilities, creating a complete entertainment and leisure experience.

And for winners? The celebration continues



with access to hotel experiences that elevate the thrill of victory into a full luxury stay.

**JACKPOTS START FROM SZL 2,500 AND RISE TO WELL OVER SZL 100,000**

Every spin, shuffle and deal carries the promise of something extraordinary!

### THE GEORGE HOTEL CASINO

#### 18+ Gamble Responsibly

At The George Hotel Casino, entertainment goes hand in hand with responsibility. We are committed to being a responsible gambling facility that prioritizes the wellbeing of every guest.



The George Hotel  
The best place to stay in Eswatini

The George Hotel  
**CASINO**

**Stay at The George Hotel & get E100 in Casino Chips absolutely \*FREE.**

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