

Experience the Thrill of Travelling Through Rarely Seen Areas in Southern Africa

The Highlands 6-night Tour (camping) is brought to you exclusively by Bonsai Technologies



On this tour, you visit Eswatini. Despite being the smallest landlocked country in the Southern hemisphere, and the second smallest country in continental Africa, Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, more than makes up for its lack of size with a hugely diverse range of attractions and activities.

Witness the will of a nation to turn the almost extinction of wildlife into the active protection of wildlife and nature in various parks and reserves.

We visit the Ngwenya Mine which is considered to be the world's oldest mine and the Ngwenya Glass Factory where we witness first-hand the magical art of glassblowing. The paintings at the Nsangwini Rock Art site, which lie beneath a rock overhang down a rocky trail, are the work of the hunter-gatherer San people about 4,000 years old.

Our tours allow you access to national parks and reserves that are not frequently visited. The surrounding wilderness, the remoteness and the seclusion of travelling through rarely seen areas are the main attraction of our tours. Although we travel mainly on tarred and scenic gravel roads, the wilderness experience is not compromised.

The tour is aimed at true bush lovers and those who enjoy the wilderness. Our aim is to offer an overlanding experience and the tour is not designed as an obstacle course or endurance test.

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

It is Eswatini's (formerly Swaziland) pioneer conservation area, a shining example of what is possible if passion, vision and action fuse. Once a highly profitable multi-purpose farm, and being labelled an "impossible dream", Mlilwane was proclaimed in 1961 and is now the kingdom's most popular eco-destination for locals and internationals alike.

The name 'Mlilwane' ("Little Fire" in siSwati) was derived from the numerous fires started by lightning strikes on the Mlilwane Hill but now holds significance as the little fire that ignited the conservation movement in Swaziland.

The campsites have common ablution facilities with water and electricity.



Malolotja Nature Reserve

Malolotja is one of the very best highland reserves in southern Africa, its 18,000ha wilderness of high rolling hills and deep forested river gorges offering a genuine wilderness. The Malolotja river rises in the reserve, plunging over the 95m Malolotja Falls on its way to the Nkomati river, which cuts east towards the Indian Ocean. The rocks beneath Malolotja are among the oldest in the world.

The campsites have common ablution facilities with water and no electricity.

Highlands Tour (camping)

4x2	✓
4x4	✓
Chalet	x
Safari tent	x
Camping	✓
Trail grading	2/3
Off-road all terrain tyres	✓

On-road tyres	x
Off-road trailer	✓
Off-road caravan	✓
Will my vehicle be scratched?	✓
Must I remove my vehicle's sidesteps?	x
Do I need a compressor?	x
Children under the age of 12	✓

What is included?

- ◇ Camping for two adults
- ◇ Conservation fees for two adults
- ◇ Museum entrance fees
- ◇ Sunrise drive for two adults in Mlilwane
- ◇ Trail cost for one vehicle with a maximum of two adults
- ◇ Hand-held radios
- ◇ Professional trail guide(s) (where applicable).
- ◇ Qualified 4x4 and overlanding adventure guide

Itinerary

- ◇ Day 1 - we meet at the Digger's Retreat Hotel near Barberton in South Africa. Pretoria to Barberton (on your own) (400 km). Alternative arrangements when you fly to Eswatini.
- ◇ Day 2 - drive to the Malolotja Nature Reserve via the Josefssdal/Bulembu border post (110 km). Visit the Bulembu Museum en-route.
- ◇ Day 3 - visit the Nsangwini Rock Art site and the Maguga Dam (60 km). Explore Malolotja Nature Reserve on your own.
- ◇ Day 4 - explore Malolotja on your own and drive a 4x4 trail (optional).
- ◇ Day 5 - Drive to Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary (100 km), visit the Ngwenya Glass Factory and the Ngwenya Mine.
- ◇ Day 6 - the day start with a sunrise drive. Drive to the viewpoint on top of the mountain (weather permitting) and explore Mlilwane on your own.
- ◇ Day 7 - drive to the Oshoek Border Post (45 km). Drive back home on your own.

What is excluded?

- ◇ Fuel - Pretoria to and from Eswatini and driving in Eswatini (±1 345 km)
- ◇ Airfare and vehicle
- ◇ Toll fees
- ◇ Visas
- ◇ Border and Eswatini road fees
- ◇ Food, snacks and beverages
- ◇ Medicine
- ◇ Water, fire wood
- ◇ Camping equipment
- ◇ Cost of additional activities



Places available?

Place for only five vehicles on the tour.
Three vehicles are required for the tour to take place.

The detailed itinerary is available at <https://bonsai-sa.co.za/tours-highlands-6-night-camping.html>

Cost of the tour: available at <https://bonsai-sa.co.za/tours-tariffs.html>

A 20% deposit confirms the booking and the final 80% is payable 30 days prior to the start of the tour.

Accommodation, guide and park fees are included.

Vehicle, fuel, toll fees, food, etc. are excluded.

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