



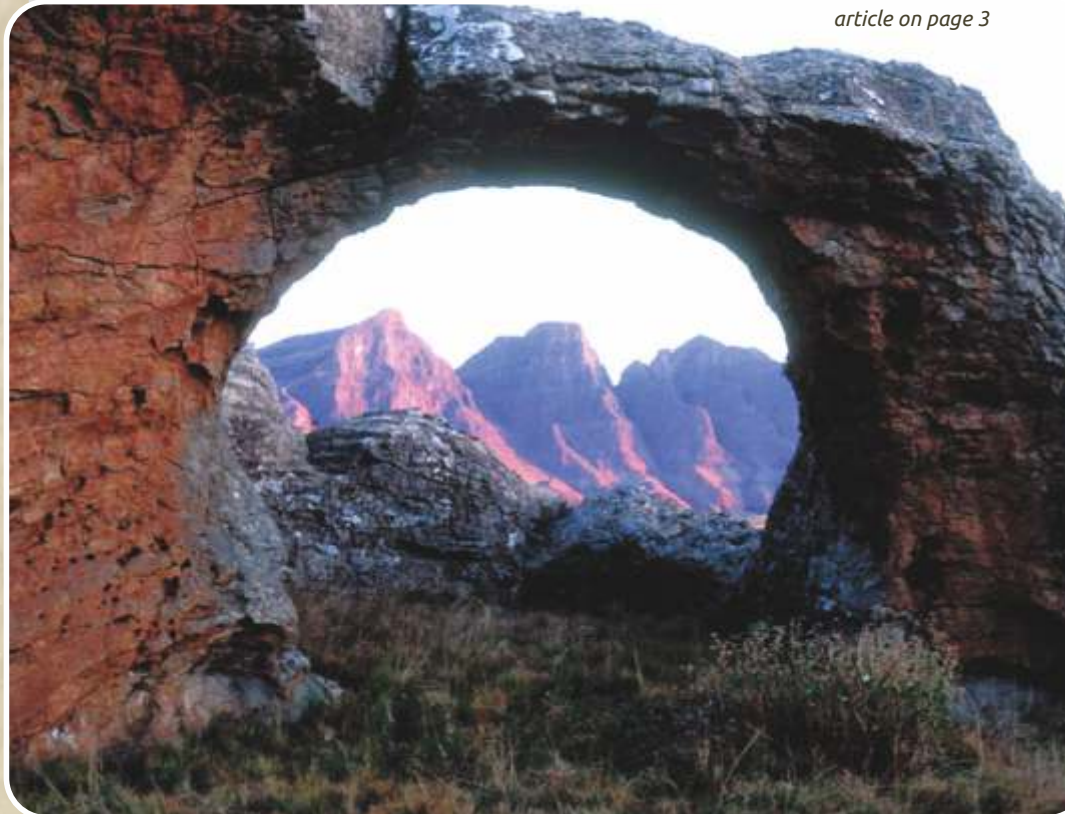
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*Mist at Malealea*



# MINISTER OF TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE HON. MINISTER MAMAHELE RADEBE

*Hon. Minister  
Mamahele Radebe*

The government of Lesotho has recognised the tourism sector as one of the leaders of growth in the country. The sector has the potential to bring about the economic growth and employment needed in the country. The sector is expected to contribute to the country's GDP and development of rural and cultural experiences. Assessment of the external environment demonstrates that on one hand, a lot of opportunities exist that needs to be exploited. These include diverse tourism assets, membership of the sector in various regional and international organizations and the existing bilateral cooperation with South Africa and the unique physical geographic attributes that Lesotho has.



Lesotho's undiscovered tourist attractions have much greater potential but can only be discovered through a mobilized and concerted strategic approach with other ministries. Through the National Strategic Development Plan, the sector can achieve so much more. The vision to position Lesotho as a leading nation in tourist attractions in Southern Africa's mountain range, it boasts a rich culture, adventurous and ecotourism system that gives rise to the three broad goals that need to be followed by the Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation. The Corporation is mandated to market the country in and outside of the Lesotho

borders. The goals and objectives that we have set for ourselves are geared at delivering a sustainable and profitable tourism industry that will benefit the majority of the people our Kingdom.

We recognize an important role that the tourism sector must play in creating jobs and growing the economy and in this regard, the sector as a whole is strongminded to optimise its contribution to this goal. This newsletter highlights some of the activities that the sector has undertaken in order to realise its vision. ■





# vision & mission



## vision

"By the visions in the 2020 LTDC will be the leader in successfully positioning Lesotho as Southern Africa's must-visit mountain range, culture, adventure and ecotourism destination. As a financially sustainable and an employer of choice, LTDC will provide quality service to all stakeholders".

## mission

We market Lesotho as a preferred destination of travel and tourism investment by providing strategic leadership in market research and development, product development facilitation and promotion in collaboration with the communities and the private sector. These partners thereby contributing to job creation, economic growth, heritage and environmental preservation and sustainability.

*Graduates from the initiation school*



*Afri Ski Resort in winter*



*'Real People,  
Real Culture,  
Real Mountains'*

# Profile of Lesotho

The Kingdom of Lesotho, is one of the three remaining monarchies on the African continent, it provides a politically stable democracy and attractive destination for tourists and business. Located within Southern Africa, Lesotho is a land-locked country, entirely surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. The name Lesotho roughly translates into "the land of people who speak Sotho".

Lesotho is a member state of the Commonwealth

State Nations and is regionally a member of the Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) which includes; Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. With the exception of Botswana these countries also form a common currency and exchange control area known as the Common Monetary Area (CMA). The Loti is at par with the South African Rand and can be used interchangeably. The Lesotho currency (plural: Maloti) when calculated, one hundred "lisente" equals one Loti.

## Lesotho: Basic Facts

<b>Size</b>	30 355 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Altitude</b>	Lowest 1 388m; highest 3 482 m
<b>Capital City:</b>	Maseru
<b>Population</b>	2 million; Maseru 436,000
<b>Languages</b>	Sesotho and English
<b>Monetary unit:</b>	Loti(plural "Maloti")
<b>Standard power:</b>	220/240 volts AC 50 Hz
<b>International Telephone Code:</b>	+266
<b>From within Lesotho for international access dial</b>	+27(country code)

## How to get to Lesotho

### BY AIR

South African Air Link has four flights daily between Monday and Saturday, and three flights on Sunday from Moshoeshoe I International Airport to Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport. The flight from Johannesburg O.R. Tambo to Moshoeshoe I International takes approximately 50 minutes.

### BY ROAD

The majority of visitors to Lesotho arrive by road. Eleven border posts give entry into Lesotho from South Africa. Because of the ruggedness of terrain in some parts of the Mokhotlong and Qacha's Nek district, a 4 wheel drive (4x4) vehicle is advised for these areas.





Sehlabathebe National Park (SNP) has been accepted as a World Heritage Site as an extension of the uKhahlamba World Heritage Site at the 37th Session of the World Heritage Committee which sat 16-27 June, 2013.

Sehlabathebe has been deemed among some destinations of outstanding universal value. This announcement came about after the site was deemed fitting as it meets the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity and has an adequate protection and management system to ensure its safeguarding the cultural and natural heritage. SNP is considered among the priceless and irreplaceable assets, not only of the Lesotho nation, but of humanity as a whole on the global front. These include areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance; the most important and significant natural habitats for insitutional conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of out-standing universal value from the point of view of science and conservation and rock art that is directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of an outstanding caliber.

The clan of the San in Sehlabathebe are of great universal significance. Sehlabathebe National Park was established in 1970 as a Wild Life Sanctuary and a National Park according to the provisions of the Game Preservation Proclamation No.33 of 1951.

The proclamation was superseded by the National Parks Act of 1975. In 2001 Sehlabathebe National "subject to the provisions of Section 44 of the Land Act 1979. The SNP enjoys full protection under the

provisions of the Environment Act, 2008 which is a framework legislation on environmental protection.

On the other hand the National Heritage Resources Act 2011 that supersedes the Historical Monuments, relics, fauna and flora Act No. 41 of 1967 provides for the preservation and protection of all engravings and paintings on stone commonly known as the San paintings that are found in SNP. In its 37th Session in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, on 22nd June 2013, the World Heritage Committee approved the inclusion of the Sehlabathebe National Park of the Kingdom of Lesotho, as an extension of the uKhahlamba / Drakensberg Park of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

The two sites will hereafter be known as the Maloti-Drakensberg Park, Lesotho/South Africa to become the on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria detailed, (i), (iii), (vii) and (x);

The Maloti Drakensberg Park is property spanning the border between the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Republic of South Africa. It is renowned for its spectacular natural landscape. It is important as a haven for many threatened and endemic species, and for its wealth of rock paintings made by the San people over a period of 4000 years. The property covers an area of 249, 313 hectares making it the largest protected area complex along the Great Escarpment of Southern Africa.

The Maloti Drakensberg range constitutes the principal water production area in Southern Africa. The areas along the international border between the two countries create a drainage divide on the escarpment that forms the watershed for two of Southern-Africa's largest drainage basins. The Thukela River from the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park flows eastwards into the Indian Ocean, while the Senqu/Orange River from the Lesotho side flows westwards into the Atlantic Ocean.

Along with its pristine steep-sided river valleys, rocky gorges, high altitude grasslands, wetlands and meandering streams, the property has numerous caves and rock shelters containing rock art sites, and images which depict animals and human being, and represent the spiritual life of early inhabitants of this area. It also provides a vital refuge for more than many endemic plant species and their associated fauna, and forms a critical part in the Lesotho Highland Endemic Bird Areas. ■

### *San people in Sehlabathebe*



# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LESOTHO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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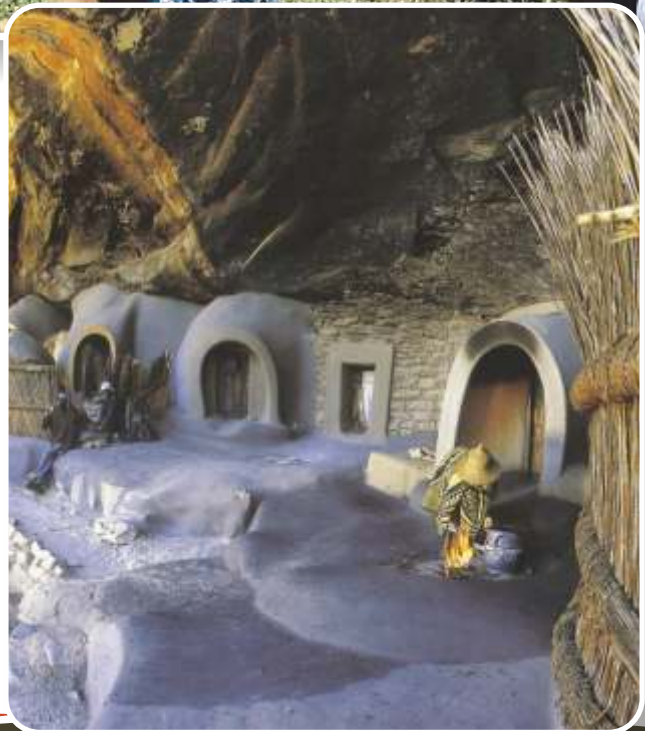
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*Great attractions of*  
**Lesotho**



# Experience Basotho Culture





# TOURISM DRIVE TARGETS DECISION MAKERS

by Tsitsi Matope



*Chief Executive Officer of  
Lesotho Tourism  
Development Corporation  
Mr. Mpaiphele D. Maqutu*

and its ability to create a chain with other sectors, making it a crucial vehicle for poverty reduction and employment creation. It was this realisation, which Maqutu says that necessitated new innovations to boost the visibility of the country's tourism products. Maqutu, who joined the corporation in July 2013, further explained the need to make the sector vibrant enough to claim its rightful place in the economy.

The Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation (LTDC) chief executive officer, Mpaiphele Maqutu said decision-makers are a major target in his organisation's new marketing strategy. Maqutu told the Lesotho Times that this is what will be critical for the corporation to forge strong partnerships with all decision-makers from both the public and private sectors, which would automatically make them tourism ambassadors wherever they are. "Senior government officials and also corporate management have a lot of influence in their different spheres both locally and when they are performing other duties internationally. "As the LTDC, we would like to have well-informed decision makers who will carry the country's tourism flag wherever they are operating and be our ambassadors." However, for this to happen Maqutu said the decision-makers need to experience the beauty of some, if not all, of the country's top tourist attractions.

"This experience will help them better understand our tourism products, appreciate them and have the capacity to market the country to all the relevant stakeholders they meet when they travel abroad. We hope this will help increase the number of tourists visiting our country, as well as potential investors." According to Maqutu, the government has selected tourism as one of the key priority areas for development. He explained this comes after noticing its potential to boost other sectors

He said branding Lesotho as a natural heritage destination previously did not yield the expected results, hence the need to revisit the branding of Lesotho as a unique "must visit" eco-tourism destination. "When I got here, it was clear that the tourism script was almost empty and needed to be populated with products. We are not having as many tourists as we have the potential to receive. This is because the sector, in general, has not been able to take advantage of the fact that Lesotho is a diamond which every tourist would like to see after being embraced by the golden ring, which is South Africa. That is why we need to increase our partnership with South Africa, which continues to knock on our doors in an effort to take tourism in our region to greater heights."

Maqutu explained previous efforts to boost tourist arrivals that had been hampered by moving away from, "our strong internationally accepted tag-line of the 'Kingdom in the Sky' moniker" which he said may not have been a good move. Lesotho is the only country in the world which is entirely above 1,000 metres above sea-level and its lowest point of 1,400 metres is the highest in the world. Over 80 percent of the country lies above 1,800 metres. "We don't need to let go of what distinguishes us as a special and unique destination but simply have to work towards improving the distinction. Globally, Lesotho is known as the

### *Abseiling at Maletsunyane waterfall*

Kingdom in the Sky or the Mountain Kingdom and this slogan does indeed speak to our unique topography and high altitude while also recognising the fact that we are one of the only three kingdoms left in Africa. "He said the country's strongest selling feature is its eco-tourism and natural features. "We are far from the madding crowd because we sit on a much higher elevation. This elevation, therefore, makes Lesotho the place to be for those who want the freshest air to filter through and clean their lungs."

He also emphasised the need to highlight the unique fact that Lesotho is the only country in Africa, which wholly snows in winter. "This should appeal to everyone who loves to ski and those who would want to witness our amazing snow-capped mountains and waterfalls. The Kingdom also boasts as being a 'four-season' country" because tourists get to experience summer, winter, spring and autumn." The beauty of the country, according to Maqutu, is also in its strong cultural base that is symbolised by a constitutional monarch and the historic footsteps of its founder, King Moshoeshoe I, which can be traced from Botha Bothe to Thaba Bosiu. The country, he adds, has also managed to preserve its beautiful blanket wearing culture and secretive initiation of boys and girls, which should all be strong tourist attractions." We are rich in culture and currently looking forward to the construction of our first national museum and art gallery, where our stories will be told factually. The accurate account of who we are is of paramount importance for the preservation of our actual history as a people."

Maqutu also explained that the country's challenging environment for lovers of adventure, was another standalone tourist attraction, particularly for backpackers and those who seek to enjoy the mountain trails. On the other hand, he said, Lesotho has abundant water resources, some of which fill the deep meandering gorges and also make the country a special place for the adventurous and discerning tourist. These are also



home to the beautiful Rainbow Trout and the endangered Maloti Minnow fish. The stunning Angora goats, which appear to pause and show-off their chihuahua-like facial features to visitors, are also another interesting feature on the Lesotho's undulating landscape.

However, despite such an attractive package Lesotho receives just slightly under half a million tourists annually, far less than other small countries like Swaziland who receive well over a million tourists every year. Maqutu said these are worrying statistics, hence his intention to push an agenda that supports the formulation of a government-led, private sector driven and community based tourism sector aimed at improving tourism revenue. "The private sector has a major role to play and with sound business decisions, they can take full advantage of that Lesotho has to offer. We see this through the South

### *Participants at Grading sensitization workshop held at Maseru Sun.*



African tour operators daily coming into Lesotho with droves of tourists while our private sector operators remain as just onlookers as their neighbours reap the handsome economic rewards. "We are here to support our private sector and LTDC is committed to assist in the setting up of robust private sector engagement forums which will deliver the much needed private sector participation. "He said the recent rollout of the accommodation star grading system, is also going to support the private accommodation businesses to improve their facilities and ensure a world class hospitality sector that does not disappoint visitors." With improved facilities, establishments would get visitors willing to stay longer than what they usually do. The star-grading exercise is currently voluntary but would be mandatory by 2016."

Maqutu explains the importance of having in place strategies that are inclusive of local communities settled around the tourism products." We want local communities to participate in developing tourism and to take ownership of various projects. We also need to collectively develop products in partnership with local communities. Without community participation, these products would lack the very essence that can breathe life into them. "Although the tourists are intrigued by products, these would be meaningless and incomplete if local communities around them are not an integral part. Tourists can only claim an experience of a lifetime when they see locals

around, smiling and waving at them and even giving them water to drink." Local communities, the LTDC chief also noted, should be well educated on how to treat tourists and also be supported to become well-organised for them to tap into the sector and benefit meaningfully." Tourism is the only sector where growth and benefits trickle down to a villager singing lengae and dancing Mokhibo," said Maqutu, adding his focus is also on pushing for the facilitation of renewed investment promotion efforts to further develop tourism products.

Government, he added, has been overburdened by the responsibility to do the bulk of developments alone due to the private sector's low participation and appetite in this area. "It is imperative that the situation is addressed through initiatives such as Public Private Partnerships and other collaborations with non-Governmental Organisations," he said. He said there is also need to identify areas that need developments such as road networks, cable cars to limit disturbance on the environment, electricity, water and the much needed accommodation facilities. Maqutu said the LTDC's mandate is to bring all stakeholders together and ensure the implementation of systems and development of infrastructure that would improve accessibility and increase spending in Lesotho. He explained that many years of under funding the corporation, together with governance related challenges and an unresponsive organisational structure, negatively impacted on the corporation's performance.



Over the last four years, he explained, the corporation's financial books have not been audited and this saw the recent introduction of the compliance department, which is expected to help them improve on issues of accountability." This has been a welcomed move by our newly appointed board of directors", he added. He went on to add: "We are now more inclined to streamlining our operations as seen by the merging of the strategic marketing and the investment promotion departments. However, this is not going to take away the distinctive nature of the two business units or erode their role." ■

*Pony trekking one of the favorite tourism activities in Lesotho*

# VAYA MZANSI SHOWCASING LESOTHO'S ATTRACTIONS

Vaya Mzansi is a South African travel docu-reality television series aired on SABC 1 every Thursday at 11:30 am, meant to promote domestic tourism in South Africa by following two entertainment personalities as they travel around the country on motorbikes to unearth interesting stories – political, historical, criminal, ideological – all seen through the eyes of local people.

The bold motorcyclists unearth interesting places and stories behind the attractions. Vaya Mzansi takes viewers on a soulful and exhilarating journey through highlighting differences in culture, language, religion, politics, philosophies and cuisine.

The directors of this programme decided to feature other neighbouring countries to showcase their tourist attractions as a way of giving their viewers a variety of choice when planning their holidays. The programme visits the Kingdom as it is landlocked by South Africa and they realised that tourists who visit their shores also want to come to Lesotho. Even South Africans also want to visit Lesotho therefore Vaya Mzansi identified the need to showcase Lesotho's tourist attractions and activities so that they too can add to what South Africa has.

The crew came to Lesotho to take footage of some of the activities that one can do while visiting this beautiful mountain Kingdom. On their first day in the country the presenters and the crew members slept at Aloes guesthouse and in the morning they went for quad biking as it is one of the activities offered by the Aloes guest house. They are seen here listening tentatively to one of the guides as he tells them how to operate a quad and safety measure in case they crash.

They proceeded to Malealea lodge where they did pony-trekking which they greatly enjoyed as it was their first horses riding experience. Tourists visiting Lesotho always feel they have to visit Thaba Bosiu and climb the mountain to pay their respect to the founder of Basotho likewise the crew went to Thaba Bosiu and visited the Royal grave to pay their respect.

*Presenters of Vaya Mzansi preparing for quad biking*

Vaya Mzansi promises the thrill of motorbikes on the open road tangled with the spirit of inquiry and adventure. Vaya Mzansi follows two travelling companions - Eric "Versatyle" Prinsloo and Nokuthula Radebe. From the cities of Johannesburg to the rural districts of the Eastern Cape, the two travellers showcases tourism potential in South Africa, they let the viewer travel with them and experience the domestic tourism like never before with an intention of persuading viewers to tour their country first.

*Quad biking in Lesotho*



# SESO THO LANGUAGE & LITERATURE AT MORIJA GUESTHOUSES

*Bridgette Hall*

Many expatriates who have come to live and work in Lesotho have received basic Sesotho language training and have been exposed to the Sesotho culture thanks to Morija Guest Houses (MGH). Located in the Lesotho Lowlands, 45 km from the capital city of Maseru. Since 2005, MGH has been holding more than thirty introductory "Sesotho Language and Culture weekends", and it is clear that those MGH weekends are filling an important gap. Indeed, unlike in the 80's or early 90's, there are very few organizations working nowadays in Lesotho that set up language lessons or even just orientation sessions for their new foreign staff. With the notable exception of the US Peace Corps, which organize well-structured linguistic and cultural sessions for their new recruits, other organizations (UN or development agencies, embassies, international schools, NGO's, church organizations, etc) usually offer nothing more than a minimal orientation course in the country of origin, just before departure.

Once they've arrived in Lesotho, those expatriates are left to themselves as far as getting to know their host country and its inhabitants. Yet, even knowing just a little about the language can make a very big difference to newcomers and understanding some basic cultural concepts will prevent awkward situations. The introductory weekends enable participants to gain confidence when attempting to speak Sesotho, to acquire useful knowledge of Lesotho's history and Basotho culture and to feel more comfortable in their new environment. Because of the beautiful setting of the guest houses, walks are always scheduled in the programme.

Traditional dancers are also invited to perform and the whole atmosphere of the weekend is warm and welcoming. Language lessons are given by a teacher who has great experience in teaching Sesotho to adults, skillfully including everybody, even the most reluctant speakers. Language



*Some of the tourists learning Sesotho*

learning sessions are not intensive as the emphasis is on ensuring that participants feel encouraged, not overwhelmed.

The owner of the guest houses, who arrived in Lesotho 26 years ago and went through the process of adapting to the Lesotho environment, is therefore well acquainted with the challenges faced by new comers. Her main contribution is talking about the history of Lesotho but she also helps the Sesotho teacher to facilitate discussions on cultural issues.

Most weekends gather people from various organizations and backgrounds. Some weekends, however, took place because of the specific needs of a given organization. Sometimes those weekends have a dual function: gathering the members of the organization for internal meetings, and offering linguistic and cultural sessions as well. Follow-up weekends are also organized on request. (Read more about the weekends in the Special Events section of [www.morijaguesthouses.com](http://www.morijaguesthouses.com)). Morija is the ideal place for those cultural weekends because of its history and its special place in Lesotho as the 'wellspring of learning'. Furthermore Morija has been hosting an annual Arts and Cultural Festival since 1999, the largest cultural festival in Lesotho. ■

# LESOTHO HAESO–AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Tourism has been marked as the second most prioritised sector to contribute to poverty alleviation and create employment by the Government of Lesotho. This sector can only contribute if tourists visit in numbers to Lesotho and is able to attract tourism investment. It has come to the Corporation's attention that in order to attract investment and tourists we must start by sensitizing the communities around tourism attractions about the importance of tourism.

Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation started the new year on a high note by having one of their many awareness campaigns for herdsmen at Oxbow lodge Moteng, Botha Bothe on the 10 January 2014. It has come to the Corporation's attention that herdsmen around the country harass tourists as they do not understand what they are doing in the country. The Corporation has embarked on a nationwide awareness campaign to address issues of ill treatment to tourists and also teaching the herdsmen about the importance of tourism in the country. The Corporation has held a series of awareness campaigns in different attractions and tourism routes where they critic the benefits that tourism bring to the country's GDP and the livelihood of communities along those routes.



*Mr. Mpaiphele D. Maqutu Chief Executive Officer LTDC giving a blanket to one of the herdsmen*

The Corporation gets many complaints from tourists who complain about herdsmen who throw stones at their cars, remove road signage or vandalize them, therefore putting the tourist's lives in danger. In an effort to combat this bad behavior the Corporation decided to conduct awareness campaigns. The campaigns are aimed at teaching the herdsmen about the importance of tourism and how it contributes positively to the economy of the country and the benefits that they as individuals can gain.

In October 2013 the Corporation went to Katse and Ha Lejone to hold awareness campaigns where officers from LTDC, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture addressed the herdsmen about the benefits of tourism and how tourists can change their livelihoods. They were strongly warned that throwing of stones at people's properties is a criminal offence, which might lead to loss of lives. Furthermore it will in the future



discourage tourists to visit Lesotho again. Lesotho Mounted Police Services as a result always part of the campaigns To educate and stipulate the laws of this country. In all the campaigns conducted, the findings are that the herdsmen themselves are aware that their actions impact negatively on the image of the country and are willing to change their behavior. They expressed that their problem with tourists was that they see them as invaders in their areas as they did not understand why tourists like taking pictures of mountains and even of herdsmen.

In every campaign there are some interesting stories from the herdsmen about their interactions with the tourists. They always inform us that they do not mean any harm to the tourists and some of them vow to teach their fellow men about the

benefits of tourists as they have directly benefited from tourism. One herdman told the Corporation that a group of tourists once asked him to cook porridge for them, but he thought they were pulling his leg as they were white and thought that they would not want to eat his food. He said he was surprised that they actually ate with him and paid him for the food. From many stories recited by some herdsmen the rest of the group vowed to stop the mischief, but rather be of assistance to the tourists.

As an encouragement to the herdsmen the Corporation gave them 'Lesotho Haeso' branded blankets and emphasized that the logo is a sign to every tourist irrespective of their colour that the person wearing the blanket will help in anyway he can, therefore they should wear the logo with pride of being peaceful Basotho. ■

# A New Era of Quality Tourism for Lesotho

The year 2013 saw the beginning of a new era of Lesotho's quality tourism in the accommodation sector. Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation (LTDC) embarked upon developing a progressive star grading program for the sector. The program is considered progressive because it will be one of the first accommodation quality grading programs in the region to integrate grading standards that reflect both the overall quality of the lodging facility as well as its environmentally friendly practices and ability to receive guests with disabilities. Lesotho benched marked on the grading processes and experiences of Botswana and South Africa.

signaled regarding the set standards, that they were not achievable.

To a larger extent many people's perceptions were clouded by their desire to get the highest grades ie 4 or 5 star grades and not realizing that all this is a journey that must be linked to a set of conditions. That is to say, the grades for a facility must be linked to the facility's location, target market served and its purchasing power, as well as the Operator's financial capability to upgrade to a desired level of grades. Therefore LTDC in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism's Licensing Section conducted 4 regional workshops for the accommodation sector to further raise awareness about the set of minimum requirements and quality star grading standards. At these workshops, owners and managers of the accommodation facilities attended in good numbers as some could not due to commitments owing to the presence of COSAFA games. The owners of graded facilities were invited to share their experiences of the grading process and changes brought by grading to their businesses. The Operators made an indication that grading was not an easy road but it paid because they learnt good lessons that it is those small little things that they have been neglecting all along that count much to a visitor and the growth of their businesses and these are all related to minimum requirements, skills capacity, communication and customer care.



*One of the graded facilities*

Tourism being a very competitive sector requires one to operate at international standards. Therefore this initiative promised to improve the overall quality of infrastructure and services to the tourism lodging facilities throughout the kingdom. Four months have gone by after the launch of the grading programme during which 6 facilities received their grading certificates and plaques. In response to the call by the Honorable Minister of Tourism, Mrs`Mamahele Radebe during the launch in quality grading standards relevant to their facilities. A follow-up to the facilities that enquired showed that many were willing to get graded in February or March 2014, however fears were

They mentioned that grading has brought them increased bed occupancy which in some cases it has more than doubled. In some establishments they are beginning to see more of holiday makers from South Africa even over the weekends and are no more troubled to go hunting for government orders. It is during the workshops that the operators' paradigm shift was observed because they expressed their frustration in serving the government order payments that are ever delayed and government officials that have disruptive and discouraging behavior of taking away electric appliances and interior decor items in the guest rooms. Clearly this has caused much discouragement and discomfort to operators to





### *Backyard of the graded facilities*

accommodate government officials. It has also lead to high prices that they charge and poor quality items used in the rooms. Therefore many ungraded facility operators started seeing an opportunity that if they are graded they can limit their service to the government and focus on relevant and more business guests for ensured business sustainability. The testimonies opened many operators' eyes that it is not high grades only that can bring business but that whatever level of grades will assure you the kind of relevant market targeted.

LTDC affirms to reaching the target set by the region for 2016 with a good leap in the first year wherein a minimum of 30 accommodation facilities shall be graded by August 2014. ■

## Motebong Village contract extended

On the 28th November 2013, the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture extended the management contract of Motebong village at Ha Lejone. The management contract was initially for 10 years whereby the Operator was paying rent to the government and the contract would be reviewed and given to the same Operator or given to other interested Operators. Tourism has been selected as one of the priority sectors which are expected to create employment, as a result the Cabinet gave permission to the Ministry to review Motebong contract and renew it as the Operator is

working closely with the communities around the lodge.

In an effort to heed the Ministry's plea that all accommodation establishment operators should make sure that they empower and create employment for the communities living around their establishments. The management of the lodge source vegetables from local communities. They have also urged the communities to form pony trekking associations whereby they hire their ponies to tourists and give them a tour of Ha Lejone villages. This is one of the initiatives that the management is using to make sure that the communities around the lodge benefit from tourism. The lodge has also introduced the skills development training for crafters at Ha Lejone and the crafts made by local men and women are sold at the Lodge.

Motebong village has become a training camp for South Africa's Rowing team who were there for three weeks preparing for 2014 world champs. The team was very excited to have found a place like Motebong, as they indicated that the country's altitude works best for their training. ■

*Principal Secretary Mr. Thato Mohasoa and Mr. Lietsiso Mohapelo*



September 2013 was a fascinating and a busy month for the Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation with various tourism activities undertaken and which were successful as far as Domestic Tourism is concerned. Lesotho as a member of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), abide by the guidelines of the UNWTO to celebrate September as a tourism month, and the theme was "Tourism and Water: protecting our common future". Every year the Corporation celebrates the month with various activities and this time around they decided to celebrate with Corporates, tertiary schools and herdsman. The Corporation supports events that have potential to promote tourism in the country and Lesotho Sky Mountain Challenge is one such event that is important in the Corporation's calendar as it happens in September which is the tourism month.

Lesotho Sky Corporate Challenge Cycling was held at Maseru Mall on the 6th September 2013. Corporate Challenge is Lesotho's first fun ride and team building activity and the Corporation participated at this event as it is one of the activities that the Corporation supports. The team was build up of Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation's staff members and Ministry of Tourism, Environment and The Corporation purchased two bicycles for the race which were after the event donated to the Sky Trust Charity which is a non-profit making Organization focusing on sports and youth development in Lesotho.

As a means of creating awareness about travelling in the country and with an aim to educate, encourage and generate interest among Basotho to know about the tourism attractions in the country, the Corporation embarked on a Domestic Tourism campaign 'Visit your country first' by holding two tertiary road shows at Lesotho Collage of Education and International Business College on the 13th and 20th September respectively. The tertiary domestic tourism road shows

were undertaken with an aim of sensitizing learners about the importance of tourism and the use of water in relation to tourism. Lesotho College of Education, Limkokwing University of Technology and International Business College showed great interest and gave unwavering support throughout the shows. The entertainment was provided as a means of attracting students to this event and also created an opportunity for other local musicians to promote and showcase their talent. The artist Stlofa and DJ Mtunzi performed in the road shows and were very popular with the learners.

The World Tourism Day (WTD), which is the culmination of the month long activities, is mostly celebrated on the 27th September. The Corporation celebrated this day at Mohale Dam whereby herdsman from surrounding villages were invited.

The Corporation decided to celebrate with herdsman as we have realized that their actions towards tourists might be caused by ignorance and lack of understanding of the importance of tourism in the country. Tourism education and awareness was given to herdsman about the importance of proper treatment and respect to tourists visiting the country.

The Chief Executive Officer of Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation Mr. Mpaiphele D. Maqutu in his speech when addressing the herdsman, stressed the importance of tourism and how people can earn a living through the revenue generated by tourism .i.e. (entrance fees to tourism facilities, accommodation, crafts, pony trekking, cultural activities, food etc) Mr. Maqutu further pointed out to the herdsman that hospitality towards tourists will make them reap good rewards, because tourists would have repeated visits and also the word of mouth will increase the number of tourists into the country. As a gesture of appreciation and building lasting relationships with herdsman CEO handed fifty (50) Lesotho Haeso branded blankets and fifty (50) whistles to the herdsman.

The Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture Mr. Thato Mohasoa in his address complimented the herdsman for sacrificing their time to attend this very special event and he highlighted that tourists are the most important people and outlined the following:

- Respect for tourists.
- Protection of tourist (stone throwing at tourists)
- and hospitality toward them.
- Tourists bring economic value and need to be nurtured.

Mr. Mohasoa emphasized that the tourists visit the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho to view the majestic scenery of our mountains and the man made dams. He strongly appealed to the herdsman to stop the bad habit of throwing stones at tourists as this will



*Stlofa entertaining the crowd at the road show*



*Chief Executive Officer with some of the herd men during the World Tourism Day celebration*

discourage them from visiting our beautiful country furthermore this will taint the image of Lesotho as a tourist destination and such actions are unlawful.

The PS of the department humbly requested the herdsmen to stop burning grazing land as this leads to soil erosion, making erosion, making extinct the indigenous plants and results in an unattractive outlook of our surroundings, moreover encouraged them to form associations as the CEO had already mentioned as that would change their livelihood.



*Some of the herd men entertaining the crowd wearing their Lesotho Haeso branded blankets*

Herdsmen hosted at the event were from villages such as Ha Mohale, Ha Motloang, Ha Tšiu and Ha Koporale and to grace the day they also performed traditional songs. The herdsmen participated in activities such as Canoeing and they took boat cruises. This was done so that they could appreciate why tourists come in numbers at Mohale. ■

# Basotho's Unique Culture

The Basotho people have developed a unique culture. As one of the few African tribes living in a mountainous environment, they have made many adaptations to their conditions. The Basotho blanket is one example. All around the country you will see people dressed in woollen blankets, often with beautiful patterns. This is the ideal garment for a cold environment, and also has the versatility of keeping the rain off.



have some cattle, and oxen are used to plough the sloping mountain fields. Wool is a major source of income both from Merino sheep and mohair from Angora goats, and you will see many herds of both deep in the mountains. Shepherds, who are often young boys, look after them. The shepherds live in simple huts called motebo that are often perched on ridges at well over 3000m and very well hidden.

Passing a village you will frequently see a flag flying from a tall pole. This indicates a place where something is being sold. A white flag means "joala", a locally brewed sorghum beer. Yellow means maize beer, red means meat and green means vegetables.

While Lesotho is a friendly country that welcomes all visitors, please take note that: Photographing Government buildings, the Palace or the airport is frowned upon. When photographing any person or personal items, including homesteads, the rules of common courtesy apply: ask first and expect to pay a small fee for the privilege.

Villages are often located high in the mountains, usually on the mid-levels well above the deep river valleys and the flood dangers they carry. Villages are very structured. They are made up of a number of kraals, i.e. a collection of buildings belonging to one family. Some are for sleeping, some for storage and one for cooking.

Each kraal will also have an enclosure for livestock. Each village has a chief, or headman, who will fall under the chief for the area. The Basotho are agriculturalists. The chief allocates the fields around the villages to villagers. Many crops are cultivated including maize, wheat, sorghum, beans and peas as well as vegetables such as onions and cabbage. Many local herbs are also gathered as green vegetables, which the Basotho call Moroho.

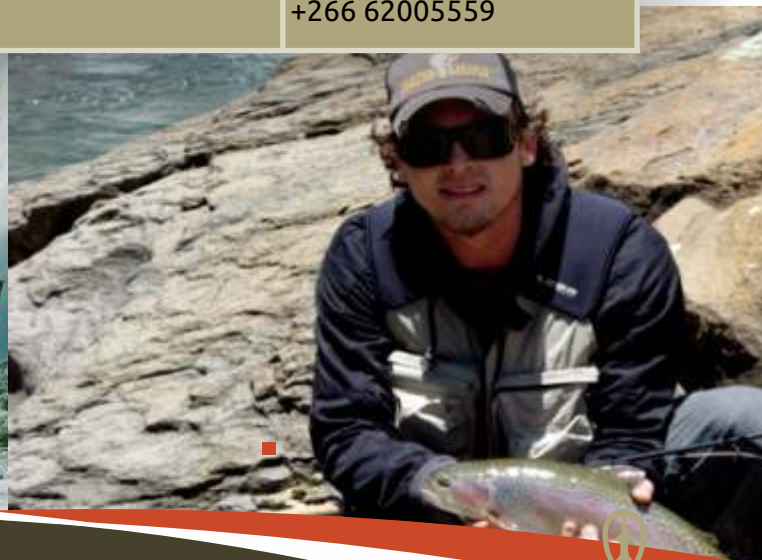
Animals are very important in Basotho society. The Basotho pony represents the best form of transport in the mountains, and donkeys are often used as pack animals. Most families will

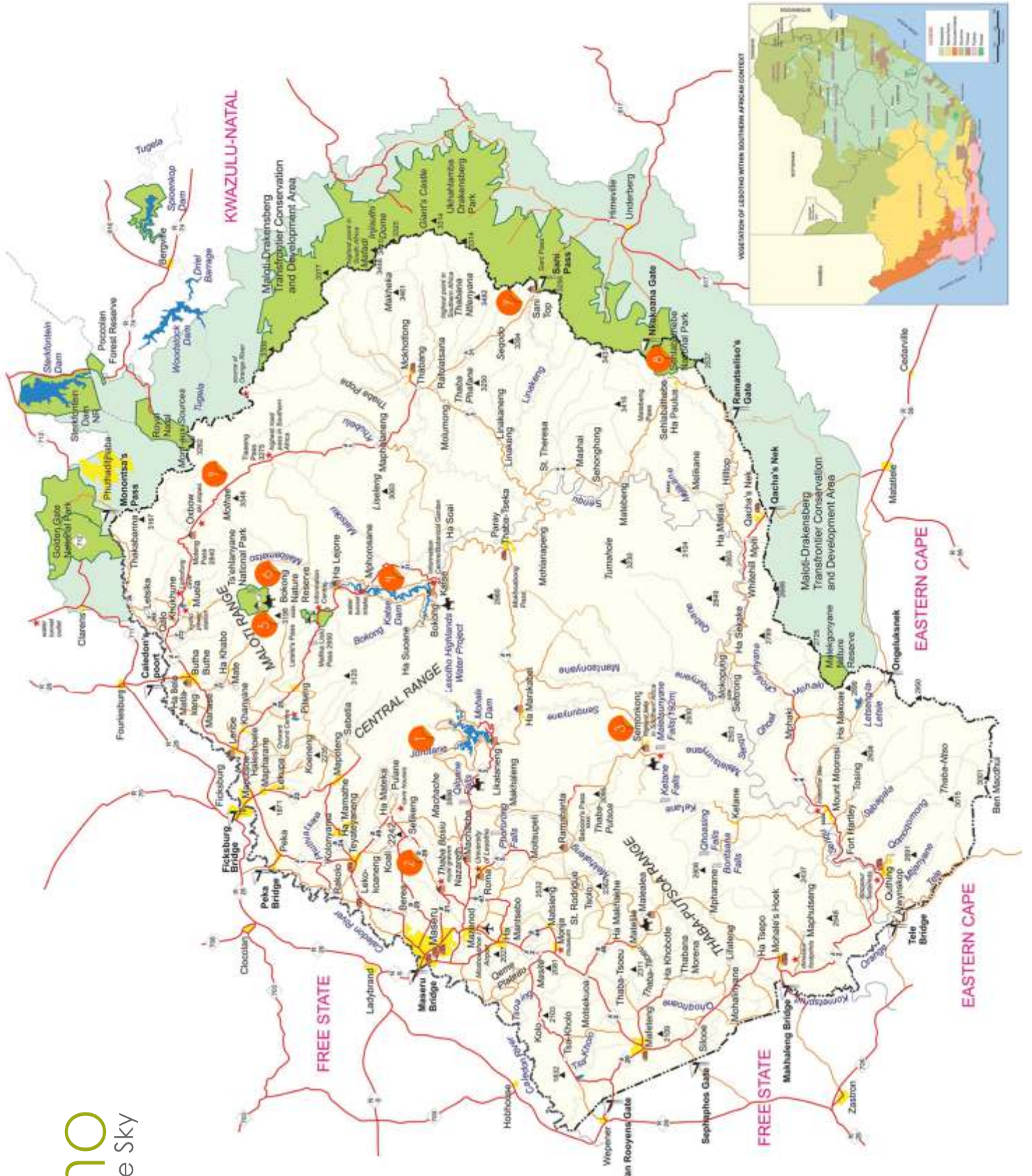


If you're in a vehicle, you have to wear a seatbelt at all times and carry two warning triangles. You must ask permission from the local headman or chief before camping or caravanning anywhere. Do not pick, collect or damage any vegetation as most plants belong to someone in the Basotho land use system. ■

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT	HOST	CONTACT
All year	Slack packing	Trading Post	+266 22340267
March	Menkhoaneng to Thaba Bosiu walk	T.Connexion	+266 22314646
March	Moshoeshoe's day	Government	+266 22316332
March	Cow Racing	Aloes guest house	+266 27005626
March	Kings Horse racing	Semonkong lodge	+266 27006037
April	Junior Roof Motorcycle and Quads	LORA	Mt. Kuoee +266 63058178
May	Afri Ski season open	Afriski	+27 117046799
July 19th	King's Birthday Weekend	Semonkong Lodge	+266 27006037
July	King's cup skiing Competition	Afriski	+27 117046799
September	Afriski cycling	Afriski	+27 117046799
September	Malealea cycling event	Malealea	+27 825524215
September	World Tourism Month	LTDC	+266 22312238
September	Lesotho Sky Cycling	LesothoSky	
October	Morija Arts & Cultural Festival	Morija Museum	+266 22360308
October	Mohokare Golf Classic	Mr. Sekhibane	+266 58850075
November	Tourism Golf Tournament	LTDC	+266 22312238
November	Roof of Africa	LORA	+266 63058178
November	Kome Beer Festival & Glamping	Tangerine	+266 53200442
December	High Altitude	Ministry of Sports	+266 22314763
December	Diva's show	Events.Adz	
December	Tourism Jazz Festival		+266 62005559





**LEGEND**

Town	Yellow circle
Village	Small yellow circle
Tarred Road	Red line
Gravel Road	Orange line
4x4 Route	Black dashed line
Extreme 4x4 Route	Black dotted line
Road Number	Black number
Spot Height	Black triangle
National Boundary	Black dashed line
Nature Reserve	Green shaded area
River and Dam	Blue line and rectangle
Hotel	Red rectangle
Lodge	Orange rectangle
Roadside	Black rectangle
Tented Camp	Black triangle
Pony Trekking	Black circle
Waterfall	
Place of Interest	Black square
Major Airport	Black airplane
Border Post	Black rectangle

North arrow and scale bar.

Scale: 0, 10, 20, 30 Kilometres

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#### ■ **Lehakoe Cultural Hut**

Basotho hats, grass products, cow skin products, beads, portrait pictures, fine pottery

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## ACCOMMODATION

Lesotho offers its visitors a good choice of accommodation, ranging from sophisticated hotels and casinos to lodges with conference facilities, mostly in the capital city - Maseru. Throughout the rest of the country, each district has accommodation ranging from medium-sized hotels, smaller lodges, Bed & Breakfast, as well as self-catering facilities for family and long term stays.

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