



The Kingdom of Swaziland possesses an enchanting mix of natural beauty, warm friendly people and a passionate adherence to cultural identity. Fertile land and peaceful ambience seem to inspire our local artisans who are consistently acclaimed, both locally and internationally, for outstanding quality and original design in their products.

The following are suggested destinations and activities for visitors wishing to explore what our beautiful Kingdom has to offer.

Gone Rural Cultural Tours

Starting point - Approximately 15 min drive from The Royal Villas

Gone Rural is a handcraft company specializing in woven grass products. Working with 13 groups of women across the country, they visit each group every 3 weeks to receive completed orders and place new ones.

The meeting places are in rural areas of the country. Each group comprises about 70 women. The visual delight of these tours is quite extraordinary. On a beautiful hillside, women appear carrying stunning products destined for export (Gone Rural currently exports products to over 35 different countries). Knowing that the women will be paid for their work, the other entrepreneurs arrive and set up market stalls thus creating an intriguing rural market atmosphere.

This authentic entrepreneurial experience comes with a guide to answer all of your questions and, if you would like, will take you to one of the homesteads to see for yourself how the rural Swazi people live.

Two package options are available

Option 1 : Mahablatsini

Visit to Swazi homestead - hand weaving demonstration - river picnic

2-2.5 hours (includes travel time)

10 to 70 people

Option 2: Tea Road

Visit to Swazi homestead - hand weaving demonstration - mountain picnic

10 to 30 people

2.5 to 3 hours (includes travel time)

Transport not included. Price varies with lunch options. The E90 pp charged by Gone Rural is used for community based projects focusing on enabling access to clean water, health and literacy.

The Rosecraft Sculpture Trail

Approximately 45 min drive from The Royal Villas

This beautiful farm in the Makhungutsha Mountains has a gorgeous sculpture trail weaving through indigenous forests and cascading pools. The sculpture trail takes approx 1 hour at a leisurely pace. Walking shoes are recommended.

The farm produces exceptional mohair products. Visitors are invited to tour the workshop and watch the traditional methods used in the spinning, weaving and dye of the yarns. A showroom is available for purchasing the products.

Picnic facilities are available.

Open daily except Sundays and public holidays. Bookings essential. No fee. Picnic provided by Royal Villas upon request.

Maximum 25 people – no large buses due to road – sprinters are fine.

Maguga Dam Houseboat Cruise

Approximately 1.5 hour drive from The Royal Villas

The beautiful Maguga Dam is held in by gorgeous high-veld mountains and boasts excellent tiger fishing and bird watching.

Boat information

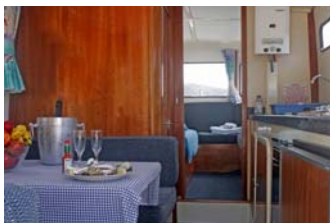
- *Four sleeper / self catering*
- *Fully equipped*
- *En suite*
- *Barbeque facility*
- *Radio/ CD player*
- *Gilly on request*
- *Fish and depth finder*
- *Strategic mooring points*

Activities

- *Bird watching*
- *Game viewing*
- *Fishing*
- *Sun downers*
- *Cruising /Exploring*
- *Romantic meals*

Rates

- R 1, 595.00 per day including one tank of fuel. Check-in 1pm – 4pm check out time the next morning 10am.
- R 1, 700.00 per day including one tank of fuel and a Gilly.
- Additional fuel @ R 300.00 per tank subject to fuel price.
- Day trip R 1, 200.00 maximum 6 pax renting hours 8am—4 pm.



Summerfield Botanical Garden

Approximately 20 min. drive from The Royal Villas

Summerfield Botanical Garden is the first government recognized Botanical Garden established in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

This 96 hectare garden features a lake with waterfalls and cascades and boasts both indigenous and exotic plants including a cycad garden, succulent garden, water garden with Koi, orchards & palm gardens.

The Grand Palm Cascades Restaurant features lakeside pavilions and gazebos serving refreshments for those wishing to relax and revel in this delightful garden setting.

Open Tuesday – Sunday. No entry fee.



Nkhaba Adventure Centre

Approximately 1.5 hour drive from The Royal Villas

Known as the ‘Spiritual centre’ of the country, Nkhaba (bellybutton) mountain is a large granite dome that overlooks the Nkhaba Adventure Centre. Situated 7 km from Maguga Dam in the north of Swaziland, adventure is what you will find on this breathtakingly beautiful mountain. Gorgeous views, rare plant species and delightful walks are available for the more relaxed visitor while quad biking, tandem paragliding and scuba dive pre-training are offered for the thrill-seekers.

The road to the Centre is for high-clearance vehicles only. Free transfers from Maguga Lodge (7km away) are available upon request.

Quad riding (automatic – no clutch skills required, kids bikes also available) E250 per hour
Tandem Paragliding E450 per flight



House on Fire Performance Arena & Sculpture Gallery

Approximately 15min. drive from The Royal Villas

The structure itself twists and winds through a myriad of dimensions and experiences, feelings and processes to leave its audience spellbound and begging for more. The Afro Shakespearean Globe Theatre, suspended mini-baroque lounges, the Soapstone Piazza, the Sky Bar all feed into each other with dazzling detail and an onslaught of colour. The architectural achievement that is House on Fire is acclaimed as a work of art unto itself.

Events featuring live music, theatre and DJs are hosted on selected evenings. Check their website www.house-on-fire.com or ask at reception for programme information.

The House on Fire Gallery has truly original, inspired work for sale. Open 7 days a week. No entry fee.



Nkonyeni Golf Course

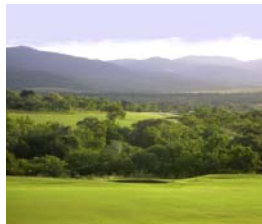
Approximately 45min. drive from The Royal Villas

Set in pristine bushveld, this stunningly beautiful development offers world class golf as well as gorgeous views, abundant bird life and delightful walks.

Nkonyeni Golf Course was designed by Phil Jacobs, previously associated with the Gary Player Group. He has been responsible for a total of 40 golf courses in France, Hong Kong, China, Philippines, Indonesia & South Africa. Phil is renowned for his outstanding course designs including; Leopard Creek, The Links at Fancourt and The Lost City.

Nkonyeni Golf Course is designed to provide an exciting and pleasurable challenge for all golfers. The 18th hole offers a unique shot across the Great Usuthu River onto an island in the river surrounded by magnificent rocks.

There is a clubhouse and restaurant facility with a swimming pool and fully stocked bar.





Coming Soon

We are currently in negotiations with several other companies to create packages for Royal Villas guests.

Packages under discussion include:

- Mountain biking tours (self- guided and guided) in 2 different regions of the country
- Malolotja National Park Drives (in game viewing vehicles) and packages including “Bush Breakfast”, “Mountaintop Sundowners”, Ngwenya Mine Museum Tour & the “Birds of Prey” Tour in the new birds of prey centre at Ngwenya
- Horse riding expeditions
- Fishing in 3 different venues
- Braai area facilities in 2 of Swaziland’s National Parks
- Tree-top canopy tours in Malolotja (under construction)

We have relationships with several companies which provide guiding services and can assist you with your itinerary, transport and activity bookings if you require a more formal arrangement.

We sincerely hope that you enjoy your stay in our beautiful Kingdom and look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Hamba Kahle – Go Well!

The Royal Villas

For questions on any of the above information please contact our marketing department on (+268) 416 7035.

