



# Lesotho 3 Day Riding Expedition

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## *Experience the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho*

**The original, authentic and once-in-a-lifetime horseback adventure into Lesotho.**

Experience a thrilling three-day horseback riding adventure, exploring the Southern Drakensberg Mountains and Lesotho's Sehlabathebe National Park. Khotso, with over three decades of experience, offers an awe-inspiring off-road, off-grid adventure. Enjoy panoramic views and explore parts of two countries most tourists never get to see.

Expect an unforgettable 3-day horse riding adventure through the Southern Drakensberg in South Africa and Lesotho. The ride is suitable for riders of all experience but requires a certain level of fitness. Be prepared for an off-road and off-grid adventure, with no internet or electricity. However, Khotso will provide all necessary equipment for safety and enjoyment, including waterproofs if required. Expert guides will accompany you, providing home-cooked meals, drinks, and an awesome atmosphere. Expect epic memories that you will relive forever.



## *Where we stay*

**Thamatu Lodge, Ha Thamatu  
2400m above sea-level**

Thamatu Lodge in Lesotho is an authentic, purpose-built lodge with multiple dorm-style rondavels and a central lounge/kitchen building. It offers comfortable, clean, and warm bedding, hot showers, and an open fireplace. The lodge is surrounded by a paddock where horses graze.

Thamatu village, where the lodge is located, is simple and lacks electricity, but provides an authentic experience of the local way of life.

The lodge was built and is run by locals, using local materials as much as possible, and aims to provide sustainable support to the community.



## Day 1

The horse riding expedition starts with a 1000m ascent up Bushman's Nek Pass, followed by stunning views of South Africa and Lesotho. After a packed lunch, the journey continues through a valley with opportunities to pick up speed. The day ends at Thamathu village where riders will stay at our lodge, situated in the village.

Accommodation: Thamathu Lodge

Duration: 6 - 7 hours

Distance: 24km



## Day 2

On day 2 of the horseback riding tour, riders will descend into a canyon and ride along a river, where they can swim and visit two caves with Bushman's Paintings. After the gorge, riders climb to a large plateau for long gallops near a mountain lake with rare birds. The route also passes through villages, providing opportunities to meet locals, experience their way of life, and try local home-brewed beer.

Accommodation: Thamatu Lodge

Duration: 5 - 6 hours

Distance: 20km



## Day 3

Day 3 requires an early start to reach Bushman's Nek Border Post before 4 PM. We return via a different route with a swim at a large waterfall and lunch en route. Khotso staff will welcome us with snacks and drinks before transport back to Khotso for a warm shower, dinner, and celebratory drinks.

Accommodation: Khotso Lodge

Duration: 5 - 6 hours

Distance: 20km



# FAQ's

## When can we ride?

Horse riding is available year-round, with cozy winter evenings around a fire and beautiful mountain scenery covered in grasses and snow. Summer offers greenery, heat, and the potential for thunderstorms, so rides start early to avoid bad weather. A minimum of two people per ride is required, but interested individuals can contact to be linked with a riding group.



## How do we book?

To book or inquire, contact us. A 50% deposit is required to secure the booking, but if not possible, a working South African phone number is needed. Riders must confirm the ride by contacting us one day in advance. No-shows are not tolerated, as our entire staff prepares for each trip.

## What ages can ride?

This 3-day expedition requires a good level of fitness, attentiveness, and a weight limit of 90kgs due to the use of Basotho horses. The minimum age requirement is 8 years and there is no upper age limit, but guests should be capable of extended riding and hiking. All riders must sign an indemnity before setting out.



## Do we need any experience?

No matter your experience level, all are welcome on our thrilling horseback ride. As long as you are of age and weigh under 90kgs, we can accommodate you. With our highly experienced guides, riders can feel confident and at ease throughout the entire expedition. Our horses are trained from birth, with our grooms interacting with them at the earliest opportunity - ensuring they are comfortable and calm around humans. As a result, our mounts are suitable for riders of all levels.

## What is there is an emergency?

At Khotso, safety is a top priority on expeditions. While horse riding into a mountain range is not entirely risk-free, our experienced guides know the route well and are trained in first aid. In case of serious injury or emergency, we are covered by Berg Protection Services, who provide medical and safety services, including emergency evacuation.




## What does the cost include?

The cost of the 3-Day Lesotho Expedition is all-inclusive, covering breakfast on the day of departure through to dinner on the night of our return to Khotso. Enjoy **one** drink of your choice (wine, beer, soft drink, etc.) per person with your dinner, with extra drinks available for purchase. Please note that accommodation for the night before the trip and the night of our return is not included in the package, but we can book it for you if needed.





*We look forward to hearing  
from you*

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