



OVERVIEW

Leshiba Wilderness is a 2500-hectare private game reserve located on top of the Soutpansberg Mountains (approximately 1200m above sea level) in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Located in one of South Africa's most bio-diverse environments, Leshiba is home to a vast range of flora and fauna, many of which are rare and endangered. Our closest town is Louis Trichardt.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT LESHIBA

The wildlife at Leshiba includes giraffe, zebra, leopard, wildebeest, waterbuck, warthogs, red duiker, klipspringer, mountain reedbuck and many more. Leshiba's birdlife includes nesting pairs of Black and Crowned Eagles, Bat Hawks, the rare Narina Trogon and Knysna and Purple crested Turacos, along with approximately 255 other species.

We have three accommodation venues, all available on an exclusive basis: Our Venda Art Lodge, Hamasha Bushcamp and Luvhondo Bush Camp. Self-catered and catered options are available. At Leshiba we offer self-guided walks and hikes, guided walks to Bushman rock paintings, game drives and mountain biking (bring your own bikes or rent one of 2 we have available) as well as a variety of massage therapies.

Leshiba has been certified by Fair Trade in Tourism in South Africa.






LOCATION

Leshiba is situated on the top of the Soutpansberg Mountains in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. The entrance to our road is 36km west of Louis Trichardt.

The GPS Coordinates for RECEPTION are: **-22.9837 S 29.5584 E**

Travel times in order for guests to plan their arrival at Leshiba:

Johannesburg to Leshiba via the N1	5 hours
Louis Trichardt to Leshiba via the R522	1 hour
Louis Trichardt to the transfer / meeting point via the R522	30 minutes
Transfer point at the bottom of the mountain to Reception	30 minutes
Polokwane to Louis Trichardt or Vivo via the N1 or R521	1 hour
Pont Drift Border Post (Mashatu/Tuli) to Leshiba	2.5 hours
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Limpopo, South Africa





VENDA ART LODGE

STANDARD ROOMS - MARULA, LEMON TREE, WILD PLUM, MBEKI AND NORIA

- Only available on a full board basis
- We have five standard rooms, all en-suite
- Our standard rooms are thatched huts with original works of Venda art
- The huts sleep 9 pax - 2 x doubles, 2 x twins, 1 small single suitable for guide/child
- All have en-suite bathrooms (shower only)
- Toiletries provided
- Thatched dining lapa overlooking the valley
- Deck with sunken fire pit and swimming pool
- Lounge with fireplace
- Central kitchen with beautiful views





ACCOMMODATION

VENDA ART LODGE

LUXURY SUITES – MWEDZI AND DUVHA

- Available on a self-catered or full board basis
- Two luxury suites, both en-suite, with views across the valley
- Each is secluded with a King size bed (can convert to twins), dining room & lounge
- Each has an en-suite bathroom with a bath, double showers and outdoor shower
- Toiletries provided
- Dressing gowns
- Gas heater
- Plunge pool
- Fully equipped kitchen with fridge & freezer, gas stove and oven
- Barbecue/braai equipment

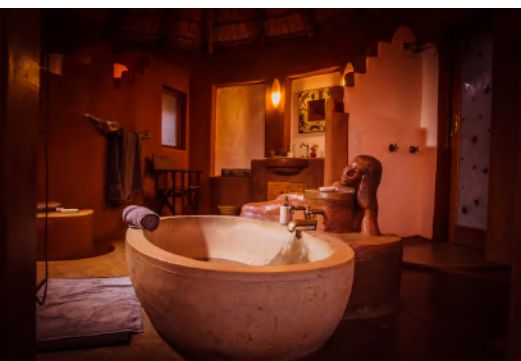




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NALEDZI, TADULU AND MILORO LAVISH SUITES

- Only available on a full board basis
- Three lavish suites, all en-suite
- These flagship suites have views across the valley
- Secluded luxury units with King size bedrooms and wood burning fireplaces
- Lounge with sleeper couch and pull-out bed for up to 2 children (Tadulu and Naledzi)
- Each has an en-suite bathroom with a large bath, shower and outdoor shower
- Toiletries and dressing gowns provided
- Mini-bar fridge, as well as a tea and coffee making station
- Plunge pool (Tadulu and Naledzi)
- Wraparound deck, outdoor firepit, and seating





ACCOMMODATION

HAMASHA BUSHCAMP

- Only available on a self-catered basis
- Remote six-bedded bush camp, five kilometres from Venda Art Lodge
- Two separate cottages
- Cottage one – Queen bed with an en-suite bathroom with a shower and toilet, as well as an outdoor shower and outdoor bath. Couch bed can sleep two extra pax
- Cottage two – Two rooms: 1 x Queen bed with an en-suite shower and toilet, outdoor shower, and outdoor bath. 1 x twin room with an en-suite shower and toilet, as well as an outdoor shower
- Fully equipped open-plan kitchen with an electric fridge, freezer, gas stove and oven
- Open plan lounge and dining room with a wood burning fireplace
- Central outdoor braai/barbecue area with an open fireplace
- The camp is run off solar power with solar and gas water heaters
- No mobile reception
- Free WiFi

* Please note: A 4 x 4 or high clearance vehicle is required to reach the camp





ACCOMMODATION

LUVHONDO BUSH CAMP

- Luvhondo can sleep 16 people in 8 rooms and can sleep up to a maximum of 28 people sharing as follows:
- One large rondavel divided into two en-suite twin rooms sleeping two in each
- Three large rondavels divided into two, each sleeping two to four people configured as twins or bunk beds
- Two outside communal bathrooms each with two showers, two toilets and two washbasins
- A large open-plan thatched kitchen, lounge and dining room with wraparound veranda offering a place to relax and interact
- Luvhondo is solar powered and grey water is filtered into a nearby dam, which attracts game to the immediate area
- All the systems have been designed to be eco-friendly and self-sustainable
- Free WiFi





FACILITIES & CATERING

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- All kitchens are fully equipped with all cooking utensils, cutlery, crockery and braai (barbecue) equipment including potjie pots
- Dishwash liquid, dishcloths, matches, candles, refuse bags, etc. are all supplied
- The fridges are electric, on solar power and there are gas stoves with gas ovens
- The Venda Art Lodge & Hamasha have an indoor fireplace in the lounge
- The Lavish suites have indoor fireplaces
- The Luxury suites have gas heaters
- All the bedrooms at The Venda Art Lodge & Hamasha have their own en-suite shower & toilet
- The Luxury suites, Lavish suites and Hamasha all have their own outdoor showers
- The Luxury & Lavish suites have a bath, shower, toilet, outdoor shower & private plunge pools *(except Miloro, but it is in close proximity to the lodge's pool)
- Tea and coffee, sugar, salt and pepper are supplied at all camps
- One load of wood, toilet paper, soap as well as all bedding and towels are supplied
- Extra wood, toilet paper, soap and essentials are available for purchase

CATERING

Leshiba offers the following catering options:

1. Fully catered
2. Self-catered

* Dietary Requirements – these must be communicated on confirmation of your booking

* We cater for all dietary needs

* Note: There is no restaurant at Leshiba – we cater for each individual booking



ACTIVITIES

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- We offer game drives & guided walks
- Guided walks in the morning depart between 07:00 & 07:30 – the duration varies from 1.5 - 2.5 hrs
- Game drives in the afternoon depart between 16:00 & 16:30 - the duration is around 2.5 hrs
- Specialised walks integrating tracking, birding, medicinal plants, trees and archaeology
- There are 10 well-marked hiking trails and guests are welcome to walk without a guide
- Clamber down and along gorges with seasonal rock pools
- There are seven San Bushman Rock Art sites, which can be visited on one of the guided walks
- We have 12 km of single track for mountain bikers and trail runners
- Bring your own bikes or rent one of two we have available for hire
- We offer a variety of massage therapies (subject to availability of a therapist)
- Venda Art Lodge Walkabout (subject to availability)

*Please note, we do not allow any self-drives

EXPERIENCES THAT CAN BE ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

- Spectacular stargazing experiences
- Venda Rural Lifestyle Tours which include visiting local wood carvers, artists and local markets



WHAT TO BRING

We suggest that you bring the following:

- A good flashlight/torch
- Binoculars
- A good selection of clothing
- Good walking sandals, shoes or boots
- Warm jacket and raincoat
- Sunhat, sunscreen
- All food, drinks & provisions for self-catering. The nearest shop is a one-hour drive away down the mountain in Louis Trichardt, our closest town
- Extra towels for swimming in rock pools
- Insect repellent essential for repelling ticks. We recommend Peaceful Sleep or Bayticol for spraying on clothing
- Extra camera/video camera batteries and adaptors as we are not always able to charge these





MOUNTAIN TRANSFERS

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- We offer transfers from the bottom of the mountain to the top at an extra charge
- Transfers up the mountain are strictly before 15h00 hours
- Transfers down the mountain are at 09h30
- Mountain transfers are by pre-arrangement
- Guests' vehicles can be left at the bottom of the mountain and we will then arrange a mountain transfer at an extra charge EACH way per vehicle used (NOT per person)
- Guests must arrive during daylight hours due to the nature of the mountain road
- It is required that guests contact us en-route to ensure timeous arrival and pick up
- If for whatever reason the guest has been delayed en-route and will be unable to arrive at the meeting point at the agreed time, they MUST phone us at least an hour before arrival, in order to make alternative arrangements
- You are required to have your own 4x4 or high clearance vehicle if you are staying at Hamasha Bush Camp

THE MOUNTAIN ROAD

- The last three kilometres to the entrance to Leshiba takes you up a relatively steep incline to the top of the mountain
- The road is not suitable for vehicles with a limited ground clearance although the road is not limited to 4x4 vehicles only
- We do recommend a vehicle with good clearance underneath as we have drainage bumps that can knock the undercarriage of very low vehicles



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADVISORY

- Children are welcome, but should be accompanied by an adult – Please note;
- There are artworks at the Venda Art Lodge
- There are drop offs at the Venda Art Lodge
- All swimming pools are unfenced
- Breakages will be charged for
- Leshiba is unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs due to its rugged terrain

CHECK IN

- Check in between 14h00 and 17h00
- Check out 09h30

CHILDREN

- Children of all ages are welcome
- As our lodges are in wildlife areas, all children under the age of 12 must be under the care of a parent/guardian/adult, at all times
- We do not offer babysitting services
- A camper cot and baby bath can be arranged

COMMUNICATIONS

- There is free Wi-Fi at all accommodation venues
- There is limited Vodacom mobile phone reception on the property and occasional MTN reception in limited areas

CANCELLATION POLICY

Payment Details

- A 50% deposit is required In order to confirm the booking
- Balance is due 14 days before arrival
- All prices include VAT & are subject to change without prior notice

Should the reservation be cancelled the following costs will apply

- Between six and four weeks of arrival 25% of the total amount
- Four weeks – 48 hours before arrival date 50% of the total amount
- Less than 48 hours before arrival date 100% of the total amount

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

- Our cuisine is African-Western Fusion. We will cater to dietary requirements wherever possible. Dietary requirements must be communicated two weeks in advance or on confirmation of your booking

DRINKING WATER

- The tap water is safe to drink at Leshiba, and drinking it helps reduce your carbon footprint

ELECTRICITY

- There is no municipal electricity at Leshiba
- The Venda Art Lodge has a combination of solar power, paraffin lamps as well as gas and electrical appliances
- Hamasha has solar power and gas appliances.
- Luvhondo has solar power and gas appliances
- No hairdryers, GHDs, kettles, etc. can be used on our systems

FIRE HYDRANTS

- Fire extinguishers are placed throughout the facilities

FIREWOOD

- We supply one large load of firewood
- Extra firewood on request charged at R250 per load

FUEL

- There is no petrol or diesel at Leshiba. The last fill up stations are at Louis Trichardt or Vivo and there is a filling station +/- 5km from our turn off towards Louis Trichardt

GRATUITIES

If you are satisfied with the service you have received, any gratuity that you may wish to leave for the staff will be greatly appreciated. We pool all these gifts of appreciation and divide them equally. This is entirely at your discretion. There is a gratuity box at Reception. Any currency is acceptable but please note that local banks do not change foreign coins. We accept Master and Visa credit cards for gratuities

LANGUAGES

- English
- Afrikaans
- Venda

MALARIA

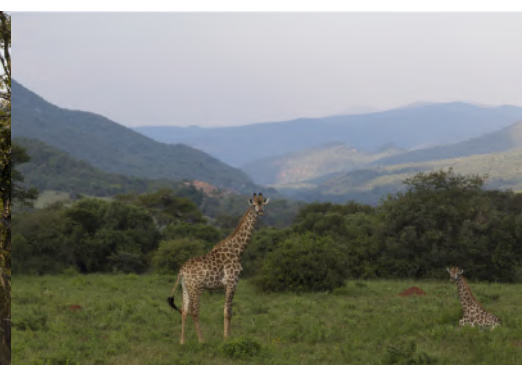
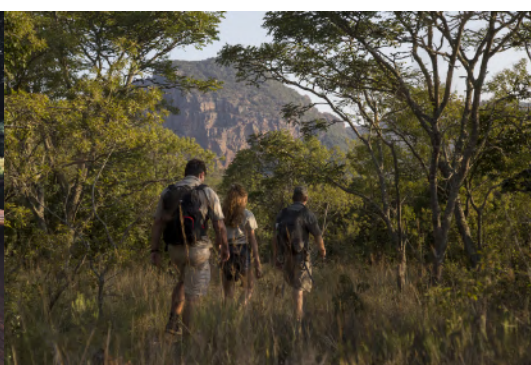
Leshiba is not known as a malaria area. However, if you will be travelling throughout the Limpopo, we recommend you speak to your local travel clinic and take the necessary precautions

PAYMENT

- EFT, Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted

TEMPERATURES

- In summer the temperatures average between 18 and 35 degrees Celsius and winter temperatures range from 0 to 23 degrees Celsius. We are often in early morning mist and when it rains the temperatures can drop quite low even in summer
- Our rainfall season is between the end of October and April. This is when our streams and rock pools are running, depending on the amount of rain that falls
- In autumn and winter, we are not as green, but the walking is fantastic and there is a greater opportunity to see wildlife because the bush is not too dense. The rock pools are generally empty at this time of the year



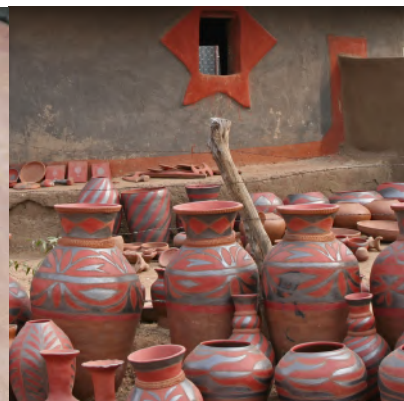


THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

RURAL LIFESTYLE TOUR (SELF-DRIVE OR ARRANGE A TOUR)

- Visiting the local Venda artists, potters and woodcarvers*

**Rural Lifestyle Tour must be booked at least two weeks in advance.*





CONSERVATION + CULTURE

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Leshiba is committed to preserving and encouraging the culture and heritage of the indigenous Venda people. Leshiba's artworks include massive snakes carved out of wood, sculpted statues and ceramic urns. Many of the artists are world renowned, including Noria Mabasa who transformed the Venda Art Lodge into a sculpted wonderland.

Leshiba, in conjunction with the local Venda Community established its Centre for Indigenous Knowledge to research, develop and promote the rich culture and heritage of the people of the area. This facility, known as Luvhondo Camp, is available for workshops, retreats, and celebrations, as well as accommodation for families and friends.

CONSERVATION

As caretakers of Leshiba, we aim to conserve the natural wilderness and protect the fauna and flora within the reserve and our surrounds. To this end, we employ a full-time anti-poaching team.

We follow an environmental impact assessment policy. We maintain the correct number of fauna of each species to allow for optimum grazing for the wildlife that live here. We have a huge diversity of flora and many protected species.

As part of the UNESCO Vhembe Biosphere Reserve, we honour our responsibility to take care of the land under our protection as well as the surrounding area and the Soutpansberg as a whole.

Our local community plays a major role in the success of Leshiba. All our employees are from the surrounding community and many of our staff were born on Leshiba. We are committed to supporting the community and encourage our guests to enquire about the projects we are involved in that they may wish to contribute towards