

# Leshiba

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

**CHECK IN: 14h00**

**CHECK OUT: 09h30.**

## WHERE IS LESHIBA

Leshiba is situated on the top of the Soutpansberg Mountains in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. 36km to our turn off, west of Louis Trichardt.

GPS Co-ordinates for **RECEPTION** at Leshiba: - **22.9837 S 29.5584 E**

## VEHICLES

- The last 3 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.
- Most vehicles make it up to us with little difficulty, but we do recommend a vehicle with good clearance underneath as we have drainage bumps that can knock the undercarriage of very low vehicles.
- **The gate to Leshiba is kept locked. Please call in advance for the code.**

## MOUNTAIN TRANSFERS (Not applicable to Hamasha Bush Camp)

**We offer transfers from the bottom of the mountain to the top at an extra charge**

**Transfer up the mountain between 14h00 and 16h00 hours.**

- 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 the lodge not less than 24 hours prior to arrival.

- If for whatever reason the guest has been delayed en-route and will be unable to arrive at the meeting point they must contact the lodge at least an hour before arrival in order to make alternative arrangements.

### **Transfers down the mountain at 09h30.**

- Should you wish to do a transfer outside of the time above – this can be prearranged at an extra charge of R150 over and above the cost of the transfer.

**If you are staying at Hamasha Bush Camp, it is preferable that you have a high clearance vehicle or 4 x 4 to reach the Camp**

## FULL BOARD RATES

Include accommodation, early morning tea / coffee, breakfast & dinner. A variety of herbal teas, coffee, fresh fruit and homemade cakes and biscuits (throughout the day), one game activity per day (either guided walk or game drive). Rates exclude all beverages, mountain transfer, other activities and gratuities.

**Please Note: A light lunch is available on request**

There is **no restaurant** at Leshiba – we cater for each individual booking with a set menu – there is no à la carte menu. We have an **Honesty Bar at the Lodge - a tab is kept of the drinks that are consumed and will be billed on departure.**

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

## SELF-CATERED RATES:

Include accommodation ONLY. All game activities, mountain transfer, meals, etc. are EXCLUDED.

**Please Note- Should more than 1 meal be requested (either breakfast or dinner) – the full board rate will apply.**

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Guided walks depart in the morning between 07:00 and 07:30 – duration varies between 1,5 & 2 hrs.  
Game drives depart in the afternoon between 16:00 and 16:30 and the duration is around 2,5 hrs.  
Other activities are extra and can be arranged on arrival at the Lodge

## DISTANCES FOR TRAVELLING

**Travel times for guests to plan their arrival at Leshiba.**

Johannesburg to Leshiba via the N1	5 hours
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Louis Trichardt to Leshiba reception 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 Leshiba reception	30 minutes
Polokwane to Louis Trichardt or Vivo (Makhado): via the N1 or R521	1 hour
Pont Drift Border Post (Mashatu/Tuli) to Leshiba reception	2.5 hours
Punda Maria Gate (KNP) to Leshiba via Louis Trichardt	2.5 hours
Tzaneen to Leshiba via the R36	2.5 hours

## ELECTRICITY /POWER

- There is no municipal electricity at Leshiba
- The Venda Art Lodge has a combination of solar power, electric fridges and gas appliances.
- Hamasha has a solar lighting system, gas stove and oven and an electric fridge and freezer.
- Luvhondo has solar power and gas appliances.
- No hairdryers, GHD's etc. can be used on our systems.
- To charge up items, please communicate this to the Managers and these will be charged in the mornings only between 07h00 and 13h00

## CELL / MOBILE PHONES / Wi-Fi

- There is free Wi-Fi at the Lodge, Hamasha and Luvhondo.
- There is very limited mobile phone reception at Leshiba

## CAMP EQUIPMENT AND SET UP

- The kitchens in the two luxury suites (Mwedzi and Duvha), Hamasha and Luvhondo are fully equipped with all cooking utensils / cutlery / crockery and braaing (barbequing) equipment.
- Dish wash liquid, dishcloths, matches, candles, refuse bags, etc are all supplied.
- Mwedzi and Duvha Luxury suites have gas operated fridges and stoves with ovens.
- Hamasha has a stove and oven. There is a potjie pot.
- Hamasha has an indoor fireplace.
- All the bedrooms at Hamasha and The Venda Art Lodge have their own en-suite shower and toilet.
- Each bedroom at Hamasha has its own outdoor shower and two rooms have an outdoor bath.
- The Luxury suites have a bath, shower and toilet as well as an outdoor shower and private plunge pools. Gas heaters.
- The Lavish suites - have a bath, shower, and toilet as well as an outdoor shower and private plunge pools, deck and wood burning fireplaces. \* Miloro Lodge Suite has no plunge pool
- Wood, toilet paper, all bedding and towels are supplied.

## WHAT TO BRING

We suggest that you bring the following:

- **Insect repellent - bring Peaceful Sleep and Tea Tree Oil which will help repel ticks**
- A good flashlight / torch
- Binoculars

- A good selection of clothing
- Good walking sandals or boots.
- Warm jacket and raincoat
- Sunhat, sunscreen
- **All food and drinks if self-catering. The nearest shop is a one-hour drive away down the mountain. There is no restaurant at Leshiba.**
- Extra towels for swimming
- Extra camera / video camera batteries as we are not always able to charge these.

## FUEL

- There is no petrol or diesel at Leshiba. The last fill up stations are at Louis Trichardt or Vivo

## 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 the wilderness is at her prettiest and our streams / rock pools are running depending on the amount of rain that falls.
- In autumn and winter the wilderness is not as green but the walking is fantastic and there is a greater opportunity to see game because the bush is not too dense. The rock pools are generally empty at this time of the year.

## ACTIVITIES

- We offer game drives and guided walks
- We do not allow any self-drives.
- There are 12 well-marked hiking trails, and anyone is free to walk without a guide.
- There are a number of rock art sites on Leshiba, which can be visited on one of the guided walks.
- We have a 12-kilometre single track for mountain bikers and trail runners.
- Bring your own bikes or hire the 2 two available from Reception.
- We offer massages. These can be booked on site.

## THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES CAN BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

- Stargazing
- An African Jazz band with Venda wood carver and musician, Thomas Kubayi

## WATER

- The water at Leshiba is great for drinking

## THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Tours to the following can be arranged. **These are outsourced and must be booked in advance.**

- The Venda artists
- Local potters at Mashamba
- Lake Fundudzi, the sacred lake of the Venda people
- The Big tree and the hot springs

### **MALARIA**

- Leshiba is Malaria FREE! However, if you will be travelling throughout the Limpopo, we recommend you speak to your local travel clinic.