



ABOUT LESOTHO THE KINGDOM IN THE SKY

With all of its land lying at altitudes in excess of 1300m above sea-level, it is a land of heights and extremes; Lesotho offers breath-taking mountain vistas, awesome adventure and fascinating culture.

Adventure awaits you in the Mountain Kingdom with a range of activities on land, on the snow and in the water. Lesotho is famous for its spectacular scenic beauty branded by breath-taking mountain ranges, towering peaks, a rich variety of flora and fauna, crystal clear streams, surging waterfalls, diverse culture and a snow blanket seen high in the mountains across the country in winter. While travelling around the country, visitors will come across the various forms of crafts that are handmade by Basotho.

The mountains, landscape and high altitude lure bikers, 4X4 riders and hikers to explore them in search for adrenaline teasing challenges and adventure. In the southern part of the country, the Sehlabathebe National Park - Lesotho's flagship park, forms part of the itinerary for any visitor to Lesotho offering majestic scenery. The park is also home to a wide variety of flora and fauna, some of which have never been found elsewhere in the world.

Whether it is for relaxing, adventure or sporting activities that tourists may visit Lesotho, they will always be amazed by extreme sporting activities, beautiful rock formations and rock paintings, ancient creatures' footprints like the dinosaurs and bird watching. Those who wish to explore routes on foot and experience the Basotho culture will find what they are looking for. The waters of Lesotho allow for canoeing, boating and fishing among a hive of other water-based

General Information

Lesotho experiences extreme in temperatures during its summer and winter seasons. Winter in Lesotho occurs between May to September and summer between October to April. Winter months experience snowfall and temperatures falling to below freezing point, with the coldest months being June and July. On the other hand, summer in Lesotho is warm and wet, with January and February being the hottest months and also experiencing the maximum amount of rainfall. Temperatures during the summer months range between 15 to 35 degrees Celsius. Despite its relatively higher temperatures, summer season in Lesotho is comfortable and not too hot to step outdoors. With plenty of sunlight and pleasant days, the summer months of October to April are a good time to visit Lesotho. If one specially wants to avoid the rains and yet experience the good weather and many tourist activities, the best time to visit would be between October to November and following the rainy period, during March and April.

Lesotho's main currency is the Maloti, which is tied to the South African Rand. South African Rand is spent interchangeably with Maloti. Maloti is available only in Lesotho, and cannot be used in South Africa. Major currencies can be exchanged for Maloti and Rand at most hotels,



banks and ATMS, and forex bureaus across Lesotho, using Visa and MasterCard networks. Travellers' cheques can be exchanged at hotels, local banks, and exchange bureau.

It is always highly recommended that medical exams be performed prior to travel. Vaccinations such as Anti- malarial prophylactics may be necessary. Under International Health Regulations, a certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required from travellers over 9 months of age travelling from Lesotho to or from Lesotho. Children and pregnant women may require special vaccination procedures. Therefore, travellers should seek medical attention well in advance to ensure proper protection prior to travel. Eat and drink safely, bottled water can be bought in most hotels and supermarkets at a reasonable price. Department of Health leaflet (Ref T7.1) "Health Advice to Travelers is available from your GP, Travel Agent or online.

Any prescribed medication should be carried in your hand luggage with a Doctor's prescription. We would advise that you take medicines to treat dehydration, small ailments and stomach upsets as such items may not always available in Lesotho. Center for Disease Control recommends you get Hepatitis A and B vaccine because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water, depending of where you are eating or staying. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travellers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Visa

e- visa can be applied for online at <https://lesothovisaapp.com/FormNewApplicantStart.aspx>

Every citizen of a foreign country who wishes to visit the Kingdom of Lesotho on any visa category must first obtain a visa through the Lesotho e-visa system. Citizens of countries that have visa abolition agreements with Lesotho and citizens of some Commonwealth countries are exempt from this rule. To check if your country needs visa or is exempt visit <http://evisalesotho.com/visa-exemptions/>

Fees

Visa Categories	Application Fee
Multiple Entry Visa	\$250
Single Entry Visa	\$150



For more information on Visa application, Excellencies are requested to contact HE Kholu Mahao kholu@wocsummit.com

General Requirements

- Passport valid for travel with a validity date of at least six months beyond your intended period of stay in the Kingdom of Lesotho.
- Itinerary stating the purpose of your trip whether for a temporary visit such as business, pleasure, or schooling.
- Invitation Letter requesting your presence in the Kingdom of Lesotho.
- An introduction letter from your employer detailing your position, salary, how long you have been employed, any authorized vacation, and the business purpose, if any, of your trip.
- Bank Statement/Evidence of funds to cover your expenses while in Lesotho.
- A yellow fever certificate from travellers coming from an infected area where HIV/AIDS is prevalent.
- Travel Insurance.

Other documents as requested can include:

- a. Address where you will be staying – if known.
- b. If you are traveling with a minor aged 16 and below, you must provide the following:
 1. Names must be the same, family or birth certificates must be supplied.
 2. If not of the same family, a letter from birth parent, guardian – with documentation showing guardianship, allowing the minor to travel to Lesotho.



BORDER GATES

Border Post	Daily Operating Hours	Contact No.
Caledonspoort Butha Buthe 2hr drive to Maseru	06:00 - 22:00	Tel: (058) 223 8400 Fax: (058) 223 1012
Ficksburg Bridge Maputsoe 1.30 hr drive to Maseru	24 hours	Tel: (051) 933 2760 Fax: (051) 933 4540
Maseru Bridge	24 hours	Tel: (051) 924 4300 Fax: (051) 924 4000
Van Rooyens Gate Mafeteng 1hr drive to Maseru	06:00 - 22:00	Tel: (051) 583 1525 Fax: (051) 583 1530
Peka Bridge 45 min drive to Maseru	08:00 - 16:00	Tel: (051) 933 3951 Fax: (051) 933 5353

NB: ALL DRIVERS ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE CAR REGISTRATION DOCUMENT AT HAND. IF THE CAR DOES NOT BELONG TO THE DRIVER, AN AFFIDAVIT AS WELL AS ID COPY OF THE OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO CAR REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS.

Shuttle Services

(Airport to Hotel & Return from Hotel to Airport)

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Rates

Moshoeshoe I to City center = Cost: R150.00 pp

Around Town: R 75.00 per trip one way



ACCOMODATION

Hotel Name	Single bed	Double Bed PP Sharing	Bed & Breakfast	Contact number	From Hotel to venue
Avani Lesotho	M1,700	M2,000 00	Yes	+266 2224 3000	3 min drive
Avani Maseru	M1 300	M1,560 00	Yes	+266 2224 3000	5 min drive
Thaba Bosiu Cultural Village	M900 00	M450 00	Yes	Reservation made via GBR office	20 min drive
M p i l o Boutique Hotel	M1437	M2 085 00	Yes	+ 2 6 6 52203000	4 min drive
Reitumetse Guest House	M580 00	N/A	Yes	+266 22323176	5 min drive
Lehae B&B	M700,00	M1000 00	Yes		10 min drive
The Anne's Guest House	1000	1300	Yes	FULLY BOOKED	

NB Thaba Bosiu Cultural Village is highly recommended for those who will be travelling by the arranged bus.

Maloti (M: Lesotho currency) is equivalent to the South African Rand. SA Rand is acceptable in Lesotho