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FAQ's

ELECTRICITY /POWER

- There is no electricity at Leshiba other than a generator at the Farmhouse.
- The Venda Village has a combination of solar power, paraffin lamps and gas appliances.
- Hamasha has a gas lighting system and gas appliances.

CAMP EQUIPMENT AND SET UP (FOR SELF-CATERING OPTIONS)

- The kitchens at both camps 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.
 - The fridges are gas operated and The Village has a stove with an oven.
 - Hamasha has a hot plate stove and no oven. There are potjie pots at both camps.
 - Both camps have indoor fireplaces.
 - All the bedrooms at both camps have their own en-suite shower and toilet. There is one outdoor luxury bathroom at The Village with a large stone bath.
 - The two luxury suites have both a bath and shower as well as an outdoor shower.
 - Each bedroom at Hamasha has its own outdoor shower as well.
 - Wood, toilet paper, all bedding and towels are supplied.
- **All food and drinks must be brought if self-catering. The nearest shop is a one-hour drive away down the mountain.**

WHAT TO BRING

We suggest that you bring the following:

- A good flashlight / torch
- Binoculars
- A good selection of clothing
- Good walking sandals or boots.
- Warm jacket and raincoat
- Sunhat, sunscreen
- Extra towels for swimming
- Insect repellent (not essential but useful)
- Extra camera / video camera batteries as we are not always able to charge these.

CELLPHONES / MOBILE PHONES

- There is very limited Vodacom and Cell C coverage at Lesheba and no MTN reception.
- There is a telephone at the farmhouse / reception which can be used for emergencies.

FUEL

- There is no petrol or diesel at Leshiba. The last fill up stations are at Makhado/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.

GAME / GAME DRIVES / WALKING / HORSE RIDING

- There are 8 white rhino on Leshiba as well as giraffe, zebra, waterbuck, eland and most other antelope. There are also leopard and brown hyena although sightings are rare.
- We offer game drives and guided walks but we do not allow any self-drives.
- There are 10 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 offer adventure horse trails at Leshiba for intermediate and experienced riders. Beginner rides can be arranged.

DISTANCES FOR TRAVELLING

- Lesheba is a five-hour drive from Johannesburg and 4 and 1/2 hours from Pretoria.
- We are a 2 hours drive from Polokwane (Pietersburg).
- Beit Bridge border post (Zimbabwe) to Leshiba is approximately a 2 and 1/2 hour drive
- Pont Drift border post (Botswana / Tuli block) is approximately a 2 hour 15 minute drive

VEHICLES

- 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 low-clearance vehicles.
- We do offer transfers from the bottom of the mountain to the top.

WATER

- The water at Leshiba is great for drinking

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Tours to the following can be arranged:

- 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!