



BASOTHO CULTURAL VILLAGE
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Basotho cultural village is an open-air museum which depicts the life style of the Basotho people from the 16th century to the present period. It is a cultural institution focusing on the broad history of the Basotho people showcased in the living museum, which introduce tourist to Basotho lifestyle. The traditional huts which forms a “museum” are built according to the time frame depicted by each one from the sixteen century to the present time as well as cultural artifacts displayed in each hut.

The layout of BCV was started in April 1991 and the village was official opening was on the 20th October 1994. Basotho Cultural Village is located within Golden Gate National Park, just about 17km from Phuthaditjhaba.

VILLAGE /MUSEUM TOURS

This is the main activity of the Basotho Cultural Village. Tourists and visitors are introduced to the architectural and lifestyle of the Basotho dating back to the sixteenth century. The tour highlights the evolution of the lifestyle to the present. As a living village, actors are present to demonstrate daily activities in the life of a Mosotho. Indigenous food like JWALA- traditional beer, DIPABI- roasted corn with salt and sugar, can be tasted through the tour.

DAILY RATES	ADULT	CHILD	PENSIONER	TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	STUDENTS EDUCATOR	CRECHES TEACHER
LOCALS	R 60.00	R 40.00	R 50.00	R 30.00	R 20.00	R 10.00 R 20.00
INTERNATIONALS	R 80.00	R 50.00	R 60.00	R 40.00	N/A	N/A

HERBAL TRAILS

The Herbal trail is conducted with a traditional healer who identifies and reveals medicinal values of plants and herbs along a one to two hours walk that leads to the San paintings. The art of healing with plants is believed to have been derived from the San, hence the journey links to the original inhabitants of the area

DAILY RATES	ADULT	CHILD	PENSIONER	TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	STUDENTS EDUCATOR	
LOCALS	R 100.00	R 80.00	R 90.00	R 60.00	R30.00	N/A
INTERNATIONALS	R 120.00	R 100.00	R 110.00			

TRADITIONAL VENUE

The amphitheatre have worked as venue for private and public functions such as wedding ceremonies and traditional dance competition venue. The venue has also been used as a location for television and film productions

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Basotho Cultural village is involved in empowering artists and crafters in the Free State. This is realized through the sales of arts and crafts at the art gallery and curio shop opened for tourists at the village. The fine works of art and craft are also taken to exhibitions and hosted nationally

CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

Through indigenous games, gospel and traditional dance and music competitions. Basotho Cultural Village has found ways of promoting the culture of the Free State and unifying the whole province through cultural activities. Schools, church groups, youth and adult groups from all over the Free State have taken part in these competitions that are meant to broaden the knowledge of learners in different dance forms and symbolic meaning of these activities that have always been part of the Basotho people. The village also organizes workshops where the skills and knowledge are refined

CONFERENCING

The conference hall is available for conferences, seminars, meetings, weddings etc. the maximum of 150 people can be accommodated per session

RESTAURANT

Come and enjoy undisturbed landscapes and wildlife while enjoying perfectly cooked traditional meals at our restaurant

Operation hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday : 08H00 – 16H30

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays : 08H30 – 17H00

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