



the
LUBOMBO
Trail

4 DAY / 3 NIGHTS

SLACK PACK TRAIL
FULLY GUIDED & CATERED
— 27 KMS —

**All OUT**
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A SLACK PACK ADVENTURE IN THE

LUBOMBO MOUNTAINS

TRAIL SUMMARY

DURATION: 4 Days / 3 Nights

DISTANCE COVERED: 27 kms total
(see daily distances in the itinerary)

GUIDING: Fully guided by expert trail guides

CATERING: Fully catered with daily hearty meals

- ➔ No heavy backpack – all gear is transported for you.
- ➔ Enjoy hearty meals and comfortable rest at night.
- ➔ Explore pristine wilderness and dramatic landscapes.
- ➔ Wild and wonderful.



DAY 1



ARRIVAL

15:00 Arrive at Magadzavane Lodge. You will meet your guides and support team here and load your bags into the tour vehicle before enjoying a 30min drive, through the Mhlumeni Community to Mhlumeni Bush Lodge. There is no hiking on Day 1 but you can explore the camp and enjoy the afternoon on top of the Lubombo Plateau as the sun sets over the lowveld below. There are beautiful views from the top of the Lubombo Mountains into Mlawula Nature Reserve (west) and the coastal plains of Mozambique (east). Dinner is served at 18:00. After dinner your Trail Guide, will give a briefing of the trail days ahead.

MHLUMENI BUSH CAMP

Comfy en-suite safari tents with bedding and towels provided. No electricity but lanterns and LED lights are provided.

DAY 2



THE LUBOMBO PLATEAU

EARLY breakfast. Depart Mhlumeni Bush Camp on foot and walk along the plateau through wilderness areas into Mlawula Nature Reserve. Enjoy the gentle descent into the wild Siphiso Valley.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Mhlumeni Wilderness Area
- ➔ Wooded depressions
- ➔ Open grasslands
- ➔ Westward views over the lowveld
- ➔ Siphiso Valley
- ➔ Picnic lunch en-route
- ➔ Hot showers on arrival
- ➔ Enjoy the evening around the campfire.

DISTANCE & DURATION

10 Kms (approx. 5.5 hours).

SIPHISO CAMP

Canvas dome safari tents. Wide open camp area with hide overlooking the seasonal Siphiso River. Thatch lapa for cover. Basic/rustic, shared, showers and flush toilets, electricity is available.

DAY 3



MALAYIDA VALLEY

AFTER BREAKFAST depart camp and walk through the foothills of the Lubombos down the remote and beautiful Malayida Valley. The trail on this day explores the hidden valleys in the heart of the Lubombo Conservancy and has more variety of landscapes in comparison to the previous day.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Malayida Valley & Cave
- ➔ Mbuluzi River Valley
- ➔ Mbuluzi River
- ➔ Hot showers on arrival in camp

DISTANCE & DURATION

17 KMs (approx. 7.5 hours).

MBULUZI CAMP

Canvas dome safari tents with mattresses. There is a boma area with central fire and seating. There are stylish, outdoor bush showers and flush toilets, no electricity but lanterns are provided.

DAY 4



VIEWS GALORE

RISE EARLY and take a scenic open vehicle game drive out to the Mbuluzi Gorge Viewpoint where you will enjoy hot drinks and rusks as you welcome the sun over the Lubombo Mountains.

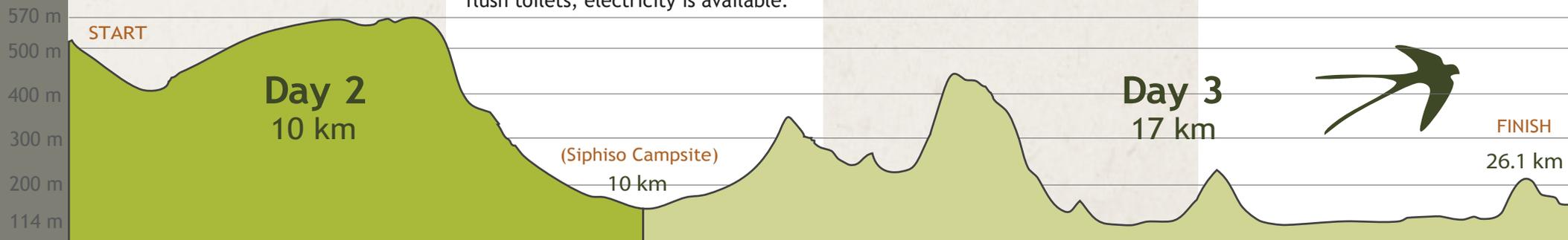
Relax in the morning stillness and soak up the beautiful views before walking back to camp along the walking trail.

On arrival at camp, breakfast is served in the boma.

After breakfast take a short walk down to the Mbuluzi River Potholes and relax on the rocks while the support staff pack up camp and prepare for departure.

The guides will prepare a packed lunch and then it's time to depart camp (11:15) and enjoy a game drive through Mlawula Game Reserve, back to your vehicle at Magadzavane Lodge.

TOUR ENDS





IMPORTANT TRAIL DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Experienced Lubombo specialist guide & porters, tented accommodation, camping fees, camp set up/take down, park entries, 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, logistical support.

MEETING POINT: Magadzavane Lodge in Mlawula Nature Reserve.

BEST TIME OF YEAR: Can be done year-round.

Summer (Sept-Apr): Lush green mountains and incredible birdlife. Temperatures can get really hot in the lowveld in the summer months. Rain is possible.

Winter (May-Aug): Shorter grass cover, easier to see wildlife. Warm to hot days and nights are cold (pack warm clothes).

Weather forecast: check “Siteki, Eswatini” or “Simunye, Eswatini” (only bring rain gear if forecasted).

WHAT TO BRING: See full packing list

ACCOMMODATION: Quality 2-man canvas tents, mattress, pillow, and sleeping bag provided. See details of individual campsites under itinerary.

CATERING: Fully catered with hearty meals. (Please give notice of any dietary requirements well in advance)

FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED: medium to high (the trails are non-technical and designed for the average walker, but as it's mountainous terrain there are some fairly strenuous climbs and descents).

GUIDE: Skilled, knowledgeable, and provide local insight.

PORTERS: All excess equipment is fully transported. Porters set up a camp separately from the group.



LUBOMBO MOUNTAINS

THE LUBOMBO CONSERVANCY is a lovely collective of protected areas in the lowveld of Eswatini. The spectacular scenery and the variety of fauna and flora makes it a prime lowveld conservation area and truly amazing hiking destination.

THE TRAIL has been carefully designed to cover the core highlights of the area so that you get to see and experience the very best of this wilderness. The highlights that you will see include the following:

HIGHLIGHTS

- MHLUMENI WILDERNESS AREA
- DIVERSE LANDSCAPES
- ENDLESS VIEWS OF THE LOWVELD
- THE VAST AND REMOTE SIPHISO VALLEY
- PICNIC LUNCH EN-ROUTE
- MALAYIDA VALLEY AND CAVE
- MBULUZI RIVER VALLEY
- WALK ALONG THE MBULUZI RIVER
- LOWVELD WILDLIFE
- HOT SHOWERS IN CAMP

WILDLIFE is present in some parts and there is a good chance to see species such as zebra, warthog, blue wildebeest, impala, kudu, giraffe, and baboon. The core of the wildlife sightings are in Mlwaula and Mbuluzi. More elusive species include: hyena, black backed jackal, porcupine, and leopard.

The **BIRDLIFE** is rich and diverse with over 280 bird species, featuring both vulnerable and rare species.

From a **GEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE** the Lubombo Mountains is a low mountain ranges, but with incredible diversity in landscapes. The weathering resistant rhyolite rock forms the prominent ridges dropping into the plains below.

ADVENTURE WITH PURPOSE

Each trail supports local communities and conservation efforts within the Lubombo Conservancy. By walking here, you help sustain livelihoods, protect wildlife, and keep Eswatini's wild spaces thriving for generations to come.



A LANDSCAPE CARVED BY WIND AND TIME

The Lubombo Mountains – a rugged escarpment that has stood for millennia, shaping the boundary between Eswatini and Mozambique. These ancient ridges tell stories of shifting continents and the timeless rhythm of nature.

TRAILS ACROSS THREE RESERVES

Step into a trail network that links Mhlumeni Community Reserve, Mlawula Nature Reserve, and Mbuluzi Game Reserve – over 20,000 hectares of diverse wilderness. From gentle ridgelines to deep gorges, every route reveals breathtaking panoramas.

HIDDEN VALLEYS & NATURAL WONDERS

Follow winding footpaths through rocky outcrops, riverbeds, and acacia-dotted plains. Along the way, discover hidden springs, ancient caves, and viewpoints that stretch across the Lowveld and into Mozambique – a photographer's dream and a hiker's paradise.

WILD BEAUTY AND ABUNDANT LIFE

Zebra, giraffe, kudu, and wildebeest roam freely here, while hornbills and sunbirds fill the air with sound. From the dry bushveld of Mbuluzi to Mlawula's lush valleys and Mhlumeni's mountain forests, each reserve has its own unique charm – a celebration of biodiversity.

SERENITY UNDER AFRICAN SKIES

At night, the wilderness takes centre stage. Sleep beneath a canopy of stars, listen to distant nightjars, and feel the peace that only comes from being truly off the beaten track. This is wilderness at its purest – remote, quiet, and deeply grounding.

PACKING LIST

Total weight allocation per person is 4 kg

CLOTHING

Active wear clothing, rain gear, boots or sturdy trainers.
Winter: bring warm clothes for sleeping (thick socks, beanie, hoodie top or similar).



SLEEPING BAG

(in summer: a thin, light weight sleeping bag)
If you don't have one we can provide, (let us know at least 48 hours before departure).

DAY PACK

1 x 35liter day pack per adult.
This is essential in order to carry your own lunch, snacks, camera, phone, water bottle, warm top, torch and non-essential items.

CHILD CARRIER

(for children under 5 years - this is essential so you have the option to carry your child if needed)

WATER BOTTLE

(each person should have 2 litres water capacity)
Water is taken out of the streams as this is very pure filtered mountain water and safe to drink.

HIKING STICKS

(optional) There are steep climbs and descents so you might like sticks, especially if you have problems with knees, hips, or ankles)

1 X BIN LINER

with draw string (to put all your things in – this will then be given to your porter on arrival).

TOILETRIES

Please share toiletries among group members to reduce on weight. E.g. use one tube of toothpaste, one soap etc.

TOILET PAPER

Bring supply in your day pack.

SMALL TRAVEL TOWEL/SARONG

(no big bulky bath towels)

SUNGLASSES

SUN CREAM

SUN HAT

SMALL TORCH

(head torch is preferable and highly recommended)

CAMERA AND BINOCULARS

HAND SANITIZER

PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT

(guide will have a comprehensive kit, but good to have your own small kit)

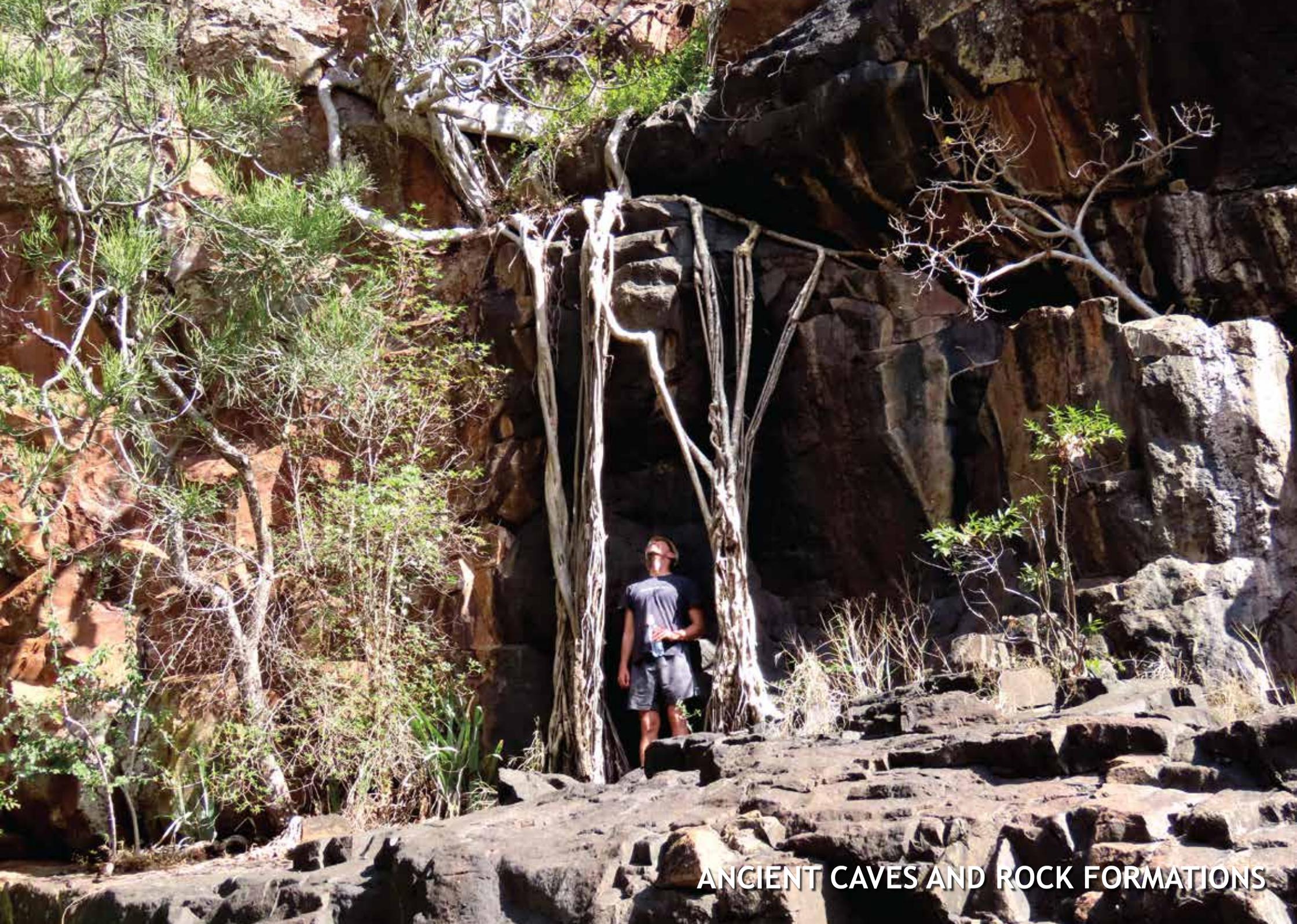
PERSONAL MEDICATION

e.g. prescription drugs/inhalers /meds you know you often need

MOSQUITO REPELLENT

(this is also used as a tick repellent while walking)

Please pack only essential clothing and limit what you take to reduce on weight.



ANCIENT CAVES AND ROCK FORMATIONS



TRAIL SAFETY

FOOTWEAR – make sure to have sturdy trainers or boots as the terrain is rough.

INJURY – take care while walking to avoid falls, twists, and injuries. Take extra care at the stream/river crossings as rocks can be wet and slippery.

HYDRATION – have 2 litres water capacity and drink regularly on trail to prevent dehydration.

WATER PURIFICATION – on the trail drinking and cooking water will be taken from the camp tabs.

In our many years of experience with hiking tours in the Lubombos we have not experienced a guest's stomach reacting to the water. However, if you know your stomach is particularly sensitive please bring water purification tablets/drops for yourself.

SUN BURN – make sure to apply sun-cream early in the day and wear a hat while walking.

TICKS – are present in the Lubombos. It is advisable to apply insect repellent around your ankles and waist while walking to prevent them.

SNAKES – in summer snakes are more active, and it's not uncommon to spot at least one while on trail (In winter it's very uncommon to see snakes). Keep an eye out for them and alert your guide should you see one.

KNOWN INJURIES – if you have any known injuries/pains please bring appropriate supports and/or medication (e.g. knee support, hiking sticks, pain killers, anti-inflammatories etc).

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If the minimum number of guests is not achieved, you will be offered the trail at a cost corresponding to the number of people committed to the trail OR to join a different group of your choice.

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Children from 15 years old welcome in our open groups. No special rate available.

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