

Kingdom of Eswatini

MALOLOTTJA

4 DAY / 3 NIGHTS

SLACK PACK TRAIL
FULLY GUIDED & CATERED
— 25 KMS —





THE ULTIMATE SLACK PACK ADVENTURE **MALOLOTIA**

TRAIL SUMMARY

DURATION: 4 Days / 3 Nights

DISTANCE COVERED: 25 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.
- ➔ Completely off grid!
- ➔ Trail distances and departure times can be flexible depending on group wishes and weather.



DAY 1



ARRIVAL

07:30 meet Guides and Porters at Malolotja Reception and hand over excess kit. Guests prepare a packed lunch before departure. Short briefing of the trail days. Hop into a 4x4 vehicle and transfer to the Trail Head (Ngwenya View Point).

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Upper parts of the Malolotja River Valley
- Top of the Timbeleni Ridge.
- Mhlangamphepha Valley
- Mhlangamphepha Falls
- Swimming in the beautiful rock pool.
- Dinner around the campfire.

DISTANCE & DURATION

7 KMs (approx. 4-5 hours).

MHLANGAMPHEPHA CAMP

Wild campsite, beautiful open location on the edge of the Mhlangamphepha watercourse. No shade, no toilet, no shower/bathrooms. No electricity.

DAY 2



LOWER POTHOLES

EARLY breakfast. Depart Mhlangamphepha Camp on foot and walk northwards up the beautiful Mhlangamphepha Valley reaching the Lower Potholes around lunch time.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Amazing views into Songimvelo Game Reserve in South Africa. Views of Siweni Falls
- Skirting Siloftwane Peak
- Malolotja Valley
- Lower Potholes
- Spend the afternoon enjoying the amazing Lower Potholes, swimming in the crystal clear pool and lounging on the rocks
- Enjoy the evening around the campfire.

DISTANCE & DURATION

10 KMs (approx. 6-7 hours).

LOWER POTHOLES CAMP

Beautiful, shaded, wild campsite set at an amazing location right at the Lower Potholes. Basic pit latrine toilet, no shower/bathrooms. No electricity.

DAY 3



KOMATI GORGE

AFTER BREAKFAST enjoy a couple of hours relaxing at the Lower Potholes soaking up the breathtaking surroundings. Depart Mid-morning.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Malolotja River
- Komati River
- The rugged and beautiful Komati Gorge
- Impressive views of the magnificent Mgwayiza Range
- Enjoy the afternoon relaxing and swimming in the Komati River.
- Sand beach campsite on the Komati River

DISTANCE & DURATION

4.7 KMs (approx. 4 hours).

KOMATI SOUTH CAMP

Beautiful, shaded, wild campsite set on the sand banks of the Komati River. No toilet, no shower/bathrooms. No electricity.

DAY 4



SCENIC VIEWS GALORE

AFTER BREAKFAST enjoy some time relaxing and swimming in the Komati River. Depart mid-morning and walk up and out of the Komati Valley to the Nkomati View Point (all ascent).

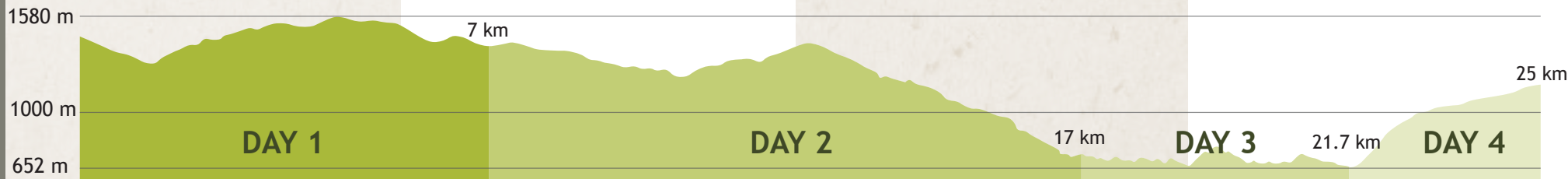
TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Komati Gorge
- Scenic vehicle transfer
- Views of Maguga Dam

DISTANCE & DURATIONS

3.3 KMs (approx. 3 hours).

TOUR ENDS





IMPORTANT TRAIL DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Experienced Malolotja specialist guide & porters, tented accommodation, camping fees, camp set up/take down, park entry, 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, logistical support, transfers to/from trail.

MEETING POINT: Malolotja Main Reception (see map)

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

Summer (Sept-Apr): Lush green mountains – Ideal temperatures for swimming and enjoying the rivers. Days are generally hot and nights cool. 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 “Piggs Peak, Eswatini” (only bring rain gear if forecasted).

WHAT TO BRING: See full packing list

ACCOMMODATION: Quality 2-man nylon 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).

GUIDE: Skilled, knowledgeable, and provide local insight.

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



MALOLOTJA

MALOLOTJA NATURE RESERVE is one of the most impressive mountain parks in Southern Africa. The spectacular scenery and the variety of fauna and flora makes it a prime highveld conservation area and truly amazing hiking destination.

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

1. Mhlangamphepha Valley and Falls (including time to swim and enjoy the site)
2. View of the Siweni Falls on the Mhlangamphepha River.

3. View (distant) of Malotlotja Waterfall (the highest in Eswatini at 95m)

4. The Malotlotja River itself (the trail follows the course of this beautiful river for about 3km)

5. The Lower Potholes – the highlight of the whole trip, these potholes and waterfalls are incredibly beautiful and easy to access for swimming and relaxing.

6. Komati River Views – amazing views into this remote and wild river valley and the impressive Mgwayiza Range beyond it.

7. Komati South Camp and the Komati River itself.

WILDLIFE is present in the reserve and there is a good chance to see species such as blesbok, zebra, eland, warthog, grey rhebok, black wildebeest, red hartebeest and baboon. The core of the wildlife sightings are at higher altitude on the upper slopes of the mountains on Day 1, 2 and 4. More elusive species include: otter, black backed jackal, armadillo, and armadillo wolf, and leopard.

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

From a **GEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE** Malotlotja is one of the most fascinating places on Earth with some of the oldest geology and fossil records on the planet.

*Malolotja isn't just a trail
— it's an untamed adventure, a test of
endurance, and a journey through some of
Southern Africa's most awe-inspiring scenery*



A LANDSCAPE SHAPED BY TIME

Walk through the ancient Barberton Mountain Range, where Earth's story unfolds beneath your feet. These mountains — among the oldest in the world — have witnessed 3.5 billion years of history.

UNMATCHED TRAILS & VIEWS

Explore 18,000 hectares of unspoilt natural beauty. Every trail rewards you with sweeping views, endless horizons, and the thrill of true adventure.

DISCOVER GEOLOGICAL MARVELS

Marvel at the Lower Potholes, where ancient streams carved swirling patterns into the rock. These formations add a fascinating highlight to your journey.

WILD BEAUTY AT EVERY TURN

From vibrant grasslands to forested ravines, Malolotja's landscapes are a feast for the senses. Each step reveals new sights, sounds, and moments of wonder.

UNTOUCHED WILDERNESS & SERENITY

Escape to wide-open spaces, star-filled skies, and the soothing sounds of nature. Malolotja offers the perfect place to reconnect with the wild.

ADVENTURE WITH PURPOSE

Every step supports sustainable tourism and helps preserve this extraordinary ecosystem for future generations.

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

SWIM SUIT

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.



LOWER POTHLES



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 water will be taken from the streams and rivers for drinking.

In our many years of experience with hiking tours in Malotja 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 not a big problem in Malotja. However, it is still 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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CHILD RATE

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PAYMENT DETAILS

50% payment secures the booking.
Full payment 60 days before departure.
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(1 open group/month available only)

MIN. 8 / MAX 12 GUESTS PER TRAIL

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.

CHILD RATE

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

PAYMENT DETAILS

50% payment secures the booking.
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