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SWAZILAND MALOLOTJA – MBULUZI 5 DAY TRIP

Swaziland, one of Africa's smallest countries, covers 17363 sq km of highly diverse landscapes and habitats, ranging from dramatic mountain scenery to open woodland savannah. The country boasts a rich diversity of birdlife, including some very interesting specials.



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THE DESTINATIONS

Malolotja Nature Reserve is situated on the edge of the Drakensberg escarpment in the northwest of Swaziland. Montane grassland covers much of the reserve. Mist belt and riverine forests, gorges and rocky slopes and wetlands in the form of vleis and dams are other interesting habitats found in the reserve. Accommodation is in comfortable log cabins, overlooking a grassy drainage line.

Mbuluzi Game Reserve is tucked against the foothills of the Lebombo mountains in north eastern Swaziland. With its marvellous diversity of habitats and superb accommodation, Mbuluzi is a true jewel in the crown of the Swaziland kingdom. Bound by the Mbuluzi river and the Lebombo mountains, Mbuluzi includes riverine forests rocky krantzes, deciduous thickets, knobthorn savannah, akasia thornveld and open grasslands. Accommodation is in a superb private lodge, situated in silent isolation alongside the Mbuluzi riverbed with large trees and palms.

BIRDING ATTRACTIONS

Malolotja: (over 280 species)

Denham's Bustard, Blue Swallow, Black-winged Lapwing, Red-winged Francolin, Broad-tailed Warbler, Ground Woodpecker, Kurrichane Buttonquail, Buff-streaked and Mocking Cliff-Chat, Gurney's Sugarbird, Drakensberg Prinia

Mbuluzi: (over 350 species)

African Finfoot (a garden bird), Pink-throated Twinspot, African Crowned Eagle, Eastern Nicator, Gorgeous Bush-shrike, Bearded Robin-Chat, Senegal Lapwing, Grey Sunbird, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Black-bellied Bustard, Crested Guinea fowl.

