



# Mountain Getaways

MAGOEBASKLOOF · HAENERTSBURG · TZANEEN



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**MAGOEBASKLOOF** is heaven for the eco-traveller... think rugged mountains with their heads in the clouds... waterfalls tumbling down sheer cliffs... falcons catching the thermals... ancient trees in an indigenous forest... wild flowers covering the grasslands like a colourful carpet and organic, slow food.

Whether you are hiking, biking, running or kloofing, you can find adventure or take it slow. Explore the beautiful surroundings, go birding, fishing, horse riding or have a treatment for body and soul. At the heart of Magoebaskloof, nestled into the embrace of the Wolkberg mountains, the scenic village of Haenertsburg is best enjoyed on foot wandering down the charming main street and taking the time to browse through the shops for decor items, antiques, books, clothing, jewellery and gifts. Watch village life passing by from the deck of one of the restaurants or pick up some foodie treats from the farmstalls and deli's for a picnic at one of the scenic spots along Route 71.

## GUIDED TOURS

- 21 Blueberry Heights Farm** 083 880 8787  
Bring the family and pick your own blueberries: Wednesdays to Sundays from December to February. A24, off R71, Magoebaskloof | [www.blueberryheights.co.za](http://www.blueberryheights.co.za)
- 25 THOMAC Essential Oils** 076 418 1238  
Tours of the distillation of our unique South African essential oil, Southern Immortelle: 11am & 2pm. R 60 per adult, children u/13 free. Mushroom tours in season. Booking is essential. L2, Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [www.thomac-oils.co.za](http://www.thomac-oils.co.za)
- 40 Ga-Malahlela Village Experience** 073 670 5857 | 084 354 9710  
Experience the warm hospitality of the Ramoraswi family at Ga-Malahlela Village near Magoebaskloof. Follow the rhythm of daily life - dance a little, make new friends and tantalize your tastebuds with the flavours of Limpopo. Pre-booking with Paul Nkhumane is essential. Near Q road, Houtbosdorp, Magoebaskloof 072 370 1886 | 072 361 0664  
Off-the-grid, low carbon regenerative farming, working with nature. See how we make cheese, milk cows by hand, fetch eggs and coexist with the indigenous fauna and flora. Cheese tours 10:00. Walk through an indigenous forest & enjoy a delicious cheese platter. By appointment. M1, Off Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [cheese@haenertsburg.co.za](mailto:cheese@haenertsburg.co.za)
- 47 Wegraakbosch Organic Farm** 072 370 1886 | 072 361 0664  
Off-the-grid, low carbon regenerative farming, working with nature. See how we make cheese, milk cows by hand, fetch eggs and coexist with the indigenous fauna and flora. Cheese tours 10:00. Walk through an indigenous forest & enjoy a delicious cheese platter. By appointment. M1, Off Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [cheese@haenertsburg.co.za](mailto:cheese@haenertsburg.co.za)

## OPEN GARDENS

- 44 Sequoia Garden Retreat**  
Meander through breathtaking cherry blossom and azalea avenues with surrounding tree species that transform from lush hues of green to vibrant colours as seasons change. Day visits by prior arrangement. L6, Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [sequoiastay@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiastay@gmail.com) | [www.sequoiastay.com](http://www.sequoiastay.com)
- 46 Cheerio Gardens** 083 355 0835 | **Whatsapp is best**  
Walk the moss-covered paths of these world famous gardens, home of the annual flowering Spring Festival. Open all year round to day visitors for garden walks at your own pace. Enjoy light meals at the licensed café. No picnics or braais allowed. L42, Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [sarah@brandcafe.co.za](mailto:sarah@brandcafe.co.za) | [www.cheeriogardens.co.za](http://www.cheeriogardens.co.za)

## FISHING

- 37 Mountain Fly Fishing** 083 255 7817  
Good fishing in 5 dams - private waters. Contact us for the daily rate for day visitors. Catch & release. N4, Magoebaskloof | [www.mistymountainmeanders.co.za](http://www.mistymountainmeanders.co.za)
- 45 Cheerio Trout Fishing & Holiday Resort** 072 650 2366  
Trout fishing in a dam on private property. Day permit and own fly fishing equipment required. Catch & release. L41, Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [reservations@cheerio.co.za](mailto:reservations@cheerio.co.za) | [www.cheerio.co.za](http://www.cheerio.co.za)

## BIRDING

The Capricorn Letaba Birding route runs mainly along the R71 road, which links Polokwane, Haenertsburg, Tzaneen and Gravelotte. The varying altitude makes for a spectacular road-trip where over 350 species of birds can be found. Woodbush Forest Drive is world-renowned for its spectacular forest birding.

Connect with Top Limpopo Bird Guides, David Letsoalo (083 568 4678) or Paul Nkhumane (084 354 9710) for an unforgettable birding experience.

## HORSE RIDING

- 34 Silver Mist Resort | Al-Miqdad Arabians** 015 295 9901 | 063 117 2629  
Within the Resort, close to Haenertsburg Village, lies an Arabian horse stud farm. Explore Silver Mist on horse-back. Ride through our game farm on the back of a majestic, pure-bred Arabian horse. A8.3, Magoebaskloof | [info@silvermistresort.co.za](mailto:info@silvermistresort.co.za) | [www.silvermistresort.co.za](http://www.silvermistresort.co.za)
- 38 In the Company of Horses** 076 577 1936  
The Houtbosdorp Equi-centre is a place of equine adventures, nature walks, picnics, fishing and leadership coaching. Rustic overnight accommodation available on request. Q3, Houtbosdorp | [info@thecompanyofhorses.co.za](mailto:info@thecompanyofhorses.co.za) | [www.thecompanyofhorses.co.za](http://www.thecompanyofhorses.co.za)

## EBENEZER DAM

**Sunset Queen Day Cruises** 083 284 5163 | 072 178 1602  
Enjoy the Ebenezer Dam up close and personal on day cruises for groups of 10 - 27 people per cruise. The ideal venue for special occasions and corporate functions, Sunset Queen is fully equipped with braai and toilet facilities. Please book in advance: [sunsetqueen@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetqueen@gmail.com)

## Haenertsburg Rowing Club

Ebenezer Dam probably has some of the best water in South Africa to row on. For information and inspiration, connect with Valentine Blacking. [val.blacking1965@gmail.com](mailto:val.blacking1965@gmail.com)

## HIKING & WALKING TRAILS

**Swarbos Trail - Magoebaskloof.** This photogenic self-guided 3.8 km route starts at Magoebaskloof Hotel through the indigenous forests of the Magoebaskloof gorge. Time: approx 1 hour 45 mins. Maps available at Magoebaskloof Hotel.

**Louis Changuion Trail - Haenertsburg Village.** This breathtaking, self-guided trail winds its way through the Haenertsburg Grassland Nature Reserve and indigenous forest. Birding enthusiasts will enjoy the grassland birds on this walk. The 10km route takes approximately 3 to 4 hours, with a 6.5 km shortcut to Haenertsburg.

**Makgeng Hiking Trail.** Choose a round trip of either 12km, 9km or 3.3km with abundant fauna and flora and great views from the mountain top. 17km from Haenertsburg. R71 | [makgengtrail@gmail.com](mailto:makgengtrail@gmail.com)

**Magoebaskloof Hiking Trails.** Woodbush Reserve is the second-largest indigenous afrotemperate forest in the country. One to five-day trails wind past ancient trees and picturesque waterfalls and the birdlife is incredible. Contact The Mountain Company 082 441 8088. Permits can be obtained & overnight hiking huts can be booked with Komatiland: [ecotour@safcol.co.za](mailto:ecotour@safcol.co.za) | 013 754 2724

**Wolkberg Nature Reserve Trails.** This spectacular mountain wilderness reserve is best explored with one of the experienced hiking guides in the area. Due to the terrain, a high level of fitness is required and hikers should be well prepared with maps and/or GPS tracking, jackets, water and decent walking shoes.

Contact The Mountain Company 082 441 8088 for tailor-made excursions or Lekau Phoshoko on 083 612 9267 for day hikes and multi-day excursions.

Bookings and permits: Johanna 076 680 4022 | [legodjim@ledet.gov.za](mailto:legodjim@ledet.gov.za)

**Debenengi Waterfall.** Just off the R71, near Tzaneen, the signpost to Debenengi Waterfalls takes you on a dirt road (high clearance vehicles preferable) to the last stretches of the Woodbush Forest and a spectacular waterfall. For a small entrance fee (credit cards), you can take scenic short walks around the falls but no braais or swimming are allowed.

**Northern Mountain Club.** Experience some outdoor magic in the Wolkberg and Magoebaskloof mountains.

Call Vince Egan (082 412 7247) or Bronwyn Egan (081 402 0417) for more information.

**28 Magoebaskloof Adventures** 083 866 1546

One to two-hour trails past waterfalls and rapids in the Letaba Gorge in Georges Valley. R528 | [adventures@thabametsi.com](mailto:adventures@thabametsi.com) | [www.magoebaskloofadventures.co.za](http://www.magoebaskloofadventures.co.za)

**66 Schultz Trails and Krabbefontein Café** 076 968 0483

2km, 3km, 5km & 7km hiking | running trails and longer routes on a working coffee farm. Salmon Hike Club and Trail Tuesdays. Krabbefontein Café on site.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

Magoebaskloof has a whole calendar of events for Mountain Bikers and there are Mt-bike trails in the area from gentle family routes to adrenaline-filled adventure mountain bike tracks from the technical to the terrifying. Connect with Magoebaskloof Adventures for more information on 083 453 1514 or take a look at [www.magoebasklooftourism.co.za](http://www.magoebasklooftourism.co.za).

## OTHER ADVENTURES

**05 Mad Rabbit Kids Adventures** 072 607 2889

Kids Adventure Day includes a hike, high rope tree climb, abseil, kids zipline and pizza lunch. A safe and fun environment where kids can experience adventure and personal growth. Bookings only. Daily 9:00-13:00. R71, Magoebaskloof | [WarriorsAcademy@ruanwarriors.co.za](mailto:WarriorsAcademy@ruanwarriors.co.za)

**28 Magoebaskloof Adventures** 083 866 1546

Discover a magical place where mountain meets river and the spirit of adventure is born - Magoebaskloof Adventures. We offer the Canopy Tour, gecko tubing, abseiling, climbing wall, hiking, tree-hop & more for day visitors, holiday-makers, youth groups and corporate clients. R528 | [adventures@thabametsi.com](mailto:adventures@thabametsi.com) | [www.magoebaskloofadventures.co.za](http://www.magoebaskloofadventures.co.za)

**28 Magoebaskloof Canopy Tours** 083 866 1546

Let us take you into a previously inaccessible realm of nature, moving between platforms built high within the upper level of indigenous forests and ancient mountain cliffs. Trained guides ensure the safety of each group while sharing facts about the fauna, flora & ecology of the surrounding environment. Suitable for ages from 7 to 70. Max weight: 120 kgs. 2 - 8 people per trip, every hour. R528 | [adventures@thabametsi.com](mailto:adventures@thabametsi.com) | [www.magoebaskloofcanopytour.co.za](http://www.magoebaskloofcanopytour.co.za)

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**14 Mountain Spa at Magoebaskloof Hotel** 015 590 9910  
Spoil yourself with the various treatments offered at this welcoming and luxurious spa. Exfoliating, facial treatments, massages and relaxation for mind, body and soul. R71 Magoebaskloof | [mountainspa@212hotels.co.za](mailto:mountainspa@212hotels.co.za) | [www.magoebaskloof.co.za](http://www.magoebaskloof.co.za)

**24 The Growth Centre** 072 277 4809

The warm and welcoming Growth Centre is in a peaceful setting for Foot Massage, Reiki and Reading of Feet. Short guided walks in the indigenous forest. Labyrinth and meditation walks. By appointment please. Stanford Farm, A21 | [colleen.ballenden@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.ballenden@gmail.com)

**43 The River Wellness and Spa at Zwakala River Retreat** 083 602 1658

A wide range of offerings for the ultimate relaxing retreat and spa experience. Beautiful surroundings enhance the effect of the individual & couples treatments on offer. Overnight packages available in our cabins. L10 Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [www.theriverwellnessandspa.co.za](http://www.theriverwellnessandspa.co.za)

**Circle of Healing & Mystic Mountain Essential Oils** 083 953 8010

Angel card readings, Crystal Massage, Chakra balancing, Regressions & Essential oils. stella@mysticmountain.co.za | 072 370 1886

**Michèle Krüger Physiotherapy** 072 370 1886

General physiotherapy practice with a special interest in Neurophysiotherapy. [michelkruger@gmail.com](mailto:michelkruger@gmail.com)

**Yoga with Lauren from Lopo** 079 145 8864

Join Lauren for Vinyasa Yoga classes at Cheerio Gardens. All levels welcome. [www.lopo.co.za](http://www.lopo.co.za)

**SHOPS & GALLERIES**

**02 The Glass Art Studio** 082 335 6803

Visit this charming studio on a working farm with its exclusive glass and macadamia nut products ideal for gifts or a unique treat for yourself. Please give us a ring to make sure we are there to meet you. 476, off R71, Magoebaskloof | [www.theherbcottage.co.za](http://www.theherbcottage.co.za)

**54 Fox Art Gallery** 063 696 7790

A South African exhibition venue and studio for local fine artists. Courses in sculpture, painting and drawing. Foodzone complex, Rissik Street, Haenertsburg

**55 Earth by Nature Complex** 082 802 4178

Art, home decor, plants, Boerboel men's clothing and veldskoen, gifts, interior design, chocolate truffles, lotions and potions, handmade soap. A shopping experience that will satisfy all your senses. Rissik Street, Haenertsburg

**58 Blackburn Leather** 079 096 5303

Handcrafted, genuine leather accessories direct to the public. As a manufacturing retailer, we are able to design high-quality articles at competitive prices. Trending, innovative, organic and proudly South African. Rissik Street, Haenertsburg, next to Red Plate | [www.blackburnleather.co.za](http://www.blackburnleather.co.za)

**60 Tin Roof** 074 083 7008

Look no further for that special upmarket gift, or an unusual piece of clothing - bright, colourful and classy. Rissik Street - The Pennefather Complex

**61 The Pennefather Complex** 015 276 4885 | 078 417 9088

Antiques, collectibles, gifts, clothing, jewellery, Dutch delicacies and sweet shop. Memory Hold-the-Door second-hand bookshop has a wide selection, specialising in African and books about the area. Enjoy a break with your book at the Coffee Shop on the stoep. Accommodation on site. 103 Rissik St, Haenertsburg | [hello@pennefather.co.za](mailto:hello@pennefather.co.za) | [www.pennefather.co.za](http://www.pennefather.co.za)

**63 House of Art / Earth Creations** 083 259 8427

Guesthouse, pottery studio and showroom, painting and mosaic classes. Glass-in-lead art and restorations. 6 Rerk St | [mdjpucks@gmail.com](mailto:mdjpucks@gmail.com) | [www.earthcreations.co.za](http://www.earthcreations.co.za)

**67 Barok Studio** 079 968 0267

A South African embroidery initiative based high above the tea estates at the base of the Magoebaskloof Pass, Barok creates unique cushion covers, dramatic skirts; a quirky handbag range and luxurious house and leisure items. R71, Tzaneen

**FARM STALLS & DELI'S**

**03 Magoebaskloof Farmstall** 072 274 5520 | 083 353 4478

Stop at this popular farmstall for the best selection of eco-friendly, local products and fresh, organic produce. Enjoy their wood-fired pizzas, smoothies, light meals and the best coffee. R71, Magoebaskloof. Across the road from Warriors.

**29 Stella's Farm Deli** 071 736 6424

Farm Deli on the R71 at Haenertsburg with a big variety of beef, lamb, pork and chicken for your weekend braai. This welcoming shop also has lekker geelvet Biltong, jams, pickles, braai necessities, sauces and other local delicacies. A great stop for a quick bite and delicious coffee. R71, Haenertsburg | [stellas71@gmail.com](mailto:stellas71@gmail.com)

**68 Allesbeste Padstal** 015 307 3076 | 063 526 6855

A delightful stop on the R71 near Tzaneen, with fresh farm produce, preserves, local delicacies and a unique selection of wines. Pop into the Krabbefontein Coffee Stop for the best coffee to enjoy in the Garden Centre or to take on your way. R71, Tzaneen | [padstal@allesbeste.com](mailto:padstal@allesbeste.com) | [www.allesbeste.com](http://www.allesbeste.com)

## WINE & DINE

**03 Magoebaskloof Farmstall** 083 353 4478 | 072 274 5520

Tucked into the bend of the R71, sit under the trees with a cappuccino and delicious wood-fired pizza, home-made pie or a hearty Farmstall breakfast with all the trimmings. Open every day.

**08 Magoebaskloof Mountain Lodge** 015 305 7906 | 082 571 2555

Licensed a la carte restaurant with beautiful views over the Magoebaskloof gorge. Open every day for breakfast, lunch or dinner. R71, Magoebaskloof - across the road from Warriors

**14 Tlou Restaurant at Magoebaskloof Hotel** 015 590 9910

The Coffee Bean Café and Tlou Restaurant are open every day for a varied menu and Sunday lunches. Enjoy our famous curry evenings at The Phoenix and Fireman Pub. R71, Magoebaskloof

**15 Pot 'n Ploew Restaurant & Pub** 082 691 5790

Known for their delicious pizzas and local vibes, the intimate pub has an outside garden. Open daily. R71, Magoebaskloof

**20 Blueberry Café** 071 540 3800

Come and enjoy bagels, berries and beer at the new Blueberry Café with a wooden deck looking out onto Stanford Lake. Pick your own blueberries from Dec to Feb. R71, Magoebaskloof - reception.magoebas@212hotels.co.za | [www.magoebaskloof.co.za](http://www.magoebaskloof.co.za)

**29 The Pancake House** 083 444 5835

Delicious sweet and savoury pancakes and breakfasts served on our 'deck with a view' or inside the cozy log cabin. Treat yourself to home-baked goodies and awesome coffee. Open Tuesday to Sunday. R71, Haenertsburg

**29 Stella's Farm Deli** 071 736 6424

Take a break at Stella's Deli for delicious coffee and all day breakfast as well as burgers, the best bunny-chow and pizzas (kids build their own). A great place to stock up on the best local food treats too. R71, Haenertsburg | [stellas71@gmail.com](mailto:stellas71@gmail.com)

**39 Pause Restaurant** 083 277 5553

Located at Graceland Eco Retreat in the breathtaking Kudu's River Valley. 5-Course Lunch or Dinner with strong influences from the Scandinavian, Asian and Mediterranean palates. Bookings by reservation only. No walk-ins. Q Road Houtbosdorp | [info@gracelandeco.co.za](mailto:info@gracelandeco.co.za) | [www.gracelandeco.co.za](http://www.gracelandeco.co.za)

**43 Zwakala Brewery** 073 791 6797 | 073 874 8651

Craft beers, estate wines, local gift shop, outdoor games, great vibe & the best gourmet burgers. Learn about the art of brewing award-winning beers. Open Friday to Sunday 11am-5pm. L10, Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [www.zwakalabrewery.com](http://www.zwakalabrewery.com)

**46 Cheerio Café** 071 771 5152

Peaceful, tranquil coffee shop on the edge of a scenic dam in the beautiful Cheerio Gardens. Fully licensed, we offer light lunches, pizzas & the best pecan pie - ideal for small functions and celebrations. Catering available for Africamps' Glampers. L42, Cheerio Road, Magoebaskloof | [info@cheeriogardens.co.za](mailto:info@cheeriogardens.co.za)

**50 Caffé Villa Trattoria** 063 560 6214 | 087 086 1228

Family Restaurant and Pizzeria in Haenertsburg Village. Lovely open deck outside and cosy child-friendly play area inside. Open every day. Rissik Street, Haenertsburg | [caffevilla@icloud.com](mailto:caffevilla@icloud.com)

**51 The Iron Crown Pub & Bistro** 083 254 6679

Vibey Pub on the main street in Haenertsburg has a fabulous bistro menu with the best burgers and the coldest beer & Jägermeister in Limpopo. 6 Rissik Street, Haenertsburg | [info@ironcrownpub.co.za](mailto:info@ironcrownpub.co.za)

**57 The Red Plate** 083 305 2851

In the heart of Haenertsburg, enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner on the sunny deck or inside next to a cosy fireplace. Ideal venue for special celebrations. Offers catering services. Rissik St, Haenertsburg

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