



HANDY HINTS

You can find directions to the resort on our website: www.afriski.net

BORDER CROSSING:



- ◇ A Valid passport is needed for entry into Lesotho (valid for 6 months after your date of return to South Africa)
- ◇ Children of all ages are required to travel with a valid passport
- ◇ Unabridged birth certificates & all required affidavits if travelling with children
- ◇ The Caledonspoort border post opens at 06:00 and closes at 22:00.
- ◇ The Ficksburg border post is open 24 hours but adds additional driving time so not advised unless it can't be avoided.
- ◇ Have cash handy for toll fees at the border post.
- ◇ Visa's: South African's get a visa stamped in at the border. To check if you need a visa please visit: <http://www.foreign.gov.ls/consular/default.php>

TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN:

- ◇ The law requires an unabridged birth certificate, valid passport and all required affidavits and permissions when travelling with minors under the age of 18 years. For queries or help on this subject please give the office a call.
- ◇ Snacks are available at the Cooler box or Gondola café near the slope & please make sure you drink lots of water.
- ◇ Kids will be hungry and tired after a full day on the slopes in the fresh mountain air. We suggest booking supper early.

WHAT TO PACK:

- ◇ Clothing - warm clothes for day and night – even in summer.
 - Waterproof clothing is recommended.
 - Shoes with good tread.
 - An extra set of clothes recommended for day visitors.
- ◇ Sunblock & sunglasses – snow glare is very bright & harsh on eyes & skin in winter, as is the summer sun at altitude.
- ◇ Backpacker guests – your own bedding, towels & cooking utensils if you plan to cook.
- ◇ Self-catering
 - While basic necessities can be purchased at Reception, please note that there is no supermarket in the area so please bring your own food and beverages.
 - It is suggested that you keep your shopping receipts in case they are asked for by border officials.
 - Please note that receipts in excess of R1500 per person will need to be declared.
- ◇ There is no alcohol allowance at the border so we advise you purchase from any of the bars at the resort or stop off at an off sales in Butha-Buthe before you head up the mountain.
- ◇ We do not recommend braaing in winter but do have braais available for those brave enough to attempt it.

VEHICLES:

Please remember to ensure that you meet the following requirements for travel to Lesotho via the Free State:

- ◇ Certified colour copies of your passport, driver's license,
- ◇ ID and vehicle registration papers (Natis Documents).
- ◇ If your vehicle is subject to a financial lease, hire purchase or loan agreement you will require a letter of authority from the financial institution giving you permission to take it across the border of Lesotho.
- ◇ If the vehicle you're driving is not yours you will require a letter of authority in the form of an affidavit from the registered owner.
- ◇ This is in an effort by SAPS Free State to be proactive in preventing cross-border crimes.
- ◇ Remember to check your license disc to make sure it's valid past your return date to South Africa.
- ◇ Please ensure your trailer is road worthy and have a valid license disc.
- ◇ Ensure you have the correct safety equipment:
 - 2 red triangles
 - 1 fire extinguisher



WINTER:



- ◇ Antifreeze for the car.
- ◇ Travel with an extra blanket in case of extreme weather.
- ◇ Clothing – if you look good you ski better!
 - The resort does not rent out ski/snowboard clothing.
 - You can purchase ski / snowboard attire at GoneSkiing at the resort or the outlet in Fourways (which also has second hand options).
 - Gone Skiing also offers trade-in options on kids clothing purchased from them.

YOUR TRIP:



- ◇ You can find directions to the resort on our website www.afriski.net
- ◇ Before you travel, please check our website or Facebook page for current weather conditions.
- ◇ Please stay in contact with the resort in bad weather & if there is snow forecasted contact reception or reservations for best times to travel.
- ◇ Make sure your car radiator has antifreeze.
- ◇ We try to advise everyone if it snows and if the passes close. Please do NOT attempt to drive through if you are warned not to.
- ◇ Ensure you fill up before arriving as the nearest petrol station to the Resort is 76km away in Butha Buthe.
- ◇ Keep to the speed limit. The national speed limit on open roads in Lesotho is 80km/h and in the cities 50km/h.
- ◇ Roadblocks are common practice.
 - Stop behind the stop sign and wait to be called forward.
 - Police will expect to see a valid license disk, 2 triangles, a fire extinguisher.
 - Be polite and friendly to avoid unnecessary conflict and absolutely NO bribes are to be given.
- ◇ Please drive carefully.
 - The mountain pass is steep and always a possibility of ice and snow on the road.
 - There are potholes in a few places.

ON THE MONEY SIDE:

- ◇ All major bank cards are accepted in Lesotho.
- ◇ The local currency is Loti but South African Rand are widely accepted.
- ◇ A R200 cash refundable key deposit is requested at check-in.



STAY IN TOUCH:



- ◇ Please save the resort numbers: +266 595 44 734 / +27 87 357 0250.
- ◇ You will need to activate International roaming on your cell phone before you exit South Africa. (Please contact your service provider at least a week before departure)

- ◇ There is Vodacom 3G signal, although this can be interrupted by bad weather.
- ◇ You can purchase local SIM cards and data at reception, and we also have a limited number of dongles and routers available for internet access.

MAXIMISE YOUR BOOKING:

- ◇ Check-in time is at 16h00 on the day of your arrival.
 - Some people book into Clarens or a nearby B&B the night before, cross the border early and spend this first day getting your equipment fitted, you may even have time to hit the slopes before checking-in.
- ◇ Check-out time is at 10h00 on the day of departure.
 - Pack your car so you are ready and then you can enjoy your last day on the slope.
 - If you need to be down the mountain pass before sundown we suggest you leave the resort by 16h30.
- ◇ Full payment is required one month before arrival or immediate payment if your booking is less than a month away.
- ◇ Please print your booking confirmation for accommodation and skiing and hand-in at reception.



SAFETY: On site medical support during the winter season is provided by EMC.

- ◇ They are available for medical assistance for any injuries or illness acquired at the Resort and all costs are for the guest's own account.
- ◇ Please ensure you use guides and instructors, follow their advice and cautions, and follow the slope or activity rules when you're out and about.
- ◇ Inform your medical aid that you will be out of the country to ensure that you are covered.
- ◇ Check with your car insurance that you are covered when travelling out of the country.
- ◇ Ensure you have Travel insurance that covers non-arrivals, accidents and additional costs resulting from being snowed in or out of the resort.
- ◇ Remember its high altitude, if your blood pressure can't handle it please bring medication.

THE RESORT: Slopes open 7 days 09h00 - 16h00

Restaurants:

Sky
Highest Restaurant in Africa
07h00 – 23h00

(Bookings essential for dinner in winter)

Gondola Café
Après-ski party spot & Snacks & light meals
09h00 – Midnight

(Closes at 20h00 on Sundays)

Cooler Box
Grab & go food & drinks kiosk
11h00 – 17h00

Snow & Bike:

- ◇ Rental
- ◇ Shop
- ◇ Depot
- ◇ School
- ◇ Snowpass

Ski & Snowboard Mountain School

Group lessons
10h00 - 12h00 | 14h00 - 16h00
Private lessons
09h00 - 10h00 | 13h00 - 14h00
Freestyle basecamp
09h00 - 15h30 (Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat)

