



## Southern Berg Escape

The preferred Drakensberg Destination

### 25 THINGS TO DO IN A DAY

#### CHILD FRIENDLY

- **Sani Pass Day Tour** – All participants must be in possession of a valid passport. The tour departs at 09h30 and returns at approximately 16h15. It is a fully interactive eco/ethnic/historical tour led by a qualified and registered guide. Have a drink in the highest pub in Africa, taste Basotho beer and bread and learn about innovative under floor heating and why the shepherd boys carry highly decorated sticks. Contact Sani Pass Tours on 033-7011064 in advance.
- **Reichenau Mission**- Approximately 15kms from Underberg on the R617 towards Pietermaritzburg. Fascinating history of the church and mill. Walk down the steep stairs behind the mill to the waterfall on the Polela River. Visit the “self-help” crafts and do a guided tour of the Mission.
- **Himeville Museum** – On the main road in Himeville. Open 09h00 to 12h00 daily but arrangements can be made at other times for larger groups. Displays show a Settler home, introduction of trout, San/Bushman Rock Art and much more. Tel 033-7021184
- **Pony Trails** – From one hour – Contact Khotso Horse Trails on the Drakensberg Gardens Road Tel 033-7011502 or Rainbow Adventures Tel 033-7021030
- **Tubing or Canoeing** – Best in the summer months when the rivers are running strongly and the water temperature is higher than in winter. Contact Khotso Pony Trails Tel 033-7011502 or Pennygum Tel 033-7011023
- **Hiking** – Usually in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Wilderness area. With children – try Cobham for easy hikes on the banks of the Polela River, Bushmans Nek and Drakensberg Gardens.
- **Dairy Visit** – Experience the daily milking at one of the dairy farms in the area. Contact Sani Pass Tours on 033-7011064 to make arrangements. Cows and farmers wait for no man, so please make your arrangements early (24 hours in advance) to avoid missing the experience.
- **Modern Zulu Cultural Experience** – Visit Lotheni and experience a day in the life of the Zulus as they live today. Meet a Sangoma. Packed lunch in Loteni Wilderness area. Contact Sani Pass Tours, 48 hours in advance on 033-7011064
- **Bushman Painting Hike** – Recommended for those with older children only. Fully guided hike with registered/qualified guide. Short or long hikes available, all with entrance fees and light packed lunch included. Contact Sani Pass Tours on 033-7011064 at least 24 hours in advance.
- **Duck & Dolittle** – 1km from the R617 on the Drakensberg Gardens Road. Relax in the restaurant or bar while the children feed the farm animals or play in the playground. A well stocked craft shop on the premises. Tel 033-7011176



- **Pucketty Farm** – 2kms from the centre of Underberg on the R617 toward Pietermaritzburg. Coffee shop, wonderful farm produce from the farm, smoked trout and other trout products, great little craft shop and animals. A true Beatrix Potter experience. Tel 033-7011035
- **Kenmo Lake** – Approximately 3kms from the Himeville/Loteni Sani Pass/Pevensey crossroads, towards Loteni. Turn into the Hazeldene drive and Kenmo is on the left. Best seen in autumn but a wonderful picnic spot all year round. **Please, no braais.**
- **Himeville Nature Reserve** – Just outside Himeville. Turn at the Museum, cross Sutton Street and drive straight into the gates of the reserve. A small herd of Blesbok and Wildebeest. Two trout dams with boats. Perfect for picnics and there is also a braai area.
- **Penwarn Country Lodge** – Small herds of zebra and eland and other plain buck. Trout dams and horse riding. Good restaurant. Tel 033-7011777

### **FOR THE FISHERMAN**

- It is possible that your accommodation establishment has a dam or river on site. Please make arrangements with your hosts.
- The Underberg/Himeville Fly-fishing Club manages many of the dams and river beats in the area. Rod fees are R75.00 per rod per day per beat. The office is open from 08h00 to 10h00 daily including Christmas Day. Tel 033-7011041

**It is very important to remember that only fly-fishing tackle is permitted in the district (even if you are fishing for bass) and that the rivers are closed from mid May to 1<sup>st</sup> September each year, depending on the conditions of the water.**

### **FOR THE FIT AND ADVENTUROUS**

- **Hiking** - In the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park. Try any of the “peaks” like Rhino, Siphongeni and Khanti. From Cobham you can also access Hodgsons Peaks. Hike from Sani Pass to Cobham on the Giants Cup Hiking Trail. The whole trail from Sani Pass to Bushmans Nek is a 5-day hike, but you can hike sections of the whole trail in one day. For those with passports and 4x4s Hodgsons Peaks are also accessible from Sani Top Chalet at the top of Sani Pass. Stay two nights at Sani Top and you can also “do” Thabana Ntlenyana – the highest peak south of Kilimanjaro. Contact Sani Pass Tours on 033-7011064 for recommendations and information.
- **Sani Pass Quad Tours** – 3 different tours to choose from. Contact Kevin on 072-4255230
- **Paragliding – In Bulwer.** Tandem flights arranged. Contact Wild Sky on 039-8320224



## EATING OUT

**We recommend that reservations are made for all dinner bookings, and in some cases for lunch. For the out of town establishments we recommend that bookings are made for all meals to avoid disappointment**

### **IN AND AROUND UNDERBERG AND HIMEVILLE**

- **Pucketty Farm** – 033-7011035 – Coffee shop opens daily. No dinners. Beautiful farm store selling fresh baked bread and scrumptious foods. (*Will make a dietician faint*)
- **Lemon Tree Bistro** – 033-7011589 – Open for breakfast and lunch every day
- **Temptations** – 033-7011615 – Breakfast and lunch Monday to Saturday.
- **Roxy's at Underberg Hotel** – 033-7011412 – Pub grub and a la carte dining room. All day every, day.
- **Mike's Restaurant** – 033-7011565 – Open every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner except Sunday when the restaurant is closed for dinner and closed on Wednesdays.
- **Duck & Dolittle** – 033-7011176 – Open every day for breakfast and lunch and on Friday night only for dinner. Closed on Tuesdays out of season.
- **Himeville Arms** – 033-7021305 - Pub grub and a la carte dining room. The “locals’ local” Open every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- **Moorcroft Manor** – 033-7021967 – For adults and children over 12 years only. Affordable 5-star cuisine. Open every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### OUT OF TOWN DINING

- **Giants Cup Tea Garden** – 033-7020330 – Coffee shop all day and meals on request.
- **Castleburn Resort** – 033-7011405 – Only lunch and dinner every day.
- **Drakensberg Gardens Hotel** – 033-7011355 – Every day, breakfast lunch and dinner.
- **Penwarn Country Lodge** – 033-7011777 – Every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Venison a speciality.
- **Bushmans Nek Hotel** – 033-7011460 - Every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

