

## Eswatini Trip FAQs

- Will I need to bring bedding, towels, etc with me? At all lodging accommodations, bedding and towels will be provided. It will be wise to bring a washcloth and toiletries as those are not provided in most places here. I will provide a packing list for you to help with every essential that you might need.

- Should I bring my own food? If you have any type of food allergy (gluten free, dairy) it might be helpful to bring your own snacks. As we try to cater to every taste bud, it is sometimes hard to cater to those special food allergies.

- What is the climate like? Do I need to bring winter clothes? The seasons are at opposite times than in the USA. So our winter months are June - August. So if you are traveling during that time, it would be great to bring a few light winter clothes...light winter jacket, leggings for the ladies, beanie hat.

**eNhlaneleni is in the hottest part of Eswatini. We will be there in their Autumn season but it likely will get reasonably hot, at least in the daytime.**

- Can we bless the kids with gifts? The answer is YES! If you would like to bless the kids, we will ask the regional team what is the biggest need for the kids at that time. You can either bring those items with you from the States or we can purchase them here...we do love to support the local economy here!

**My understanding is that Maureen Conley is working hard to make a little doll for each child. In addition, I suggest that we send funds ahead from a general trip fund for the Swazi staff to purchase gifts. Others in the group may have other ideas.**

- Should we give any type of tips? If you would like to tip your accommodation staff, your driver, and/or the staff that worked with you, that would be great! Those tips are NOT included in your ground package. The tip that IS included in your ground package is the safari tip.

**I have asked for a quote without a safari trip so that we can know the basic cost. We can decide as a group about adding a safari and that would be an extra cost.**

- Can I shop with USD? You will need to be able to shop with South African Rand and/or Eswatini Emalangen. The best option for getting that money is checking with your local bank to exchange while in the States. Unfortunately, the Joburg

airport is not the safest place to exchange money these days. Another option is to pull your spending cash from an ATM here...please make sure your bank knows that you will be traveling overseas and to where.

- Is the water safe to drink while in the country? Is it safe to have ice? We will have safe drinking water for you to have while in the country. You can bring a water bottle with you and we will have large water jugs for you to pour into your water bottles. It is safe to have ice in your drinks also.

- What are some Safari options for us to enjoy? There are 3 great places right here in Eswatini. Mlilwane is a smaller game reserve here - you can enjoy a bike ride, a nice hike up to Execution Rock, or even a Sunset drive seeing some Zebras and Crocs. Hlane is a great reserve where you will most likely see three of the Big 5. You can go for a 2.5 hour drive and then enjoy a nice meal at the restaurant that overlooks the watering hole. Mkhaya is a great cultural experience. You get to sleep in the wild, eat in the wild and enjoy a couple of game drives. Kruger National Park is also an option as it is situated in South Africa. It is an all day safari, but a high chance in spotting the Big 5.

**We will need to discuss this and make a group decision.**

- What does Ministry look like? CarePoint ministry is a huge part of Adventures Eswatini! You will have time to love on some kids, share the Gospel within your CarePoint community and be the light of Christ with every person you come in contact with.

**In addition, people who have been there before, including Peter Spragg, say that home visits are very important and highly valued. We have been given an enthusiastic welcome for several members of our group to do "Days for girls" sessions in the care point and in the community. Other possibilities are available, depending on the expertise and interest of members of our group. Some groups also host a family day for the care point children and families. A staff appreciation dinner is also a possibility. We will need to discuss and pray about these possibilities.**

We hope this FAQ sheet helps with questions that you may have and please don't hesitate to ask any other questions. We are here to help you in any and every way possible!