

DISCOVER

EMAZIZINI

OUR VILLAGE IN THE DRAKENSBERG AMPHITHEATRE



NORTHERN DRAKENSBERG, KWAZULU-NATAL



WOW!ZULU



A responsible craft and tourism initiative of Africa!Ignite





Taste our Food



Meet our people



Experience our craft



Touch our lives

Feel our warm welcome

Discover eMazizini, our friendly village at the foot of the Drakensberg's majestic Amphitheatre. Start at the WOWZULU Marketplace on the main road and let our team welcome you warmly into this rural village. The Drakensberg mountain range, a World Heritage Site, stretches for more than 1000 km and the Amphitheatre in the north is its most dramatic part. The uThukela River plunges 1 000 metres down the Amphitheatre in a series of cascades that is the second-highest in the world. eMazizini lies on the banks of the uThukela, across the river from some world-class tourist establishments. Our roots in this area go back thousands of years.

Rivers and cattle are both central to the cultural and economic life of rural Zulu communities, and the Thukela's floodplains are the grazing grounds of the community's cattle.

The WOWZULU Marketplace, in the grounds of the Thuthuka Mazizi Bakery and Restaurant, is your friendly home in eMazizini. Let our team tell you our stories and enjoy a drink or 'taste of local' meal or snack, before heading out into the community with its gentle rural lifestyle.



● alpine heath resort

TO OLIVERSHOEK PASS

AND FREE STATE BORDER

the northern horse

● montusi mountain lodge

To Northern Drakensberg, Royal Natal National Park and resorts

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TO BERGVILLE

map of emazizini

northern drakensberg

All Out adventures

WOWZULU organises transfer to and from all the local hotels to the WOWZULU Marketplace, your gateway into our community. Listen to local stories, enjoy a coffee or a 'taste of rural' snack and view locally-made gifts. This is the starting point of four optional eMazizini experiences, each uniquely different.

● THE CAVERN

rugged glen

hlanathi drakensberg resort

● Orion mont aux sources hotel

Weave your basket
Walk or drive to the Thandanani Crafter Centre next to the Marketplace, and learn to weave a small basket from grass collected high against the mountain slopes. Make new friends and learn Zulu phrases. Take your basket with or arrange to have it shipped. (Five hours including lunch back at the Marketplace.)

A day in the life of our village
Become part of village life for a day, taking part in different activities depending on the time of year - preparing fields; planting or harvesting; milking cows or herding cattle; or taking part in traditional ceremonies. (Morning, afternoon or full day).

ROYAL NATAL NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE

PARK RUN STARTS HERE

thuthuka mazizi bakery

bangani secondary school

THANDANANI craft centre

rural home

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tugela falls band b

wowzulu market place
start your adventure here

cattle kraal

sangoma

shebeen

village walk

zwelisha

bonjaneni

tractor trailer ride

Tractor trailer ride up the mountain
Take a ride in a tractor-pulled trailer up the eMngxaleneni mountain behind our village, ending at an abandoned cattle kraal below the crest. Walk up the slope to enjoy breath-taking views of the amphitheatre wall rising above. Then back to the cattle kraal for story-telling and to do drumming, with sounds echoing across the mountain. Enjoy drinks and snacks as the sun sets behind the mountains. (Time 4 hours, best as an afternoon/evening activity.)

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The eMazizi village walk
Let us take you to a friendly rural home on the outskirts of the village and help your hosts to start preparing for your traditional lunch, picking ingredients in the garden. Then walk up the hill to visit a neighbour's cattle kraal, a local tavern and the home of a local 'sangoma' or traditional healer. Have lunch back at the home where you started, do some drumming, play volley-ball and enjoy locally-brewed beer. (4 to 5 hours including transfer.)

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