

Ribola rural lifestyle and culture tour

Cuckoo's Nest Guesthouse nestled at the foot of the Soutpansberg mountain in Limpopo, makes a luxurious farmhouse-base from where guests can do the rural-hip Ribola Lifestyle, Art and Culture tour.

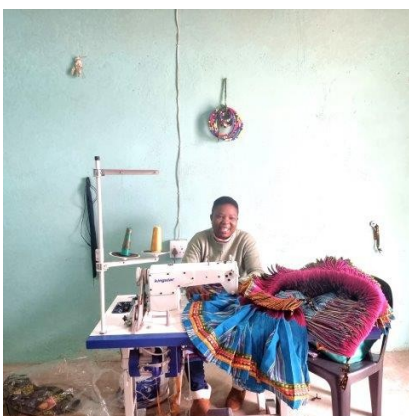


On this trip one can learn more about the daily lives and customs of the Venda, Tsonga and Sotho people who make up most of the rural population in northern Limpopo.



Your tour guide will be Gift Mkhari (photo above middle). He is a Tsonga man who grew up in the region, speaks all the local languages, knows the customs and the myriad local dust roads, the ideal, reliable guide for an authentic lifestyle tour of rural Limpopo and its people.

This day trip is a self-drive tour that starts in Louis Trichardt going to Elim and its surrounding villages, with Gift joining you in your car for the day.



Guests will meet Gift at Khojas' in Louis Trichardt, a well-known Indian shop stocking traditional textiles and beads for the Venda, Tsonga and Sotho people who still love to dress up in their traditional, home-made attires. Khojas also sell traditionally used utensils and dried

food like the nutritional regional delicatessen, dried Mopani worms. Cukoo's Nest will escort you for the short drive to Khojas and introduce you to Gift.

Then you'll be off to Elim's informal tin-shack open-air market to get a feel of the people in traditional dress, the local buzz and food. This is a favourite spot for keen photographers.



The journey then continues through rural landscapes to the villages where local artists and crafters live and work.

You will be visiting Twananani textiles where a co-op of women print, dye, batik and bead on cloth. They also run a community creche at Twananani to help the working moms in their community.

Next you will drop in with scrap-artist Pilato Bulala who creates wonders from scrap, visit well-known Tsonga woodcarver and traditional music-maker Thomas Kubayi and his wife, bead-worker Sjarlotte Mabunda.

From there it is off to Mukondeni pottery, where a co-op of Venda women still make their huge, traditional open-fired pots from river-clay.



This programme could be subject to slight changes due to local circumstances e.g. weather conditions or some places being closed on Sundays.

However, it will always offer an authentic tour to experience the daily life of the colourful and friendly Venda and Tsonga people of the region.

Cuckoo's Nest provides lunch packs. Lunch is normally a picnic in the shade of a Marula tree at Thomas and Sjarlotte's workshop.



Rates

Below are the rates for a day trip with your own transport, including the tour guide, a donation for the creche at Twananani textiles, a demonstration of traditional music with Thomas Kubayi, storytelling with Pilato Bulala and showing how traditional clay pots are made at Mukondeni.

- **Rate per person plus a Lunch pack = the total for the tour per person.**
- **The price displayed exclude Value Added Tax (VAT), which will be included on generation of the invoice.**

Number of guests	Rates per person
1 person	R 2400
2 people	R 1200
3 people	R 800
From 4 people	R 600
Lunch packs	R200



To book your accommodation, tour guide and lunch packs with Cuckoo's Nest please contact: Clarissa Borrett at +27 82 498 1173 or email: cuckoosnestgh@gmail.com. For more detail please visit our website at www.cuckoosnestguesthouse.co.za