

Lap of Lesotho

September 2010

The Lap of Lesotho 2010 is an adventure trip for classic and interesting cars travelling around and through Lesotho. The start is planned for the 6th September 2010 and the finish will be at Clarens in the Freestate, South Africa on Sunday the 12th September 2010. The official start is from Clarens however there will be a send-off from Johannesburg.

This event takes place following the successful 2006 and 2008 African Odysseys to Kenya. The format is much shorter than the last two events but it is a challenge taking in the roads and mountain passes of KZN Natal, the Eastern Cape and Lesotho. The distance from Johannesburg and back is approximately 3000km.

Entries at this stage are limited to 20 cars and the entry fee for the event is R11 450.00 per couple including meals where possible and excursions where applicable.

We will travel from home heading for our first overnight at Clarens. From there we will head off via the Golden Gate National Park, the Olivier's Hoek Pass, Woodstock Dam, Nottingham Road, and Midmar to our next overnight stop near the dam. Lunch around Nottingham Rd and an afternoon on the Midlands Meander.

The following day entails a short 150km run to the foot of Sani Pass from where we will ascend to the top of Sani Pass in hired 4x4s to lunch at the highest pub in Africa and a visit to the highest point in Lesotho. Warm clothes and your passport will be necessary. We will overnight at the Sani Pass Hotel. An early start from Midmar is required to get us to the Sani Tour by 10.00am.

From Sani the route takes us along the Berg into what were formally the Transkei visiting old frontier towns such as Kokstad, Matatiele and MacLear. Should the weather be clear the more adventurous can take the road to Rhodes via the infamous Naudesneck Pass. The Pass is the highest gravel road pass in South Africa and is famous in rally circles. If that is not your cup of tea there is an option to take the route via Elliot, which is about 30km longer, to the overnight at Barkly Pass. Today you will have visited some of the most beautiful scenery in South Africa.

After a short run we cross into Lesotho at the little used Tele Bridge crossing at the lower southern end of Lesotho and wind our way up over many passes to a village called Malealea just south east of Maseru. An amazing place as is the drive getting there.

From Malealea we head off past Maseru and on to Hlotse where we turn right for the road to Katse Dam. We climb onto what appears to be the top of the world with many spots being at around 3000 metres. The trip to Katse Dam, where we overnight, is possibly one of the most spectacular drives in all of Africa. If the mists come down over the mountains it makes for quite an exciting trip. The day ends at the huge Katse Dam complex which is part of the Highlands Water Scheme which in turn supplies South Africa with much of its energy and water. If you get into Clarens early on the

first day visit the Katse Project display in the village which shows the hugeness of the scheme.

Overnight is in Clarens with dinner and presentation ceremony.

We have also arranged a Tour from Clarens to the MG Indaba 2010 and you may chose to continue on from Clarens to Oudtshoorn for the MGCC Indaba 2010. See the website www.afriod.co.za for details.

Accommodation will be our usual norm where we obtain the best in the areas we visit. Breakfasts are included as are a dinner on some of the overnight stops.

You will be sent, on entry, a list of mandatory and recommended requirements.

We will not, as in the past, be issuing road maps as the distances are very short and the day of the GPS has overtaken the inaccurate and poor map books. GPS co-ordinates will be provided as will Rally Plates, Decals and so on.

Bookings and Payment.

Bookings will be taken on a first come basis. There is a booking fee of R2 000.00 to be included with your entry. The balance of R9 450.00 is due before the end of June 2010,

The booking fee is not refundable once an entry has been accepted.

The balance is NOT refundable after the 1st June 2010.

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