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BOTSWANA

AN OVERNIGHT HIKE IN THE TSWAPONG HILLS

GUESTHOUSES

3 NIGHTS/4 DAYS ZAR 4470 PER COUPLE

The Tswapong Hills are an 80 km long sandstone ridge, rising 300m above the surrounding landscape. These scenic hills are home to a lot of wildlife and many archaeological and historic sites, and have been proposed as a UNESCO World Heritage site by the Botswana Government. They start just across the Limpopo River not far from the Groblersbrug border post.

The hills are crisscrossed with old walking trails, mostly poorly marked and maintained. However, at the NW end of the hills there is a two day loop between Modutela and Malaka, ideal for hikers. Starting at Modutela, near modern Palapye, the OPM trail climbs up and over the hills and along their southern face. This trail is through mature, mixed forest most of the way. It takes about 6 hours to reach Malaka on foot. As shown in the photo above, the trail is well marked with silver reflectors.

The return hike follows the 'Main Track', the old 19th Century heavy wagon trail from Old Palapye back to Modutela. This route is slightly more direct and takes about 5 hrs to walk. It is mostly on the drier, northern side of the Tswapong Hills, which is dominated by open mopane forest.

There is almost no human habitation along either route and certainly no shops, so hikers need to be fully self sufficient during the day.

Accommodation at Modutela is in a well equipped, self catering farm cottage. Accommodation at Malaka is in a guesthouse.

Cars can be parked at Modutela for the duration of the hike. The Tswapong Hills have neither buffalo, elephants nor lions so no special precautions are required.

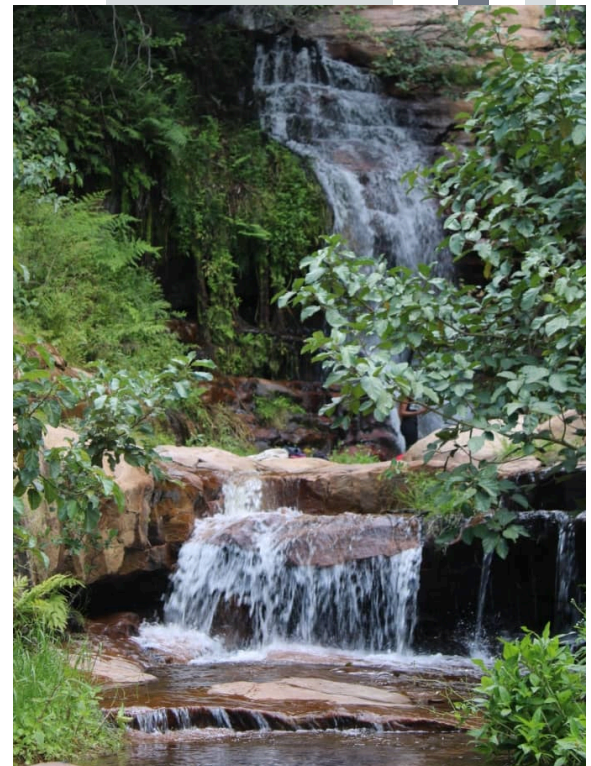


PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights accommodation at Modutela in a self catering farm cottage
- 1 night guesthouse accommodation in Malaka Village
- Breakfast on all 3 days
- Notes on the geological and human history of the Tswapong Hills

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- Cross border fees for your car
- Dinner in Malaka village



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