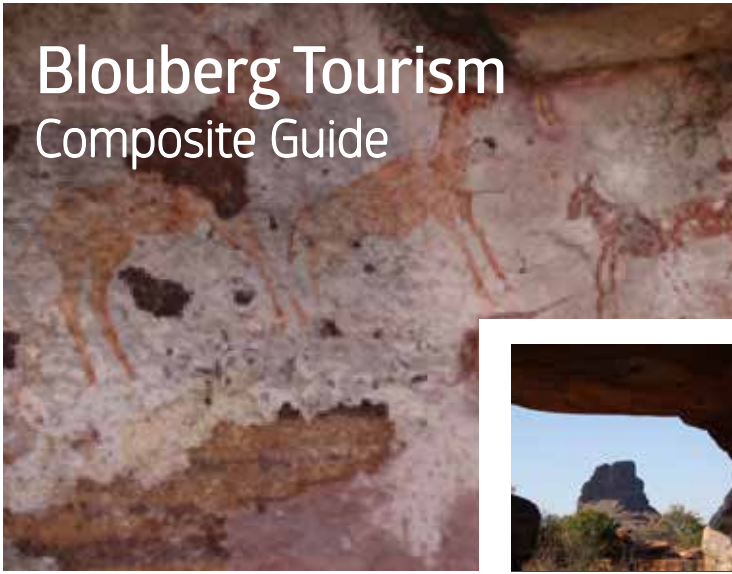


Blouberg Tourism Composite Guide



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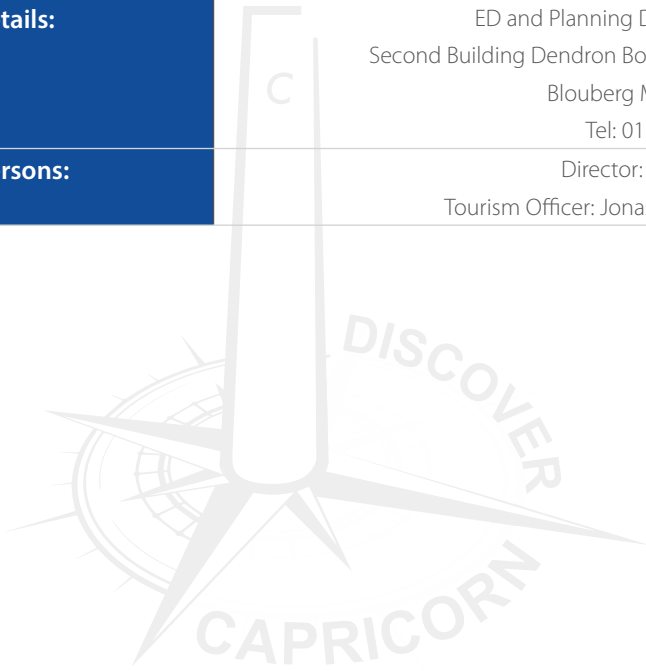


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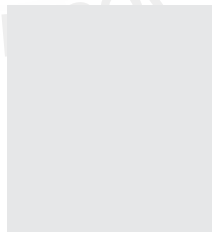
1. BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OVERVIEW

Blouberg Local Municipality's (BLM) name originates from the mountain range sporting the same name. This mountain range is located to the west of the well-known Soutpansberg Mountain Range. The word "Blouberg", which directly translates to "Blue Mountain", derives from the Afrikaans language.

This local municipality (LM) is situated in the northern reaches of the Limpopo Province, within the Capricorn District Municipality (DM). It borders two SADC (Southern African Development Community) countries, namely Zimbabwe and Botswana. Blouberg is also the largest of the four local municipalities in the Capricorn District and covers an approximate area of 9 248 square kilometres. The area is easily accessible via the R521, from the direction of the provincial economic hub, Polokwane. The R521 also links the Blouberg area with the UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) accredited World Heritage Site of Mapungubwe National Park.

Senwabarwana, also previously known as "Bochum", is the economic hub of the LM. It is approximately 85 kilometres from Polokwane. The name Senwabarwana means "Where the bushmen drink", signifying this region's close ties with its rich and colourful heritage. The local inhabitants of the area are mostly comprised out of the Bahananwa and Batlokwa people, with a small cluster of Vha-Venda, Afrikaans and English-speaking residents living in the rural areas.

In Blouberg, tourists can enjoy various activities, such as mountain climbing. The Makgabeng Plateau and the Blouberg Mountain are the two places deemed ideal for mountain climbing.



2. FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR MASEKA SOLOMON PHEEDI



Tourism is one of the economic pillars of the Limpopo Province and Blouberg Municipality with its strategic location and tourism potential.

The National Development Plan recognises tourism sector as one of the key drivers of employment, economic growth and national transformation agenda. We are largely a heritage tourism oriented economy and we need to build on this strength whilst we gradually diversify the same through value adding mechanisms. This sector has a huge potential to grow the Blouberg economy and improve the livelihoods of our communities as a whole.

Analysis of tourism potential both within the Municipality and provincially confirms the fact that Blouberg Municipality is one of the local municipalities which has a competitive advantage with regards to tourism.

Based on the above assertion, the municipality has developed a Tourism Composite Guide. This guide provides information about the tourism attractions within the Municipality. The local tour guides are also provided for booking and the guide also markets Blouberg Local Municipality, showcasing its' tourism potential and ultimately attract investment.

More efforts and resources need to be channelled into tourism, as it has the potential to tremendously reduce the tripple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality. Furthermore, it will ultimately make a contribution to the improvement of the economy of the municipality, province and the country as a whole.

Municipal Integrated Development Planning should continue to reflect on this potential and requisite resources must be allocated annually towards development of tourism. The municipality has gravitated towards the operationalisation of Senwabarwana Tourism Information Centre which will serve as a centre for tourists and learners who are embarking on research projects. This is the step in the right direction and more efforts and programmes will be pursued in order to realize this potential. The development of the tourism composite guide must be seen within context alluded to above.

Let us use this tourism composite guide for the development of tourism in the Municipality as a catalyst to development, job creation and the fight against poverty and inequality. Together moving Blouberg community forward through tourism. The environment is for you to explore, therefore enjoy your destinations.



3. BLOUBERG TRAVEL AND SAFETY TIPS

The scenic surroundings of Blouberg are synonymous with the Capricorn District. This region has relatively well-maintained tar roads. However, with Blouberg predominantly being a rural area, it is suggested that a 4x4 capable or high-clearance vehicle is utilised as it will significantly enhance the overall travel experience. Blouberg adheres to general safety rules applied internationally. The following should be kept in mind when travelling to and within the area:

- Ensure that you always lock your valuables and luggage in the car (never leave handbags and cameras on the car seat).
- Always carry a road map with you.
- Don't carry a large amount of cash with you and avoid flashy displays of expensive jewellery, cameras, mobile phones and other valuables.
- Never accept assistance from anyone at an ATM (automatic teller machine).
- Report stolen or lost banking cards immediately.
- Make use of reputable tour operators and transport services – if not, be sure to consult with the local tourism information office.
- Blouberg is a rural area. Thus, be wary of farm animals (especially donkeys and cows) on the roads; road signage will warn you accordingly.
- Should you be driving at night, keep your doors locked and always park in well-lit areas.
- Using hand-held phones while driving is against the law; use a hands-free kit if you wish to speak on your mobile phone.
- Ensure you have a basic first aid kit and sunscreen as the Limpopo Province can reach sweltering temperatures, especially during the summer months.
- Comprehensive travel insurance, which covers all potential activities you are expecting to participate in, is essential.
- Clinics and hospitals within the Blouberg LM provide basic medical assistance, with medical facilities in Polokwane offering more sophisticated treatment. Please refer to the last page of this guide for emergency numbers.



4. TRAVELLING AROUND BLOUBERG



Blouberg by air: Polokwane International Airport

The airport offers regular scheduled flights to Johannesburg along with several other non-scheduled and chartered flights to various local and international destinations. With its close proximity to the SADC region, modern infrastructure, superb facilities and a wide range of professional services on offer, the airport is recognised as the “Gateway to Limpopo”.

Polokwane International Airport has a range of conference facilities and venues to offer. The facilities are suitable for a wide range of events including meetings, weddings, workshops, banquets, cocktail functions, conferences and seminars.

Polokwane is located alongside the N1 national road, which is also the main route connecting the cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria to Polokwane and the Beit Bridge border post in Zimbabwe. When travelling to Blouberg, the best route is the R521 from Polokwane – preferably in a 4x4 vehicle.



Blouberg by road

The following table indicates the distance in kilometres from the Senwabarwana Tourism Information Centre to important South African cities.

Table 1: Distance to Senwabarwana Tourism Information Centre

City	Distance
Polokwane	85 kilometres
Pretoria	324 kilometres
Johannesburg	405 kilometres
Durban	960 kilometres
Cape Town	1,804 kilometres

5. TOURISM ROUTES



African Ivory Route



The African Ivory Route is designed for adventurous travellers and is one of the country's most challenging routes. The name of the route originates from thousands of years ago, where established elephant migratory routes crossed the path of ivory, gold and slave merchants in the northern part of South Africa.



The African Ivory Route was aptly named by hunters who tracked game across the Limpopo Province, Botswana, and Zimbabwe, including the northern expanse of the Kruger National Park. The route encapsulates 54 nature reserves, spanning over various terrains, including mountains, sandveld plains, and the infamous Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape World Heritage Site. The Ivory Route of South Africa is known as a place where elephants are granted right of way and the gigantic 'upside down' trees stand guard over the mystical and peculiar landscapes of Limpopo. This region is notorious for its associative past with a resident ancient Rain Queen's spirit, which is said to guard the exotic and sacred 800-year-old cycad forests.



This route links to the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Project. There are optimistic aspirations that one day wildlife will be able to once again travel along the old migratory routes across the borders separating South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.



One could take advantage of numerous organised tours, but options also exist for a self-drive package. Experienced guides are available at many of the camps. This is such a vast expanse of South Africa that it offers tourists the opportunity to customise their own journey, focusing on archaeology, history, culture, birding or wildlife. There are several camps along the route, and accommodation differs from traditional huts to luxury or dome tents with communal kitchen facilities. Each campsite is able to accommodate up to 10 guests.

Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 781 0690
Email:	info@africanivoryroute.co.za
Website:	www.africanivoryroute.co.za/contact-us



Greater Limpopo Birding Routes

The Greater Limpopo Birding Routes are some of the most prolific regions in the country for bird watching. It is an expansion of the initial Soutpansberg/Limpopo Birding Route.

Upon exploring the routes, tourists have the chance to encounter more than 600 bird species. The route incorporates a series of mountain ranges, floodplains (where thousands of birds gather every year), as well as lowland forests and bushy savannahs.

Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 276 1131
Email:	contactus@limpopobirding.com
Website:	www.limpopobirding.com/



Limpopo Golf and Safari Route

The Limpopo Golf and Safari Route is a combination of two wonderful pursuits – golfing and game viewing. This route takes tourists and their golf clubs into the heart of the famous Waterberg DM, neighbouring Blouberg. This picturesque region is well-known for its excellent golf courses, abundant wildlife and multiple game reserves. A declared UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the Waterberg biosphere is a protected area of pristine wilderness, covering over 400 000 hectares.

On the Limpopo Golf and Safari Route tourists have the opportunity to play and stay at one of Limpopo's finest golf resorts.

Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 78 456 5070
Email:	fulufhelos@golimpopo.com
Website:	www.limpopogolfandsafari.com/



Greater Mapungubwe Heritage Route

The Greater Mapungubwe Heritage Route celebrates the incredibly rich history of the northern part of the Limpopo Province of South Africa. The route links numerous cultural (and natural) heritage sites via a circular route centred around key sites such as: the Mapungubwe World Heritage Site, the Thulamela Archaeological Site and the cluster of heritage sites surrounding the sacred Lake Fundudzi and royal Dzata Museum. The origins of the Greater Mapungubwe Heritage Route can be traced back through time to nearly 1 000 years ago, where the route’s primary starting point was rooted in the area that is known today as the town of Makhado.

From Makhado, it follows a circular route westward, along the Soutpansberg until the route reaches the little village of Vivo and ends off amongst the largest colony of Cape vultures in South Africa at the Blouberg Nature Reserve.



Seraki Blouberg Route

The Seraki Blouberg Route is located at the foothills of the Blouberg Mountain. The route’s path intertwines through a few local villages, fascinating community projects, natural attractions and an amazing diverse range of cultural heritage and natural treasures. The boundaries of the route are constituted by the Blouberg Mountain, Makgabeng Mountain and Malebogo (Maleboch) Nature Reserve on the one side, and the Blouberg Nature Reserve on the other side. The route also incorporates attractions found at the summit of this majestic mountain and is deeply entrenched in the history of its people.

Blouberg symbolises the Africa that is otherwise lost in the age of globalisation – where trends and fashions as well as identity are shaped by brands, movies and media. Visiting the various community projects and attractions distributed along this route, one cannot help but sense the footsteps of the ancestors, the whispers of nature and the vision of a creator. The sense of community makes a city dweller feel envious as the isolation of the people here is compensated with their connectivity to each other. Buried in this route is the treasure of history, heritage and a sense of Africa.

Booking enquiries:	Senwabarwana (Bochum)
Email:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Website:	info@blouberg.gov.za

6. HISTORY OF BLOUBERG

This section sheds some light on the vibrant history of the BLM, summarising the lives of the early inhabitants and the region's fight against colonialism.

Early Inhabitants

The history of Blouberg can be dated back as far as 26 000 years, through the Khoisan rock art. The San hunter-gatherers, who are believed to be the first inhabitants of the area, followed the migratory patterns of the wildlife. Their hunter-gatherer way of life was disturbed by the Khoekhoe people who adopted a pastoral lifestyle. The area was later inhabited by the Bahananwa, who in turn owe their roots to the Bahurutshe people of Botswana.

War Against Colonisation

Blouberg has a rich historical background pertaining to the physical resistance against Boer colonisation dating back as far as the early 19th century. Chief Malebogo was a great leader of the Bahanwa people who fought colonialism in this area.

Approximately 1 000 Bahananwa warriors fought to resist the forces of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek. The Boers were under the leadership of Commandant-General Piet Joubert, who was a very powerful military strategist. These two groups clashed in regular skirmishes along the elongated plateau that stretches across Blouberg. The Boers' invasive powers intensified as they denied Chief Malebogo's people access to water and burned their crops and homes.

After prolonged suffering and starvation, Chief Malebogo was forced to surrender and taken to Pretoria, where he was sentenced by the military court. The Bahananwa people were left vulnerable without their king and were forced to work for no wages. Those who managed to escape from the war hid at the Makgabeng Plateau, and their history is well documented in the form of rock art.

Senwabarwana

Senwabarwana (also known as Bochum) is a settlement approximately 85 kilometres north-west of Polokwane, on the route to Doringpad. Bochum was a name given to a mission station by the German missionary, Robert Franz, and his wife, Helene Franz. The settlement was established in 1890.

Helene and Robert named the first major hospital erected there, and it was used to treat people with leprosy. The hospital is now known as the Helen-Franz Hospital. The hospital was founded by the Robert and Helene Franz in 1908. Bochum is now one of the fastest-growing rural areas in the world. This place is also known for its diverse people emanating from places as far as Ga-Malebogo and Dendron (Mogwadi). It is under the rule of Chief Malebogo.

7. BLOUBERG LOCALATIONAL MAP

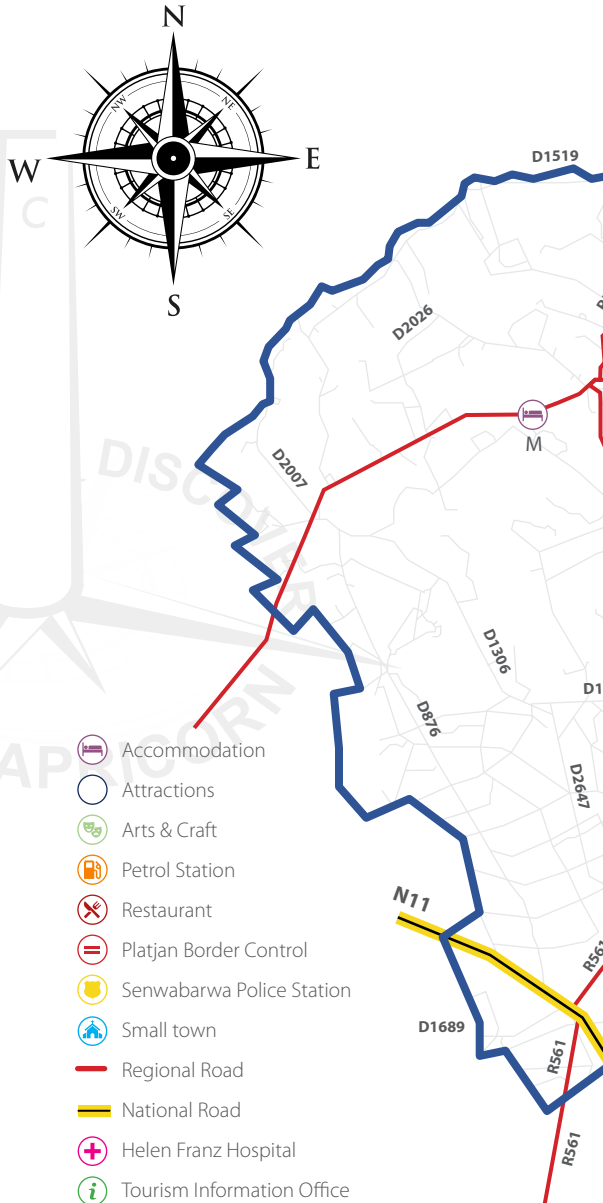
The tourist map below indicates the locational context of tourism attractions, routes, amenities and accommodation facilities. Each of the aforementioned have been allocated a number, which is used as a reference with details of each.

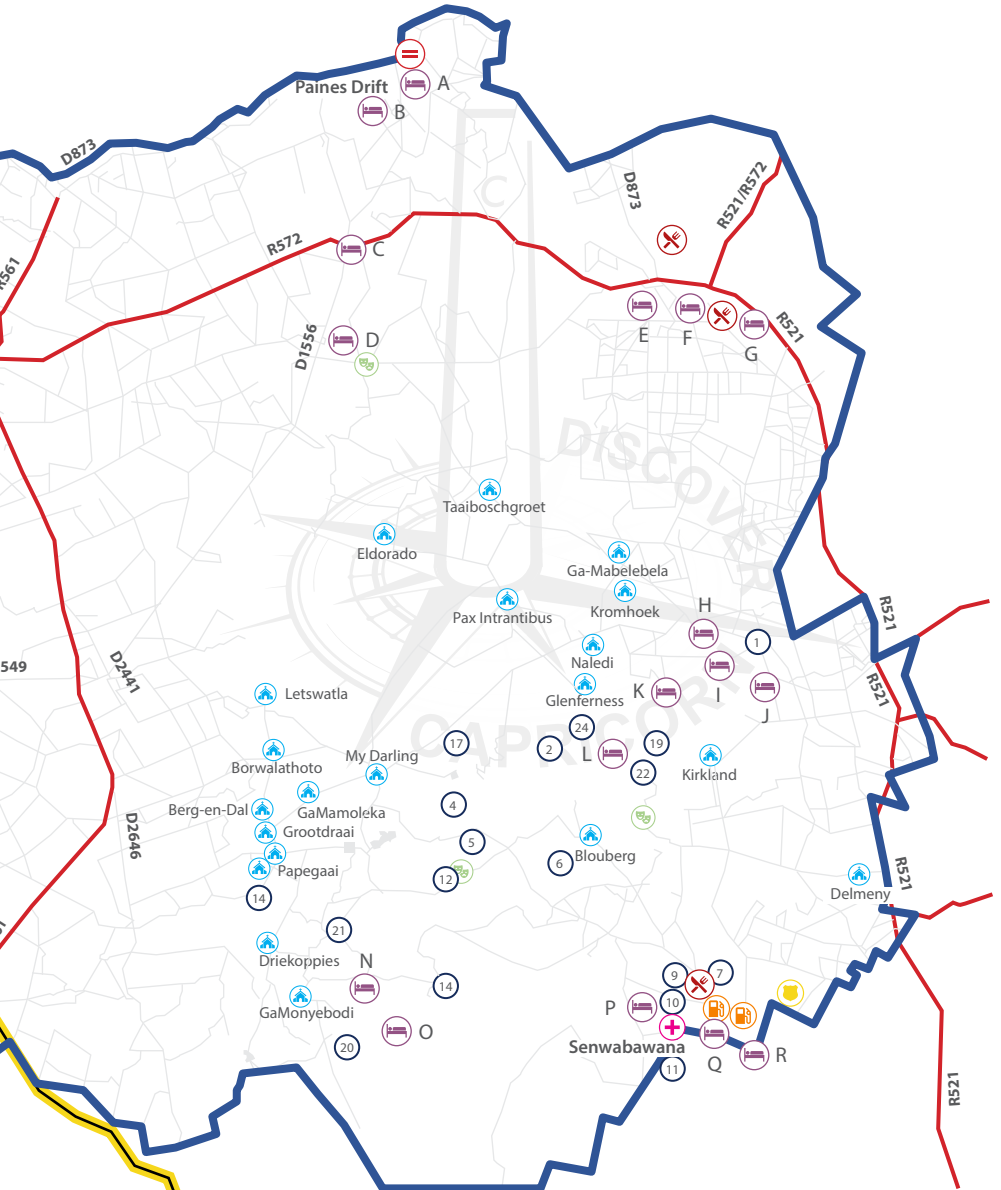
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22. Malebogo Boer War Battlefield site
23. The Wetlands in Senwabarwana
24. Blouberg Mountain

ACCOMMODATION

- A. Dumukwa Lodge
- B. Platjan Lodge
- C. Makoppa's Nest River Lodge
- D. Mogalakwena River Lodge
- E. Munala Lodge
- F. Alldays Hotel
- G. Alldays and Onions Guest House
- H. Molope Bush Camp
- I. Mashatu Camp
- J. Tamboti Camp
- K. Modumele Wilderness Camp
- L. Blouberg Cultural Camp
- M. Mareba Game Lodge
- N. Makgabeng Research Campsite
- O. Makgabeng Base Campsite
- P. Makgabeng Farm Lodge
- Q. Bakone Mathega Lodge
- R. Motlele Guest House





8. TOURISM ATTRACTIONS IN BLOUBERG



1. Blouberg Nature Reserve

This nature reserve is situated south-west of Langjan Nature Reserve and is approximately 50 kilometres west of Senwabarwana (Bochum). Blouberg Nature Reserve covers a total area of 9 348 hectares. It is also located en-route to the Mapungubwe World Heritage Site and serves as one of the core conservation areas of the Vhembe Biosphere, therefore, emphasising its international importance.

Blouberg Nature Reserve is home to one of the largest breeding colonies of Cape vultures in the world as well as a wide variety of other bird species. Tourists can be accommodated in one of the several campsites available throughout the nature reserve. Points of interest within the area include the fountain, Repanyana’s Neck, the Vulture Restaurant, the Big Tree, and the Fig Forest. The Blouberg Nature Reserve is approximately 154 kilometres from Polokwane.



Open:	Monday to Sunday 07:30 to 16:30
GPS coordinates:	S 22° 58'37.7" E 029°09'03.0"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 78 869 5240
Email:	info@kunemoya.co.za
Website:	www.bloubergreserve.co.za/
Physical address:	Vivo, Limpopo, South Africa



2. 1930 Prison Camp at Beauliy (Blouberg Mountain)

The prison camp is located at the base of the Blouberg Mountain, a few minutes' walk from the African Ivory Route Cultural Campsite. The walls of the prison are very thick and are an indication of how solid the structure was. The prison camp was built by the Boers to enforce their law on the Bahananwa people. The camp was also used to relocate the indigenous people away from the Blouberg Mountain.



GPS coordinates: S 22° 58'37.7" E 029°09'03.0"

Booking enquiries: + 27 (0) 78 869 5240

Email: info@kunemoya.co.za



3. Seabakgwana Pottery Project

The Seabakgwana Pottery Project is approximately 124 kilometres from Polokwane. The project operates from the Centre of Sewale, situated in Bull-Bull Village at the foothills of the Blouberg Mountain.

The project specialises in the following:

- Traditional pottery
- Traditional beadwork
- Woodwork
- Traditional basket making



GPS coordinates: S 23° 7'33.00" E 29° 2'0.04"

Booking enquiries: + 27 (0) 15 505 7100

Email: info@blouberg.gov.za



4. Leipzig German Mission

This site is situated adjacent to the Blouberg Mountain and was named after a town in Germany. The Leipzig German Mission Church was the centre of the war of resistance between the Boers and Maleboho. The church was built in 1868 by E.B. Beyer of the Berlin Mission Society. The community is still using the church today.

The connotation this site has to the 1894 Bahananwa Boer-War emphasises its historical significance and makes it a very interesting place for visitors. Travellers can also explore the ruins of the old structures as well as the nearby graveyard, where the grave of Christoph Sonntag's wife, Marie, still lies unscathed. Guided tours to the Leipzig German Mission can be arranged at the Senwabarwana Tourism Information Office.



GPS coordinates:	S23° 7'50.30" E 28°53'51.20"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Sehlong, Limpopo, South Africa



5. The Box Mountain

The name of the mountain is derived from the local community, who aptly named the mountain due to its peculiar shape. The mountain offers a unique pitstop opportunity for tourists to relax and take pictures. It is located just a few minutes away from the Leipzig German Mission.



GPS coordinates:	S 23° 8'17.40" S 28°54'31.80"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Sehlong, Limpopo, South Africa



6. Statue of Chief Malebogo

Chief Malebogo's gallant warriors staged a fierce resistance against the Boers, also taking advantage of the mountain stronghold, to the frustration of the invaders. Ultimately, the Boers' strength in numbers and heavy weaponry forced the chief to surrender on the 13th of July 1894. The mighty ruler was taken captive and jailed in Pretoria as Paul Kruger's prisoner.



GPS coordinates:	S 23° 7'50.90" E 28°57'24.60"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za



7. Franz Family Grave Site

The Franz family grave site is where Johannes Franz was buried after his death on the 3rd of November 1955.



8. Helene Franz House

This is the house of Helene Franz who was married to Robert. The couple settled in Senwabarwana in 1908. Robert, the husband, was a priest and Helene was involved in medical services. The legacy of the Franz family is very evident in Blouberg, with the town's hospital also being named after them.



GPS coordinates (House):	S 23°16'24.33" E 29° 7'21.55"
GPS coordinates (Grave Site):	23°16'46.00" E 29° 6'50.60"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za



9. The Helene Franz Lutheran Church

The leper church was built by Johannes (Hans) Franz during his tenure as superintendent of the Bochum Leper Institution.

The funds were provided by Reverend Martin Jackals, through the sale of his books. The church was initially built as a Lutheran church but was later utilised for other community services.



10. Leprosy Asylum

In 1914, the facility for the treatment of leper patients was established in Senwabarwana, in conjunction with the Robert Franz Hospital. The white rondavels on the farm have served as a significant landmark to the local people (Bahananwa) who refer to the establishment as “Kwa lephereng”, associated with the longstanding leper institution.



GPS coordinates (Lutheran Church) :	S 23°16'57.93" E 29° 6'16.47"
GPS coordinates (The White Rondavels):	S 23°16'51.60" E 29° 6'15.12"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za



11. Franz Family House

This house was built by the Franz Family in 1908, when the family moved to Senwabarwana where they acquired a farm from the government.



GPS coordinates:	S 23°16'57.90" E 29° 6'53.60"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za



12. Madibaneng Pottery

The Madibaneng Pottery project is a project managed by elderly women who develop and sell pottery to tourists and local communities. Tourists can book a tour to witness the incredible skills used to develop the pottery through the BLM tourism office.



GPS coordinates:	S 23°16'57.90" E 29° 6'53.60"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za



13. Mogalakwena Craft Art

The Mogalakwena Craft Art Development Foundation is located adjacent to the Mogalakwena River Lodge. Tourists can experience the following activities during their visit:

- Ethnographic art - documentation of oral culture in Blouberg
- Textiles and soft furnishings - beaded and embroidered curtain drops, scatter cushions, table linen
- Contemporary and traditional baskets
- Craft tours and workshops
- Research centre tours and participation in a variety of research activities



GPS coordinates:	S 22°43'30.97" E 28°46'37.25"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 21 685 4844
Email:	gallery@mogalakwena.com
Website:	www.mogalakwena.com
Physical address:	Canterbury Farm MR254, Alldays, Limpopo, South Africa





14. Makgabeng Plateau and Rock Art

The Makgabeng Plateau is located about 45 kilometres south-west of Vivo, at the western end of the Soutpansberg Mountain Range, about 22 kilometres south-west of the Blouberg Mountain.



The Makgabeng Plateau is home to over 890 San, Khoekhoe, Tswana and Northern Sotho rock art sites found hidden in sandstone outcrops and overhangs. The area was inhabited by the San, Khoekhoe, Tswana and Northern Sotho for centuries. The rock art at Makgabeng depicts the rich history of the indigenous people. It relays tales of war between the Boers on horseback and ox wagons, and Chief Malebogo.





15. Thabanathlana

Thabanathlana is a unique, iconic feature of the area. The landscape is inspired by the fragments of horizontal conglomerates



GPS coordinates:	S 2317'23.5" E 028°50'24.6"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Senwabarwana, Limpopo, South Africa



16. Glen Alpine Dam

The Glen Alpine Dam is located on the banks of the Mogalakwena River. The fishing site provides tourists with an opportunity to easily track fishing catches and experiences with exact co-ordinates.



GPS coordinates:	S 23°11'25.8" E 028°41'57.1"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Close to Papegai, Limpopo, South Africa



17. Malebogo Nature Reserve

Malebogo Nature Reserve is situated near the Blouberg Mountain. It is about 50 kilometres from Senwabarwana. The nature reserve is home to plenty of wildlife, such as giraffes, kudus, springboks, elands, impalas, wildebeests, and zebras.

Tourists can enjoy game exploration via self-driving or utilise the guided tours offered by experienced field guides. The reserve is characterised by the arid bushveld and undulating plains encompassing it, which offer breathtaking scenic views of the Blouberg Mountain.

Malebogo Nature Reserve covers a total area of 4 758.97 hectares. The land on which the Malebogo Nature Reserve is located is owned by the local community. The development and management of the reserve is undertaken by the Limpopo Provincial Government. The local communities, which are predominantly rural, reside close to the southern, eastern and western boundaries of the reserve.



GPS coordinates:	S 23° 3'15.02" E 028°51'52.00"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Mydarling, Limpopo, South Africa



18. Wonderkop Nature Reserve

Wonderkop Nature Reserve is situated on the eastern border of the Mogalakwena River, which supplies water to the Glen Alpine Dam.



The nature reserve has an array of diverse land formations and is mainly characterised by the red bushwillow trees found in the area. Main attractions inside the reserve include the availability of remarkable fountains.

Wonderkop Nature Reserve covers a surface area of about 16 000 hectares and is named after a hill located within the borders of the reserve. The hill is shaped in the form of animals or people – depending on a tourist's view angle. The area receives its rainfall during summer, while the winter months are generally dry with frost occurring occasionally.

This reserve is an ideal tourism destination for the 4x4 enthusiast, and the routes within the reserve offer admirable game viewing of rare species of roan and sable antelope.

GPS coordinates:	S 23°15'28.19" E 28°37'35.32"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Tlale Ga-Morudu Community, Limpopo, South Africa



19. Tsolopatwe "Rock Hide Site"

Tsolopatwe is also the name of a cave that forms part of the Blouberg Mountain. Here the community plans to erect a camping site and ample parking for tourists. There is a hiking trail that leads to the cave's entrance and to the yellowwood forest. The local ladies also perform traditional dances upon request.



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Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Tlale Ga-Morudu Community, Limpopo, South Africa



20. Makgabeng Mission Station

This mission station signifies the arrival and activities of missionaries in Blouberg. Built in 1870, this is one of the earliest German mission stations found in the surrounding area. It was abandoned in 1896 and was converted into an outpost for the Leipzig Mission Station. The Makgabeng Mission Station is also referred to as the Lemon Site, and the tree growing inside the dilapidated church is an indication of the abundant availability of groundwater.



Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Ga-Monyebodi, Limpopo, South Africa



21. Devilliersdale Natural Canyons

These canyons are natural pools created by the incredible power of water and erosion. The Devilliersdale Natural Canyons, with their breathtaking views and escarpments, are home to these naturally formed pools – providing visitors with the opportunity to experience the secrets of Blouberg.



GPS coordinates:	S 23°15'28.19" E 28°37'35.32"
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Bonne Esperance, Limpopo, South Africa



22. Malebogo Boer War Battlefield

It was at this site that the Boers clashed with the Bahananwa people, who were under the leadership of Chief Malebogo. In February 2007, the Malebo Boer War Battlefield was declared a provincial heritage site by the Limpopo Heritage Authority.



Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Senwabarwana (Bochum), Limpopo, South Africa



23. The Wetlands in Senwabarwana

The Senwabarwana Wetland was a source of water for the San people. The name “Senwabarwana” means “where bushmen drink”. The area is also believed to have been used by the San to perform religious activities. Their religion is referred to as shamanism. It is at this wetland where the San practised the art of formal gift exchanges. The other wetland found in Blouberg is Hlona Sedimong Wetland near Eldorado.



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Physical address:	Senwabarwana (Bochum), Limpopo, South Africa



24. Blouberg Mountain

The Blouberg Mountain is one of the best hiking and rock climbing destinations in South Africa. During the summer months, the rock pools found at the mountain are an exhilarating way to cool down from Limpopo’s sweltering summer heat. The Blouberg Mountain is part of the famous Africa Ivory Route. Qualified tour guides are available on request. Accommodation, in the form of camping, is also available at the mountain foothills and at the summit.



GPS coordinates:	S 23° 6'38.15" E 028°59'8.33"
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za
Physical address:	Blouberg, Limpopo, South Africa



Blouberg Tourism Information Centre

This is a definite must-stop for tourists travelling to the Blouberg Region. The Blouberg Tourism Information Centre is situated in Bochum. The centre can assist tourists who want to know more about the BLM area. Tour guides can be booked from the centre for guided tours. Tours conducted cover cultural, heritage, nature, and archaeological significance of the area.

Within this facility, the following can be found:

- Wits University Archive Heritage Centre for the area
- Heritage and History Interpretive Centre
- Tour guide and public computer centre



GPS coordinates:	23°17'24.8S, 28°08'39.2E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 015 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za

9. ACCOMMODATION IN BLOUBERG

A

Dumukwa Lodge

This lodge is built from all natural and local materials to complement the lush jungle-like surroundings. The lodge embraces a casual, family-style atmosphere with an emphasis on informal, relaxed outdoor living.

The lodge offers prime hunting grounds and modish accommodation for tourists.



Source: Dumukwa Lodge, 2017

GPS coordinates:	22° 29'22.46 S, 28°49'46.21 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 72 394 8588
Email:	dumukwasafari@icon.co.za
Website	www.dumukwa.com
Physical address:	Alldays, Tokio, Limpopo

B

Platjan Lodge

Platjan Lodge offers a wide selection of accommodation. The lodge is only a short drive from the Platjan Border Post crossing into Botswana. Here guests have the option to stay in private chalets, all fully equipped for self-catering.

The units are comfortably furnished with modern facilities and a fully functioning kitchen. Each unit has a private braai area and some chalets provide spectacular river views. On-site facilities include:

- Restaurant and bar
- Swimming pool
- Hunting
- Guest private parking



Source: Platjan Lodge, 2017

The lodge is an ideal place for hunters, backpackers, birdwatchers, fishermen and even businesspeople.



Source: Platjan Lodge, 2017

GPS coordinates:	22° 38'57.85 S, 28°46'54.27 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 82 415 8047
Email:	safari@lumbata.co.za
Website	www.facebook.com/makoppas/about
Physical address:	35 km on Swartwater Road, Alldays

C

Makoppa's Nest

Makoppa's Nest offers accommodation with fully equipped self-catering chalets nestled on the bank of the Mogalakwena River. Each chalet features a veranda, from where tourists can enjoy the beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

This is an ideal accommodation for the whole family. There are numerous activities to partake in at the lodge, which include:

- Day and night game drives
- Horseback safaris
- Cycling
- Hiking
- Fishing



Source: Makoppa's Nest, 2017

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D

Mogalakwena River Lodge

Tourists can experience the tranquillity of the Mogalakwena River Safari Camp and enjoy nature's splendour on the banks of the Mogalakwena River. The main lodge consists of four en-suite bedrooms, dining and open lounge area, infinity swimming pool and upper viewing deck.

The lodge also has additional facilities, such as:

- Bar and a lapa
- Thatched chalets
- A unique venue for weddings, conferences and special celebrations
- Sumptuous meals are prepared by utilising and incorporating the local herbs and vegetables from the garden



GPS coordinates:	22° 43'30.97 S, 28°46'37.25 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 72123 0505
Email:	elbe@mogalakwena.com
Website	www.mogalakwena.com
Physical address:	Canterbury Farm/Mogalakwena Farm 383, Alldays, Limpopo

E

Munala Lodge

Munala Lodge offers an opportunity for guests to choose from a variety of accommodation options. Guests can either check in at the chalets, caravan park or igloo. The caravan park accommodates no less than 20 people. The following amenities are available at the lodge:

- Conference facility, with projector screen
- Private guest parking
- Free Wifi and DSTV
- Air-conditioning
- Security gate and CCTV surveillance (24/7)
- A la carte restaurant
- Laundry services
- Sports weekend big screen TV
- Swimming pool
- Microwave and fridge





GPS coordinates:	22°40'40.2 S, 29° 05'45.8 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 575 1091
Email:	len.nbts@yahoo.com
Website	www.munala.com
Physical address:	Swartwater Road, Alldays, Limpopo

F

Alldays Hotel

Alldays Hotel is located on the Swartwater Road in the small town of Alldays. This is a well-maintained hotel providing accommodation for mining corporates and tourists. The facilities and services available include:

- Braai facilities
- Swimming pool
- Restaurant and bar
- Private guest parking
- En-suite rooms with TV



GPS coordinates:	22° 40'44.8 S, 29°06'17.4 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 575 1205
Email:	alldayshotel@live.co.za
Physical address:	Alldays, Limpopo

G

Alldays and Onions Guest House

Alldays and Onions Guest House is located at the R572 and R721 intersection in the town of Alldays. This guest house is named after "Alldays and Onions", who owned a tractor and vehicle factory in Birmingham, England. The following facilities and amenities are available at the guest house:

- Air conditioning
- Laundry
- Bar fridge
- DSTV
- Security gate and visitor parking



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Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 575 1205
Email:	alldaysshotel@live.co.za
Physical address:	Alldays, Limpopo

H

Molope Bush Camp

Molope is an amalgamation of five private bush camping sites in the heart of a beautiful, cool forest of mature weeping Boer-bean and Mashatu trees.

An ablution block with showers is also available on site.



GPS coordinates:	22° 59'01.6 S, 29°08'27.9 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 78 869 5240
Email:	info@kunemoya.co.za
Website:	www.bloubergreserve.co.za
Physical address:	Vivo, Limpopo

I

Mashatu Camp

The Mashatu Camp hosts self-catering accommodation units, consisting of four family cottages that can sleep up to four people each. This camp also has a separate lapa meeting room and an ablution block.



GPS coordinates:	22° 59'10.9 S, 29°08'47.5 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 78 869 5240
Email:	info@kunemoya.co.za
Website	www.bloubergreserve.co.za/

J

Tamboti Camp

The Tamboti Bush Camp is a rustic bush camp consisting out of four two-bedded safari tents. The following facilities are available:

- Ablution block
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Braai area
- Solar powered lighting (in all areas and tents)



GPS coordinates:	22° 59'19.1 S, 29°09'03.7 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 78 869 5240
Email:	info@kunemoya.co.za
Website	www.bloubergreserve.co.za/
Physical address:	Vivo, Limpopo

K

Modumele Wilderness Camp

This is a self-catering camp, and tourists are completely self-sufficient regarding all equipment.

Tourists can obtain water and firewood at the Blouberg Nature Reserve offices. This camp provides an ideal bush adventure experience for tourists.



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Email:	info@kunemoya.co.za
Website:	www.bloubergreserve.co.za/
Physical address:	Vivo, Limpopo

L

Blouberg Cultural Camp

The Blouberg Cultural Camp is situated in the southern expanse of the Blouberg Mountain.

The campsite has qualified tour guides from the African Ivory Route. The following is available for guests:

- Five standalone rondavels with beds
- Ablution facilities
- Gas stoves and refrigerators



Source: African Ivory Route, 2017

GPS coordinates:	23° 6'38.15 S, 28°59'8.33 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 781 0690/ 015 781 0343
Email:	info@africanivoryroute.co.za
Website:	www.africanivoryroute.co.za/contact-us

M

Mareba Game Lodge

Mareba Game Lodge offers amenities essential for the authentic and comfortable tourist experience. This includes accommodation for two, hot and cold running water, a shower and a flushing toilet. An enclosed balcony offers some welcome protection from the harsh African sun.

Nearly 100 metres from the main camp, tourists will come across a tented campsite that is able to accommodate up to six people. This campsite has electricity and visitors can bath with hot water.

The lodge is located on the northern border of Botswana and Zimbabwe. Mareba Lodge is the main camp for Rudolph Baard Safaris.



Source: Mareba Game Lodge, 2017

GPS coordinates:	22° 46'7.70 S, 28°23'53 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 71 5755 1610/1146
Email:	rudolph@baard.co.za
Website	www.safric.com
Physical address:	Maastroom, Limpopo

N

Makgabeng Research Campsite

The campsite is currently operational; however, tourists need to bring their own camping gear. The camping site is frequently used by Wits University students, who conduct research at the Makgabeng Plateau.

Tourists can discover and be part of the historic methods of starting a fire. The area has few proposed developments that aim to provide facilities such as ablution facilities and rental tents.



GPS coordinates:	23°17'23.50" S, 28°50'24.60" E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za

O

Makgabeng Base Campsite

The new campsite is located adjacent to the site where interesting pictures of Thabanathlana can be taken from an African map viewpoint.

Thananathlana is a unique, iconic feature of the area. The landscape is spired by the fragments of horizontal conglomerates.



GPS coordinates:	23°17'19.30" S, 28°50'34.80" E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 505 7100
Email:	info@blouberg.gov.za

P

Makgabeng Farm Lodge

The Makgabeng Farm Lodge is a four-star establishment with exceptional customer service. Guests booked at the lodge have an opportunity to tour the area and learn more about the local culture and heritage. The following is available for guests:

- 16 double rooms and 4 single rooms
- Meals are served
- Laundry services
- Security gate and CCTV surveillance (24/7)
- Farm style set-up
- African cuisine
- Makgabeng mountain tours
- Township tourism or village tourism tours



GPS coordinates:	23°16'34.37 S, 29° 8'10.68 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 73 190 9971
Email:	info@magkabenglodge.co.za
Website	www.makgabenglodge.co.za
Physical address:	Farm 1017, Werden Farm Senwabarwana, Limpopo

Q

Bakone Mathekga Lodge

The Bakone Mathekga Lodge is situated within walking distance from the Senwabarwana CBD and is easily accessible via the main road



GPS coordinates:	23°17'29.65 S, 29° 8'10.68 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 82 456 3279
Email:	info@bakonemathekgalodges.co.za
Website	www.bakonemathekgalodges.co.za
Physical address:	Ext 5, Senwabarwana, Limpopo

R

Motlele Guest House

Motlele Guest House is a three-star accommodation establishment that is located next to the Senwabarwana Central Business District (CBD). This guest house is approximately 90 kilometres from Polokwane, along the Mogwadi (Dendron) Road.

The following is available to guests:

- All meals of the day on request
- Conference facility which accommodates 30 delegates
- Private guest parking
- Security gate and CCTV surveillance



GPS coordinates:	23°17'23.32 S, 29°08'13.55 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 82 456 3279
Email:	admin@motleleguesthouse.co.za
Website	www.motleleguesthouse.co.za
Physical address:	Stand No 1 Ext 5 Senwabarwana (Bochum), Limpopo

10. PLACES TO EAT

A

Delicious Restaurant

The restaurant is one of a kind and offers the following:

- Coffee shop and restaurant
- Gift and curio shop
- Internet, fax and copy facility
- Nursery
- Kids playground
- Open seven days a week



GPS coordinates:	22° 40'47.5 S, 29°06'22.2 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 15 575 1148
Email:	shopdelicious@gmail.com
Physical address:	Physical address: Alldays, Limpopo

B

Roots and Fruits Farm Shop

Roots and Fruits is a farm stall that sells all-natural food products. It also has a take-away restaurant. The farm store offers a range of products that include, but are not limited to:

- Antiques
- Beverages
- A range of homemade sauces
- Fruits and vegetables



GPS coordinates:	22° 40'54.1 S, 29°06'32.6 E
Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 72 851 0527
Physical address:	Alldays, Limpopo

C

Blue House Chisanyama

The Blue House Chisanyama, in Senwabarwana, is renowned amongst locals as an entertainment and gastronomic home.

The Blue House Chisanyama comprises out of a pub and a butchery. It offers tourists an opportunity to mingle with the locals and enjoy local drinks, food and music. The venue also hosts celebrities, comedians and musicians



Source: Blue House, 2017

Booking enquiries:	+ 27 (0) 81 503 3855
Physical address:	Senwabarwana, Limpopo
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/bluehousebochum

11. TOUR GUIDES

Makgabeng Plateau and Rock Art

Guide Name	Guide Type	Area of Work
Lucas Mohlabeng	Culture & Heritage	Makgabeng Plateau
Fillix Mosebedi	Culture & Heritage	Makgabeng Plateau
Dennise Mokgobu	Culture & Heritage	Makgabeng Plateau
Maleba Seakamela	Culture & Heritage	Makgabeng Plateau
Joel Raseruthe	Culture & Heritage	Makgabeng Plateau
Phineas Mohale	Culture & Heritage	Makgabeng Plateau

African Ivory Route

Guide Name	Guide Type	Area of Work
Elizabeth Matema	Nature & Culture	Blouberg Mountain
David Barend	Nature & Culture	Blouberg Mountain

12. TOUR OPERATORS

Name	Tel	Cell	Email
Tsekedi Luxury Tourists Transport	015 295 4334	072 318 0727	info@tsekediluxurytours.co.za
Vuwa Transport	015 291 1384	084 602 9244	vuwagroupstanley@mweb.co.za
Plumtree Tours & Safaris	015 295 6153	076 272 8991	nico@plumtreetours.co.za
Elephant Walk Tours	015 781 5860	082 495 0575	elephant.walk@nix.co.za
Feel Wild Safaris	015 781 6958	082 883 2113	
The African Ivory Route (Tours)	015 295 3025	015 295 2829	infoair@mweb.co.za
All Round Safaris	014 7633 433	084 4911 488	info@allroundsafaris.com
Nature's Way Adventure Safaris	015 263 9008	083 380 2322	naturesway@telkomsa.net
Senwabarwana Tours and Safaris	N/A	071 5710 041	senwabarwanatours@gmail.com

13. CAR RENTAL COMPANIES

Name	Tel	Alternative number	Email
AVIS Car Rental	015 288 0171	015 288 0172	admin@avis.co.za
Bidvest Car Rental	015 288 0169	082 282 8634	voucherspa@bidvest.co.za
Budget Car Rental	015 288 0171	0822828634	reservations@budget.co.za
First Car Rental	015 291 4819	071 105 2983	firstpol@cmh.co.za
Hertz Rent a Car	015 288 9900	076 241 4844	res@hertz.co.za
Europcar	015 288 0097	082 564 5082	polokwane@europcar.co.za

14. EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Stations		
Landline	10111	Senwabarwana: 015 505 0575
Cellphone	112	Polokwane: 015 290 6577/8
Emergency Services		
Helen Franz Hospital:	015 505 0750/60/3058	
Medi-Clinic 24hour Emergency:	015 290 3747	
Provincial Ambulance:	015 505 0750/10177	
Netcare Ambulance Services:	082 911	
Traffic:	015 505 0575/10177	
Disaster:	015 505 7511/015 293 9777	

15. BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CONTACT DETAILS



BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY

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Senwabarwana
0790

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