

Basketry and Pottery are living traditional crafts

- ♦ A wide selection of Northern Sotho artifacts and souvenirs are available at various sales points in the Makgabeng. Local community elders make them in the traditional materials and artisanship

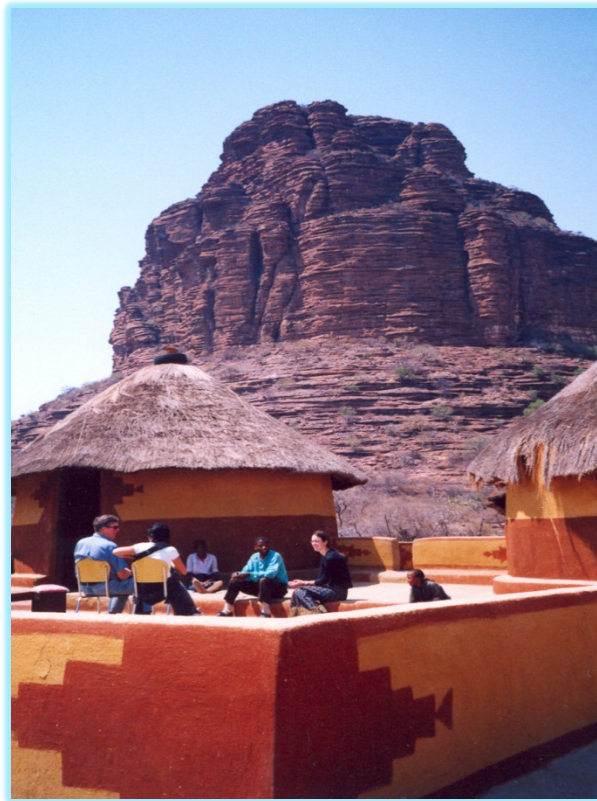
Basketry mastery



Pottery making



Wood carving



MAKGABENG ROCK ART AND CULTURE HERITAGE



Splendor of Makgabeng

From the experiencing the present culture to ancient treasures you will see the greatest sights in Italy. You will visit villages in the pristine countryside



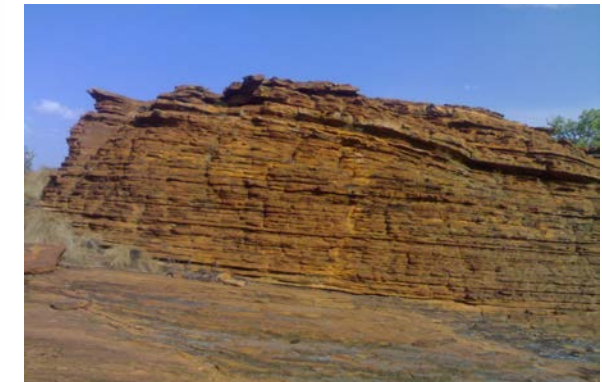
- ♦ Proud heritage of colourful house designs



- ♦ Some of the eye-catching sights include natural phenomena such as this The biggest Baobab in Blouberg found at Swart water measuring 24.5 in circumference.



- ♦ Amazing geological formations, such as this arch abound in the area, surrounded by beautiful greens vegetation. Below is an example of fine-grained sandstones representing fossilised pre-Cambrian desert of 2 billion years ago.



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Rock Art Experience

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ROCK ART IN THE NORTHERN SOTHO TRADITION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING ABOUT THE UNIQUE HISTORY, GEOLOGY, MYTHS, POETRY AND OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF THE MAKGABENG.

TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS AMAZING CULTURAL HERITAGE.



Finger painted rock art is unique in artistry, content and meaning. Full of symbolic and political commentary, it proliferates in the Makgabeng.



Donkey cart trips for site seeing. Various places of historical interest can be visited in between seeing rock art sites in the area.



The Berlin Mission Station at Leipzig built in 1868.



Makgabeng Mission Station built in 1870.



The old leprosy church built in Senwabarwana by the German missionaries.

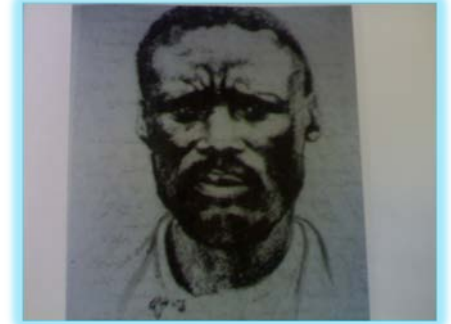


A cultural experience includes seeing certain customary rites and ceremonials taking their course. It is important to be aware that some may not be open to outsiders.



But you can experience festivities such as this youth dance troupe performing during the celebration of the cultural day during heritage month.

COLONIAL EXPERIENCE



**KGOSHI KGOLO KGALUSHI SEKETA
RATŠHAATŠHAA LEBOHO**

The legend of the Bahananwa people under the leadership of Kgoshi Leboho is known far and wide for its strategic location during wars of resistance towards the end of the 19th century. Most people know it as the land on the mountain and compare it to Kgoshi Moshoeshe stronghold, Thababosiu in Lesotho. It is this mountain range called Blouberg today that finally gave refuge to the Bahananwa at the end of their exodus from Botswana.

After the voortrekkers had established the South African Republic (Transvaal- the ZAR, they decided to bring all black people under their authority, including their land and livestock. When Bahananwa resisted, the president of the ZAR, Stephenus Johannes Paulus Kruger declared war on them, instructing commandant General Piet Joubert to mobilize forces from Rustenburg, Marico, Zoutpansberg as well as allies from black tribes in the Northern Transvaal for the attack.

Chief Leboho's gallant warriors staged a fierce resistance, also taking advantage of the mountain stronghold which almost frustrated the invaders. Ultimately, the Boers strength in number and heavy weapon forced him to surrender on 13th July 1894. The mighty (chief) ruler was taken captive and failed in Pretoria as Paul Kruger's prisoner.

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