

A wide-angle photograph of a mountain valley in Lesotho. In the foreground, a caravan of pack animals, including mules and horses, is moving along a dirt path on a grassy slope. A person is leading the pack animals. The valley below is filled with a river and lush green vegetation. The background shows rolling green hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

BACKCOUNTRY TROPHY TREK

GUIDED TROUT & YELLOWFISH - UPPER BOKONG

LESOTHO

LESOTHO BROCHURE



TOURETTE FISHING
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SEASON: FEBRUARY - APRIL

2 - 4 GUESTS

7 NIGHT OPTION



Smallmouth Yellowfish

Often referred to as fresh water bonefish, these mountains speedsters are all you can ask for in a fresh water fly fishing quarry. Coming readily to a well presented fly, fish in the 2 -10lb range make the Bokong River at Makhangoa Community Camp their home each year between November and April. Yellowfish are the main target during the summer months as they move into the system en mass to feed and spawn over this time.



Rainbow Trout

Rainbow trout were first introduced to the Lesotho Rivers in the late 1800's. They have since called this mountainous kingdom their home, taking hold in most of the highland rivers and streams. The Bokong River is home to wild population of rainbow trout, with fish up to 13lb being taken.



Brown Trout

Brown trout were introduced to Lesotho highlands in the late 1800's. The upper Bokong holds healthy populations of large and wily brown trout. Fish up to 65cm have been landed. The brown trout fishery of the upper Bokong is for the true aficionados, where anglers fish to a low density of large fish - sight fishing predominantly



INTRODUCTION

Over the past three seasons, the Bokong River, as fished from the Makhangoa Community Camp as become synonymous with world class sight fishing, and dry fly action. Target species being yellowfish, rainbow and brown trout. A truly unique and highly diverse fishery. The Back Country Trek focuses on the river, 12km to 32km above camp. Sections of river that are not accessible via day outings from the camp. Each year, during the summer months, large yellowfish move far up the river, and make these remote pools, runs and glides there home. There are resident (predominantly brown) trout in these far reaches which offer competent anglers the chance to target some true trophy river fish.

RIVER

Upper Bokong

Fly fishing on the upper reaches of the Bokong is only allowed via the Makhangoa Community Camp and community pony trekking project, in line with the Bokong Fishery Management Programme. Trekking guests can be assured they are fishing waters that are fished by only a handful of hardcore fly fishermen each year.



The Fishing

Yellowfish (prime time is January to mid March):

The upper reaches of the Bokong River are home to fewer fish than one finds on the lower reaches. Each pool and run holding a handful of large yellowfish. These fish feed and behave much the same as trout, and are resident in specific runs and pools for the duration of the season. The fishing here is far more technical than the lower reaches and will appeal to the species aficionado who would like fewer shots, but at larger fish. There is a real chance of connecting to yellowfish in the 6-8lb plus range. Apart from the yellowfish, the far upper beats are also home to brown trout. Though few in number, the trout anglers encounter here are large and tricky, adding to the technical and rewarding nature of fishing this area.

Trout (prime time is March and April):

As one nears the upper reaches of the Bokong River, the chance to target large single brown trout increases (up to 28 inches!). These fish are wild and wily as can be. The fishing is technical and rewarding, but not for those without the technical knowhow, or those after big numbers of fish. Fishing is only sight fishing, and fish densities are not high. This fishing is for **only the fittest guests** due to the distances required to reach the sections of river holding the fish. We suggest the 5 night option at least to target these fish.

Rainbow trout are confined to the lower reaches of the river at the start of the trek.



BACK COUNTRY

TREKKING

These trips are based on a mobile camping set up. High altitude hiking equipment is used for accommodation once on the trek. Pack animals (donkeys and horses) are used to transport equipment from site to site as the group makes their way up the river fishing.

Guests are advised that this trip is aimed at the adventurous with a good level of fitness. The first and last day of the trek involved hikes of 8-20km depending on the group's fitness levels and trek duration. These hikes are on well-worn and wide bridal paths at gentle gradients. The altitude of Lesotho must however be taken into consideration.

Due to the volatile weather conditions in the Lesotho mountains, guests must also be adequately prepared with appropriate clothing and wet weather gear.

Tourette Fishing will provide all the specialist camping equipment needed, but clients are expected to bring their own sleeping bag.



MODUS OPERANDI & CAMPING DETAILS

On the day of arrival guests will spend a night at the Makhangoa Community Camp, on the Bokong River. Time this first evening will be set aside to prep for the following 3 to 7 night trek. Donkeys are used to carry gear and camping equipment each day. Guests need to carry their own fishing gear and day pack each day.

Departing early on the morning of Day 2, guests are dropped at the end of the road, and make the 12km trek to the first night camp. Once settled here, guests will fish these waters after lunch.

Day 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are spent fishing up river (roughly 2 - 4 km per day) and moving camp accordingly to a new base at the end of each day.

Last Day entails a trek back to the vehicle (on well worn bridal paths at a gentle downhill gradient).

A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley with steep, green hills. A person is fishing in the river. The river is clear and greenish, with rocky banks. The hills are covered in lush green grass and some small shrubs. The sky is a clear, bright blue. A person wearing a red hat and a backpack is crouching on a rock in the river, fishing. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

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TRIP ITINERARY

Day 1: Meet at the Makhangoa Community Camp. Trip briefing and preparation followed by fishing the home beats. Night spent at the Makhangoa Community Camp.

Day 2: 8km trek to Camp 1. Pack animals carry gear. Anglers are requested to carry their daypack with personal fishing gear and lunch for the day. Fish this afternoon.

Day 3: fish 4 km to camp 2.

Day 4: fish 4km to camp 3

Day 5: 4 night package - Early morning departure , allowing for the trek back to the car park.

Tour ends. OR Continue to Camp 4 for 5 night package

Day 6: 5 night package - Early morning departure , allowing for the trek back to the car park.

Tour ends. OR Continue to Camp 5 for 6 night package

Day 7: 6 night package - Early morning departure , allowing for the trek back to the car park.

Tour ends. OR Continue to Camp 6 for 7 night package

Day 8: Early morning departure allowing for trek back to car park.



TRAVEL REQUIEREMENTS



Passport and Visas

All visitors require a valid passport with at least 6 months validity.



Inoculations

None required



Time

GMT+2



Currency

Loti is the official currency (plural Maloti). Rands are accepted for all transactions and are linked to the Loti on a 1:1 basis.



Communication

Intermittent Cell Phone Reception



Language

Sesotho and English

TRAVEL INFO

Makhangoa Community Camp is a 4hour drive from Clarens or Ficksburg. Guests are advised to enter through either of these border posts.

All but the last 25km is on good tar roads. 4x4 vehicles are not required to access the camp, but SUV or vehicles with higher than average clearance are advised.

Transfers:

For guests who are traveling in sedan vehicles, we offer a transfer service from Katse Hotel (where the tar road stops). Costs of which is €30,00 per person for the return transfer.

COSTS

7 Night Option: €2500,00per person sharing, based on min of 2 anglers and a max of 4.



A 30% DEPOSIT IS RERQUIERD TO SECURE YOUR PLACE WITH THE BALANCE TO BE PAID 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Meet and greet at Makhangoa Community Camp
- ✓ Professional Guide for duration of Trek
- ✓ Basotho Trails & Pony Guide
- ✓ Pack Animals
- ✓ All Community levies, conservation levies and ranger levies
- ✓ 1 night accomodation at Makhangoa CCommunity Camp + 3/6nights mobile camping
- ✓ Hiking stoves, lights,utensils and all catering
- ✓ 2 Man specialised Extreme Weather Trekking Tents and Sleeping Mats

PRICE EXCLUDES

- ✓ Transport to Makhangoa Community Camp
- ✓ Sleeping bag, tackle and personal kit. A comprehensive list of what is best suited to these treks will be sent to all group members
- ✓ Gratuities

TERMS & CONDITIONS

INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel, medical, baggage, money and cancellation insurance are compulsory on all Tourette Fishing tours. This is the clients' own responsibility and should be arranged in your country of origin.

MEDICAL EVACUATION

It is imperative that all clients have adequate travel and medical insurance that includes medical evacuation from point of injury. We strongly recommend you obtain this through Global Rescue - <http://www.globalrescue.com/tourette/> who are world leaders and are strongly linked with the fishing travel industry. You can sign up using the link provided or request the sign up form in PDF format from Tourette Fishing.

CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

Cancellation by Tourette Fishing: In the event of tour being cancelled, the client may choose a full refund or alternatively any other tour that Tourette Fishing is in the position to offer. If the price of the alternative tour is less than the original tour booked. The difference will be refunded to the client. If the alternative tour is more expensive, then the client will be liable for the additional cost.

Cancellation by Client: Notification of cancellation must be in writing and is effective as of the date it is received by Tourette Fishing. Should a person cancel a tour and cannot find a immediate replacement:

If Tourette Fishing has more than 180 days notice, deposit is forfeited unless dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

If Tourette Fishing has between 179 and 91 days notice, 70% of tour costs are forfeited, unless dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

If Tourette Fishing has less than 90days notice 100% of total fare is forfeited unless dates can be resold, in which case 15% admin fee will apply.

Once deposit is received, all revisions are subject to a USD\$100 handling fee.

If you fail to join a tour, or join after departure, or leave prior to its completion, no reimbursement whatsoever will be made.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS OBTAINED WITH YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY AT TIME OF BOOKING

Tourette Fishing terms and conditions apply, please request a copy if you did not receive them. It is compulsory for clients to have comprehensive travel/medical insurance prior to departure from South Africa.



TOURETTE FISHING

If you take any activity and push it to the wildest edge, you create magic. Fly fishing for yellowfish in crystal clear Lesotho Rivers is definitely one such activity. Your need to fish wild and remote waters, to create your own magic, may well be what drives you.

At Tourette Fishing we understand this urge is far more than fleeting. It is an intrinsic need that motivates all you do. You don't just want to fish, you NEED to fish. With your limited time, we understand you want to fish the best waters at the optimum time of year with the best guides in the industry. Rest assured, for your enjoyment we have scouted what we believe are some of the finest dry fly and sight fishing yellowfish rivers in Southern Africa.

So, when next you get the urge to fish seriously, let us help. We'll put you on wild-est edge of African fly fishing, where you can create your own magic.



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