2022 Trails & Riding Holidays

And now we look ahead to a little normality...

We are very excited to announce the following Trail options for 2022... in Eswatini!

Chubeka Trails is now offering more flexible riding holiday options, which easily fit into other itineraries and allow for individual travelers at shorter notice... Depending on time and preference, bespoke safaris can be crafted between Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary and KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris, creating a unique riding holiday suitable for intermediate to experienced riders, families, friends, individuals and small groups.

Swazi Culture & Scenery Trail
This 10-day itinerary is packed with the diversity Eswatini and Big Game Parks are famous for! From the accommodation we stay in, to the landscape we ride through, there is constant refresh and renew. Some guests have marvelled at this itinerary being a true destination trip, not just a single trail spot. With 6 nights fixed accommodation, 3 nights fly-camping, 110+km ride over 6 days, 3 game reserves, 3 geo-regions, vehicle safaris and a little game walking, this is a fun holiday! 2022 Trail dates have been set aside:

May 02 – 11 May
June 25 May – 03 June
July 02 – 11 July

Swazi Mountains Experience - Fly Camp
This 3-night trail into the Mountains of Mlilwane North includes game viewing on Mlilwane South, riding through rural community and the uninhabited mountains with spectacular views across the Kingdom. All 3 nights are spent in the rugged but comfortable EmaSomini Camp in large bell tents, with hot tree showers and basic pit loos. Riding is mainly slow due to terrain, with opportunity to open up. Time in the saddle will be 4-6 hours a day, either returning to camp for lunch or with saddlebag lunches. With river crossings and mountain going, this trail is best from Autumn to Spring (April through to October) – with a higher expectation of weather in April and October. The mountain gets extremely slippery with sustained rain and camping less pleasant!

Camp-Based Riding Holidays (3-7 nights)
These itineraries are brilliant for the independent traveler, singles and families and those who prefer not to camp!

3 – 5 nights Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Through Covid we have created new trail networks which have really extended our riding options, making multi-night riding holidays on Mlilwane so much fun. These holidays are tailor-made to our guests’ needs, with a combination of morning and afternoon rides, half- and full-day rides including wildlife, community and mountains, always returning to the comfort of the Rest Camp or Reilly’s Rock Hilltop Lodge. Our novelty rides – Poacher’s Breakfast/Picnic, Moonlight Moments and Intimate Nature Retreats provide amazing highlights throughout the stay. The pace is varied, with faster rides possible and interchanging horses for extra variety.

2-3 nights KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris

Either a stand-alone or an extension of the Mlilwane Riding Holiday, KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris offers a very different riding experience in typical African savanna. A 2-hour, 120km drive south-east from Mlilwane comfortably allows for a morning ride on Mlilwane and an afternoon ride at KaMsholo. Rides are between 2-3 hours both morning and afternoon, avoiding the heat of the day, which is best spent around the swimming pool. Giraffe, ostrich and kudu are highlights in the wildlife realm, while the stunning indigenous Nguni Cattle, themselves a fascinating conservation success, offer a fantastical cattle-mustering opportunity. The horses ride out to check and count the cattle every day, and when we are joined by guests, the intriguing history and culture around these cattle are woven into the ride.
4 day Mlilwane Riding Holiday

Day 1  Arrive afternoon, Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary
       1 hr Sundowner Ride

Day 2  3 Hour Plains Ride
       2 Hour Foothills Ride

Day 3  Rock of Execution Trail (4-5 hrs)
       Afternoon at leisure
       Sunset Drive

Day 4  2 hr Ride / Poacher’s Breakfast
       Depart

Includes DBB, Lunch, Conservation Fee, Riding & Sunset Drive
Excludes any Transfers, drinks
Rates FROM (dependent on Accommodation)
   RACK  ZAR 8,485 pp sharing, ZAR 9,125 single
   STO   ZAR 6,835 pp sharing, ZAR 7,345 single

Child Rates available

5 day Mlilwane Riding Holiday

The 4-day Itinerary with an additional night, meals and a fabulous full day Mountain & Community Trail (6-7 hrs)
Rates FROM
   RACK ZAR 11,205 pp sharing, ZAR 12,055 single
   STO   ZAR 9,025 pp sharing,  ZAR 9,700 single

Child Rates available

3 day KaMsholo Riding Holiday

Day 1  Arrive afternoon, KaMsholo Bushveld Safaris
       1 hr Sundowner Ride

Day 2  3 Hour Nguni Mustering Ride
       2 Hour Dam Ride

Day 3  2 Hour Savana Ride
       Depart

Includes DBB, Lunch, Conservation Fee, Riding
Excludes any transfers, drinks
Rates FROM (dependent on Accommodation)
   RACK  ZAR 5,670 pp sharing, ZAR 6,130 single
   STO   ZAR 4,565 pp sharing, ZAR 4,935 single

Child Rates available

10 day Swazi Culture & Scenery Trail

Set depatures May, June, July

Day 1  Arrive afternoon, Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 2  3 Hour Morning Ride
       2 Hour Afternoon Ride

Day 3  Depart on 5-day Trail (Ride 4 hrs)
       Klipspringer Fly Camp

Day 4  Full Day Forest Trail (6-7 hrs)
       Foresters Arms Hotel

Day 5  Full Day Community Trail (6-7 hrs)
       EmaSomini Fly Camp

Day 6  Full Day Trail or morning / afternoon Trails 5-(6 hrs)
       EmaSomini Fly Camp

Day 7  Morning Trail to Mlilwane Rest Camp (4-5 hrs)
       Shower & Lunch at Rest Camp
       Transfer to Hlane Royal National Park

Day 8  Sunrise Drive
       Breakfast & Lunch
       Transfer to Mkhay Game Reserve
       Evening Game Drive

Day 9  Morning Game Drive / Walk
       Midday Game Drive/Walk
       Evening Game Drive/Walk

Day 10 Breakfast
       08h00 Transfer to Ezulwini for the Shuttle
       Depart Eswatini

Includes DBB, Lunch, Conservation Fee, Riding & Activities,
Transfers within Eswatini
Excludes travel to Eswatini, Drinks
Rates FROM (dependant on Accommodation)
   RACK  ZAR 38,430 pp sharing, ZAR 43,030 single
   STO   ZAR 30,745 pp sharing, ZAR 34,425 single

No children under 16 years