



# AFRISKI SKI RESORT & SAFARI

JUNE – AUGUST 2014



## TOUR SUMMARY:

**Day 1:** Arrive Johannesburg Airport – Travel to Afriski Ski Resort in Lesotho

**Day 2 - 4:** Afriski Ski Resort in Lesotho

**Day 4:** Afriski Ski Resort in Lesotho – Nambiti Private Game Reserve (Nambiti Hills & Umzolozolo Luxury Lodges)

**Day 5 - 7:** Private Game Reserve (Nambiti Hills & Umzolozolo Luxury Lodges)

**Day 7:** Private Game Reserve (Nambiti Hills & Umzolozolo Luxury Lodges) – Johannesburg Airport to depart

## DAY 1 - 4: ARRIVE AT OR TAMBO AIRPORT (JHB) AND TRAVEL TO LESOTHO AND AFRISKI SKI RESORT

Guests arrive at OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg and are met by their guide for the trip. They are assisted to the coach where they will then travel to Lesotho and Afriski Ski Resort. There is comfort stops en route and a lunch stop at Clarens, a small artistic village. From here the group continues into Lesotho (No visa requirements for USA Passport holders) and checks in at the resort. The guests then collect their equipment, ski pass and any additional requirements and are then ready to hit the slopes late afternoon. The days are enjoyed on the slopes and enjoying this incredible mountainous kingdom and the facilities of the resort.

The resort operates much as a European ski village does with independent operators providing everything that you may need for a great ski holiday from the accommodation, ski equipment, snow passes, ski school, food etc. Although an expensive sport, skiing and snowboarding are arguably the best outdoor lifestyle and family experiences possible. And learning how to ski is a skill that you'll have for life with a ski holiday to one of Europe or America's bigger ski resorts being a must have experience for everyone's bucket list.



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By international standards, Afriski has a very modest one kilometer main ski run which is serviced by a T-bar lift as well as 3 beginner lifts servicing a large and dedicated beginners learning area as well as an extensive intermediate slope to help hone your skills. However, if you know what it's like to have been bitten by the ski bug, you will relish this unique opportunity to ski the something as rare as African snow. The resort various beginner slopes are ideal to teach even the most skeptical African snow virgin how to ski or snowboard.



For the more adventurous and skilled riders amongst us, the resort has invested in a newly revamped Snowboard Park which is in keeping with the latest international trends. And for skiers keen to try their hand at ski racing, the Afriski Race Club hosts a series of alpine ski competitions as part of their Ski Grand Prix series.

The resorts extensive snow making system ensures that skiing is possible, even during snow starved local winters. We have a dedicated and passionate team of snowmakers who's soul function is to make SNOW ! Our snowmaking team spends their summer months maintaining and improving our world class snowmaking system in order to ensure your snow experience during southern Africa's winter months.



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One common notion is that machine made snow is artificial and not 'real' snow. This is not the case at all. The snow making system can only function during optimal and natural 'snowy' conditions which generally range between 0C – 8C in combination with a humidity factor and makes 100% natural snow although the snowflakes are smaller which actually makes for better piste conditions.

These days, snow making machines are a standard and vital component in the vast majority of ski resorts around the world. The slopes are prepared daily with our Pisten Bully (snow grooming) machine which compacts the snow into a smooth surface, perfect for skiing.

SLOPES and LIFTS ARE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING WINTER FROM 09h00 – 16h00 with FREE skiing between 15h00 & 16h00 for late arrivals.

Accommodation overnight:  
Superior Chalets

Meals included:  
Breakfast lunch & dinner

Equipment:  
Ski equipment included, ski pass included



#### **DAY 4 - 7: DEPART AFRISKI RESORT – TRAVEL TO NAMBITI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**

Guests enjoy the morning before departing at 10:00 and travelling to the Wildlife Conservancy. There is a stop at the small village of Clarens as the tour travels through again. The group arrives at the respective 5 star lodges before the afternoon Wildlife safari where the guests depart on their open vehicles with their guides. The Daily program will consist of 2 x daily safaris, a bush walk if requested and brunch and dinner at the lodge. There are options to have spa treatments as additional add on's and also special request dinners for special occasions. The guests will also enjoy a Boma dinner under the stars with a traditional South African Meal.



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Nambiti is steadily becoming one of the best private game reserves in Africa; a vision driven by passionate, committed people with a deep love and respect for our heritage. With the establishment of successful development programs, the reserve will continue to benefit and enrich the local people, offer guests the finest game viewing in Africa and actively make meaningful contributions to conservation.



Areas of outstanding natural beauty combined with rich history and diverse wildlife are rare in the world and Nambiti is one of those places. The area around Nambiti has a firm footing in South African history. Several battles of the Anglo-Zulu and Anglo-Boer wars took place on the land surrounding Nambiti. The World-renowned battlefields of Isandlwana, Rorke's Drift, Ladysmith and Elandsplaagte are in the immediate vicinity. Many of these battlefields have been preserved as reminders of the rich history; Nambiti Reserve rests within this land, which had been described as "heaven on earth" by the Dutch settlers



Accommodation overnight:  
Nambiti Hills Lodge & Umzolozolo Lodge

Meals included:  
Brunch, High Tea & Dinner

## **DAY 7: DEPART NAMBITI RESERVE & TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG FOR YOUR RETURN FLIGHT**

Good-bye – Totsiens – Hamba Kahle!!!!

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## **ESTIMATED TRIP COST:**

\$2,100 per person based on double occupancy

Your package includes:

- ✓ 3 nights lodging at Afriski Ski Resort on D,B&B Basis
- ✓ Accommodation in sharing chalets
- ✓ Ski & Snowboard Equipment Hire
- ✓ 4 Day Slope & Lift Pass
- ✓ Qualified tour guide/leader
- ✓ All ground transport in 28 seater luxury coach.
- ✓ 3 nights lodging in luxury 5\* lodging at Nambiti Private Game Reserve

Your package excludes:

- ✓ Flights (International & domestic)
- ✓ Beverages and refreshments
- ✓ Activities not stated in itinerary
- ✓ Items of a personal nature
- ✓ Lunch

## **Deposit and Payment Policy:**

Initial Deposit: \$ 750 per person due upon reservation request.

Final Payment: Remaining balance due 65 days before departure. For reservations received within 65 days of the departure date the final balance is due upon confirmation.

Prices apply with minimum 20 participants per option. If there are less than 20 people signed up for this trip, the total price will be adjusted accordingly and there is a possibility of trip cancellation.

Final payment subject to adjustment of final numbers and currency rate (South African Rand)

Our schedule for deposits and payments reflects our prepayment requirements.

It is important that your payments be received in our office by the dates due. If not, we may have difficulty in retaining your travel space and prices, and may be required to cancel your arrangements.

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We regret that we are unable to deliver your tickets, vouchers, or travel documents until full payment has been received.

## **Form of Payment**

Deposit and payments may be made by personal checks or credit card. When you request payment by credit card, you are authorizing us to charge the deposit, final payment, and any other fees to the designated charge card and you are agreeing not to initiate a charge-back. Please understand if a check is returned, or if your credit card is declined, we must charge you a handling fee of \$35 per item.

Your travel agent may assist you by forwarding your deposits and payments to us. However, the travel agent is not acting as our agent for the collection of money, and we are not able to credit your account until we receive your payment in our office.

## **Travel Cancellation and Refunds**

We are always sorry if someone has to cancel travel plans; we know what a disappointment and disruption this can be! To avoid misunderstandings, please send us cancellations in writing and enclose all travel documents including air tickets and vouchers. The date of receipt in our office determines the effective date of cancellation.

Purchase of the Vacation Protection Plan is recommended to minimize financial loss due to cancellation fees which cannot be waived in any circumstances.

**Cancellation Fees and Refunds:** Cancellations received more than sixty (60) calendar days prior to travel will be assessed ninety dollars (\$90.00) per person plus any fees assessed by the lodging and/or other vendors. Alpine Adventures will offer this \$90 cancellation fee as a credit towards another trip booked within 12 months of cancellation.

Generally, lodging providers do not provide refunds for late arrivals or early departures. If notice of cancellation is received 60 or fewer days prior to arrival, regardless of the reason for the cancellation, part or all of amounts paid may be forfeited. Consult your travel agent or Alpine Adventures for specific details regarding cancellation fees and refund request procedures at time of booking. To avoid unexpected surprises, we strongly recommend trip insurance. No refunds will be given for unused portions of your package. To avoid incurring cancellation costs, the purchase of insurance is strongly recommended.

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