

# MAKHANGOA COMMUNITY CAMP

PRIME RIVER SEASON

FULLY GUIDED & CATERED - YELLOWFISH AND TROUT



**TOURETTE FISHING**

TRY FIGHT IT IN AFRICA

## LESOTHO BROCHURE

SEASON: 20 NOVEMBER - 31 MARCH

2 - 6 GUESTS

3 TO 7 NIGHT OPTION





## Smallmouth Yellowfish

Often referred to as fresh water bonefish, these mountain 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 masse 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 also introduced to Lesotho in the 1800's, and like their rainbow cousins, have spread through numerous catchments. The Bokong River at the Makhangoa Community Camp holds a healthy, and growing, population of wild brown trout, and is one of the few rivers in South Africa where one can target browns, rainbows and yellowfish in a single session





# INTRODUCTION

In 2011 we made it our goal to explore the country's waterways looking for a world class yellowfish destination that we knew would be there. In 2012, after numerous exploratory trips, hours spent on Google Earth, some intense white knuckle 4x4 trips and epic mountain treks, this goal was achieved! We are pleased to be able to offer a yellowfish experience like no other. This is dry fly and sight fishing of the highest quality. Yellow fishing as it was millennia ago. With the Makhangoa Community Camp on the Bokong River as your base for the trip, anglers have access to over 20km of the finest yellow fishing waters available in Southern Africa. Apart from the amazing sight fishing to yellowfish, guests are treated to the rare opportunity of being able to target both rainbow and brown trout in the same system. In addition to the sublime fly fishing, anglers get to experience the culture and natural beauty of the Lesotho Mountains and her people.





# 3 to 7 Night

## Fully Guided Package

Guests visiting the Makhangoa Community Camp between November and April each year have the options to choose between 3 to 7 night packages. All packages are fully guided, and include catering. Each trip is limited to a max of 6 rods, and accommodation is in the Makhangoa Community Camp. The camp is reached via Katse Village, a 4hr drive from either Ficksburg or Clarens. Check in on day of arrival is 14h00 and check out on day of departure is 9am.



"This experience rates as the best fly fishing I have ever encountered" - BARRY ANDERSON

"What an absolute crazy fishing experience. Lesotho is a gem" - ANDRE SMITH

## The Fishing

### Bokong River:

Guests staying at the Makhangoa Community camp have exclusive access to over 20km of the Bokong River, split into 5 beats. There is a limit of 6 rods per day on the river. The prime targets during the summer months are the healthy populations of large and hungry yellowfish that enter the Bokong River to feed and spawn. 4 – 5 wht rods with WF floating lines are standard hardware. During cooler periods, the trout become active and anglers have the chance to target rainbow trout and brown trout throughout the system. Fishing is predominantly sight fishing with dry flies, though nymphing is required if water temperatures drop. The prime river season comprises of 90% return clients, a testament to the quality of the fishery, camp, and community beneficence model. This is a one of a kind fly fishing experience, taking place in a truly unique mountain setting.

### Katse Dam:

Katse Dam, situated between 1km and 4 km below camp (depending on water levels,) offers sight fishing opportunities to yellowfish cruising the dam edges. The steep nature of the banks makes this not suitable to everyone however. During blow outs and extreme cold snaps during the prime river season, Katse Dam offers a back up to those who wish to fish it.





# COMMUNITY CAMP

## APPROACH

The Makhangoa Community Camp is the first of its kind fly fishing ecotourism project in the area. The Makhangoa Camp and fishery on the Bokong River is managed and run by Tourette Fishing and the Makhangoa Tourism Council. The aim of the partnership is to provide sustainable and beneficial tourism to the area, while conserving the natural resources which attract anglers and eco tourists to this beautiful valley. Proceeds of all visitors' bookings (through a daily community levy) are allocated to community benefaction projects, with the aim to uplift and enable the local community live happier and healthier lives.

Apart from the daily community levies generated from each visitors stay, the camp trains and employs local staff in all aspects of camp life and management. From camp managers, river rangers and cultural guides, to cleaning ladies and maintenance staff. In addition to the amazing fly fishing that draws anglers from across the globe to the Makhangoa Community Camp, the local tourism council have set up a range of local community projects which offer guests a unique insight in local Lesotho life and culture. These include pony treks, village tours, mountain hikes, shabeen (local tavern) visits and local arts and crafts.



## THE CAMP

The Makhangoa Community Camp is designed and built to mirror a traditional Basotho homestead and blend in with the mountain environment. The camp comprises of 4 traditional Rondavels (round chalets), each sleeping 2 guests in single beds. The Rondavels are built out of river stone and thatch, and each has a veranda overlooking the river.

The heart of the camp is the outside deck, living/kitchen area, which comprises of a lounge with large welcoming couches, a fire place, and large black-wood dining table counter. This building is also built from local stone and is a fine example of traditional masonry.

The camp kitchen comprises gas stoves, fridge and freezer facilities. Lighting throughout the camp is 220v via battery and inverter system and solar. There are plug points in the living area to charge cameras and phones.

Ablutions are in a separate stone building at the back of the camp, over looking the estuary system, where the Bokong flows into Katse Dam. The ablutions consist of two flush toilets, two hot showers, and two hand basins, all with hot and cold running water.

Bedding and towels are supplied.







# 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 R 400.00 per person for the return transfer.

## PICK UP AND DROP OFF POINT

Self-Drive to Camp or Katse Hotel

## 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





# COSTS

(per person sharing)

3 Night: R10,150.00

4 Night: R 12,750.00

5 Night: R 15,300.00

6 Night: R 18,200.00

7 Night: R 20,500.00

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



## PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Shared accommodation at Makhangoa Community Camp
- ✓ Professional Guides – 1 guide per 3 anglers
- ✓ All meals
- ✓ Use of 4x4 fly fishing vehicle to access upper beats and Katse Dam
- ✓ Community Levies
- ✓ Fishing license

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- ✗ Transport to camp
- ✗ Transfers from Katse if needed
- ✗ Tackle
- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Items of a personal nature
- ✗ Options community activities (Ponytreks, guided hikes, village tours and shabeentours)
- ✗ Drinks - soft and alcoholic (BYO)



# 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 EVACUTATION

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 wildest edge of African fly fishing, where you can create your own magic.



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