

# HAVE A BLAST ALL YEAR ROUND

*Winter or Summer, Afriski Mountain Resort Has it All*

Perched above the African plains in the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, Afriski Mountain Resort is Africa's most thrilling winter destination. But don't be fooled; during the summer months, Afriski transforms itself into a green fields adventure zone for young and old alike.

Afriski Mountain Resort's name conjures playful images of snow-capped peaks, whooshing down powdery pistes, and sipping red wine by an open fire. Yet, there is more to this mountainous wonderland than just skiing.

## SUMMER AT AFRISKI

If you have never considered Afriski as a summer destination, then you're missing out on half of the fun that this favourite destination has to offer. Warmer weather may melt the snow and replace its blinding white with a green grassland carpet, but it also leaves behind a network of trails that link the peaks and valleys of the surrounding Butha-Buthe's waterfalls and views.

The great outdoors doesn't get any better than this, and the views from one of Africa's highest resorts are genuinely spectacular. During the summer months, you can tackle the terrain on foot, on a

mountain bike or Enduro bike, or in your 4x4, whichever way you choose, you'll find that the Maluti Mountains will inspire you to rise to the occasion.

## JOIN IN THE FUN

Afriski offers fun activities for everyone. Whatever you're into, the mountains during summer offer daring thrill-seekers, as well as the less adventurous, the experience of a lifetime. The trails, cliff faces, lakes and winding mountain roads add up to an unbeatable outdoor playground. Get better at doing what you love and create new memories with your running, riding and adventure buddies.

Fun is a serious business at Afriski, and their outdoor guides are always on hand to ensure that you get expert advice on the best trails and most challenging sections. They even operate the resort's 1,000m T-Bar lift all summer long (when 10 or more persons book, on specific weekends, and weather permitting) to get you and your MTB to where you want to be.







Along with plenty of opportunities for adrenaline-charged adventures, there are also more relaxing (but no less rewarding) ways to enjoy life at 3,222m. Spend a few quiet hours fly-fishing, or hike to one of the viewpoints for panoramic vistas of the Mountain Kingdom and beyond.

#### GEAR UP FOR WINTER

When the seasons turn, and the sun makes her annual retreat, it's time to dust off the skis, haul out your snow boots, and suit up for three months of snow-fueled fun on the slopes of Southern Africa's number one skiing destination.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or new to the wonderful world of skiing and snowboarding, Afriski's thrilling winter sports menu has something for every level of ability. For beginners, all you need is a sense of fun and the expert guidance of Afriski's professional ski instructors. The intermediate and professional Afriski slopes offer an even more rewarding experience if you're more proficient on the slopes.

#### MORE THAN A RESORT

Being passionate about all things

skiing, snowboarding and, well, just the snow experience in general, is the motivation behind everything at Afriski. To ensure that the Afriski experience matches what is on offer in other countries, the Afriski team has visited most of the world's top ski resorts, to bring home the lessons that they have learned, and to adapt them to the unique circumstances in Lesotho. The result is a world-class ski village, with a distinctly African feel.

By day, skiers and revellers bring the Afriski slopes to life, with first-timers and seasoned pros making the most of the daylight and snow gear rental during their stay. Activities for kids are just as important as those for adults, and Afriski's Pudi Club lets your kids have just as much winter fun as everyone else. For kids, the day begins with a Pudi Club welcome for parents and kids in the Sky Restaurant. Pudi (the world's only mountain goat on skis) and the Pudi Club team will keep your kids entertained for as long as you're on your own adventure.

#### KEEP IT FRESH

As snowfall can be unpredictable even

in the dead of winter, Afriski has added modern African snowmaking facilities. Designed to give Mother Nature a bit of a helping hand, the giant snowblowers ensure that all visitors to Afriski can enjoy a full day of fun on the slopes between 9 am and 4 pm.

World-class ski lifts, experienced instructors, and even trained paramedics who are on standby to ensure every day remains serious incident-free, make it possible for you to enjoy the kind of experience for which you would otherwise have to travel overseas.

Once the boards and skis are packed away for the day, it is time for some *Après Ski* activities - the ice-cold mountains (and some ice-cold Maluti Lagers) setting the scene for new friendships to be formed and new memories to be made.

*For more information on Afriski Mountain Resort, or to make a reservation, visit [www.afriski.net](http://www.afriski.net).* 

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