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Maliba Lodge

Tsehlanyane, Lesotho

Lesotho, an unsung hero. A tiny kingdom with torrents of wild flowers and snow-capped peaks and the only place in Southern Africa you can ski. To get here you can either fly in, or drive up and up and up into the sky. The surrounding South Africa feels like a different world; everyone here travels round on horseback covered in blankets held together with big nappy pins. Now there is somewhere to stay, beautiful and smart. The bedrooms are like teapots with thatched lids and log fires and the main building has a deck with wondrous views. A place to explore, riding on hardy ponies, days peppered with picnics and cold beers. It's a gorgeous, lost world – and for now it's empty. **Website** maliba-lodge.com.

UK reservations African Explorations (tel: 01993 822443). **Rates** Double, from £540, full board.



'I love the market in the town of Yushu in Tibet where, 15,000ft up, surrounded by Buddhist

30 Tatler they sell beautiful brocades made for the high lamas.' Edina Ronay, fashion design