



When you imagine Africa, you probably imagine white sandy beaches or lions wandering across **savannas**. Surprisingly, the continent is also attractive for skiers who are looking for more unusual **destinations**.

There are five mountain ranges in Africa which have enough snow for skiing. One of them is the mountain kingdom of Lesotho in southern Africa. People are surprised how good the snow is. Under a bright sun, skiers and snowboarders can enjoy the snow which they would expect to find in the Alps.

Last year was very bad for the **resort** in Lesotho. Many places closed, and it was not possible to travel to Africa because of the coronavirus. Usually, around 17,000 people visit the place every year. In 2020, there were almost no visitors, and this year, the number of visitors was about a half of the usual number.

Difficult words: **savanna** (a dry area where only grass grows, and there are almost no trees), **destination** (a famous place to visit), **resort** (a place where people usually go for holidays).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *savanna*, *destination* and *resort*
2. According to the article, what is Africa often associated with?
3. What other activities can people do in Africa apart from going to sandy beaches as mentioned in the article?
4. Why was 2020 a bad year for the resort in Lesotho?
5. How big is the difference in the number of visitors that visit the resort annually to the number of visitors in 2020?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Have you visited Africa? If no, would you be interested to explore the place?
2. Do you enjoy skiing or snowboarding? Are there famous resorts in your country to go skiing or snowboarding?
3. How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect the famous travel destinations in your country?