



ROUTE 62 Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th March 2010

Tuesday 9th March

We take our leave of the city after the early morning traffic has settled. First stop will be the **Nuy Valley** for coffee and time to stretch your legs and relax a while.

We then travel into **Robertson** and make our way to **Viljoensdrift** where at 14h00 we leave for a deli lunch and leisurely cruise down the Breede River. The long curve of the Breede River and the flowing hills of the Langeberge will be all we need to instantly feel revived and inspired from city life. After our cruise you will be ready to check into our accommodation which will be one of two four star guest houses in central Robertson



Gubas-de Hoek where Gunter and Balbina will welcome us to their retreat with a beautiful garden and small plunge pool.



Lemon Tree House run by Corieda. This is an Old Townhouse in very lush gardens with wooden floors and antique furniture. There is a large pool as well. Relax and be ready at 19h00 for our dinner at **The Robertson Small Hotel** (brainchild of Reuben of Franschoek).

Sleep well after your busy day!



Wednesday 10th March

After an early breakfast we will need to leave our guest house by 08h00, as today we are booked to do the very popular **tractor ride** on **Protea Farm** in **Montagu**.

You will not easily forget this ride of a lifetime right up to the top of the Langeberg Mountains to an altitude of 1500 m above sea level. On the way you will have a birds eye view of the Koo Valley and once at the top, you can look down into the Robertson Valley below.

Montagu tractor ride continued:

Lunch today will be a traditional South African meal – homemade bread, farm butter and jam and savory doughnuts. Main course is Mutton with waterblommetjies, curry beef, and chicken with vegetables served with baked pudding, fruit salad, ice cream and custard.

We will have time in the late afternoon to 'gather' some dried fruit and the **Montagu Dried Fruit stall** – always a favourite to take goodies home!

This evening Gunter and Balbina will do a light meal of whole salmon trout with potatoes and salad for us in their delightful garden.



Thursday 11th March

After breakfast we will go through to **Barrydale** a distance of just over 60 kilometres. There will be time to stop at some of the wine farms en route and of course, there are the farm stalls – one worthy of stopping for is the **Country Pumpkin**. Barrydale is also home to the **Joubert Tradauw farm** where our lunch will be served at **Route 62 Deli!**



Once a humble tin-roofed dwelling, the Deli has been transformed into a Mediterranean-style farm kitchen with rustic décor and an inside fireplace. During warm weather guests can dine outdoors in true alfresco style under the

vine-covered "afdak" veranda overlooking the farm, the majestic Tradouw Valley and Langeberge.

Friday 12th March

Friday morning after breakfast we take our leave of our B&B's and head into **McGregor**. If you have never been to McGregor before, do yourself a favor and visit **Temenos**. What began as scrubby veld made up mostly of shale has become a healing sanctuary of mystery and wonder. Walk in the spiral garden; the zen garden; Barake (a Shrine to the Beloved); Garden of remembrance and the Teresa of Avila Garden; Angel for Lost Children; The Well - something in this special place will, no doubt, touch you! If browsing the shops turns you on, there are quaint Victorian shops to look at.

At 12h00 we will meet at **Tibaldi's** for an early lunch.

After lunch there will be enough time to stop at **Affie Plaas** in Robertson to stock up on local products before we head back to the city. Fresh fruit, vegetables, specialty jams, preserves, dried fruit, olive oils and sauces are always good fare.

PRICE for this fully inclusive 4 day trip by 15-seater coach with a minimum of 9 passengers: R4,782 per person sharing & R5,082 single.

For lower numbers, we will use a 7-seater combi, with a minimum of 5 passengers at a revised price of R5,546 per person sharing and R5,846 single.