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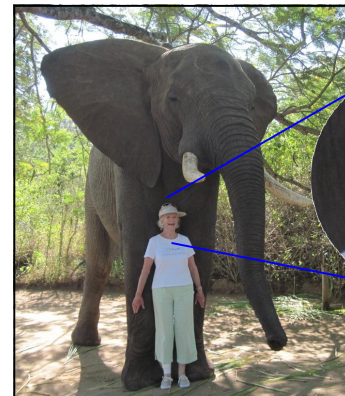
NEWSLETTER

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# REPORT BACK ON KRUGER TOUR—10TH TO 15TH MAY



The 11 of us at God's Window



Dawn looking terrified as his trunk comes down!



These happy faces tell it all. Eleven of us spent SIX glorious days in the Mpumalanga area. What fun we had - every one of the ladies can tell you a story or two. **The main part was that we came, we saw and we conquered!** The Kruger was fantastic, especially our first night drive. Despite being up from 04H00 when we saw a Lion, 3 Lionesses and their cubs AND Rhinos in the road ahead of us we suddenly all forgot how tired we felt and were over the moon! (Even our game ranger was SO excited - something he has not often seen). He took video but banned our group from taking photos as he didn't want the light to disturb the animals. Highlights were :- The view from **God's Window**; The **Three Rondavels**; etc, had us thinking "What an awesome country we live in"; The **evening boma dinners** were superb - Hilda is our star performer! She jumped at the Shangaan Chief's suggestion that people from the audience come and dance with him; **Pilgrims Rest** will never be the same again - to see Hilda and Gay careering down the hill on a donkey cart had us all in stitches; The views from the bottom of the **Blyde River Canyon (Swadini camp)** took our breath away; The interaction with elephants at **Elephant Whispers** made us feel humble (or scared - not too sure which it was); we even spent time at the **Hoedspruit Endangered Species Tour with their cheetahs!**

**WHAT A TOUR** - it is something that we all will remember for a long while to come.



Despite the hectic schedule there was time to 'catch up' with each other - Barbi and Gillie share a 'good story'. Times like this are always special on tour!

(Did you see the size of that crocodile?)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- Open game drives seeing the **BIG 5** and **SMALL 5**
- God's Window; The Three Rondavels;
- **SWADINI** - Bottom of the Canyon (Awesome views)
- Boma dancing
- Elephant Whispers
- Hoedspruit Endangered Species Tour—Cheetahs



The Cape Town **CALENDAR GIRLS** - I am acting as agent for any future contracts! (I will make sure we are well remunerated girls!!)

TRAVELTIME



PATAT FESTIVAL - 17TH TO 19TH JUNE

Nine of us will be heading off to Napier on Friday 17th June to celebrate the *harvest of the Sweet Potato* in this Overberg town. In addition to the restaurants celebrating with *sweet potato in their menus*, residents make scarecrows and put them outside their homes; there are **Open Gardens** to view; An **Art Ramble**; The crowning of **Miss Napier** and **Mej Patatrankie** (don't ask me to translate this!); The local **French Baker** doing his thing with a demonstration of tarts & croissants; an interactive session with **Birds of Prey**. (AND here you thought Napier was a little dorpie with nothing to offer).

**I can still take another TWO passengers BUT book by Wednesday 8th June to secure your place.** Cost sharing R3620 pp and single accommodation R3720 pp for the entire weekend including your transport; meals; and activities.

Cost for this tour is R6555 per person sharing & R7105 per person single. Call me for a brochure immediately

SPRING FLOWER TOUR 26—30/8

Do not miss out on this tour. NINE people booked for an experience of a lifetime. This tour is one that has to be on your BUCKET LIST. The sight of the Spring Flowers makes your heart warm! We will visit the **West Coast National Park** on the first day and overnight at Trinity Lodge / Darling Lodge for one night. After this we go to the bulb capital of the world, **Nieuwoudtville** for their awesome displays of wild flowers in the veld. We then spend a night in **Citrusdal** after spending time at the annual **Clanwilliam Flower Show** in Clanwilliam before returning home to Cape Town.



Brenda amongst the daisies in 2009



WHALE WATCHING WEEKEND

16th to 18th September

The Western Cape is favoured annually by the visit of **Southern Right whales** from August to October.

Come with us to **De Kelders** which overlooks Walker Bay, where we will secure accommodation in guest houses and spend our days searching for the Southern Right Whales. We will explore Stanford, Hermanus and Gansbaai over the weekend.

We have purposely selected our dates to avoid the crowds that flock to Hermanus for the annual whale festival. Come for a long weekend of peace & quiet and whale watching with us. We believe we will need to 'move fast' and secure our accommodation soon. If you are interested, please let us know by the middle of June so we can reserve the best we can get in De Kelders. By the middle of June we will also have the trip costed and will be able to issue you with the brochure.

