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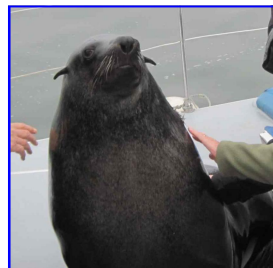
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Our tour on the **Desert Express** had the 11 of us wishing it would go on for a while longer. The week just flew by!

There were a number of highlights:

- Our **catamaran trip in Walvis Bay** where we had awesome sightings of Pelicans, Seals, Dolphins and we even got up close and personal with a Southern Right Whale.

- **Game viewing in Etosha.** Never before have we seen such a variety of game and in such numbers! Definitely recommended for avid photographers.
- Our last night at the **Windhoek Country club.** If only we had booked another night here to relax post tour. Shirley said "I thought I had died and gone to heaven" when I arrived in my room complete with queen bed and huge bathroom!

As far as the train went we had many highlights - one definitely being the **fun we had on the train** with others who shared our space. Some of our group became known as the **Cape Town Granny Club** and I'm very proud to say that on the last night the Grannies showed them a thing or two with our impromptu concert. Even though we didn't even manage a practice beforehand, we did ourselves proud.

The food on the train was excellent and had many of us coming back with a definite need to get back on track with dieting!

[There were a few negatives about the train.](#)

- The size of the en-suite bathroom. Brian put it aptly on our website saying that these were **designed by Japanese**, because only they could use them efficiently.
- The train goes slowly because of problems with the railway system in Namibia, but this gave us time to socialize, read, and relax and after all, this is what we all went on holiday for! **Thank you to all the Desert Express Tour participants for the memories - they are precious and we will remember this tour for a long time. Carol & Brian**



The website is currently in the process of being updated, so please see a full report shortly on www.traveltime.co.za

Desert Express Memories

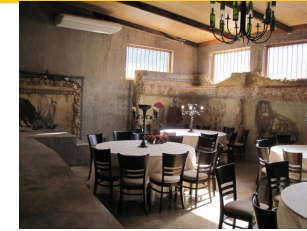


CHRISTMAS SHOPPING @ KIRSTENBOSCH & LUNCH in HOUT BAY - 12th DECEMBER 2010

We will end off our year of traveling with a shopping spree at the Kirstenbosch Market. This market is well known for super Christmas stocking fillers.

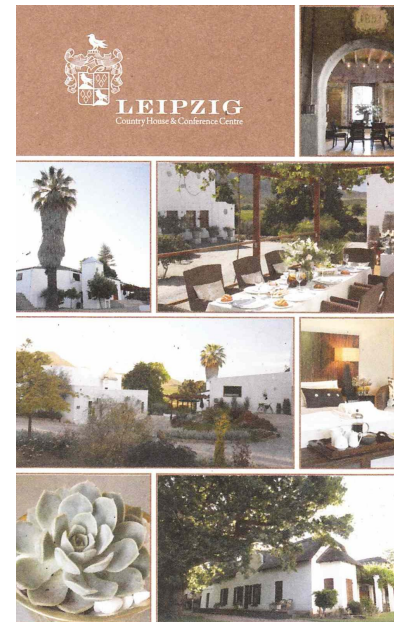
After we are all shopped out, a good place to end our year on a high note is Hout Bay. We will investigate the **Lookout Deck** for lunch and provide final details in the October newsletter.

Meanwhile diarize SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER!



THE PEACE & QUIET OF THE NUY VALLEY

The peaceful Nuy Valley, just 90 minutes from Cape Town will restore your soul! Leipzig Country House, where we make our base, is at the foot of the Rabie Mountain.



Included in the tour:

Transport in a 15-seater luxury coach. (subject to passenger numbers) / Accommodation in 4 star Guest House / Meals as indicated.

Friday 12th November - Arrive in the Nuy Valley.

Wine tasting at the Nuy Valley Estate.

Enjoy lunch at the Willow Creek Estate.

Check into Leipzig Country House and enjoy the country atmosphere with a sundowner in their vineyards. Enjoy a dinner at Leipzig and hear all about the history of this estate.!

Saturday 13th November - After a hearty country breakfast we board a tractor for an hour and a half trip up to the Kloof. A BBQ lunch will follow. This Kloof meal is true South African cuisine; a unique lunch in the Kloof far away from the madding crowd!

A light dinner will be served at Leipzig on our return.

Sunday 14th November

After breakfast we do a bit of exploring around Route 62 and enjoy a traditional Sunday lunch at the **Bon Cap Wine Estate**.

We will be back in the city by 16h00 with many fond memories of the beautiful Nuy Valley.

Whet your appetite: www.leipzigcountryhouse.co.za

This program is subject to change and will be confirmed nearer the time.

COST FOR THIS TOUR which includes your transport, meals and activities as per the itinerary is R3,200 pp sharing and R3,380 pp single accommodation.

BOOKINGS with a 50% deposit by Monday 27th September.

Balance of tour price to be paid by Monday 11th October to secure your booking.