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## Tour Report

### **BARNYARD THEATRE—WILLOWBRIDGE**

#### Sunday 9th February (2pm performance):

We headed off from the city to the Durbanville Wine Estates and a very pleasant wine tasting @ **Klein Roosboom** was enjoyed (in fact, more of a 'catch up'). We had not seen each other since the first week of December and there was much to say.

The owner of Klein Roosboom, Karin, who is also their wine maker told us her fascinating story. Wine was consumed and purchased and their olives were also enjoyed and bought to take home!

Next stop was the Barnyard Theatre in the Willowbridge Shopping Centre. We were about the first party to arrive which gave us time to purchase a drink – a few of the ladies came back with delightful-looking cocktails, and wait for our snack platters which were eagerly devoured.

The show "80's Versus 90's" was fantastic. If you thought you didn't ever like loud guitar music, you certainly changed your mind after the performance. It was a very exciting, pulsating performance. Everyone was almost dancing in their seats – one of the lead male roles had us ladies 'swooning' with his impressive 'six-pack'.



During the interval everyone was enticed into their "dressing up room" and what fun we had posing for a photo.....amazing what large hats, sun glasses and scarves do to a bunch of people!

We all left the theatre in high spirits and never anticipated what awaited us on our way home. Our coach broke down just outside the Willowbridge complex. Sadly this ended up in an hour-and-a-half delay (initially the mechanic who arrived could not fix the problem) and another 44seater coach had to be sent to collect us. However, everyone was treated to a drink at a local restaurant in Willowbridge and this gave us more time to go-over-the-show!

**Thank you one and all for a great Sunday afternoon – we MUST do it again soon!**

## TRAVELTIME

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MEERKAT ADVENTURES



FUTURE PROGRAM



MOUNT CAMDEBOO

Details and pricing will be updated as they are confirmed and new items of interest will be added as they become available.

We will soon be *"On the Road Again!"*



## MEERKAT ADVENTURES

9th—13th March

Bon Voyage to participants leaving Cape Town on Sunday 9th March, have a happy and safe trip.

## FUTURE PROGRAM

Saturday 12th April: Woodstock Markets

11th-16th May: Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve (Request a Brochure),

8th June: Sunday Outing (To be confirmed)

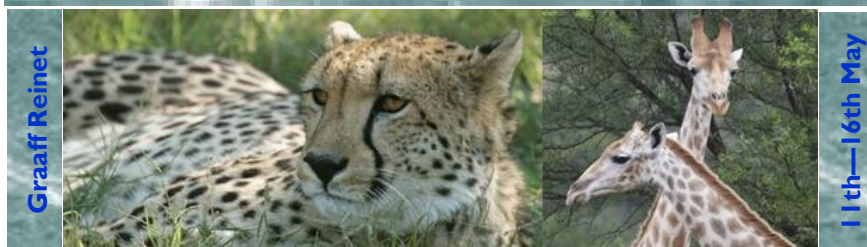
5th-12th July: National Arts Festival (Request a Brochure)

10th August: Sunday Outing (To be confirmed)

13th-17th August: Flower Tour 1: Nieuwoudville (Request a Brochure)

23rd-27th August: Flower Tour 2: Nieuwoudville (Request a Brochure)

To suit your dates: Namibia Short Breaks & Scheduled Tours (Request Details).

MOUNT CAMDEBOO *Private Game Reserve*

Graaff Reinet

11th—16th May

**This tour is now fully booked and we have a number of people on standby.  
In case of cancellations, please ask us to add your name to the list, if you are interested.**

Our journey to Graaff Reinet, home of Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve, covers a distance of 711km and because of this we will be breaking our trip in Prince Albert (408km), where we will overnight. We continue via Beaufort West and Aberdeen and will arrive in Graaff Reinet (309 Km) around lunch time. **Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve** lies just to the east of Graaff-Reinet in the heart of the malaria free Eastern Cape's Great Karoo. Luxurious beyond expectation. Experience a personalised safari in a region that is steeped in history and culture.

Guests are accommodated in Cape Dutch houses that lie cupped in the palm of the Sneeuwberg Mountain range. Once home to generations of settlers, these magnificent homesteads have been sensitively converted into havens of five star luxury. Accommodation has been reserved in **Camdeboo Manor, Courtyard Manor** and **Hillside Manor**. Mount Camdeboo provides wholesome traditional meals, a team of friendly and professional hosts and superior hospitality in a relaxed homely environment. 14 000 hectares of ancient land is home to cheetah, white rhino, cape buffalo, giraffe, mountain zebra, wild cats, sable, a host of antelope, birds of prey and a unique collection of fauna and flora. Our booking includes all meals, local beverages & house wines and 2 daily game drives. We will spend three nights here.

Time permitting we will also take in some local attractions, such as: Historic tour of Graaff Reinet / Pre-historic fossil trails and bone collections / Africa's largest selection of cacti / The breathtaking **Valley of Desolation**.

*Woodstock* MARKETS

Saturday  
12th April

Today we will be heading for Woodstock ostensibly to take a walk around the Old Biscuit Mill as well as two other outlets: the Woodstock Co-op & the Neighbourhood Market, which are all within walking distance from each other.

COST for the day is R300 per person. We are only charging coach hire today and will hire an 11-seater coach. If we don't have at least 10 passengers we will have to go smaller and hire a 7-seater, combi, which means the price per person will unfortunately increase.

**So, make sure you invite a friend along today.....and come along and enjoy the Woodstock area. Parking is at a premium, so why go alone in your car when you can travel in style and get dropped off and collected at the entrance to the market.**

Our coach will leave TABLEVIEW Pick 'n Pay at 8h00 and CONSTANTIA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE at 8h45.....this will have us at the market by about 09h15.....good timing before it gets too busy!!



## TRAVELTIME

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5th-12th July  
Grahamstown

NATIONAL ARTS *Festival*

Only a few  
seats open !!



Planning for our visit to **Grahamstown for the 40th Anniversary** of The National Arts Festival is ongoing and we can confirm the following:

- **We have 16 passengers booked and**
- **We have paid the deposits for our accommodation at the **Mountain View Manor Guesthouse** which is situated in a prime position overlooking Grahamstown, as well as at **Knysna Hollow** for our outbound first night and **Christiana Lodge** in Plettenberg Bay for our inbound last night on tour.**

This tour is definitely one which should be on your bucket list, **to be done again & again**, not only for the Theatre, Dance, Music (Contemporary / Jazz & Classical), Comedy, Drama, Cabaret, Art, Exhibitions, Cinema but also for the craft, people, food, restaurants and fantastic people you meet along the way. From the fringe Programme through to the Main Programme, you have an un-ending list of items to choose from.

**If you do not enjoy yourself here, only you are to blame.**

**Don't travel alone, travel in a group to experience the full benefit of companionship & fun.**

We will shortly be providing an updated Information brochure which will give expected dates for release of the Programme, (expected mid April), setting a meeting for choosing of our performances and booking our tickets. (Expected early May).

We have received provisional information on what will be available for dinners at Mountain View Manor and we will discuss various menu options during our "performance booking" meeting.

**Interested in joining us? Please request a Tour Brochure.**

## SPRING FLOWER TOURS

**TOUR 1: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - De Lande Farm**

We are privileged this year to have obtained accommodation on the De Lande Guesthouse. We have secured ALL their accommodation – i.e. 4 en suite rooms in the Main Guest House with extra accommodation in Jan Voorman's Cottage – an additional 2 en suite rooms on the De Lande property. This means we can take 12 people (all sharing) – which is essential for this unique accommodation. In the evenings after our full days of exploring the area with their magnificent flowers we will be spoilt with home cooked meals in their spacious lounge and dining room. For this tour we will explore the Nieuwoudtville area including the Hantam Botanical Gardens ; the Waterfall outside of town ; and Papkuilsfontein with the guided tour with Willem that has become such a part of our Spring Flower Tours.

**TOUR 2: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - Swiss Villa Guest House**

Traveltime Tours has used the Swiss Villa Guest House for 4 years of Spring Flower Touring. It is situated in Nieuwoudtville and offers home-from-home comfort. As restaurants are few and far between in the town, Margie offers dinner every evening in her beautiful dining room.

We have secured FIVE rooms in this guest house as well as an additional flat on a neighbouring property which means we can take 12 people on this tour.

For this tour we will explore the Nieuwoudtville area including the Hantam Botanical Gardens ; the Waterfall outside of town ; and Papkuilsfontein with the guided tour with owner Willem that has become such a part of our Spring Flower Tours.

**Fully detailed and priced Tour Brochures are available. Please request one.**