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JUNE 2013



Our 5 day tour into **Sutherland and Prince Albert** proved to be one which needs to be repeated on an annual basis. For many in the group of 12, this was their first experience into both towns. In fact there were many "firsts".

We were fortunate to be allocated a brand new vehicle, a Mercedes Sprinter, which proved to be powerful and comfortable. Our driver/guide Christian was purposely chosen for his knowledge of the area and in particular for his love of astronomy.

We broke our first day of travel in **Matjiesfontein** where we had lunch in the Lord Milner Hotel bar, where we were treated to some old time bar music and a short tour, by the resident pianist.

Sutherland, SALT and Jurg Wagener are synonymous with star gazing, which is why we organized a visit to both. Jurg and wife Rita are entrenched in serving the steady stream of tourists visiting Sutherland. They own Kambrokind guest house and other self catering accommodation where we stayed. Their farm Sterland, where Jurg has 5 computer controlled telescopes, offers guests an early evening meal prior to stargazing. We were fortunate to have a clear sky and the weather was not too cold (It was 3°C at 10pm when we left). The tour of SALT, from the visitors centre through the array of telescopes to the **Southern African Large Telescope** was an experience enhanced by on site guide Dave O' Hearn.

Our three days in Prince Albert were fully occupied with trips into Swartberg Pass, Gamkaskloof (Die Hel), De Rust via Meiringspoort, and an early evening ghost walk hosted by local resident Ailsa Tudhope. We also found time to do some retail therapy.

Accommodation was at Karoo view Cottages and Saxe Coburg Lodge. Meals were organized at Karoo Kombuis, Prince Albert Country Store, Gallery Café, Lah di Dah, Village Trading Post, Lazy Lizard and African Relish, hosts of cookery program Kokkedoor. (who provided the most expensive, but not the best dinner).

The group comprised 8 regulars and 4 first timers; a happy bunch who got on well with each other.

For a full report please visit our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/traveltime/previous/Sutherland131.htm>

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## Planning for 2013

Our planning is ongoing and we will provide full tour details once the planning is completed.



### 14th to 19th JULY

#### NATAL MIDLANDS

Full tour details are available; Flights have been reserved.

Request a tour brochure or visit our website to read all about this tour.

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### 27th—31st AUGUST

#### SPRING FLOWER TOUR

This tour is now fully booked

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### 8th—15th SEPTEMBER

#### SOUTHERN NAMIBIA

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### 7th—8th SEPTEMBER

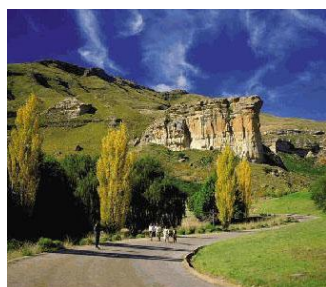
#### VOORKAMERFEST—Darling

Booking opens on 1st July, by which time we need to decide what we want to do.

#### Options are:

- **Saturday 7th September: (Single day)**  
Arrive mid-morning in Darling / Visit the market and have a light lunch (own account) / collect the tickets (for 3 performances) and await the start.  
On completion of the third performance we will return home.  
**Cost includes performance tickets & transport. R650**
- **Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th: (Overnight)**  
We will arrange tickets for 2 successive days (3 performances per day), have dinner on the Saturday and book into a local B&B.  
On completion of the third performance on Sunday we will return home.  
**Cost includes performance tickets, transport, dinner, accommodation and breakfast. R2,500**

To enable us to finalise our pricing we need to establish how many people would like to accompany us and which option is preferred (or both?). ***Please contact Carol or Brian***



### 10th—16th NOVEMBER

#### CLARENS &

#### GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK (FREE STATE)

Planning is well underway.

Flights and accommodation have been booked.

Request a tour brochure or visit our website to read all about this tour.

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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!"*