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Tour Report Mount Camdeboo

Sunday 11th May dawned with the promise of a break-away from the city to the Karoo. The 15 excited passengers on this tour were collected at their homes and transported to our meeting place at the Cape Town International Airport from where we left in our coach, direction Matjiesfontein.

It was an easy drive to Matjiesfontein where we had pre-arranged a pub lunch at the [Lord Milner Hotel](#). Johnny who is their resident piano player of note was already entertaining a group of people; the fire was crackling and very soon we all tucked into warm food. A short tour of the rooms of the Hotel with Johnny's usual 'ghost' stories and we headed back into the bar for a bit of a sing along and 'dance'. Then it was time to continue our journey to Prince Albert, where we would spend the night. We had traveled 408 km and everyone was in high spirits. Accommodation was arranged at [Karoo View Cottages](#), [Saxe Coburg Lodge](#) and [Bougainville B&B](#).

Dinner at the [Gallery Café](#) was delicious – this restaurant is consistent in Prince Albert and always offers excellent food. Oxtail, Lamb Shanks seemed to be the order of the day. A good nights rest and we were all at [Lah Di Dah](#) for breakfast at 08:00.

[Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve](#) lies 65 km east of Graaff Reinet and after driving the road through a number of other Reserves we encountered the Mount Camdeboo sign and this resulted in a loud cheer from everyone.

Whilst luggage was offloaded and moved to the various rooms and other Manors ([Hillside Manor & Courtyard Manor](#)), we met in the lounge at [Camdeboo Manor](#) where we were informed of how our time was going to be mapped out at the Reserve. This was followed by a sumptuous high tea.

Please see our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mount-camdeboo-private-game-reserve> for a full report, with photos. (Or ask us to email you the report ...3 pages)



There are many more photos available on our website....

This accommodation is fully booked

NATIONAL ARTS Festival Update 4

5th-12th July Grahamstown

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

Our Performance choice meeting took place at Kelvin Grove on 3rd May and whilst we did not have our Programme hard copies, we had access to electronic copies via a number of computers and a data projector we had set up for the morning.

After 2 hours work we all had a good idea of which shows to book for and completed the booking forms accordingly.

On 5th May we submitted our comprehensive booking form to the National Arts Box Office for a total of 199 tickets and later increased this to 202 tickets at a value of R13,340.00. All booked shows were confirmed and tickets were printed. Subsequently one show (Bitches be Crazy) was cancelled by Nat Arts, but affected people have since replaced this with another show.

We now have the tickets in hand and are currently scheduling meals and times to suit the complex show times, to ensure that everyone does find time to have dinner!

*We have 17 passengers on this tour and Hylton Ross has upgraded our vehicle to a 44-seater coach. Our tour takes us through Knysna, where we overnight at **Knysna Hollow** and spend 5 nights in Grahamstown at Mountain View Manor. On our return trip to Cape Town we overnight in Plettenberg Bay at **Christiana Lodge**. We will soon be "On the Road Again"*



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SOETES EN SOP



FLOWER TOUR

SOETES EN SOP

TOUR: 19th JULY (Saturday) - Bredekloof

Come and get lost on the most scenic winery in the Cape Winelands and beat away the wintery blues at the annual **Bredekloof Soetes & Soup 2014** festival, taking place on **Friday 18 and Saturday 19**

July. This fun-filled event hosted by wineries in the Rawsonville, Slanghoek, Goudini, and Breede River areas, combats the chills by serving complimentary cups of steaming homemade country soup accompanied by a glass of multiple award-winning soetes (dessert wines) including Hanepoot, Muscadel, Noble Late Harvest, Red Jerepigo and Port.

Highlights during the weekend include live entertainment, soup & wine pairing, a farmer's market, chocolate soup & port tasting, cooperage demonstrations, various stalls and children's entertainment.



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SPRING FLOWER TOUR

TOUR: 13th – 17th 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 Nieuwoudville 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.

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New Entries

FUTURE TOURS PROGRAM

5th-12th July: National Arts Festival (Tour fully booked.)

19th July (Saturday): Soetes en Sop—Breedekloof

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

*** 30th August (Saturday): Spring Flowers in the West Coast National Park

*** 12th-14th September (Provisional): Whale Watching De Kelders, Walker Bay

*** 18th-21st November: Explore the West Coast & It's People

7th December (Sunday): Mystery Venue Tour

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

18th—21st
November

EXPLORE THE WEST COAST

The West Coast always conjures up images of people living the laid-back life of this area. I have always wanted to do a tour of this area, [in depth](#). November is a great time in the Western Cape in that the winter storms are a thing of the past, and the day temperatures are starting to warm with the promise of summer coming. We will base ourselves in [Paternoster](#) at good 4* B&B or self catering accommodation.

Some highlights of this tour will be:-

- [!Khwa Ttu](#) - We have often driven right past this new area on the R27. Today you will learn more about the San during the tour of a replica cultural village. You will see the intricacies of making beads from ostrich egg shells, witness San pipe smoking and the art of making a fire using a rotating stick. Lunch will be enjoyed in their restaurant.
- [Muisbosskerm](#) - Voted one of the "Top Ten Sea Views to Dine For" by National Geographic. Also "Getaway's Top Ten" by Readers Digest. What started off as a hobby to entertain family and friends in Lamberts Bay soon turned into a business. I strongly believe this to still be the **'best' outdoor seafood lunch along the West Coast**.
- [Velddrif](#) and its crafty people - Spend some time in Velddrif meeting the crafts people of this unique area. What about meeting Dan Ahlers who refuses to buy wood and only uses recycled wood for his work; Judy Smit who works at Britannia Bay with recycled wine bottles and makes platters which are stunningly beautiful. Lunch on this day will be "what this area is famous for" its Fish and Chips!
- [Abalone House](#) - A dinner reservation here is a must. Reuben, who needs no introduction, has now taken over management of this restaurant!

Reserve your place as soon as possible - [our November tour is always a favourite tour before the Christmas break! Request a brochure](#)

[Additional details and pricing to follow.](#)



PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Our new on line accounting package allows you to pay for your tour with your credit card. This facility removes the burden of having to go into the bank to make your deposit. For those already paying by bank transfer, you now have a second payment option.

As with anything in life, there is a cost involved and we need to see how this compares with the existing cash / cheque deposit method.

Please let us know whether you would like to pay by credit card. We can then take a final decision.



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WHALE WATCHING

12th—14th September 2014

Hermanus, plays host to thousands of visitors (in 2013 they welcomed 130 000 visitors) who flock to the seaside resort to exhilarate in the unique natural environment and watch the whales.

Whale Festival dates for 2014: 3rd – 6th October.

Having personally visited Hermanus during this time, we have been faced with long queues of traffic and people wanting to either get sight of the whales or find a place to have a meal. With this in mind we have decided to visit the area “out of festival time”, to see the whales in peace and quiet.

Our base will be in Walker Bay, at selective Lodges / apartments on the seashore in De Kelders which is situated between Hermanus and Gansbaai, 160km from Cape Town.

De Kelders is known as the best land-based whale watching destination in the world.

Tour planning is in it's infancy however we can confirm the provisional dates we have selected, as above.

NAMIBIA SHORT BREAKS

& Scheduled Tours



Experience the Namib Desert with its monumental dunes and ever-changing colours; see the Sossusvlei area at sunrise, the Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon. Enjoy a picnic under age old Camelthorn trees. Travel through the Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund, then travel north to experience the abundant wildlife in the Etosha National Park. Whatever your requirement in Namibia, we can assist.

[Below is a selection of available tours.](#) For full details on any item, please send us an email requesting a [Tour Itinerary](#) and pricing, to suit your dates.

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| • CANYONS & DESERTS | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • FOUR DESERTS TOUR | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • SOSSUSVLEI SHUTTLE | 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS |
| • ETOSHA SHUTTLE | 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS |
| • DESERT SYMPHONY | 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS |

The above tours narrow down an unlimited range of attractions to core itineraries, and provide maximum excitement to the selected highlights visited.

We pride ourselves in the high standard of accommodation and also the mode of travel we offer our guests, thereby ensuring an effortless, comfortable and unforgettable Namibian holiday. All our tours are conducted in air-conditioned vehicles specifically chosen for Namibia's road conditions, while our expert local guides ensure a friendly, knowledgeable and customer orientated service.

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