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ALMOST TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO 2015

Each year seems to pass faster than the previous year. 2015 is no exception; it seems impossible to think Christmas is just 25 days away. Where did the year go? The saying "Time flies when you are having fun" is very apt to our situation. Carol & I enjoy our travels with everyone who participates in our tours. Without the fun, laughter and companionship we would be at a loss. Thank you one & all for travelling with us. We look forward to many more "Happy Days" in 2016

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New Additions



Update

UPCOMING TOURS

The following schedule is current as at 1st November 2015. We will continue to provide updates & additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses:

(Tour dates in blue are confirmed).

2016

- 4th-6th March: Prince Albert Short break - (Request a tour brochure). ★
- 7th-12th March: Victoria Falls & Chobe, (Request a tour brochure)
- 25th-29th April: MSC Sinfonia—Cruise: Cape Town—Walvis Bay. ★
(Request a brochure)-vessel is almost fully booked! Only inside cabins available.
- 8th-13th May: Addo Elephant Park & Lalibela Game Reserve (6 days). ★
(Request a tour brochure).
(Recce done and accommodation booked)
- 4th-11th July: National Arts Festival (8 days) - Planning Stage ★
(Request an Information brochure).
(Limited numbers on this tour, so decide early!)
- July: Namibia 8 days - Planning Stage ★
- 10th-15th August: Spring Flowers in Springbok (5 days) - Planning Stage ★
(Request an Information brochure).
- 19th-23rd August: Spring Flowers Nieuwoudville (5 days)-Planning Stage ★
- 27th August: West Coast Park Flowers (1 day)-Planning Stage ★
- 10th December: Mystery Venue Tour (1 day)-Planning Stage ★

Watch this space for new year additions!

EXPLORING THE OVERBERG

17th—21st November 2015



Eleven of us headed out from the Cape Town International Airport headed to the **Hemel en Aarde Valley**. We took the coast route – so very beautiful and scenic and many remarks were heard about the stunning city we all live in!

Our first stop was the **365 Bistro in Pringle Bay** where we were ushered upstairs into a private dining room and treated royally. A delicious lunchtime menu was offered and Ronnie who had enjoyed his birthday on Sunday 15th November treated us all to drinks before lunch. Everyone was feeling in good spirits but the weather was turning a bit bad! Grey clouds with a drizzle en route to Hermanus. After 2 ‘stop-and-goes’ we eventually arrived at **High Season Farm** just before 3.00 pm!

Traveltime hired 5 cottages on this farm – **Pine Tree, Oak Tree, Lemon Tree, Agapanthus** and **Protea**. We started the evening with dips courtesy of Woolworths; A Beef Fillet with Mushroom sauce and some delicious chicken kebabs grilled to perfection by Brian; a root vegetable bake; potato bake; green salad with 2 desserts & ice cream to round off a perfect evening, all provided by **Dre Johnson**, who lives in the area and does part-time catering.

Each Cottage had chance to host a meal – Pine Tree Cottage did the first evening. Oak Tree Cottage lovingly set the table for a light breakfast at 08h15 the next morning. We were heading almost 100km for a brunch at 12h00, so yoghurt/fruit/toast filled a gap before heading out to **Sanity Farm** – owned by **Sue and Mike Preece**. Mike presented Sue with a sausage filler machine for her birthday in 2009 and her passion for experimenting with such tasty sausages; bacon to-die-for; scotch eggs (oh my goodness you need to taste these); the list goes-on-and-on!! Sue prepared a brunch par excellence served with delicious orange juice and champers. We enjoyed artisan bread to start; followed by Sue’s sausages; mushroom sauce; potatoes; tomatoes; and eggsoh my goodness a lovely few hours spent trying to gain SANITY on this farm!

En route to Sanity Farm we had stopped in at **Jenny’s Handelhuis** (Jenny was in Bredasdorp) but her husband entertained us admirably and even stood in our group photo outside the shop. After Sanity Farm we took the newly graded road through Elim and eventually ended in in Baardskeerdersbos (or as the locals say B’Bos), a haven for artists at present and very close to Gansbaai. Arriving back at High Season Farm we had an hour to rest before we headed back into Hermanus to the **Just Pure Bistro** for dinner. What a delightful dinner we all enjoyed! Much laughter and merriment and by 09h30 our driver **Sabrie** was on hand to drive us all safely back to our farm!

Thursday morning dawned and we were ready to shop, after breakfast at the **Burgundy Restaurant** which is notorious for its views of the harbour! The ladies found TIGA (Dress shop) and were delighted! Oh my goodness all the purchases were loaded in the coach and we headed back to Stanford to **Kleine Rivier Cheeses** for a bit more retail therapy!

We all enjoyed a long languid lunch with Peter and Mariana at their delightful restaurant (**Marianas**) in Stanford. Starting lunch at 12h45 and only leaving the restaurant at 4.30pm and even then we could all have sat for a good while longer. Spirits were high that day and as our table was the largest in the restaurant we somehow seemed to be the centre-of-attraction. It was lovely to talk to others in the restaurant and find out where they were from! The lunch was really delicious!

Friday morning we all headed just down the road to **Die Plaaskombuis!** What a delightful restaurant this is – their service is good; an excellent choice for breakfast; and another plus a shop full of interesting things to buy. Barbi had the buy of the day – a scarf that matched what she was wearing and she was only charged R20 for it – Bargain of the Day!! Die Plaaskombuis is to be recommended – what a fun breakfast we all enjoyed! Next stop was **Nouvelle Mushrooms** along the Hemel en Aarde Valley road. Here Schalk had us all don hair nets and also had to cover our shoes. We were then taught introduced to the top class mushrooms they cultivate. Definitely a place to go to when in the Hemel en Aarde Valley.

Creation Wines was our next stop, where we could choose to do a **cheese pairing or a charcuterie pairing** – this occupied at least 2 hours of our day – amazing how long you can take if you are enjoying the company of others. Next stop was **Hemelrand** where **Hans and Mary-Ann Evenhuis** warmly welcomed us to their farm! They grow and produce top quality **olive oil** as well as **lavender** products to-die-for! Their newly created shop which was finished in time for our visit, had its roof well and truly wet!! The ladies purchases olive oil / lavender and then some!! What a treat.

It was then time for a short rest back at High Season Farm before we headed out to **Stanford Harvest** for their Friday music evening. They have a local musician singing along and offer easy food – on the menu tonight was Mutton Curry and Rice served in a lovely, very large coffee mug, or Bobotie – also equally delicious! Stanford Harvest was celebrating their FIRST year in business by inviting people who had supported them over the past year. Good to be in on the celebrations by default. Traveltime wishes Stanford Harvest all success in the years ahead!

Today (Saturday) we head home, so we were all up at the crack of dawn, packing and getting ready to head out to the **Hermanus Country Market**. We arrived without rain and were able to enjoy breakfast and wander around the market until at least 10h30, when the rain came down! Then on to the next market – **Hermanuspietersfontein**, a foodie market in the Hemel en Aarde Village. Some more gathering and then by 11h30 we headed into **Bot Rivier** and the **Shuntin’ Shed** which has recently been taken over by new owners. Excellent courteous service – most had pizzas which were pronounced delicious and a few enjoyed the Banting Burger – the rage at present – a delicious burger patty / with avocado / feta / but WITHOUT a roll!!

A stop at the **Houw Hoek Farm Stall** and the ladies were complaining they had NO money left in their purses! I’m not surprised as the packing shelves above the seats groaned with food and wine to take home!

PRINCE ALBERT-SHORT BREAK

4th—6th March 2016 (3 days)

Added October 2015—Already 5 bookings



Accommodation
has been booked



THE SHOWROOM

Highlights:

- Your days will be filled, exploring attractions such as the **Weltevrede Farm** which is a short distance outside of town and the good news is that it is fresh fig time! The Farm supplies Woolworths and a visit here is a must.
- There is also the **Saturday market** where locals meet and spend a few hours offering their produce and nik naks. / or, take a trip up **Swartberg Pass**.
- We will try to add an early evening **Ghost Walk** with Alisa Tudhope. She guides groups through the streets providing stories about the various old houses and residents
- A very new attraction to the town is the addition of **The Showroom Theatre**. We will reserve tickets for a live show (or old fashioned movie) on the Saturday night!

For more details, please request a tour brochure, or visit our website: [http://](http://www.traveltime.co.za)

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VICTORIA FALLS & CHOBE

8th—12th March 2016 (5 days)

Added August 2015



Planning is
complete



Highlights:

- Guided walking safari through the tropical, spray-drenched rainforest on the very edge of Victoria Falls, and all the best views of this World Heritage Site from the spectacular Zimbabwean vantage points
 - Safari by riverboat and in open vehicles in the Chobe National Park, home to Africa's largest concentration of elephants and an abundance of mammals and birds.
- An authentic, in the wild of Africa experience at a world-class safari lodge on the banks of the Chobe River. Spend your evenings overlooking the Chobe River and the game-rich Caprivi floodplains at Chobe Game Lodge, the only safari lodge situated within Chobe National Park.

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website: www.traveltime.co.za/package/victoria-falls-chobe

CRUISING WITH MSC & TRAVELTIME

25th—29th April 2016 (5 days)

We have 23 confirmed passengers.



17 Cabins have
been booked!

**Only inside cabins
now available**



CRUISE ALMOST
SOLD OUT!

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tour please contact us
immediately.

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ADDO ELEPHANT PARK & LALIBELA GAME RESERVE

8th—13th May 2016 (6 days)

We already have 8 bookings



Accommodation
has been booked



In May 2016 we will explore the game parks of the Eastern Cape. Cape Town to the **Addo Elephant Park** is 907km. This necessitates us having stop-overs on our first & fifth day of traveling in Knysna and Plettenberg Bay.

There will be 2 nights in the Addo area at a 4* graded guest house with open vehicle game drives included, into the Addo Elephant Park. Learn a bit more about the Addo area by exploring the area on one day. The Addo Elephant Park is now the third largest National Park in South Africa and also now boasts having the Big 5. The very beautiful game park surrounded by the Zuurberg Mountains will immediately make you relax.

We will also spend one night in the famed **Lalibela Game Reserve** where the Big 5 also roam. There will be one sunset and one morning game-drive included in the package.



For full details, please request a tour brochure, or visit our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/package/addo-lalibella>

NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL-GRAHAMSTOWN

4th—11th July 2016 (8 days)

We will be staying at Mountain View Manor again



Accommodation
has been booked

NAMIBIA

Dates in July 2016 to be released shortly-(8 days)

Another tour is being planned to this magic country



Planning is
underway!

SPRING FLOWERS IN NAMAQUALAND

10th—15th August 2016 (6days)

We will be doing our recce early in January



Accommodation
has been booked

SPRING FLOWERS IN NIEUWOUDVILLE

19th—23rd July 2016 (5 days)

Accommodation has been reserved



Accommodation
has been booked

SPRING FLOWERS IN WEST COAST PARK

27th August 2016 (1 days)

The annual flower show in the Postberg Reserve



Planning is
underway!

MYSTERY VENUE TOUR

10th December 2016 (1 day)-Sunday

Enjoy a day out in the Country



Planning is
underway!

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Full details & pricing available shortly



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