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OUTING

- Bakenhof
& Floreal
Brasserie

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A collage 4
of happy
people!



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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

We visit Bakenhof & Floreal Brasserie

The last time we went to **Bakenhof** was in 2010. We all picked grapes and had a delicious lunch which was served in the beautiful (at that time) guest house. Things have changed—Bakenhof now has an outstanding venue for weddings but the guest house is now a private residence. The staff at Bakenhof served popcorn and a delicious cold drink! Unfortunately, our coach battled to get access to Bakenhof and our coach driver had to reverse out along a long driveway. Full marks to him!! (Tense moments for many - scribe included!!)

Our day was saved at **Floreal Brasserie** - a lovely new restaurant on the Marianne Wine Estate which has been taken over by chef Ian Lilley who has a colourful past in the UK and is making his mark on the Stellenbosch restaurant scene. We were served delicious Grilled Cape Salmon and Ratatouille vegetables coupled with the Marianne Cheesecake served in a wine glass. Lovely sitting and catching up next to the cool water—

Floreal Brasserie is definitely worthy of a return visit!



Under the trees at Bakenhof, with friends

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH

Coach leaves
Constantia
Village Shopping
Centre at 08h45
& Tableview at
09h30

Bookings and
Payment
Deadline
Friday
25th March

Cost is R440
per person
for the day,
which
includes
transport
& 2 course
lunch

It's March in The Riebeek Valley

The **Riebeek Valley** is always a favorite with everyone. I initially planned that we would visit a local nursery, but, unfortunately after our recce visit we found it unsuitable for our group! However, back to the drawing board and we visited a very enthusiastic lady in their tourism office who filled me in with "What's-new-in-Riebeek-Kasteel".

Our day will be exploring, looking and gathering!! Some of your favorite places might be amongst where I intend to stop the coach —**Kloovenberg ; Het Vlock Kasteel ; Art Gallery** (this is one of the new changes - an expanded gallery) ; **La Petit Chocolat ; Aitsa ; Wicked Treats!**

Lunch will be at **Mama Cucina** right in the centre of the village! It is a super Italian themed restaurant with an outside area with fine mist sprays! I have requested that we be seated here.

(Cool and glorious, to watch the world go by)!!



Mama Cucina in Riebeek Kasteel

THURSDAY
21ST APRIL

DATE CHANGE

Our date for April is **THURSDAY 21ST APRIL—ONE WEEK EARLY.** This is because many (Brian and I included) are off on the MSC Sinfonia to Walvis Bay. The trip will be to Franschoek and we will be enjoying lunch at Eikehof wine estate just outside of town! We have done our recce and you can look forward to an April lunch under-the-trees (hopefully before the bad weather comes again!!) Plan B will be lunch inside their tasting room (in case of early rain)

Francois and Elize Malherbe are 4th generation family on the farm who are slowly changing the face of **Eikehof**. It is now on the route that Hylton Ross stops at for wine tasting. Also the Franschoek tram stops here daily!

