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JANUARY 2014

2013 Update:

Clarens Tour Report (10th-16th November '13)

Our last extended tour for 2013 saw us flying with Kulula to Lanseria airport where we met Hylton Ross transport for our onward 340km journey to Clarens. Accommodation had been arranged for our 5 night stay at the Clarens Golf and Trout Estate, situated within 3km of the town centre.



Our local travels took in the Clarens main street shops, Ficksberg Cherry Farms (Constantia Farm Stall & Ben Nevis), the beautiful Golden Gate National Park and a Basotho Cultural Village tour, Ficksburg and the Rose House (Roses not that good due to very hot weather and lack of water). We also took part in a fossil tour; yes we actually saw dinosaur foot prints imbedded in rocks and handled fossils! Very interesting indeed.

We visited many of the restaurants in the area (breakfast, lunch & dinner): Vito's, Artists Café, Clementine's, Phatt Chef, Roter Hahn, Valley Cats, Café Moulin, 278 Restaurant, The Clarens Brewery and The Courtyard. Best liked were Café Moulin & The Courtyard, where we had a memorable meal during a sponsored wine tasting evening. We also had the Courtyard prepare our Friday evening meal of Chicken pie (to die for), potato salad, vegetables and a deep pan milk tart....Wow, this was memorable. After much gathering on the part of the ladies on tour, everyone was 'amazed' that their luggage was not overweight - can't say the same for the bodies (Everyone complained that they had eaten too much).

Mystery Venue Tour report (8th December '13)

16 people guessed the venue name correctly and Heather Fisher was the random name drawn and received a complimentary trip on the day.

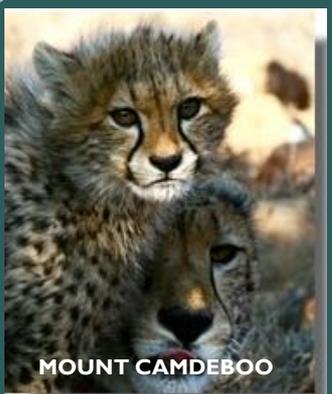
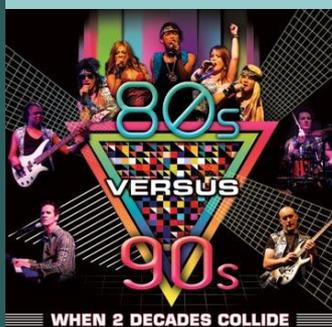


Our first stop was the **ROOT 44** market which is very festive just before Christmas. A perfect place to stock up on last minute Christmas gifts. It was extremely hot in Stellenbosch and the popular drink seemed to be ice slush – so refreshing!!

We then headed over **Hellshoogte pass**, through Pniel to Franschoek and our Mystery Venue which happened to be **Café Bon Bon** just east of the town. This is in a perfect setting with majestic mountains surrounding the venue. Lunch was a choice of either Pork Belly, Trout from the valley, Chicken Curry, or the Chef's Pot pie of the day followed by desserts – the Lemon Meringue Pie took everyone's breath away! What a huge slice, but I must say I didn't see too much going back to the kitchen! A lucky ticket draw had 14 people going home with an additional gift. Christmas crackers completed the day and added to the atmosphere. **When it was time to go back to Cape Town many felt that they had not had enough of the day out – certainly a compliment to those who organized the day.**

And now for 2014.. →

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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!"



Planning for 2014

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

What Is Happening in 2014?

Carol & I have done some "brain-storming" during our December break and are excited to release the following details of our 2014 offering for consideration and will provide additional information as planning progresses:

BARNYARD THEATRE—WILLOWBRIDGE

- **9th February (Sunday, 2pm performance): Barnyard Theatre -Willowbridge.**
Musical: 80's versus 90's, when 2 decades collide: *It is a fun look at music from both decades and a musical roller coaster for the audience. The talented cast revive songs from both decades, together with two hilarious hosts who are each fanatical about their favourite era! Which decade rocked our world the most?*

Never been to a Barnyard Theatre before? Here's how it operates:

You pay an entrance fee to see the show (we will organize this) / You can decide to bring a picnic basket for yourself or to share with a friend / or you can pre-order a pizza / all drinks (alcoholic and soft drinks) must be purchased from vendors in the theatre / tables & chairs are provided and, as usual we will organize the transport and decide what to do before the show.

We need to book tickets as early as possible in January, so please confirm your participation by Friday 10th January '14.

COST FOR THE DAY :

R380 per person, which includes transport and your theatre ticket

- **9th—13th March: Meerkat Adventures—Oudtshoorn (Brochure included)**
- **13th April: Sunday Outing (To be confirmed)**
- **11th—16th May: Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve (Brochure included),**
- **8th June: Sunday Outing (To be confirmed)**
- **5th-12th July: National Arts Festival (Brochure available on request)**
- **10th August: Sunday Outing (To be confirmed)**
- **13th-17th August: Flower Tour 1: Nieuwoudville (Brochure available on request).**
- **23rd-27th August: Flower Tour 2: Nieuwoudville (Brochure on request).**
- **To suit your dates: Namibia Short Breaks & Scheduled Tours (Contact us)**

