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SEPTEMBER 2013



Report Back: **SPRING FLOWER TOUR**

Sixteen of us set out on a cold and overcast Tuesday morning, destination Nieuwoudtville, to view the annual wild flower display. Rain had been forecast for later today and for Thursday and Friday. Forecasts could be wrong!?

Our entry into the [West Coast National Park](#) had us hoping for some sunshine in the [Postberg Flower Reserve](#). There were plenty of flowers in the area, but sadly we couldn't get the full benefit of their beauty without the help of the sun. We were fortunate though to see a lot of game. After a hearty lunch at Geelbek restaurant we exited the Park and headed for our overnight stop in [Paternoster](#).

[Ah Guesthouse](#) helped to raise our spirits by presenting a superb and unusual dinner. Thanks Arnold!

We left Paternoster in the rain and travelled the coastal road through [Dwarskersbos](#), with a stop at [Draaihoek Lodge](#) and then through [Elandsbaai](#) to [Clanwilliam](#), where we had a lunch break. The local dam had two sluice gates open, which was testament to the amount of rain they had in the area.

Our final leg of 123km saw us arriving in Nieuwoudtville late afternoon on Wednesday. Twelve of the group were "home" for the next 3 nights, whilst four of us headed out to [Cloudskraal](#), our farm accommodation, 11 km out of town on a gravel road. Our driver Sabrie was staying at [Kromvlei](#), another farm 4km away, where we planned to have dinner on Thursday evening.

We had rain overnight which saw the gravel roads deteriorate and it was decided to postpone our farm dinner to Friday with the hope that the weather would improve. We were able to visit [Papkuilsfontein](#) on Thursday, but the tour was curtailed due to inaccessible roads. Lunch was of their normal high standard though.

On Friday morning we awoke to a heavy snowfall and had no option but to cancel the farm dinner. Passenger safety was the first priority. (Our vehicle—pictured left—had a healthy covering of mud & snow).

Our hosts in Nieuwoudtville, Margie & Chris of Swiss Villa came to our rescue by taking on the cancelled dinner! Our [Hantam Botanical Gardens](#) tour was cancelled due to a water logged property, but we visited [Loeriesfontein](#) as well as the [Quiver Tree forest](#). Overall, a stressful tour, held together by a fantastic, happy and understanding group. (No we didn't charge extra for the snow).

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Voorkamerfest—this photo was taken in one of the homes we visited during the Fest last year.



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 2013

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



7th & 8th SEPTEMBER

VOORKAMERFEST—Darling

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Visitors buy a ticket for a route ; 7 routes in total. You travel to 3 different homes in Darling & experience a truly South African experience! You might go to one of Darling's grand Cape Dutch homes or to one of the informal abodes - this is all part of the fun. You travel to these shows in the local taxis and the atmosphere is electric!

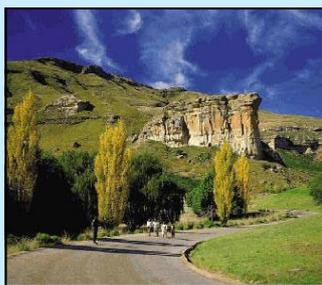
Bookings for our tour on 7th are now closed, however should you want to book your own tickets (if still available for 7th or 8th) and drive out to Darling yourself, please contact the organizers to check ticket status: Phone: 082 321 7542 or

Visit their website for full details: <http://www.voorkamerfest-darling.co.za/index.php>

10th—16th NOVEMBER

CLARENS &

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK (FREE STATE)



Planning is now complete.

Flights and accommodation have been booked.

Be sure to add your name NOW for our last-trip-of-2013

Please request a tour brochure

A few seats are still available, so please confirm your interest asap

PRICE for this fully inclusive 7 day tour including coach transport with a minimum of 10 passengers, accommodation, meals and excursions as specified is R11,600 per person (land arrangements); There is no single supplement.

The air transport portion, not included in this price is R1,818 (including taxes) and is subject to variation until the deposit is paid, and the booking can be confirmed with the airline.

TOTAL Tour price is R13,410.00

You need to secure your place on this tour by paying a 40% deposit (R5364) upon booking and the balance (R8046) is payable before the 1st October

MYSTERY VENUE TOUR

Year end lunch - Sunday December 8th 2013

Our 2013 trip will follow the same pattern as 2011 / 2012, with only the organisers knowing the final destination. Be prepared for a day of fun, companionship and good food in a cool environment!

Once the venue is confirmed we will offer some clues to allow you to suggest where we are going. The first correct answer will be rewarded with a complimentary tour for the day. Details soon!

