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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2015



“Life is like a camera. Focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if it doesn’t work out, just take another shot!”

2015 / 16 Planning ★ New Additions ★ Changes

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

In our February newsletter we released some fixed and provisional tour dates.

The following schedule is an updated version of this and we will continue to provide additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses: **(Tour dates in blue are confirmed).**

- 12th April (Sunday): Aphrodisiac Shack—Villiersdorp (Request a brochure).
- 2nd May (Saturday): Riebeek Valley Olive Festival. ★
- 10th—15th May: Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve (Request a brochure),
- 14th June: Sunday Outing (Planning stage).
- 18th-20th June: Sutherland in Winter (Request a brochure).
- 7th-17th July: Namibia, including Etosha National Park (Request a brochure)
- ??th July: Soetes en Sop (Planning stage), to be confirmed. (Date still not available)
- 9th August: Sunday Outing (Planning stage),
- 12th-16th August: Flower Tour I: Nieuwoudville (Request a brochure)
- 29th August (Saturday): West Coast Park Flowers (Planning stage),
- 11th-13th September: Whale Watching – Hermanus (Request a brochure),
- 11th October: Sunday Outing (Planning stage),
- 6th December (Sunday): Mystery Venue (Planning stage),
- 17th -22nd January 2016: MSC Sinfonia—Cruise-Walvis Bay, Luderitz, Cape Town (Request details)
- **On the horizon planning: Train trip / Victoria Falls & Chobe / Lalibela Game Reserve**



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COST OF THE DAY

► R455 per person for 2 course lunch & transport in a 15-seater coach. (12 PAX)

BOOKINGS

by Monday 6th April & payments by Friday 10th April

COACH DEPARTS:

Tableview Shopping Centre: 09h00
Constantia Village Shopping Centre: 09h45

APHRODISIAC SHACK

APHRODISIAC SHACK—VILLIERSDORP

Sunday 12th April 2015



Justin Bonello and his Braaimaster Team were hosted here in July 2014



The **Aphrodisiac Shack** is situated on the banks of the Theewaterskloof Dam. The smokehouse was built using the traditional method. After building our smoke chamber, we spent many hours testing it and experimenting with ways of using it, as each smoke chamber is unique and has its own nuances of heat.

Only once the smoke chamber is mastered and understood can you then begin to work together with the smoke chamber. When you buy one of our products, you are not only buying something we have mastered but you are also receiving the love we put into building the smoke chamber and the hours spent refining the process. If food is prepared with love, it is able to give love back to the person eating it.

In a nut shell – there is a lot more to making food that looks, smells and tastes great and the intent with which it is prepared is the key to perfection.

“At Aphrodisiac Shack we use our psychic drive and energy to walk, talk and live the message of love. We express passion in everything we do. We are here to make a difference and, ultimately, to help others to make an even bigger difference, so that, collectively, we can change the world for the better. Spread Love through your Table!”

Aphrodisiac Shack is 96km from Cape Town. We will have lunch under the trees overlooking the Theewaterskloof Dam.

RIEBEEK VALLEY OLIVE FESTIVAL

Saturday 2nd May 2015



Riebeeck Kasteel & Riebeeck West

Entrance R70 pp & you can buy wine glasses at the various Estates (R15-R20)



Make your way to these charming villages at the foot of the Kasteelberg for the annual **Riebeeck Valley Olive Festival** on the **2nd and 3rd of May** (10am to 5pm daily).

A past winner of the West Coast Tourism Award in the “Tourism Event “ category and a nominee for “Crowd Pleaser” in the Klink Awards. Voted in 2013 as Woolworths Taste Magazines “The Unforgettable Festival” by its readers.

The Olive Emporium located in the center of Riebeeck Kasteel, will play host to local South African Olive producers with a wide array of produce to sample and to purchase - a feast of olives, all under one roof. The well-known Riebeeck Valley wines from the local cellars, artisanal beers, an abundance of good local food and live entertainment will be available at the Emporium throughout the weekend.

From the centralised Olive Emporium make your way on one of the free shuttles and tractor trips to the other participating venues where a wide array of olive produce, olive body products, entertainment, food and good old fashioned and down to earth, Riebeeck hospitality awaits you throughout the weekend

Traveltime will be visiting the festival on Saturday 2nd May.

As in previous years we will be providing **transport only** to and from Riebeeck Kasteel.

Cost for the day which **covers transport only:**

R250 per person (44 seater coach) or R305 in a 15 seater coach
(Dependent on passenger numbers)

Lunch / refreshments / entrances / glasses etc are for your own account.

Bookings by Monday 20th April and payments by Friday 24th April, 2015

COACH WILL LEAVE CONSTANTIA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE @ 08h45

& TABLEVIEW SHOPPING CENTRE @ 09H30



MOUNT CAMDEBOO PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

10th—15th May 2015

9 confirmed bookings



Accommodation
has been booked!



Repeated by
popular demand



Join us on a road trip through **Prince Albert and Graaff Reinet** to this spectacular **5 star private game reserve** in the mountains. Enjoy an early morning game drive followed by brunch, high tea, afternoon game drive and dinner in the comfortable Camdeboo Manor or in the boma.

Experience sunsets & sun-downers in the bush under the guidance of professional guides.

Get to see what our 2014 group are talking about! [Read the 2014 tour report, with photos, on our website: http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mount-camdeboo-private-game-reserve](http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mount-camdeboo-private-game-reserve)

For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure, or visit our website

SUTHERLAND

18th—20th June 2015

6 confirmed bookings



Accommodation
has been booked



We have visited Sutherland 4 times over the past 8 years and have spent various periods from 1 to 3 nights in the coldest town in South Africa. Our planned tour this year will see us staying two nights, with the tour duration being 3 days. The main purpose of our visit is of course to see Matjiesfontein, the SALT telescope and to experience star gazing in the Karoo with Jurg Wagener and his computerized telescopes.

[Read previous tour reports on our old website: \(1\) http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/sutherland_09.htm](http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/sutherland_09.htm) and [\(2\) http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/Sutherland131.htm](http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/Sutherland131.htm).

The period chosen to do this tour falls into the **NEW MOON** period and is an excellent time to view the stars. Winter is also the very best time to be in Sutherland as the winter skies are at their clearest and offer the best time for viewing! You will certainly enjoy your evening with Jurg, the local Astronomy expert. A number of **computerized telescopes** allow you to get first hand information (and viewings) of some stars and planets!

Be pre-warned that the temperatures can plummet in Sutherland at night, so make sure you **bring along warm jackets, beanies, scarves and gloves.**

For full details and pricing on the current tour, please request a tour brochure



NAMIBIA

7th—17th July 2015

10 confirmed bookings



Accommodation &
Flights are booked



We fly into Windhoek and spend 1 night pre and post tour, 2 nights in Sossusvlei (highest dunes in the world), 2 nights in Swakopmund / Walvis Bay before driving through Damaraland (1 night) into Etosha National Park (3 nights). We then return to Windhoek. Total 11 days 10 nights. [Read previous tour reports on our old website: \(1\) http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/Namibia09.htm](http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/Namibia09.htm) and [\(2\) http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/Namibia09.htm](http://traveltime.co.za/old_site/traveltime/previous/Namibia09.htm)

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SPRING FLOWERS

12th—16th August 2015

6 confirmed bookings



Accommodation
has been booked!



The first day will be spent in the West Coast National Park (Postberg Reserve) with an overnight stop in Paternoster. We then head up to Clanwilliam before checking into our guest house in Nieuwoudtville where we will stay for the next 3 nights. Visits to Matjiesfontein, Pappkuilsfontein and Hantam Botanical Garden are planned. [Read the 2014 tour report, with photos, on our website: http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/spring-flowers-2014](http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/spring-flowers-2014)

For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure

WHALE WATCHING in Walker Bay**11th-13th September 2015***7 confirmed bookings*

Accommodation

Booked



Hermanus, plays host to thousands of visitors (in 2014 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: 2nd – 4th October 2015.

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.

View the whales from the balcony of our accommodation or if you are adventurous join the boat based whale watching for an unforgettable journey amongst the whales in the Bay. See the shark cage divers in operation.

See our previous tour report / photos and video on our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/package/whale-watching-2015>

Experience the Friendship & Fun

For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure, or visit our website

CRUISING WITH MSC & TRAVELTIME**17th—22nd January 2016***9 provisional bookings*Accommodation
has been booked!*Updated details**30th March 2015*

The next scheduled cruise Cape Town to Namibia (Walvis Bay only) is a 4 night cruise 25th-29th April '16

We have had many requests to do a cruise on a luxury liner and have done extensive research. With our 'weak' South African Rand we have looked at cruising in South African waters.

MSC cruise ships have just released their summer 2015 / 2016 Southern Africa offerings.

The **MSC SINFONIA** will reveal itself as a **revamped, extended liner** including stunning NEW additions which include **new entertainment options, technological advancements, shops and up to nearly 200 new cabins!** This vessel arrives in South African waters in November and starts cruises from Durban on the 19th November 2015 and **from Cape Town on 8th January 2016.**

The cherry-on-the-top will be a cruise from Cape Town in early 2016 and we believe this would be the **cruise to choose! (Poets and we don't know it)**

5 night cruise: Cape Town to Walvis Bay / Luderitz/ Cape Town leaving Cape Town Harbour on 17th January, 2016. (Scheduled to be a JAZZ CRUISE)

MSC Cruises work on a very different system of booking - (called a dynamic booking system - several of our larger hotel groups also use this system). Prices are based on demand. Bookings are done on-line and we need commitments BEFORE we can finalise the booking. The nett final price is only available once we confirm the booking. **(50% deposit is then due within 72 hours of booking).**

For the January 2016 cruise they are offering the following list prices: (no discounted prices on this cruise)

- Double (2 pax sharing) R13,850— Single accommodation R13,025 in an **outside cabin**
- Double (2 pax sharing) R12,895— Single accommodation R11,825 in an **inside cabin**
- These prices now include standard port insurance/service charge of R950 per person & our shuttle costs (transport to & from the ship).

For full details please request a tour brochure or ask for details about other cruise dates

“OTHER TOURS ON THE HORIZON” AVAILABLE IN OUR MAY NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE

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