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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2017

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**AUGUST HERALDS THE START OF THE FLOWER SEASON**



**NAMAQUALAND FLOWERS**

**POSTBERG FLOWER RESERVE**

**2017 Planning**



New Addition



New Addition



Change

**UPCOMING TOURS**

The following schedule is current as at 1st August 2017. We will continue to provide updates & additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses:

**2017 Tours organized & run by Traveltime  
August—December 2017**

- 17-22 August: Springbok Spring Flowers (6 Days) ★
- 26 August: West Coast Park Flowers (Postberg) (1 Day) ★
- 30 September—5 October: Hogsback & Surrounds (6 Days) ★
- 12-16 November: Arniston & Surrounds (5 Days). ★
- 10 December: Mystery Venue Tour (1 Day). ★
- 30 December '17 -1 January '18 : Old Year—Short break (3 Days) ★

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**Hand Picked 3rd Party Tours**



*This month's selection*

- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Spring Flower Tours (4 Days)   | • Garden Route (4 or 5 Day) |
| • Namibia Scheduled & Self Drive | • Bushmans Kloof Resort     |
| • Select Game Reserves           | • MSC Cruises               |
| • Cunard / P&O Cruises           | • European River Cruises    |

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## SPRING FLOWERS—NAMAQUALAND

17-22 August 2017 (6 days).

*Springbok Floral Splendour*



This tour has 11 passengers and departure is imminent.  
We still have one room available, so can accept a late booking!



**“Every year nature plays a magic part in transforming the normally arid dry area in the Northern Cape into a glorious tapestry of colour and beauty”**

Each turn you take in the road will yield a different picture which you will treasure for days and months to come. These tours are very popular and it is most important that you secure your place on this tour ASAP. We have to book accommodation 12 months in advance!

We travel up the west coast through Clanwilliam and Vanrhynsdorp into Springbok, where we spend 3 nights. Visits are planned into Hester Malan Garden in the Goegap Nature Reserve, Namaqua National Park, Skilpad Wildflower Reserve near Kamieskroon.

We will also visit the Kokerboom Nursery in Vanrhynsdorp and the Ramskop Wildflower Reserve in Clanwilliam on our return to Cape Town.

You will also be able to stock up on some Rooibos tea in the area in which it is grown.

***For full details & pricing, please request a tour brochure***

## SPRING FLOWERS IN THE WEST COAST PARK

Saturday 26th August 2017 (1 day)

*The annual flower show in the Postberg Reserve*



The Annual Flower  
“Spectacular”



Every year in August and September the West Coast National Park opens the **Postberg Flower Reserve**. Here the colors of Spring burst forth and you are assured of seeing an awesome display of spring flowers. In addition to the Spring Flowers the Park borders on the Langebaan Lagoon and it is a photographer’s delight. The views of the waves crashing on the rocks coupled with fields of beautiful yellow/blue and white flowers can paint an awesome canvas for you!

On arrival in the Park the coach will go directly to the Postberg Flower Reserve.

Read the 2016 tour report, on our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/postberg-flower-reserve-2016>

***You can have lunch at the Geelbek Restaurant in the West Coast Park, or bring a picnic lunch, the choice is yours.***

***For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure or visit our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/packages/spring-flowers-west-coast-park>***

## HOGSBACK

30 September—5 October 2017 (6 days).

*Experience the Silence & Tranquility*



We now have 9 passengers confirmed  
and could accept **ONE** more!  
**Flights have been booked.**

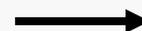


Hogsback is a magical world of mountains and forests. It is situated high up on the Amathole mountains of the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, and is surrounded by centuries-old indigenous Afro-montane forests.

**Spring, of course, is ‘the’ time when Hogsback puts on its prettiest clothes and it will astound you with flowers and beauty. Lilies grow everywhere and all their gardens are a paradise of colours. The annual Spring Festival runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October so our timing is perfect!**

**Tour highlights include:** Spring Festival / Spectacular Views / The Edge Hotel / The Arboretum / Applegarth Gardens / Eco Shrine / Forest Walks / Magnificent Gardens / Labyrinth / Arts & Crafts Trail / The Arminal Hotel / Camelot & Fairy Realm, beautiful waterfalls, amongst others.

***For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure***



## ARNISTON & SURROUNDS

12th-16th November 2017 (5 days).

*Stay in Arniston, visit local attractions*

The Overberg Region includes L'Agulhas, Arniston, Struisbaai, De Hoop Nature Reserve & Bontebok National Parks



For over 200 years the tiny town of **Arniston** on the Western Cape's Indian Ocean seaboard was a fully functioning fishing village. Today, depleted fish stocks have changed its emphasis toward tourism. Arniston is now a national monument but still home to a small yet lively community. The village is named after one of many shipwrecks off the coast: the British ship Arniston, which ran into rocks offshore in 1815. Stroll among the whitewashed thatch cottages that line the shore, have a chat to the cheerful locals and dine out on fresh seafood.

It is whale season, so be on the look-out for the Southern Right whales. **Meet Derick an ex 'local parks board ranger' at the L'Agulhas lighthouse, learn about the Meishu Maru, the fish traps, the kelp and coastal fynbos.**



Planning is complete and we have reserved 12 rooms at the **Arniston Spa Hotel**. (We have 4 confirmed bookings)

Please indicate your interest in this tour by requesting an information brochure and making a provisional / firm booking.

## MYSTERY VENUE TOUR

10th December (1 day).

*Our annual "must attend" celebration*



Planning has started



This annual event has proved to be very popular and last year we had 46 passengers join us for a day at Blue Bay Lodge in Saldanha Bay. The serenity of this Lodge and it's attentive staff, guided us in choosing this venue for our Old Year 2017 celebration (Read more below).

So, **watch this space** for more information as planning progresses. We will, once again be running a competition and offering a free day to the person who guesses where we are going.

As an afterthought, please email [brian@traveltime.co.za](mailto:brian@traveltime.co.za) with **your thoughts / ideas for a day out** or a suitable venue and if your idea is chosen **we will reward you with a free day as well!**

### SOME MEMORIES OF OUR 2016 TOUR



[Read the 2016 Tour Report and view the photos:](https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mystery-venue-2016) <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mystery-venue-2016>

## OLD YEARS EVE 2017

30 December '17 — 1st January '18 (3 days).

*Last year in Montagu was a great success*



**OPEN FOR BOOKINGS**



**Limited Accommodation!**



Our 2016 tour conducted over was 3 days and when we started planning for the 2017 tour we believed that everyone would prefer a few extra days and decided on a 5 day tour.

Early in June we received one booking and in July another. Then, provisional bookings made in the "Booking file" during previous Time Out outings were removed and when we questioned this, we established that the 5 day tour proved to be too expensive, given that it took place directly after Christmas. We have taken note of this and have redone the exercise and are now offering a 3 day tour .....**Full details on page 4.**

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**TOUR DURATION  
NOW 3 DAYS**



**Limited  
Accommodation!**

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On 11th December 2016 Travelttime spent a day at Blue Bay Lodge. It proved a huge success and due to popular demand, we are now revising our originally planned 5 day tour to a 3 day tour, over Old / New Year! *We now have 9 passengers booked*

We leave Cape Town on Saturday 30th December and return on Monday 1st January. A full program is being put together to give you a relaxing time and (if you wish), time to explore the surrounding areas! Request an information brochure!

**Blue Bay Lodge is planning an Old Year dinner/dance, with local entertainment.  
A great way to see in 2018**



***Please request a new priced Information brochure OR  
Visit our website: <https://www.travelttime.co.za/packageold-year-2017>***



## HAND PICKED 3RD PARTY TOURS



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Over the past 2 years we have had people visiting our website seeking tours for “over 50’s and seniors”. Whilst many of these people booked on tours planned and run by Travelttime, they also wanted Garden Route Tours, scheduled & Self Drive Tours into Namibia and other destinations, as well as Game Reserves, Cruises and other specialist tours not available from Travelttime at the time. Through these enquiries we have been able to offer tours and accommodation offered by our various Principals. Many of these enquiries have been recurring and we have decided to add these to our offering as “Hand Picked 3rd Party Tours”. We will continue to add others as and when we have fully investigated them. This month we look at ‘shorter’ Flower Tours and Garden Route Tours.

**WILD FLOWER ADVENTURE—Choice of 4 tour dates  
7,14,21,28 August 2017 ( Each tour is 4 days).**

*Cape West Coast*



**Now Open for  
Bookings**

### Witness a unique spectacle of nature

This is an amazing adventure from Cape Town into the intriguing West Coast region of the Western Cape to witness an extraordinary spectacle of nature. In the South African spring, over August and September, a brilliant array of diverse wild flowers transform this evocative semi-arid landscape into an unforgettable portrait of extraordinary colour and beauty.

- Unique beauty of vast fields of spectacular wild flowers
- Extraordinary floral diversity including endemic succulents
- Warm West Coast hospitality and wine tasting along the Olifantsriver Wine Route

***For full details & pricing, please request a tour brochure***



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## GARDEN ROUTE TOURS (Cape Town to Cape Town)



- 4 Day tours leave Cape Town every Tuesday
- 5 Day tours leave Cape Town, twice per month on a Tuesday

For full details & pricing, please request a tour brochure

Selected and Booked by:



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## TOURING IN NAMIBIA

### **Self drive Tours:**

Our Principals in Windhoek have got a comprehensive database of B&B's, Self catering, Lodges and Hotels throughout Namibia and can quote against your proposed itinerary and dates. We have put together a number of these tours for clients from Pretoria and Johannesburg for periods ranging from 7 days to 21 days. No enquiry is too big or too small.

### **Scheduled Tours**

We have a comprehensive range of Itineraries for Scheduled tours leaving on various dates throughout the year and for various destinations throughout Namibia, for varying periods, ranging from 3 Days to 15 Days. A number of these tours are advertised on our website (Namibia Scheduled Tours) with each providing full details and departure dates. Pricing is available on application.

## CRUISING:

**We are registered with a number of cruise lines, able to provide information and make bookings with:**

### **MSC / Cunard & P&O (Whitestar) / European River Cruises**

We would be happy to provide information and availability against your requirements.

- We are currently studying the Whitestar range of river cruises and will shortly release details of our 2018 offering.



## TRAFALGAR TOURS

We recently got a call from Trafalgar asking if we were interested in marketing their range of tours. Their Business development manager provided detailed information of what they have to offer (incredible range) and suggested a few tours which could interest our group. We are currently looking into their 2018 tours

## BUSHMANS KLOOF RESORT & SELECT GAME RESERVES

We will be providing details shortly about the Bushmanskloof Resort as well as a number of Private Game Reserves we have been dealing with.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you have regarding any of the above.

**END**