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Our usual
"memory
shots" taken
on the day
@ Benguela
Cove



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FEBRUARY 2018

Our day trip to Moody Lagoon Restaurant at the new Benguela Cove Estate

Our January trip is always an exciting one - It's exciting to meet up with friends and find out about their holidays and of course, what they did for Christmas / New Year. **Benguela Cove** was our destination, and it is indeed, a place worth investigating at length. They have recently opened their new restaurant named **Moody Lagoon** and what an absolutely spectacular setting with the Bot River Lagoon in front of you / Kleinmond & Betty's bay in the distance surrounded by amazing mountains. The ladies were very keen to get settled in at the tables. Some of them had celebrating to do - Heather had enjoyed a special birthday the day before and champagne was ordered and glasses charged. Waiters on hand quickly took our orders - we could choose Beer battered hake and chips (always a 'staple' in any city) but delicious by those who ate this OR a Beef burger with chips or salad. The caramelized onions were so decadent - wish they bottled some to be taken home! Dessert was a trio of ice cream served with crispy bits; also a nice taste sensation.

We had 'duck guests' to lunch - first ONE then TWO - then QUITE A

FEW! Heather gave the first duck a small bit of her burger bun and before we knew it he summonsed all his friends - staff told us they don't encourage this - and later we understood exactly why? Poo on the floor in patches - must say, the ladies enjoyed the ducks, and it seemed to add a bit of (can you call it), country atmosphere to our lunch. A very happy bunch of people



eventually boarded the coach at 3.30pm to head back to Cape Town along with the throngs of Traffic along the N2!

However, all said and done - We had all had a wonderful day out filled with love and happiness and we weren't having to try and negotiate the traffic ourselves - so the moral of the story is:

Sit Back - Buckle up - and Shut up - and Enjoy the Ride!

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Thursday 22nd February

Coach will leave

Constantia at 08h45

and Tableview

Cost of the day which includes transport & a 3 course lunch is R480 per person

BOOK EARLY
Booking &
Payment
Deadline:
Friday
16th February

WHY NOT INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US TODAY?



Hospitality on the increase in the Western Cape

The **Private Hotel School** close to Stellenbosch has been started by Susina Jooste who has very high credentials in the hospitality industry.

She says - At The Private Hotel School, we make sure that students are coached and mentored to master scarce professional skills and obtain high levels of the specialised knowledge needed to excel in the hospitality environment. "A hands-on approach, cultural awareness, entrepreneurial skills and pathways for lifelong learning are vital to succeed in today's competitive global economy,"

They open their restaurant to the public on a Wednesday for dinner and also a Thursday and Friday for lunch. I've heard excellent reports, and at the same time it will be great to be part of the young students in their learning process!

We are doing a guided tour of the school. This will be handled by Carima who has been ultra efficient in promoting the hotel school. They are licensed and you will be able to purchase a bottle of wine to enjoy with your lunch.



The Debut Training Restaurant
At the Private Hotel School

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March and it's Franschlock-Oh la la

I am aware that our March trip is the day before Easter—

GOOD FRIDAY being the next day.
As March this year has two holidays,
both our Thursday trips have been affected!

Franschhoek, we all know is full of history and certainly this is true of our venue for lunch in March.

As you enter the towering gates of the estate, you leave behind the troubles of the world and enter a secret place, a place where anything is possible and celebration is foreseen. Feel the History, experience Royalty and indulge your senses.

Dating back to 1699, which is Simon vd Stel's era / come and let's see this new venue—predominately the "IN" place to get married at present. We will eat lunch in their new Bistro, recently opened!

BANK CHARGES



The Banks have once again increased their handling fees! For Time Out <u>Cash deposits</u> into our account, <u>we have to pay:</u>

- A minimum of R40 for over the counter &
 - R8.32 via Autobank. (acceptable).

For <u>Cheque deposits</u> this is R42 per cheque, irrespective of the amount, also there is a 7 working day clearing period.

This is ridiculous and represents 10% of your Time Out monthly fee.

We ask that you try to—

either set us up as a beneficiary and pay via Autobank, (an easy option), as it alleviates lines in the bank!;

OR alternatively ask someone to pay us on your behalf.

