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MOUNT CAMDEBOO



SUTHERLAND



KRUGER PARK



NAMIBIA

5 MAY—5 JULY - 2018

2018 Planning

★ New Addition

★ Update



Fully Booked

UPCOMING TOURS

The following schedule is current as at 1st February 2018. We will continue to provide updates & additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses:

2018 Tours organized & run by Traveltime

February—September 2018

• 15-19 February: Karroo Theatrical Hotel (5 Days). <i>Fully Booked</i>	★
• 5-10 May: MT Camdeboo Private Game Reserve (6 Days). 7 CONFIRMED 5 AVAILABLE	★
• 14-16 May: Sutherland (3 Days-with stargazing & SALT visit).	★
• 17-22 June: Kruger National Park-Mpumalanga (6 Days).	★
• 5-13 July: Namibia: Classic Kaleidoscope (9 Days). <i>Includes Etosha</i>	★
• 20-22 July: Christmas in July (Montagu) (3 Days). <i>Planning Stage</i>	★
• 25 August: West Coast Park (Postberg) Spring Flowers (1 Day).	★
• 24-29 August: Spring Flowers—Springbok. (6 Days)	★
• 1-5 September: Spring Flowers—Nieuwoudtville. (5 Days)	★



MOUNT CAMDEBOO PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

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2018 Planning *Continued*
★ New Addition
 ★ Update
 ★ Change
 ★ Fully Booked

<u>Hand Picked 3rd Party Tours</u>		<i>This month's selection</i>
• To suit your Schedule: European River Cruises – <i>See page 6</i>		★
• May: Highlights of Vietnam with Cambodia (14 Days)		★
• May: Highlights of Scandinavia (12 Days)		★
<u>Hand Picked 3rd Party Tours:</u>		<i>More to follow</i>
• MSC Cruises 2018 /19	• Namibia Scheduled & Self Drive	
• Garden Route (4 or 5 Day)	• Bushmans Kloof Resort	
• Uniworld Boutique River Cruises	• Cunard / P&O Cruises	
• Select Private Game Reserves	• Full range of Trafalgar tours	
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TRAVELTIME TOURS - DETAILED INFORMATION ON 2018 OFFERINGS

May through September

MOUNT CAMDEBOO PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

5-10 May '18 (6 days)

This will be our 4th visit


Accommodation has been reserved



Limited to 12 Pax. We have 7 bookings



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 2015 group are talking about!

Guests are accommodated in Cape Dutch houses that lie cupped in the palm of the Sneeu-berg Mountain range. Once homes to generations of settlers, these magnificent homesteads have been sensitively converted into **havens of five star luxury**.



Accommodation has been reserved in **Camdeboo Manor**, **Courtyard Manor**, & **Hillside Manor**. Mount Camdeboo provides wholesome traditional meals, a team of friendly and professional hosts and superior hospitality in a relaxed homely environment. Our booking includes all meals, local beverages, house wines & ales plus 2 daily game drives. We will spend three nights here. There will also be visits outside of the Reserve. (Nieu Bethesda / Graaff Reinet / Valley of Desolation).

Read the 2015 tour report, with photos, on our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mount-camdeboo-2015>. **Please request a priced Information brochure**



SUTHERLAND SHORT BREAK TOUR

14th—16th May (3 days)

Winter is the best time to go star gazing



Accommodation has been booked



SALT TELESCOPE



KAMBROKIND GUESTHOUSE

We have visited Sutherland 7 times over the past 9 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 our previous tour report with photos:** <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/sutherland-2017>

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, please request a tour brochure

PREVIOUS TOUR PHOTOS



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK-MPUMALANGA

17-22 June '18 (6 days)

Elephant Whisper Encounter included



Accommodation in Hazyview



Panorama Route PLUS more



“Our Airlink flight leaves the Cape Town International Airport at 10h00 and arrives at 12h35 at Nelspruit (KMIA – Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport). Hylton Ross operates out of Hazyview and will be at the airport to collect us and transport us the 65km to Hazyview, where we will check in to Hippo Hollow Hotel or Perry’s Bridge Boutique Hotel, which is set in beautiful grounds, in a colonial-style Lifestyle Centre – Perry’s Bridge Trading Post. Just minutes from Kruger National Park and close to the Panorama Route, a dramatically scenic region and home to highlights such as Blyde River Canyon, God’s Window and Bourke’s Luck Potholes, makes this a convenient base from which to explore South Africa’s Kruger Lowveld region. Settle in, relax and enjoy dinner at The Pioneer’s Butcher & Grill.

The tour includes a full day, as well as a morning game drive in an open vehicle, a guided tour of the Panorama Route, Blyde River Canyon, Gods Window, Bourkes Luck Potholes, The Three Rondawels, Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, Swadini for a boat cruise and an Elephant Whisper encounter in Hazyview, amongst others.

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PREVIOUS TOUR PHOTOS



NAMIBIA-CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE

5-13 July '18 (9 days)

Beauty of the desert, Damaraland and Etosha National Park



Scheduled tour organized by Traveltime



Our mid morning flight from Cape Town will see us arriving in **Windhoek** at midday. After checking into our hotel we are free to relax or embark on a pre-arranged city tour, before joining everyone for dinner in-house.

“Next morning, we travel to **Swakopmund** and upon our arrival in the early afternoon we check into our hotel, after which we have the rest of the day at our own disposal. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a very popular holiday destination in Namibia. Its pleasant summer climate and long stretched beaches attract anglers and surfers from all over Southern Africa. For the international guest, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German correctness and African time, laid back attitude with adrenalin activities, misty mornings and desert heat. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all, it is fun”.

We travel towards the **Etosha National Park**, famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. Once we have reached our camp located just outside of the National Park, we head onto our first safari into the National Park. Together with our guide we explore the various waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Andersson gate.

Game viewing in the park is largely focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, in excess of 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. This 9 day tour includes 1 day each pre and post tour in Windhoek to accommodate flights.

We can arrange flights from other cities as well.

Please request a priced tour brochure (Detailed Itinerary).



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

20-22nd July 2018 (3 days)

A true Christmas experience



Montagu in Winter



The weather in Montagu is impeccable, far enough south to escape the heat of the **Klein Karoo** and far enough north to get away from the long wet winters of the Cape. In winter the days are warm and sunny with the occasional hint of rainfall. Autumn brings on a display of colours, In October, Montagu becomes a picture perfect haven with the abundance of roses for which it is famous.

On Friday 20th we will enjoy a superb buffet, or set dinner (Dependent on numbers in the hotel).

Christmas in July will be spent on Saturday 21st July

- ◆ Complete with gift swapping (bring along a gift and swap under the mistletoe)
- ◆ Christmas Tree decorated with pizzazz
- ◆ Special Acapella choir to sing Christmas Carols,
- ◆ In addition, you'll get to enjoy a superb 5 course Dinner at the hotel and coupled with this, a local DJ will play divine music between courses to get-you-moving!

Planning is underway and we will provide full details once everything is confirmed. In the meantime diarise the dates and indicate your interest to allow us to gauge tour popularity.

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

SPRING FLOWERS IN THE WEST COAST PARK

Saturday 25 th August 2018 (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 colours 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 previous tour report on our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/postberg-flower-reserve-2016>

We will have lunch at the Geelbek Restaurant in the West Coast Park.

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

SPRING FLOWERS—SPRINGBOK (NAMAQUALAND)

24-29 August 2018 (6 days).

Springbok Floral Splendour

 Accommodation
has been booked



"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 you 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—NIEUWOUDTVILLE AREA

1-5 September 2018 (5 days).

Flower and bulb spectacular

 Accommodation
has been booked



August and September is Flower Season in the "Cape", with fields of flowers appearing each year when Nature waves her magic wand. No two years are ever the same and the spectacle is dependent on the fields receiving sufficient rain beforehand.

We travel up the west coast, stopping at Postberg, world renowned Flower Reserve in the West Coast National Park, for our first viewing of the mass flower displays. Our first night will be spent in Saldanha, before we head up to Nieuwoudtville, where we will be based for 3 nights .

Highlights of this 5 day tour will include the Clanwilliam Flower Show, Vanrhynsdorp succulents, Quiver Tree forest, Hantam Botanical Gardens, Matjiesfontein Flower Reserve, Papkuilsfontein Farm in Nieuwoudtville, amongst others.

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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 Traveltime, 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 Traveltime 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 again look at **European River Cruises & Trafalgar Tours**

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Waterways of Russia**

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Highlights of Scandinavia (12 Days)
May 2018 Departure
Norway / Denmark & Sweden

TRAFALGAR
Simply the best

Highlights of Vietnam with Cambodia (14 Days)
May / June 2018 Departure
Hanoi / Halong Bay / Mekong Delta Plus...

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA (12 DAYS)

The land of the Vikings, deep fjords and the Northern Lights - Norway, Denmark and Sweden - are explored on this fascinating journey of discovery. Visit Copenhagen's Nyhaven, drive around the Hardangerfjord and spend the night on the shores of Lake Vänern.

11 nights, /16 meals / Sightseeing Highlights : Bergen / Copenhagen / Oslo / Stockholm .

Request a priced Itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS OF VIETNAM WITH CAMBODIA (14 DAYS)

Float on the sparkling emerald waters of Halong Bay on a traditional Vietnamese Junk. Glide past hidden islets, giant limestone karsts and colourful fishing villages, stopping only to gain insight into the lives of the local fishermen at Cua Van and to practice T'ai Chi in exquisite surroundings. Sightseeing Highlights: City Tour of Hanoi, Hoi An, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City / See Red Beach in Danang / Witness the revival of traditional Khmer craftsmanship at the Artisans D'Angkor training school Visit Ho Chi Minh's house. / 13 nights / 22 meals.

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Hanoi / Halong Bay / Hoi AN / Ho Chi Minh City / Mekong Delta.

Accommodation: Jasmine Cruise / Melia Hanoi / Royal Hoi An / Imperial / Sofitel Saigon Plaza



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MUSICA DUE IN SA IN NOV'18



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*

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- **Self drive Tours:**
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- **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 request.

CRUISING:

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

- **MSC / Cunard & P&O (Whitestar) / Uniworld Boutique River Cruises**
We would be happy to provide information and availability against your requirements.
- **MSC Musica now on sale: November '18—April '19.**
Be one of the first to secure the lower priced cabins.



TRAFALGAR TOURS

We have narrowed down our choice of tours from which we will select our first tour for Spring 2018 in Europe. Details of 2 tours are being released on line and in this (October) newsletter. See page 6.



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.

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