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**Tour Report 5-10 May**  
**Mount Camdeboo**  
**Private Game Reserve**



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Your Own  
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# UPCOMING TOURS 2018



ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET



OVERBERG BY TRAIN



NAMIBIA



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



WILD FLOWER ADVENTURE



SPRING FLOWERS



WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS



SPRING FLOWERS NIEUWOUDTVILLE



WHALE WATCHING



HOGSBACK & BEDFORD



YZERFONTEIN WEST COAST



CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mount-camdeboo-2018>

**ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET – on Saturdays**  
**16 June (Fully booked) / 30 June / 7 & 21 July**  
*Travel by steam train-Ceres Rail*

 Tantalising food & beverage stalls

 Depart Royal Cape Yacht Club



On Sunday 29th April Traveltime hosted 24 passengers on the inaugural visit to the Elgin Railway Market. This was a spectacular day of fun on the train and at the Market. The market closed after this opening week end to complete some unfinished items and to install additional vendors. The Market is re-scheduled to open on **16th June** with the arrival of another ‘**fully booked steam train**’. Additional steam train dates are **30 June / 7 & 21 July**, with future visits planned for twice a month. The market is also scheduled to open every week end.



Departing at 08h00 from the Royal Cape Yacht Club in Cape Town, you will enjoy a 3 hour train journey to Elgin where you will leisurely spend 3.5 hours at the newly established, Art Deco & Art Nouveau inspired, Elgin Railway Market.

While enjoying live music, you can pander through the selection of tantalising food and beverage stalls as well as a wide selection of home grown wines for your enjoyment.

Departing from Elgin at 14:30 you will embark on your relaxing train journey back to Cape Town with your estimated arrival time being 17h30.

*Please request a priced Information brochure*

*Read our 29th April tour report with photos:*

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/elgin-railway-market>

**THE ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET**

*Traveltime accepts bookings for Ceres Rail & Atlantic Rail and can assist with your bookings on their scheduled departure dates, even if Traveltime doesn't have a group tour scheduled. (We have booked 124 passengers on the 4 upcoming June & July dates).*

**Vintage train to Simonstown – on Sundays**  
**01 July (Fully booked) / 8 & 22 July**  
*Travel by steam train – Atlantic Rail*



**NEW**

 Operated by Atlantic rail

**THE OVERBERG BY RAIL**  
**21-24 June '18 (4 days)**  
*Houwhoek, Elgin & Arniston*



 Operated by Ceres Rail



Join us in a unique way in experiencing a steam locomotive whilst being immersed in its 100 year old history.

This year, Ceres Rail Company, is planning a 4 day / 3 night trip from Cape Town to the beautiful Overberg valley. All meals, transfers and accommodation at the Houwhoek & Arniston hotels during this trip will be included.

Once on your way you will get to enjoy comfortable lounge cars with hot beverages and savoury snacks in the Selati Dining Car – which dates back to 1932 and was originally part of the blue train.

We also have a fully licensed Bar Car where you can purchase beer, bubbly, wine and soft drinks.

Travel in comfort in the train and sleep at night in the two hotels en route.

- ◆ **Travelling from Cape Town to Houwhoek and Arniston, passengers will enjoy beautiful scenery with exciting stops at Elgin and Klipdale. {With a few surprises along the way}**

**Awaiting Full Itinerary from Ceres Rail**



**Tour Price: R7,500 pp sharing / R8,500 Single**

**Duration:** 4 days / 3 nights

**Inclusions:** Train Trip, Accommodation, transfers and all meals

**Exclusions:** All drinks, and other luxuries

**Departure:** Opposite the Royal Cape Yacht Club, Duncan Road, Cape Town Harbour

*Please request a priced Information brochure*

**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, 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**

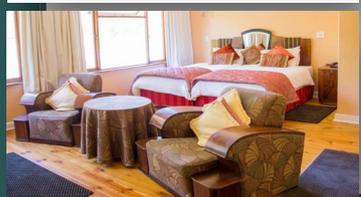
20-22nd July 2018 (3 days)

*A true Christmas experi-*

**REVISED PRICING**

Sharing: R 6,340 pp / Single R6,660  
Luxury accommodation

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 20<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a superb buffet, or set dinner (Dependent on numbers in the hotel).

Christmas in July will be spent on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 complete and a priced information brochure is available. Please indicate your interest to allow us to gauge tour popularity. (Or if you want to join us, please book for the tour!).

**For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure or visit our website:**  
<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/christmas-july-2018>

**WILD FLOWER ADVENTURE—Choice of 2 tour dates**

6 & 20 August 2018 ( 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**

**MARCH LILLIES ARE FLOWERING IN NIEUWOUDTVILLE AGAIN**



**Good News:**

**The Clanwilliam Wild Flower Show** has been re-instated and Nieuwoudville has posted photos of their March Lillies flowering after a hefty rainfall recently. So, the outlook for a good flower season is promising!

**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 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 or visit our website:**

**<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/spring-flowers-namaqualand-2018>**

**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: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/west-coast-park-flowers-2017>

We will have lunch at the Geelbek Restaurant in the West Coast Park. (or bring your own picnic).

For full details and pricing, [please request a tour brochure or see our website](#)

**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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For full details & pricing, [please request a tour brochure or visit our website:](#)

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/packages/spring-flowers-nieuwoudtville-2018>

**WHALE WATCHING (With optional Boat Based excursion)**

14—16 September (3 days). *Our annual whale watching excursion*



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BROCHURE



Hermanus, plays host to thousands of visitors (in 2017 they welcomed 120 000 visitors) who flock to the seaside resort to exhilarate in the unique natural environment and watch the whales. Whale Festival dates: 28th—30th September 2018. 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 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. Also, see the shark cage divers in operation.

See one of our previous tour reports / photos and video on our website: <http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/whale-watching-2014>

**HOGSBACK & BEDFORD FLOWER FESTIVALS**

16-21 October 2018 (6 days).

*"The most beautiful Mountain Village in South Africa"*

 **Accommodation has 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. Traveltime visited Hogsback in 2017.

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.

Once again, in 2018 Traveltime will be going to Hogsback and will be returning to the Arminel Hotel, but this time we have booked the more modern on site self catering cottages. We will also be combining our tour to Hogsback with the annual Bedford Garden Festival!

We fly into Port Elizabeth where we will collect our coach and then travel by road to Hogsback, a more acceptable 260km. (Rather than the LONG road trip Cape Town to Hogsback 958km).

Of course, the Bedford Garden Festival is equally well-known for the natural beauty of the gardens (predominately large farm gardens). We have reserved accommodation at Midgley's Hotel, dating back to 1858 and situated in Adelaide, which is 20km from Bedford.

**"Come to Bedford for more open gardens, plant nurseries, two market hubs, lots of shopping, live music, warm hospitality and the scrumptious food for which we are known"**

**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 Arminel Hotel / Camelot & Fairy Realm, beautiful waterfalls, the nationally renowned butterfly collection at the Huntley Glen Farm, amongst others.

**For full details & pricing please request a tour brochure or visit our website:**

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/hogsback-bedford-2018>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Festival accommodation is at a premium and **we need commitment without delay, if you wish to join this tour!**

*We already have four confirmed bookings!*

**Experience the Beauty of the Eastern Cape**

**YZERFONTEIN & 16 MILE BEACH**

20-23 November 2018 (4 days).

*"The longest, uninterrupted sandy beach on the coastline of South Africa".*

 **Planning Stage Tour**

**FOR CHILLED VIBES, SUN, SEA**

**TIME WITH FRIENDS & MUCH NEEDED REST BEFORE END OF YEAR**

**DETAILS SHORTLY**

**We are planning a visit to YZERFONTEIN** - yes that special place that's so close to Cape Town and has SO much to offer



*Plans include:* (a selection of)

- Self catering houses with one evening meal @ home /
- Braai or BBQ on the patio overlooking the ocean /
- Exploring the New Art Route in Paternoster on one day / Having fun on the Foodie Route exploring and 'gathering' /
- FUN in the SUN / Hiring bicycles in Yzerfontein (if you wish!) / just laze away each day with your friends in this perfect area.

**END**