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UPCOMING TOURS 2019

STEAM TRAIN

FEB—MAY '19

ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET

STEAM TRAIN

AWAITING NEW DATES

SIMON'S TOWN VINTAGE TRAIN

3-6 MAR 19

ZUURBERG VILLAGE-ADDO

5-9 MAY 19

THE NEST HOTEL DRAKENSBERG

2-5 JUN 19

THE DE HOOP NATURE RESERVE

28 JUN-8 JUL 19

NAMIBIA

4-7 AUG 19

CANOLA & ROUXWILL

31 AUG 19

WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS

2-6 SEPT 19

SPRING FLOWERS

BEDFORD GARDEN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 2019

OCTOBER

HOGSBACK & BEDFORD

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ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET – on Saturdays only
Departure dates—March through May '19
Travel by Ceres Rail steam train

Depart Royal Cape
Yacht Club



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 now fully 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.

Operated by:				UPDATED 29th JANUARY 2019
Month / Day	SUNDAY	FULLY BOOKED	SATURDAY	
January '19	5	6	12	13
January '19	19	20	26	
February '19	2	9	16	23
March '19	2	9	16	23 30
April '19	6	13	20	27
May '19	4	11	18	

Ticket Sales:

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Please request a priced Information brochure or contact us for additional information.

Visit our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/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 many passengers on the upcoming dates).

VINTAGE TRAIN TO SIMON'S TOWN

Departs: twice monthly—Awaiting 2019 dates –Contact us.
Travel by steam train – Atlantic Rail



Operated by
Atlantic Rail

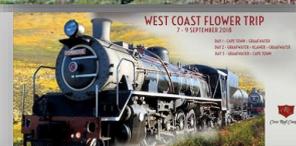


THE RED DEVIL STEAM TRAIN
 Awaiting 2019 departure dates
Various Options



Operated by
Ceres Rail

WEST COAST FLOWERS BY TRAIN
 Awaiting dates for September 2019
A trip not to be missed



Operated by
Ceres Rail



ZUURBERG MOUNTAIN VILLAGE & ADDO

3rd-6th March '19 (4 days)

Stay in a cottage up in the Mountains

Almost on our way-24 Days to departure.

10 Passengers Confirmed

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Zuurberg Mountain Village is a 150 year old haven of historical delight situated high up on the Zuurberg Pass in malaria-free Addo. It is an exclusive mountain top Hotel, set in 160 hectares of indigenous vegetation with breath-taking views of the famous **Addo Elephant National Park**. A mere one hour's drive from Port Elizabeth they offer guests nature, wildlife and tranquillity in the most majestic African setting.

Guests can treat themselves to one of the Edwardian Village Cottages. The cottages are arranged so that guests can enjoy both the spectacular mountain and valley views. Each cottage boasts 2 private patios on the east and west side, ideal for magical sunrises and sunsets. Other features include, black-wood floors, climate control, under-floor heating in the bathroom, a freestanding bath and an indoor and outdoor hot and cold shower. The 145 000 hectare Greater Addo National Park surrounds the hotel. As the third largest National Park in Southern Africa, the variety of wildlife found in the Park is astounding. With 417 species of birds, 95 kinds of mammals, including the Big 5 and of course our 600 elephants that roam there, it's an absolute treat for nature lovers. We will fly into Port Elizabeth airport and be transported by road to Zuurberg where we will stay for 3 nights. There will be regular visits into Addo & Amakhala Reserve.

Please request a priced Information brochure or Visit our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za>

Please contact carol@traveltime.co.za with your "bucket list" requirements

The Nest Hotel-Drakensberg Mountains

5th-9th May '19 (5 days)

The Nest Hotel is a delightful family run country hotel

Accommodation has been reserved



Go back over the years in your mind to when you were a teenager and stayed at hotels which were totally comfortable and where you enjoyed ALL your meals without having to leave the comfort of the hotel, searching for restaurants and pouring over menus on a daily basis!

Well, such hotels do still exist – **THE NEST HOTEL** near Winterton in the Drakensberg is such an old world hotel!

The Nest Hotel is a delightful family run country hotel situated in the Champagne Valley in the Central Drakensberg area of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Since opening their doors in 1933, they have built up a loyal following of guests who return year after year to this special place, steeped in history and adventure.

"Come and stay with us and experience our delicious country style food, spectacular gardens, wonderful facilities, relaxing accommodation, friendly staff and exquisite views over the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg World Heritage Site" .

The area around the hotel is rich with things to keep you busy (if you wish):

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De Hoop Nature Reserve
2nd-5th June'19 (4 days)

This reserve is one of Cape Nature's Flagship reserves.



**Accommodation
 has been reserved**



Few other reserves offer as complete an outdoor experience as De Hoop – sea, sand dunes, the vlei, a floral sensation of rare fynbos plants, diverse antelope and the Potberg Mountains. **Birders** observe wading birds on the shores of the vlei while the Potberg Mountains are home to a colony of endangered Cape vultures.

A visit pre-winter to the De Hoop Nature Reserve will leave you with your souls completely full! This reserve is one of Cape Nature's Flagship reserves. They have lovingly restored old fisherman cottages & Traveltime is privileged to offer you the De Hoop Village cottages. We are indeed privileged to have been offered accommodation in their prestigious suites! Take advantage of this 'winter' offer!

In addition there will be time to explore the area.

(Lunch at the Arniston Spa being one of the added attractions!)

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 Visit our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za>**

NAMIBIA-CANYONS & DESERTS

28th June– 8th July

Beauty of the deserts, dunes, canyons and historical cities



**11 days including 1 day each
 pre & post tour**



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 into the largest sand mass on earth, the **Kalahari desert** which is still home to a surprising large amount of specially adapted wildlife. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the red dunes, wildlife and plants, in this desert environment on an optional nature drive from the hotel.

We continue south on the second day through extensive rocky plains and visit a quiver tree forest. Our lodge is in the vicinity of the **Fish River Canyon**.

Day 3 lets us look into the canyon and stop to see the **wild horses** en route to **Luderitz** where we spend 2 nights..

Day 4: Visit to the deserted mining town **Kolmanskop**.

Day 5 takes us to the **Namib desert** in the proximity of **Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei & Sesriem Canyon**. We spend two nights in a local lodge.

Days 6 & 7: We visit **Sossusvlei** which has the highest sand dunes in the world and travel on to **Swakopmund**, where we spend 2 nights

We return to **Windhoek** on day 10, where we check into a local hotel for the night and return home on the following day.

Please request a priced and fully detailed Itinerary.



Experience the Friendship & Fun with Traveltime

CRUISE THE OVERBERG: 4th—7th AUGUST, 2019

In depth Canola tour visiting Greyton & surrounds and staying at Rouxwil House near Theewaterskloof Dam



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Many of you will remember our time spent at Rouxwil Country House in August 2018.

O'Nel is a very gracious hostess.

Traveltime has reserved ALL their accommodation for 4th to 7th August.. They have 5 luxury suites, so our tour will need some of you to share rooms!



What warms most women's hearts better than a flower arrangement ?

Come with TRAVELTIME to make memories and have your heart warmed beyond expectation by Nature's Bounty – Fields and fields of Canola!

Make an enquiry without delay with carol@traveltime.co.za

SPRING FLOWERS IN THE WEST COAST PARK

Saturday 31st August 2019 (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-2018>



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—FLOWERS UP THE WEST COAST

2nd-6th September 2019 (5 days).

Flower and bull spectacular



Accommodation
has been booked

Bookings are
coming in!



August and September is Flower Season in the "Western 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.

Our tour this year is 5 days! We will spend 2 nights in Darling (Darling Lodge Guest House) and 2 nights in Saldanha Bay (Blue Bay Lodge).

First day will see us travelling 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.

Highlights of this 5 day tour will include



- The Postberg Flower Reserve in the West Coast National Park;
- Tienie Versveld Reserve; visit to Darling Sweets & Darling Brew and Evita se Perron;
- Elandsbaai and their patches of flowers; Bokkom Laan in Veldrif;
- Visit to Hopefield where they have a magnificent display of Wild Flowers; Also included is a visit to Simply Bee; West Coast Fossil Park; and on our last day,
- A visit to Mykonos where you will enjoy a trip on one of the luxury catamarans at Elite Charters.

[For full details & pricing, please request a tour brochure](#)

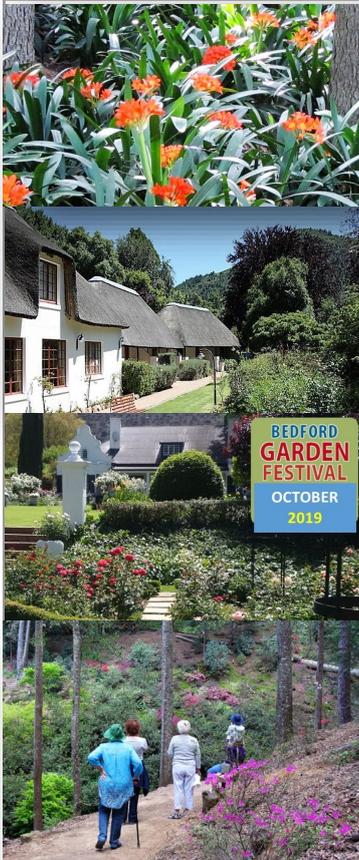


HOGSBACK & BEDFORD FLOWER FESTIVALS

15-20 October 2019 (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 has visited Hogsback in 2017 & 2018!

Spring, of course, is **'the'** time when Hogsback puts on its prettiest clothes and it will astound you with flowers and beauty. Lilies, azaleas and rhodendrums grow everywhere and all their gardens are a paradise of colours.

Once again, in 2019 **Traveltime will be going to Hogsback** and will be returning to the Arminel Hotel. This time again 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!** (**18th, 19th and 20th October**)

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 **Angler and Antelope in Somerset East**.

"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 amongst others.

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

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/hogsback-bedford-2019>

IMPORTANT NOTE :

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

We already have three people interested

Experience the Beauty of the Eastern Cape

OLD YEAR 2019

30 Dec '19 —02 Jan '20 (4 days).

"The exquisite Montagu Country Hotel"

Accommodation has been booked

Watch this space for details

We have set the wheels in motion to revisit this quaint, art décor furnished hotel after a superb group stay in 2016. We have stopped in at various times over the past 2 years and have always been impressed by their friendliness, attention to detail and the "at home feeling" you get when you walk into the reception area, sit at the pool, in the restaurant or relax in one of their rooms.

