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2019 OLD YEAR TOUR

Celebrate the New Year in the oldest licenced Hotel in South Africa (Built 1779)

THE HOUW HOEK HOTEL

In planning this the fourth tour in the series, we reflected on previous tours and concluded that the most successful ones were those which were based in Country Hotels where they provided a New Years Eve dinner / dance / entertainment. Yes we are referring to Montagu Country Hotel and Blue Bay Lodge in Saldanha Bay.
Our 2018 tour was based in a guest house in Robertson and whilst the tour was enjoyable, it couldn't compare to the previous tours due to restrictions put in place by the German owners.
So, whilst we had thought of returning to Montagu Country Hotel again, research into 2019 venues and a recent recce visit, suggested that **Houw Hoek Hotel** in Grabouw would be a suitable venue.

THE PERFECT RETREAT, PEACEFULLY POSITIONED IN THE KOGELBERG NATURE RESERVE. ENJOY OLD-WORLD CHARM, WARM HOSPITALITY AND EXQUISITE SURROUNDINGS.

THE HOUW HOEK HOTEL, NOW OWNED BY THE ARNISTON HOTEL, IS UNDERGOING WONDERFUL RENOVATIONS! - THEY ARE ADDING A LOGGIA TO THEIR OUTDOOR AREA. THIS ATTRACTIVE ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE WILL HAVE SWEEPING VIEWS OF MOTHER NATURE – BUILDING IS PLANNED TO BE COMPLETE BY MAY 2019

On 30th December we will head out of Cape Town over Sir Lowry's Pass to the Elgin Valley and will check in to the **Houw Hoek Hotel**, where their sophisticated menu blends traditional South African cuisine with modern innovations from their renowned chefs; a lunch at **South Hill Vineyards** where you will definitely not be disappointed with their bistro style food; **The Hickory Shack** where long, slow lunches are the order-of-the-day! These are but two on the list.

We have already been given the 2018 Old Year menu and this was a feast of note, with Seafood playing a big part of the buffet (2019 Menu still to be finalised). Their **Old Year dance** held in the **Barn with a DJ** and other attractions promises that we will all enjoy celebrating the end of 2019!

We have reserved **10 (TEN) rooms** for the period 30th December to 2nd January. These rooms have magnificent views and are the closest accommodation to most amenities at the hotel. Each room has the option of **KING / TWIN** beds, complete with bathroom with walk-in shower and are very comfortable! So, if you wish to share, this is available and encouraged as Houw Hoek hotel has a high single supplement!

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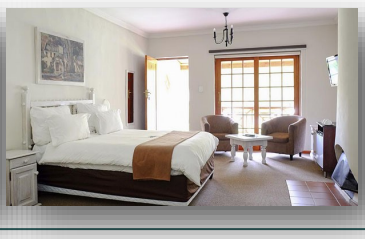
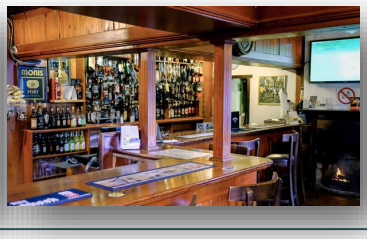




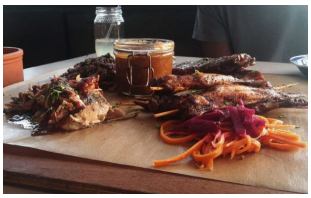
Special points of interest

Of course, the Elgin Valley has ***many things*** for us to experience:

A FULLY DETAILED, DAY BY DAY ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW

- What about visiting **gin, brandy and cider producers.**
- The **Elgin Railway Market** with it's amazing food vendors and happy music is well worth a visit.
- We can also arrange a visit to **Cornellskop** where you can get up close and personal with rehabilitated animals should you wish (optional). There are lion, cheetah, zebra and many more animals to see.
- Visit '**Old Mac Daddy'** which is known for its vintage airstream caravans with quirky names (Birdy, Dig'it, Dirkie Sanchez, For Better or Boerewors, etc.) and eccentric interiors to match . They also have a tented camp!
- **Have Lunch @ The Hickory Shack,** an authentic Texas style BBQ restaurant located on a scenic apple farm in Elgin, Grabouw with awesome mountain and forest views.
- Other items to consider: **Elgin Valley Market / Elgin Apple Museum**.
- **Ride the passes** in the area: **Houwhoek, Viljoens, Van der Stel**?
- Visit **Long Shadows Farm**, horse rescue & rehabilitation

ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET **OLD MAC DADDY** **HICKORY SHACK**



From the above information we will select items we feel will add to the fun on tour and finalise the 4 day Itinerary in due course. What we need from you at this time is your commitment, because we need to secure the provisionally booked 10 rooms with a deposit before the 30th June, or we will lose the booking!

TOUR PRICING

PRICE for this fully inclusive 4 day break, including coach transport, accommodation, Breakfast, Dinner and Old Year party as specified, is:

R8,320 per person sharing & R9,550 Single.

To secure your place on this tour, a 30% deposit (R2,496) is payable on booking / 30% (R2,496) by 21 September & the balance of 40% (R3,328) by 21 November.

(Single: R 2,865 / R2,865/ R3,820)

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