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ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET

Departure dates—Aug '19 –Jan '20

1. Travel by Ceres Rail steam train

By Train

New departure point: Waterfront

Departing at 08h00 from **Harbour Bridge Hotel & Suites, Dockrail Road, Foreshore, 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 estimated arrival time being 17h30. **See:** https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/elgin-railway-market-again

ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET – *Saturdays / Sundays*

Departure dates—May through July

2. Travel by bus / kombi

By Road

Pick up points in Cape Town

Departing at 09h00 from Central Cape Town you will travel along the N2 through Somerset West and over Sir Lowry's Pass to Grabouw, the home of the Elgin Railway Market, which is the brainchild of businessman Roger Orpen, who converted an old apple warehouse into a bustling steampunk station market boasting local vendors, live music and a gateway to the beautiful Overberg town.

Traveling by bus gives you the flexibility of a cheaper, shorter trip both ways, more time at the market and the opportunity to visit selected Wine Estates in the area, time permitting.

See: https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/elgin-railway-market-road

DESERT EXPRESS TRAIN–NAMIBIA

Trip Schedule: Departs Windhoek twice monthly

Request Departure dates & an Itinerary

New Addition

Windhoek-Swakopmund & return 2019 / 2020

The refurbished Desert Express train has commenced operation on the Windhoek–Swakopmund route, offering 3 day return trips. One way trips are also available.

A typical Itinerary comprises:

Day 1: Friday

11: 00 Check in at the Windhoek Railway Station
Visit the historical Railway Museum at the Station
12:30 Boarding and guests served with welcoming drinks and light lunch
14:00 Game drive at Okapuka Ranch
16:30 Biltong and droe wors stop at Okahandja
19:00 Dinner on board – A la Carte menu.
Train Overnight at secure siding

Day 2 – Saturday

07:00 Breakfast en route to Swakopmund.
08:00 Dune excursion
10:30 Arrive at Swakopmund railway station. Guests disembark
13:30 Check in, depart and guests served with light lunch.
18:00 Late afternoon Sundowner at Stingbank.
19:00 Dinner: Braai or Potjie at secure siding (open space).
Night entertainment & Ohungi around the fire.

Day 3: Sunday

07:00 Breakfast en route to Okahandja
09:00 Visit Okahandja craft market
11:00 Cheetah feeding and Buffet lunch at Okapuka
15:00 Arrive at Windhoek Railway station. Guests disembark.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Windhoek / Swakopmund / Train Travel
Namib Dunes / Barbeque (Braai) / Cheetah Feeding & lots more

WHAT TO WEAR

Casual to Semi Formal for Dinners

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Mystery Venue 2019 - 9th in the Series

08 Dec '19 (1 day).

Memories of tours gone bye

First clue released HERE in this Newsletter

Planning for this tour is gaining momentum. The venue has been chosen and booked. Whilst looking at the route we have to take, we realised that we had, over the years, visited many of the venues along the way via Time Out & Traveltime ***and have decided that we could use these memories to guide our guests to the final destination***.

As usual we are running a competition which will provide clues as to where we are going, with a complementary day being offered as the prize, ***to two passengers***.

Our **first memory** is encountered along the R44 to Stellenbosch, where you walk into a lush tropical garden to be greeted by the sound of running water, birdsong and free flying Lepidoptera, whilst taking care not to step on the green tree iguana.

Future clues will include photos and cryptic comments which will direct you to area and ultimately to the venue itself.

There are a total of 4 "clues" which will be sent by email / Newsletter on the dates below.

♦ **Clue No. 1:** 1st November	♦ **Clue No. 2:** 8th November
♦ **Clue No. 3:** 15th November	♦ **Summary & Clue No. 4:** 22nd November
♦ **Closing Date:** 25th November	♦ **Winner announced:** 25th November

PREVIOUS VENUES:

Driefontein Farm
Schoongezicht –Paarl
Café Bon Bon– Franschhoek
ELL-Hemel en Aarde Valley
South Hill Estate-Elgin
Blue Bay Lodge-Saldanha
Gabrielskloof-Elgin
Dutchies-Hermanus

Space for your ANSWERS:

♦ **Clue No. 1:**	♦ **Clue No. 2:**
♦ **Clue No. 3:**	♦ **Clue No. 4:**
♦ **Venue Name:**	

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Cost for the tour is R540 per person

Booking and payment deadline: Monday 25th November

We will only take a maximum of 48 passengers

1st pickup: TABLEVIEW (TBA) & 2nd pickup: CONSTANTIA (TBA)

If you want to join us, please confirm your place on this tour as soon as possible!

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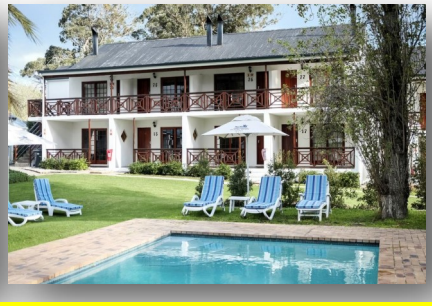
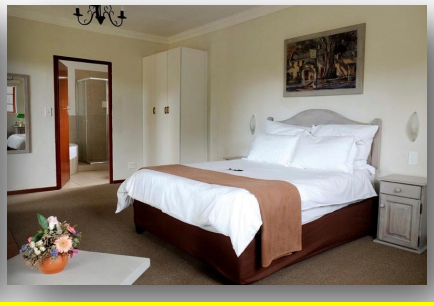
OLD YEAR 2019
30 Dec '19 —02 Jan '20 (4 days).
"The Houwhoek Hotel in Grabouw"

9 of 10 Rooms booked

Request a priced tour brochure

We have secured accommodation in this country hotel to ***celebrate the coming of the New Year*** with friends, dancing and good food. The perfect retreat, peacefully positioned in a nature reserve. Enjoy old-world charm, warm hospitality and exquisite surroundings. Built in 1779, 'The Houwhoek' is the oldest licenced hotel in South Africa. the winner of two Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards – The Best Scenic Environment Hotel in South Africa and The Best Historical Hotel in South Africa

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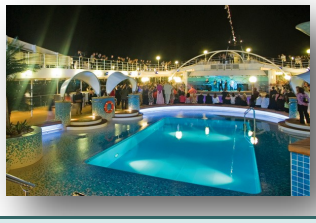
3RD PARTY SCHEDULED TOURS

MSC—*6 Months in SA waters*
2019-2020 Season
November '19– April '20

MSC CRUISES

MSC Orchestra NEW



From: DURBAN	From: CAPE TOWN
• ***Christmas cruise*** *Durban, Portuguese Island and Pomene on the 23rd December*	***12th January:*** ***CT / Walvis Bay & Luderitz;*** ***17th January:*** ***CT / Walvis Bay***
• *An **11 day cruise** Durban, Port Louis and La Possession from 28th December*	***21st January:*** ***CT to Durban*** ***5th April:*** ***CT Walvis Bay & Luderitz***
PLUS another 30 local cruises from Durban to Portuguese Island and Pomene,	***10th April:*** ***Easter cruise:*** ***Walvis Bay*** ***14th April:*** ***CT / PE / Durban***

Please request a priced Information itinerary or contact us for additional details, departure dates etc

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FOODIE TOUR *to start the year*
4-7 February '20 (4 days).
"Wanna-be-an-Italiano in Breedekloof"

4 days (3 nights) in the country

Request a priced tour brochure

Come with me to meet Jaco Brand, owner of Picardi Place, known as Plaas Boytjie. Allow him to change your perception of Italian food in a workshop "Wanna be an Italiano". Coupled with this we will explore De Doorns in the middle of harvest season.

Find out what makes Jaco tick - He will show us how to make a pasta dish from scratch – a fun morning interacting with him in his vegetable garden and a bit of hands-on watching him prepare our lunch. Head out to Du Doorns where we will do a table gape tasting with a leading grape exporter of grapes & spend the day exploring this busy town in harvest time!

Picardi Place is a luxurious guest house in Rawsonville – situated on a working wine farm in the Breedekloof Valley. Here you can enjoy the open spaces of the farm and the spectacular views of the surrounding mountains If you wish to relax, this is the place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city!

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GREYTON *Long Weekend*
3-5 April '20 (3 days).
"In the beautiful Overberg Region"

3 days (2 nights) in the country

Request a priced tour brochure

Situated just 90 minutes from Cape Town, in the beautiful Overberg region, is Greyton and home to a luxurious boutique hotel, The Post House. The Post House has recently been acquired by owners, John and Janet Higginson - an absolute delight, they are so passionate about what they do!

Before Autumn sets in why not pack your bags and escape Cape Town with us and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Greyton! We will leave the city mid-morning arriving, in time for you to take a stroll or just lie at the pool and unwind! We have chosen the 4* Post House Hotel which is under new management, for our 3 day break-away.

We have a list of 27 things to do in Greyton and will select some items of interest such as: **Genadendal museum / Donkey sanctuary / Antique shops / Von Geusau Chocolates / Forest Walk / Blue hippo farm / Historical stroll / Wine & Beer tasting.**

We are working with suppliers to obtain final prices, and will shortly be releasing the itinerary and tour price. In the meantime, please indicate your interest in joining us by emailing carol@traveltime, or completing the booking form on-line!

Please request priced Information itineraries or contact us for additional details, departure dates etc

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The Swartberg Country Manor
11-14 May '20 (4 days).
"Breathe in the fresh Karoo Mountain air"

4 days (3 nights) in the country

Request a priced tour brochure

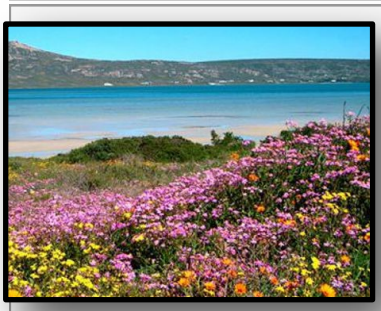
SWARTBERG COUNTRY MANOR

Nestled at the foot of the Swartberg Mountains near Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo

As an endearing home away from home, Swartberg Country Manor 4* trusts that their guests encounter a timeless escape amidst an impressive landscape that features the tallest mountains in the Western Cape. Being close to the **Swartberg Pass** our tour will include a day where we go over this fabulous Mountain Pass and spend the time exploring **Prince Albert**. / En-Route to the Swartberg Country Manor we will spend some time in **Barrydale** enjoying the town & quirky **Diesel and Crème restaurant**. / Spend a day exploring **De Rust** which is a quaint village close to Oudtshoorn - get to meet the locals! Also we will have some time to enjoy the peace and splendour which this home away from home guest house offers!

SPRING FLOWERS—FLOWERS UP THE WEST COAST
25—29 August 2019 (5 days).
Flower and bulb spectacular

Provisional details, subject to confirmation



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 (Provisional):

- 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 Velddrif;
- 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

For full details & pricing, please request a tour brochure

We are also planning our annual Postberg Flower Reserve day tour (29th August) as well as a visit to the Darling Flower Show (18-20 September).—Watch this space.

NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS

16th June– 26th June 2020

Beauty of the deserts, dunes, canyons and historical sites

We have 8 passengers confirmed

11 days including 1 day each pre & post tour

Tour Highlights (Priced Itinerary available on request)

Day 1: Travel by air to **Windhoek** where we overnight. Tour starts Wednesday 17th June.

Day 2: Departing Windhoek, we travel to our lodge in the **Namib Desert**. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon & Sossusvlei, where you will see some of the highest dunes on Earth.

Day 3: An early start will see us entering the **Namib Naukluft National Park** at sunrise to view the spectacular desert vistas in **Deadvlei and Sossusvlei**. In the afternoon we visit **Sesriem Canyon**.

Days 4 & 5: Swakopmund. En route we visit **Solitaire, Kuiseb Valley, Walvis Bay** & wet-land areas of a RAMSAR World Heritage site; see the flamingos. Spend the next day experiencing the area, including a **dolphin cruise** ex Walvis Bay. (optional quad bike desert tour also available).

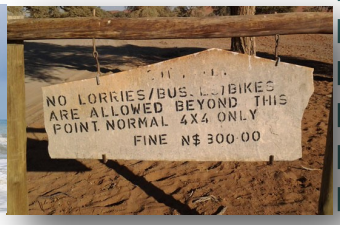
Day 6: We head towards Etosha National Park, travelling past the **Brandberg**, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into **Damaraland** visiting local attractions including the Welwitschia mirabilis plant-the oldest living desert plant on earth.

Day 7: Continue our journey to Etosha and check into our camp prior to experiencing our first game drive in the afternoon. (waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Anderson gate).

Day 8: The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the **Etosha National Park**. . Game viewing in the park is primarily 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, more than 340 bird species.

Day 9: Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the **Etosha National Park**, optionally you can book an open game drive park drive with the lodge.

Days 10 / 11: Travel back to Windhoek (overnight) & return home by air the following day.

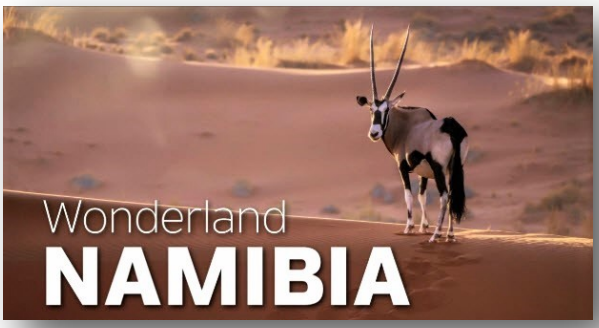


NAMIBIA SELF DRIVE TOURS

To suit your dates in 2019 / 2020

We do all the bookings and supply a travel plan & maps.

Select from pre planned & booked tours



You don't like travelling in a group or on scheduled tours? Why not select a pre designed "self drive" tour which includes accommodation, some meals and activities ***AND*** you drive your own car, or you can arrange a hire car selected for the environment and area in which you will travel. You save the hassle of multiple bookings and payments by selecting the package you want and we do the rest. (Including flights if you like). **You can also design your own route.**

Magical South (9 days)	**Spectacular Namibia (10)**	**Extraordinary Namibia (14)**
Family Fun (16)	**Wonderland Namibia (17)**	**Discover Namibia (19)**

Please request full details, Itineraries & prices of the tours that appeal to you.