



**TIME OUT:
WELLINGTON
REPORT**



**SHAYAMANZI
HOUSE BOAT**

16-19 May

Report on the
FUN

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SUTHERLAND

16-18 July

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SPRING
FLOWERS

Aug- Sept)

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SHAYAMANZI

31 Oct-03 Nov

2nd Trip

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NAMIBIA 2022

OUR TRIP TO WELLINGTON

27th May, 2021 *(Abridged version)*

Early pick up at 08h45 in Constantia had the 32-seater coach arriving in Tableview on time at 09h30 to commence travel along the N1 to Wellington. We stopped at the N1 'One Stop' for a comfort / coffee break and continued to the Wellington / Klapmuts off-ramp. Traffic was very light for a while, then built up along the Wellington road due to local road works. Kobus, our driver, missed a turnoff which would have taken us around the monumental Wellington church, but took us on a scenic drive through the suburbs to our first stop at Napier Winery. Carol had arranged a visit to **Schattig**, a home-based business owned and operated by Nelia Bester from. Nelia is a professional photographer and also the **owner of Wellington Huismark**. Nelia is very passionate about arts, crafts, hobbies and, of course, photography. Schattig was born out of her many creative talents. "**Schattig**" is the Dutch word for **charming, cute, lovely or adorable**, and perfectly describe the look and feel of these schattige products. (Photographs transferred on to cotton & linen). The reason for the stop at Napier winery was two fold, firstly due to the fact the Schattig was on the farm adjacent to the winery and secondly, it gave us an excuse to do some wine tasting. Back to Schattig. Nelia welcomed everyone and led us down some steep stairs (see photos), after offering to use her Kombi to move those who are not fully mobile. After handing out a snack to everyone, Nelia spoke about her product and history. Most felt the prices to be "high" however there were still some purchases. Then it was back up the steps (or by vehicle) to the winery and due to time constraints we were unable to indulge in wine tasting. (although there were a few members who returned earlier and were able to do this). Due to Covid restrictions we would only have been able to have 4 people enter the winery at a time, so it was perhaps better the way it ended. When boarding the coach we could see **Oude Wellington** paddocks, so it resulted in a short drive to our lunch venue. **First buildings date back to 1790. In 1995 the present owners (Susanna & John Tecklenburg) bought the farm, which was in a pitiful state and restored it to its former beauty. In the same year a small wine cellar was established that produced a fine red wine. Not much later, the brandy cellar was added. Piece by piece the derelict buildings came into use again. Restored and improved, re-thatched and rebuilt. Original gables were restored to their former historic character as part of Cape Dutch architecture.** Susanna and her staff welcomed us on arrival and after a long Covid temperature register we were able to be seated and order our first round of drinks. **Read the full report on <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/wellington-21>**





THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

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Coach leaves

Tableview
(New pick-
up)

@ 08H45

&

Constantia

Village

Shopping

Centre @

09h30

Cost for the
day which
includes your
transport,
& lunch is
R495
per person

Booking and
payment
deadline:
Friday
18th June

I read of **DIRK ACE** who has recently opened a Vinyl Record store. Approaching him he told me he also has a fantastic collection of Hollywood books dating back to the 40's, 50's and 60's as well as biographies on stars like Ava Gardner, Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis, The Beatles, John Lennon, Bob Dylan and over 1200 record vinyls from the 40's and onwards & a lot of the music from the 60's/70's all on CD. ***"We are romantics at heart and aim to give you the full retro spectrum, when it comes to music, movies, art, books & clothes"***



Very close to Dirk Ace are several other shops worthy of a browse. OR if you prefer to sit and listen to the music, for a while! Dirk says there is a restaurant right opposite his shop where you can buy yourself a glass of wine & sit back and 'remember the past'



Lunch will be in Kleinmond at **THE SWING INN** - down at the Harbour with lovely views.

Madelein and Kevin, newly re-located from Nelspruit, have opened this new restaurant & are already starting to make themselves known in the Kleinmond area with their friendly service and excellent food.

NEW TABLEVIEW PICK UP POINT —
Pick'n Pay is undergoing extensive alterations. We have had to change our pick up point to the Tableview Library / Virgin Active car park (Just behind the old Pick 'n Pay centre)

Party Time

TIME OUT IS 21 THURSDAY 29TH JULY

When Brian and I look back on the past 21 years we have spent organising trips for you all, it is with a sense of achievement; we have had **fun**, plenty of **laughs**, even a bit of heartache with Covid 19, BUT overall we trust that you have enjoyed the 'ride' with us.

Proof of this is the loyalty you show us and we are grateful for this.

As always, the venue for the day will be a mystery.

We have a lot of work to do to make this day successful
Anyone who has travelled with us over the years is welcome to attend this luncheon!

PLEASE book your place by Friday 25th June
A separate notification will be released in the first week of July, providing relevant details.

BITS OF THIS & THAT



As most of you know, I had an encounter with a spider on 11th May; to cut a long story short, the infection from **his bite** landed me in hospital on an intravenous drip of antibiotics and pain killers. Here I have to thank Brian sincerely for stepping in and taking the group out to Wellington for the day, to allow me to rest my foot all day!

Also sincere thanks to my **"Time Out" family** who have been in constant touch—it is much appreciated and has helped make me feel better, quicker.

Years ago when you all joined Time Out, you completed forms giving us your emergency contacts; medical aid and dietary requirements.
It appears that some things have changed that we are not aware of!

PLEASE save unnecessary aggravation & embarrassment by letting us have any of these changes as soon as possible.



STAR GAZING IN SUTHERLAND

18TH TO 20TH JULY

New Dates!



Sutherland is always popular in winter and as a result there was a mix-up with our booking and that of 'booking.com'.

Guess who won?

Thank you to everyone for graciously changing their tour date!

Is Sutherland on your **BUCKET LIST????**
8 people booked
(TOUR is FULLY BOOKED)

- Star gazing with Jurg & at the **New Planetarium** in town.
- Guided tour of the SALT telescope
- Meet the locals of Sutherland



Meet the unique people of Sutherland

Tjol lives on the **Verlatenskloof Pass.**

A glass of sherry in his unique bar is a must-do on this tour!



SPRING FLOWERS:

5 DATES IN 2021



Two 4-Day, tour dates:

2nd—5th August

&

16th—19th August

1st Tour

WILD FLOWER ADVENTURE

Tour operator: **Cullinan Guided Journeys** (our preferred partner)
Tour starts and ends in Cape Town

You will visit the **West Coast National Park**; **Nieuwoudtville**; and even do **wine tasting** along the **Olifantsrivier wine route**; **Clanwilliam** and **Ramskop**; **Citrusdal** (**overnight in Vredendal**)



28th August 2021

Our very popular One-Day trip

West Coast National Park (Postberg Flower Reserve)

Don't miss out on this trip! Two pick up points in Cape Town:

Constantia and Tableview

Contact Carol on carol@traveltime.co.za to book!!

2nd Tour



SPRING FLOWERS:

5 Days & 3 Days

3rd Tour

9th to 13th September

(Bookings coming in well—Don't miss out)

Two nights in Darling, **staying at the fabulous Darling Lodge Guest House**, then

- Two nights at the **Blue Bay lodge / Visiting:**
- **West Coast National Park; Duckitt Orchids; Tienie Versveld Park; Ormonde Wine Estate**

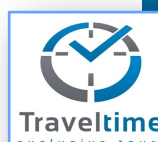


17th to 19th September

Covid has meant that the Wild Flower Show was cancelled in 2020 **GOOD NEWS.....IT IS TO BE RE-OPENED OVER THIS WEEKEND!!**

- Staying at the **Darling Lodge Guest House**
- Flowers, flowers and more flowers
- **West Coast National Park; Ormonde Wine Estate ; Duckitt Orchids; Darling Sweets.**

4th Tour



SHAYAMANZI

2ND VISIT

Most popular 2021 tour



31st October—03 November

Shayamanzi Houseboat cruise on Lake Jozini - 4 hours north of King Shaka airport.

Tiger fishing (only dam in SA that stocks these fish - on a catch & release basis).

Borders on the Pongola Game Reserve & is the only houseboat where you can do game viewing as well as enjoy great cuisine & chill at the same time



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16TH—26TH JUNE '22

NAMIBIA IN ITS GLORY

**NAMIBIA TOUR POSTPONED
TO JUNE 2022**



**SOSSUSVLEI; WALVIS BAY;
SWAKOPMUND;
DAMARALAND &
ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**
Covid has made it difficult to
travel overseas?
VISIT OUR NEIGHBOURS
(Far cheaper & safer)

Tour Highlights:

Windhoek, Namib Desert, Namib Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei including Dune 45, Deadvlei, Sesriem Canyon, Swakopmund, Solitaire and the Wild Horses, Kuiseb Valley, Walvis Bay and Flamingos, Dolphin Cruise, (Optional quad bike desert tour), Brandberg mountain, Damaraland, Welwitschia mirabilis plant, and then into the world renowned Etosha National Park for 3 days of game viewing before returning to Windhoek.

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SHAYAMANZI TOUR MEMORIES **16th –19th May '21**



Report on Shayamanzi Houseboat—May '21

Sunday 16th May and 8 of us boarded flight BA 6303 from Cape Town bound for King Shaka International airport— where we arrived about 11h30.

Distance from King Shaka airport is 3 hours 33 minutes on the N2. This road has many coal trucks on it and they seem to travel without any thought of motorists on the road. However, despite this, it is a lovely scenic road, and there is plenty to watch along the way from Nguni Cattle to interesting houses; and the time soon passes by. We took regular comfort breaks. On arrival at Tiger Lodge, we were met at the Shayamanzi gazebo by staff members Angie and Bongani – and completed the necessary indemnity forms. We were driven down to the water-front, where 2 tender boats were waiting to take us to our home for the next 3 nights – houseboat Shayamanzi 1. The crew of 4 who are on hand to help were – **Siya (the Captain)**, on hand to welcome us and briefed us on the Houseboat and safety procedures. **Mike (the Chef)** ex Malawian was there to cook up a storm, always with a broad smile. There were another 2 crew members on hand. Early rise for those who want to tiger fish – @ 7h00 the tender boat leaves for about 2 hours on the stunning waters and if you are lucky, you will catch (and release) a Tiger fish.

Breakfast at 09h30—Then, game watching on the shores of the Pongola Game Reserve; snooze on the loungers; sit in the Jacuzzi; or get to know fellow cruisers better. The word Shayamanzi means “Hit the Water” – **and even though you do not actually do this** – the waters you are surrounded by, are huge and immense. Surrounded by the Lebombo mountains, Lake Jozini is close to the Eswatini (Swaziland) border and at night the only lights visible are the border post flickering in the distance.

Breakfast is vast with yoghurts, cereals and always fresh fruit, a hot buffet of eggs and other delicious add-ons. For lunch on our first day, we were served Malay butternut & cashew curry; fillet kebabs in a mustard sauce; freshly baked Biltong and Feta Buns. Pre-dinner drinks offered with different snacks



On our first full day the Captain sounds the hooter, announcing departure and we are off on a long cruise – we saw elephant; giraffe and crocodiles on our first day. Late afternoon a few fished off the houseboat – Samantha caught a tiger (wow the whole of Cape Town heard immediately about this feat); John also nabbed one, and Rob (who loves fishing – also

brought in another fish). Brian had a few nibbles and one good bite, which removed the bait from the hook, but wasn't successful. After dinner, and to provide a break until dessert, Brian and Carol headed off to their cabin and returned dressed as pirates “**Captain Skurvy Shorts**” and “**Lady Cassandra**” the First mate. Captain Skurvy Shorts told everyone he was now in control of the vessel – all his motley crew were in the brig with scurvy; his parrot is in Davy Jones locker. Lady Cassandra was rescued from Leprosy island where a group of prostitutes kept complaining that business was dropping off! This little ‘skit’ was well put together by Captain Skurvy – well done Captain!

Captain Skurvy had his eyes and ears open and noted a few transgressions over the past two days – Marie got handcuffed to her chair as she had the **most transgressions**! All good fun and laughter. This was followed by some “dancing” with lovely music from Theresa. Our second day dawned and the tender boat heads out again to seek the illusive tiger fish. Today only 1 fish ended up in the hands of Rob (again)! Game viewing included the biggest collection of spider nests on the water's edge; some lucky to see and hear the Fish Eagle; and one lone hippo grazing out of the water– photographers dream. Only important necessity was a to be in possession of good pair of binoculars. **WHAT AN AMAZING FOUR DAY TOUR WE HAD!** To sum up – Cruising on a Shayamanzi houseboat is a **once in a life-time experience** – never to be forgotten; totally relaxing; **sophisticated but not pretentious**; unassuming and something that once you have done you feel the need to go-again and again!

This is an abridged version of the tour report.
for the full version go to our website:

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/shayamanzi-houseboats>

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