

NEWSLETTER

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NAMIBIA 2022

ON THE RADAR

As I sit at my desk planning this month's newsletter, it is with a 'kind-of' happy heart! When I say 'kind-of a happy heart' - RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED- yet, there seems to be stumbling blocks put in our way, periodically.

When I mention 'stumbling blocks' the biggest hurdle (in my opinion) is that after the months of lockdown many restaurants and people in the tourism industry have goneto-sleep! Now that its time to wake up one would believe they would jump at it and get moving and guess what?

Sometimes days go by without replies to my email requests, and follow-up emails don't achieve the desired results Covid has been cruel on tourism life at this time. but the dim light at the end of the tunnel is that many more people are getting vaccinated, which will make the future rosier for those who wish to travel!

Brian and I are very keen to get 'back to normal' doing what we both love doing - we have exciting things up our sleeves and invite you to enjoy reading this newsletter and to support us wherever and whenever you can!



A blast from the past. A flower tour in 2007— such **FUN times** must soon be on the horizon again!



THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST

Coach leaves
Constantia
Village
Shopping Centre
@ 08H45
&
Tableview
(Library &
Virgin Active
parking)

Cost for the day
which includes
your transport,
& lunch is
R 495 per person

@ 09h30

Booking & Payment deadline:
Friday 20th August



LET'S GET GOING ACAIN

BRENDA'S DELI & SPICE ROUTE

We have gone to the Spice Route before but not **BRENDA'S DELI**, which is situated on the bottom road on the property. As you enter, the smell of spices envelops you and evokes images of bustling North African souks and markets, aromatic dishes such as a Tunisian tagine and Moroccan teapots. Mix your own blend of spices to create adventures in flavour for your pantry. Brenda's Deli products & preserves are additive-free and made from fresh, natural ingredients. (Shop is small so we will have to split our group - Covid ruling as well)

We will ENJOY about 30 minutes here.

After this we head to **Toeka Stoor** down the road, situated just off the beaten track. This takes you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane. It's a true blast from the past! Make sure you climb to the top of their Coca-Cola bus for some photo memories!

With friendly staff, its a home away from home

for anyone who grew up in South Africa!



Toeka takes you down memory lane with antique tractors, old farming equipment, vintage cars and great food. A place for family and friends to experience peace and tranquillity.



THURSDAY
30TH
SEPTEMBER



BOSMAN ESTATE IN THE HEMEL
EN AARDE VALLEY
(in their Framehouse)

A Working Flower Farm, growing Proteas and loads of Fynbos

THURSDAY
28TH
OCTOBER

Time to call back the past and visit an 'OLD' Tableview RESTRAUTEUR FROM THE GOOD 'OL DAYS:

<u>Dale, from</u> <u>DALES PLACE</u>

<u>Lunch in his new</u> Durbanville restaurant:

HARVEST CULTURE



THURSDAY
25TH
NOVEMBER



TIME OUT IS 21

There is enough time to diarise and plan your schedule, so you don't miss out on this special celebration!

Anyone who has travelled with us over the years is very welcome to attend this luncheon.



SPRING FLOWERS: 5 DATES IN 2021



One GOOD thing at present is that the Western Cape seems to have an 'old fashioned type' winter with our rains in plentiful supply.

GUESS WHAT THIS MEANS?
YES, the Spring Flowers will be plentiful.

Meaning: it's not too late for you to join us on our many Spring Flower Tours



28th August 2021

Our ever popular One-Day trip
West Coast National Park (Postberg Flower Reserve)

Don't miss out on this trip! Two pick up points: Constantia & Tableview

Contact Carol on <u>carol@traveltime.co.za</u> to book!!

Or, visit our website:

https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/spring-flowers-west-coast-



Two 4-Day, tour dates:
2nd—5th August
&
16th—19th August

1st Tour 2nd 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;

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New Dates!

STAR GAZING IN SUTHERLAND

3rd to 5th September



SALT: South African Large Telescope

- In July we had to postpone our tour to Sutherland restaurants were not open; SALT telescope also not open to tours; and even star gazing had been cancelled.
- GOOD NEWS is that on 3rd September 8 of us will head out to Sutherland for 3 days
- We still have one room available—so if this has been on your bucket list DO SOMETHING ABOUT it ASAP!
- One good thing about changing our tour to September is that you will have slightly warmer weather & Spring Flowers to see en route.



SPRING FLOWERS:

5 Days & 3 Days

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**.



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SHAYAMANZI 2ND VISIT

Most popular 2021 tour



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



WE ONLY HAVE ONE CABIN AVAILABLE—CAN WE **PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DOOR?**



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.

Request a priced tour brochure or visit our website www.traveltime.co.za

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We are an accredited agent for ROVOS RAIL

Speak to Brian, he can fulfil your bucket-list for a <u>trip of a lifetime</u> on this <u>unbelievable</u> <u>product of our proud country.</u>



What are your plans for the END of 2021?? (Thursday 30th '21 to Sunday 2nd January '22)

Our original plan was to go to Prince Albert - we decided against this purely as the distance was just too far to chance travelling in Covid times.

EXCITING NEWS

We are planning a trip up the West Coast -LANGEBAAN COUNTRY ESTATE for accommodation

An Old Year celebration (Covid style) & bonus of a Sea Food Braai at Muisbosskerm on 1st January to start 2022 off in style!

Please request a brochure and add your name to the list.

