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ON THE RADAR

OLD YEAR 2021 / 22 **Thursday 26th August** and reports of a huge cold front approaching Cape Town. Everyone dressed warmly and we set off on the N1 headed to the R44 and our first turn off.

We arrived at **Brenda's Deli** which is situated at the base of the **Spice Route**. This emporium for Foodies is filled with fabulous products – as we entered the smell was delightful – they were roasting spices! One can mix your own spices, all that you need to make delicious food. The products are additive-free and made from fresh, natural ingredients. Brenda has fabulous sounding chutneys – ask me – I have never seen Fig flavoured chutney, jams and even lemon curd with granadilla. Her staff were helpful, offering advice about the different spices. Most of the ladies did their 'thing' and soon we were back on the R44 en-route to **Toeka Stoor**. This store is filled to the brim with SO much that, for the first time, the ladies did not 'rush' to their tables – they preferred to wander around and look at the awesome collection of anything and everything you could think of from a bygone era.

Steve was a perfect host - making sure their coffee station was open so the ladies could enjoy a hot drink. Many, of course, ordered wines - with red being the favourite choice of the day. Esmarie saw to our food, and it was delicious. Starters were a small cup of butternut soup with freshly baked warm bread. Steve then did a 'lucky draw' - he had hidden vouchers under the LP records which served as place mats; this produced a few boxes containing sweets & treats, which were well received.

Mains were a choice of Chicken a la King or Bobotie. The cherry on the top was the sweet potato, served just like grandma used to make!

For dessert they offered a Chocolate Mousse / Carrot or Chocolate cake. The two cakes were 'huge' and many 'doggy boxes' went home.

On the way home, on the N1, the heavens opened but thanks to Kobus we all safely reached Tableview and Constantia. The wind was very strong as well which in a large coach causes additional stress to the driver.

THANKS ALL, FOR A FUN DAY OUT IN AGTER PAARL

























We look back on TOEKA STOOR in August '21 with fond memories of a FUN DAY,

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THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Coach leaves
Tableview at
08:45 &
Constantia
Village shopping
centre at 09:30

which includes
your transport,
& lunch is
R 495 per person

Booking & Payment deadline:
Friday 24th
September





BOSMAN WINE ESTATE

I heard from a friend about the BOSMAN WINE ESTATE—it is a family vineyard situated in the Hemel & Aarde Valley - A perfect place to celebrate SPRING.

Much effort has gone into restoring the indigenous vegetation of the area, making a visit a rare and intimate treat. Draw closer to nature: you can smell it in the air, taste it in the wines and savour it in the unique locally sourced, fynbos-inspired food offerings.

Enjoy their excellent, cool climate Bosman wines at the Frame House as you gaze upon fields of fynbos, a distinctive but varied plant kingdom found only on the southern tip of Africa; the most famous flower being the protea.

Bosman Wine Estate (an 8th Generation family estate) also has a cellar in Wellington (in case you've heard of this in this town!)

(Wine tasting is R80 for 5 wines or R60 for 3 wines)



BOSMAN IS A WORKING FLOWER FARM—THEY GROW PROTEAS AND LOADS OF FYNBOS!

@ R50 A BUNCH



28TH
OCTOBER

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

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

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

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.



IN MEMORY OF HELEN WILLIAMS

Many of you will remember Helen. She has not, of late, been on many trips due to ill health.

She passed away on Sunday 22nd August - Helen RIP—you are free of all pain now!



STAR GAZING IN SUTHERLAND

3rd to 5th September

A group of 8 had a fabulous long weekend in Sutherland. Despite the fact that because of the Covid-19 pandemic all tours to the SALT telescope had been cancelled, we made the most of the tour & we even managed to 'sneak' onto the premises and take a few photos of the telescope in the background! Star gazing was cold - (need I say more) - but when you have temperatures of -4 degrees what else can you expect?





SPRING FLOWERS

2021



(I) 29th AUGUST—One day flower tour:

West Coast National Park

See full report on our website:

A group of us went into the WCNP - delayed by a day because of rain—but a fabulous day was had by all.



(2) 9th to 13th September -5 Days

As this newsletter gets posted we are excited at the prospect of showing 9 people what the Western Cape is renowned for. Apart from Siptje and John, we have 5 new people on tour with us - ladies from Centurion; George, Hillcrest; and East London. Roll on the good weather so we can showcase the Western Cape to these visitors!



SHAYAMANZI 2ND VISIT

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



WE HAVE SOLD ALL CABINS FOR SHAYAMANZI I **BUT DO HAVE THE OPTION OF HIRING** SHAYAMANZI I I—SPREAD THE WORD FOR US ASAP!!! 7 & A HALF WEEKS TO GO





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 trip of a lifetime on this unbelievable product of our proud country.



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.

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As we near the end of 2021 I bet there are many of you who are 'so very tired' of lockdown & all the conditions attached to it.

Brian and I are ready & waiting to re-instate travelling again—YES most of you have been double-vaccinated and this certainly helps you to return to some sort of normality!

We are SO grateful to all of you who have loyally supported us over the 21 years - you will never know just 'how much' you all mean to us!

To-date we have had 6984 bookings go through the TIME OUT system and 1571 bookings with TRAVELTIME. We are excited to be planning new tours for 2022 when

we 'hope' these pandemic variants might decide to leave our shores!



Worldwide, Tourism has gone through extremely difficult times - and we try to hang in there 'clawing our way up the Tourism ladder' to bring you loads of pleasure in 2022.

