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**FEBRUARY '22**  
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**MOUNT**  
**CAMDEBOO**

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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

The pandemic seems to be '**on-the-bright-side**' again' – people are more willing to travel now that most have had their two vaccinations and now their booster.

With this in mind, we had 25 people on the coach leaving Tableview and then onto Constantia all happy to out-and-about with friends again!

Our first stop was Stellenbosch – it was remarked as we entered Dorp Street – "**How wonderful to study in this town**" – followed by another remark – "**Wonder how much study gets done in the first year**" as at many of the outdoor cafes young people were seen 'socialising'.

The coach was parked in Ryneveld street, and it was exciting to see another two coaches with visitors to Stellenbosch. Our group 'took to the streets' and shortly many were seeing enjoying iced coffees; cappuccinos and catching up with one another.

At 11h45 '**almost to the minute**' everyone had re-boarded the coach and we were heading along the R44 to Somerset West.

After closing its doors just over a year ago, the **Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West is back in business**. But the new owner wishes to remain anonymous for now. The iconic landmark hotel will open its doors to guests in February 2022. Many were saddened when former owners, Spanish-based NH Hotel Group, said they would not renew its lease to the building in August last year.

The Lord Charles Hotel will now follow an owner-managed organisational structure that will support the community in the Helderberg area. This includes sourcing local suppliers and hiring staff from the area.

We were warmly greeted by the GM of the Hotel, Julia Ward – the staff at La Vigna were waiting on our group – but many chose to rather amble around taking photos of the re-decorated foyer rooms before coming to lunch.

Our menu for lunch comprised:

**CITRUS & BEETS** Chickpeas, baby carrots, feta, salad leaves, citrus honey dressing

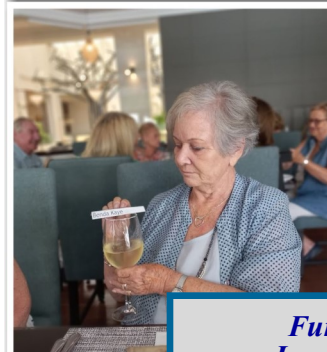
**GARLIC ROAST FREE RANGE CHICKEN SUPREME** Grilled polenta, Mediterranean salsa OR

**LINE CAUGHT HAKE AND CHIPS** Deep fried in a beer batter, fries, tartar sauce & side salad

After lunch many opted for a Dom Pedro which added just the 'right touch' to a day out with friends. When it was time to leave the hotel (15:00 many were slow in reacting) always a sign that every was still enjoying themselves and didn't actually 'feel like going home'!

**No medicine cures what happiness cannot.**  
Gabriel García Márquez

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**Fun in Stellenbosch & at the NEW**  
**Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West**

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# 54km up the West Coast

## 31ST MARCH

### Details of the day

**Cost is R590 per person, includes tea ceremony & two course lunch.**

**Booking & payment deadline is:**

**FRIDAY 25TH MARCH**

**Coach leaves:**

**Constantia at 08h45 & Tableview (new pick up point) at 09h30**



We have driven past **!Khwa Ttu** several times on our various visits up the R27 and I thought it is time to go somewhere 'different'! On approaching them I got a very positive response. They are very keen to have visitors to expose them to their **newly built visitors centre**. On arrival we **will enjoy a tea ceremony**. The San have always understood the plants around them were so much more than simply pretty flowers or a tasty snack!

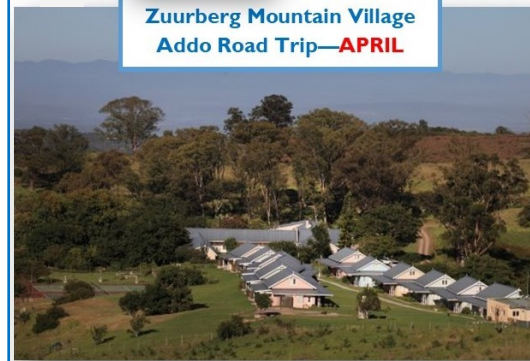
They are passionate about wholesome, freshly prepared, locally sourced food. If it doesn't grow or graze on the farm, they track down local producers for their bistro-style menu where we will enjoy lunch today. They serve food picked with care from people they trust - **"It's the way of the San"**

*"The San, the first people to inhabit southern Africa, represent a 100,000-year-old culture which should be considered one of the world's treasures." — Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu*

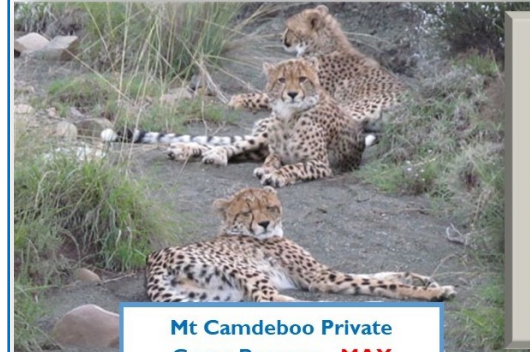
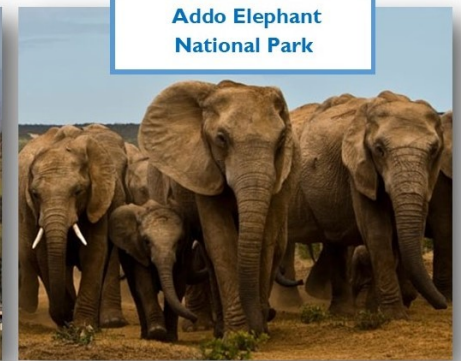


## SOME PHOTOS TO WHET YOUR APPETITE—UPCOMING TOURS

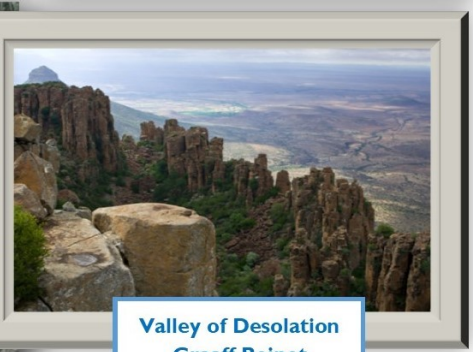
**Zuurberg Mountain Village Addo Road Trip—APRIL**



**Addo Elephant National Park**



**Mt Camdeboo Private Game Reserve—MAY**



**Valley of Desolation Graaff Reinet**



**Sossusvlei Desert Lodge Namibia Highlights—JUNE**



**Flower Season AUGUST**

To read full details and pricing for each of the abovementioned tours, please access our website: [www.traveltime.co.za](http://www.traveltime.co.za)





## ADDO ROAD TRIP

CT / PLETT / ADDO / KNYSNA / CT

EIGHT  
BOOKED

3RD - 8TH APRIL 2022



**GET THOSE SUITCASES  
OUT OF THE ATTIC -  
DUST THEM OFF -  
AND JOIN THE 8 PAX  
ALREADY BOOKED  
ON THIS 6 DAY TOUR**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- One night at **THE MOORINGS** on the Knysna lagoon (part of the Premier Hotel Group).
- Three nights at the welcoming **ZUURBERG MOUNTAIN VILLAGE**— 28kms from the Addo Elephant Park.
- A full morning on one of the **ADDO** open game vehicles searching for game
- All the sights of the **GARDEN ROUTE** between Knysna and Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha); a stop at **BLOUKRANS**-bungee jumping; lunch at **MARILYN'S DINER** (Elvis & Marilyn Monroe wall-to-wall murals & music), in Storms River & more!
- One night in Plettenberg Bay at the **BAYVIEW HOTEL**

**PRICE** for this fully inclusive 6 day tour including coach transport, transfers, accommodation, meals and excursions, as specified, is:

**R 14,080 per person sharing & R16,002 Single**

Request a detailed Itinerary, or visit our website:

**<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/addo-road-trip-2022>**



## THE GREAT KAROO

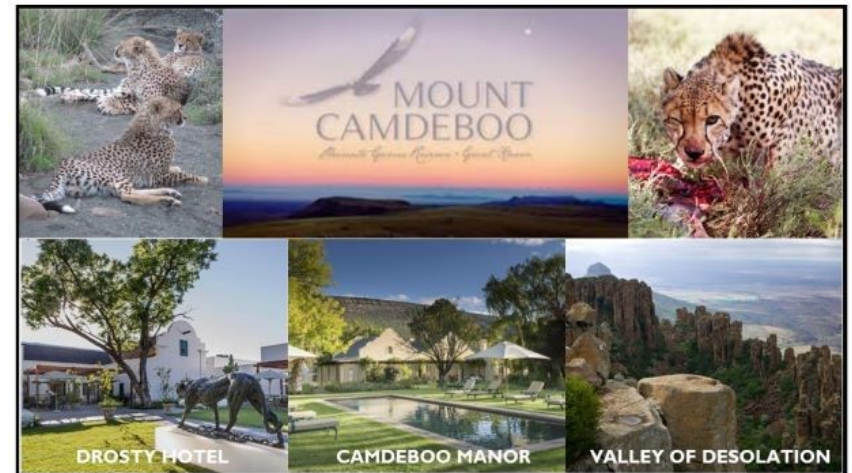
Graaff Reinet / Mount Camdeboo

EIGHT  
BOOKED

8TH - 12TH MAY 2022

We fly into Gqeberha airport (Port Elizabeth) instead of travelling by road from Cape Town (900km) / Overnight at **5\* Drostdy Hotel** and visit the **Valley of Desolation**.

Then, three **nights in the luxurious Mount Camdeboo Private Game Reserve** - **THEY NOW HAVE THE BIG 5 at this awesome reserve!**



**We already have 8 bookings for this tour, BUT can take a few more!**

**PRICE** for this fully inclusive 5-day tour including airfares & transfers (with a minimum of 10 passengers), accommodation, meals and excursions, as detailed, is:

**Land Arrangements: R18,908 per person / Airfare: (R1,852 pp), subject to adjustment until paid in full. There is no single supplement.**

**Total price per person R20, 760**

Request a detailed Itinerary, or visit our website:

**<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/mount-camdeboo-2022>**



Itinerary  
**Namibia Highlights-2022 NH**  
16<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June '22  
**Windhoek / Sossusvlei /**  
**Swakopmund / Damaraland,**  
**Etosha National Park / Windhoek**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June DAY 1 Cape Town - Windhoek Air Namibia



We are provisionally booked on the Airlink flight to Windhoek (to be confirmed), where a vehicle awaits to transfer us to our overnight accommodation, **The Avani Windhoek Hotel & Casino**. You drive through mountainous terrain to Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. With inhabitants totaling nearly 350,000, Windhoek constitutes the largest city in the country and is situated in a lush and scenically appealing valley of **Auas Mountains**, Namibia's second highest mountain range.

Tonight we will enjoy a welcome drink before dinner.

The Avani Hotel (D.B) Stay in the heart of Namibia's capital city with access to all the action, culture and wildlife; perfect for business or pleasure. Dinner could be in house or at a local restaurant.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June DAY 2 Namib Desert 330km



Departing Windhoek, we travel to our lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, where some of the highest sand dunes on Earth stand towering over the white desert plains.

The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool, or taking part in optional activities offered at the lodge.

Meals will be served at Sossusvlei Lodge restaurant.



Sossusvlei Desert Camp (D.B) Situated just 5km from the entrance to the beautiful Sossusvlei region.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June DAY 3 Namib Desert 200km



This morning demands an early start. Entering the Namib Naukluft National Park with sunrise, the first rays of sunlight paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, enchanting our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film. You will be captivated by the surreal Deadvlei surrounded by some of the highest dunes on earth and Sossusvlei, where the dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst dunes. Take the opportunity to walk up one of these majestic dunes to admire the desert landscape beneath. After that, we visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life-sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Sossusvlei Desert Camp (D.B)



# NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS

## 16TH - 26TH JUNE

For a fully priced & detailed Itinerary, please visit our website:

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/namibia-2022>

OR

Send an email to: [brian@traveltime.co.za](mailto:brian@traveltime.co.za)

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay at **Desert Camp** (near Sossusvlei entrance).
- Full day in **Sossusvlei** (Namib Naukluft National Park).
- Climb **Big Daddy dune** or walk to **Dead Vlei**
- 2 days in **Swakopmund** including a **Catamaran cruise** (or quad biking on the dunes-optional extra).
- Stay at the **Damara Mopane lodge** in Damaraland with its boulders and exquisite landscape
- 3 nights in **Etosha National Park** (one night at the **Etosha Safari Lodge** + two nights at the **Mokuti Safari Lodge**)
- A full day exploring **Windhoek** before returning to Cape Town (or Johannesburg)

**PRICE** for this fully inclusive 11 day tour including coach transport, transfers, accommodation, meals and excursions, as specified, is:

**R34,180 per person sharing. (Land arrangements).**

**Single Supplement: R4,934**

**Airfare** (which is subject to change until paid in full),

**is quoted separately @ R4,750**

**Total price including airfare is R38,930 sharing / R43,864 Single.**

**To secure your place on this tour,**  
**a 60% deposit (R23,358) is payable on booking.**

**The balance is payable as follows:**

**RI5,572 by 31st March 2022**

**(Single: R26,318 / R17,546)**



After many months CERES RAIL is, once again, starting their steam train trips to the Elgin Railway Market.

**Date of launch was Sunday 28th November '21**

**(Bookings opened on 1st November 2021)**

**Trips are currently scheduled on week ends only.**



**We are planning a group trip for Saturday 26th March.**

If you want to join us, please indicate your interest to allow us to secure the best price / seating.

Email: [brian@traveltime.co.za](mailto:brian@traveltime.co.za) for a day of **FUN & LAUGHTER**



**PRICES ARE LOWER THAN IN 2019—2020!**

Visit our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/ceres-rail-elgin-railway-market>

## SPRING FLOWERS

**18TH - 22ND AUGUST**

**SEVEN  
BOOKED**

**Traveltime Tours has made countless visits into The West Coast National Park & surrounding areas!**  
**Don't miss out on this tour of a lifetime!**

**It is important to note that we cannot guarantee flower viewing— this is dependent on good weather on the day and rains received in the months prior to our visit.**

**These tours are very popular and it is important that you secure your place ASAP.**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR**

- **West Coast National Park full day**
- **Duckitt Orchids and Tienie Versveld flower reserve**
  - **2 Nights Stay at Darling lodge**
- **Hopefield on a Saturday including their Market**
  - **2 Nights Stay at the Protea Saldanha**
    - **Velddrif and Bokkom Laan**
    - **Day in Paternoster**

**R 11,500 PER PERSON SHARING & R 13,465 SINGLE**

## SUTHERLAND

**23RD - 25TH AUGUST**



**Is Sutherland on your bucket list - come with us on this 3 day tour!**  
**August USUALLY means SNOW in Sutherland!**

- **Visit SALT telescope;**
- **The Sutherland Planetarium;**
- **Star gaze with Jurg on his farm—Sterland**

**CONTACT CAROL FOR FULL DETAILS OF THIS TOUR!**

# WHALE WATCHING

## 20TH - 23RD SEPTEMBER

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We have previously used **The Whale Waters Lodge in De Kelders**, a stunning 4\* 'self-catering' house, which has excellent sea views, 6 double rooms and 2 single rooms. Even though it is self-catering this property affords us a fabulous "get away," chill time to watch for whales from the patio as well as along the coast (& enjoy a Braai courtesy of Brian one evening!)

We have arranged our meals (breakfast and dinner) at nearby restaurants (lunch you can bring along your own preference in snacks).

We will explore Hermanus - enjoy a **morning watching vintage movies** and '**gathering**'; discover **Stanford and their wine estates and farm stalls**; explore **Gansbaai & if you wish we can book a boat based-whale watching experience** for you to get up close and personal with the gentle giants (optional extra!).

We are still working with suppliers to get their latest prices, but in the meantime you can diarise these dates and '**head out into the blue**' with us for a fabulous 4 day break! A priced Itinerary will be available shortly.



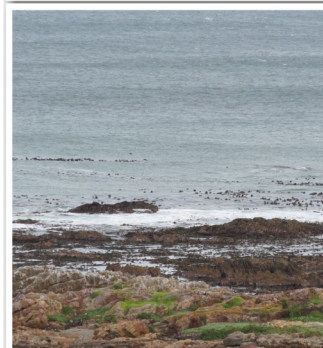
SUNSETS  
WILL BLOW  
YOUR MIND!

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*Whale Waters*  
SELF CATERING LODGE



WE TRAVEL  
NOT TO ESCAPE LIFE  
BUT FOR LIFE  
NOT TO ESCAPE US



*The End*