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TimeOut
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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022



Cheverell Farm

Report



MAY:
MOUNT
CAMDEBOO
(& off we go)

JUNE:
NAMIBIA 2022
Postponed
to June 2023

AUGUST:
SPRING
FLOWERS

SEPTEMBER:
SUTHERLAND

NOVEMBER:
BARRYDALE

STEAM TRAIN

Tour Report

South Hill Vineyards / Cheverell Farm 28th April '22

The trip today was based on a **new kid-on-the-block – Cheverell Farm in the Elgin Valley**. The day came in the middle of many public holidays, so numbers were slightly diminished! However, 22 of us set off from Tableview at 08h45 heading to Constantia valley to collect the second part of our group in a '**traffic-free**' road.

We headed to **South Hill along Valley Road** – 'Possibly our favourite place in the Elgin valley'. Sandy met us and they had set up a table outside for wine tasting or coffee. This was served with complimentary savoury scones and lemon cake – **what fabulous hospitality**. Sandy took the group who wanted to do wine tasting, through their various wines / coffees and cake or scones were enjoyed, and it was not easy to leave South Hill – we had 'settled' into their fabulous country hospitality!

A very short drive – interrupted by Google maps – where they told us there was a short cut to get across to Cheverell Farm which resulted in us having to turn the coach around and head back on our originally planned route. Solution **do not trust Google especially on farm roads!**

Arriving at **Cheverell farm** shortly afterwards, along Highlands Road, was to find a very good venue! They have converted an old apple shed into their restaurant cum gift shop with views to die for in the Valley. They even have a glass greenhouse nursery.

After the 'compulsory' shopping – **amazing how ladies find things 'they just-to-have' everywhere we go** – the group settled down to a pre-snack on the table – sliced sourdough bread/herb butter/and marinated olives and drinks were served.

Lunch followed shortly after this – a choice of a salmon poke bowl – a selection of freshly cut salad vegetables, smoked salmon trout, edamame beans, sushi rice and miso mayo dressing OR a Gourmet Burger with roasted tomato, mature cheddar, caramelised onions & harissa mayo dressing. This was followed by coffees and our dessert which was Cheverells Apple and Frangipane Tart served with homemade cinnamon ice cream.

By 15h15 we all got back onto the coach with our homeward bound journey. Of course, you cannot come to the Elgin Valley without stopping at **Peregrines** – and so many gourmet foods and pies came back to Cape Town with us.

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"Life is either a great adventure, or nothing"

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Our first stop was Constantia Village by just before 17h00! Then we started our 'trek' back to Tableview. This was a disaster as once we had gone past Paarden Eiland, we hit bumper-to-bumper traffic which ended up in us arriving at our drop off point in Tableview nearly an hour and a half afterwards! Crazy, we were passed by a police vehicle hurrying along the My-City route and a few ambulances but never witnessed an accident! Obviously, something 'dramatic' to slow the traffic down to this degree – and sadly a bit of a tiring end-to-a **glorious-day out in the country!**



THE ELGIN VALLEY Thursday 28th April '22

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From the Editors Desk:-

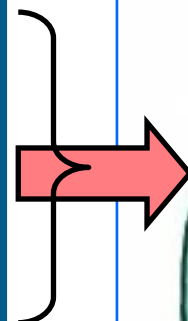
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- **A snippet of GOOD NEWS** We all need this, these days).
- I have kept in touch with dear [Ann Middleton](#) and her good news is that after 6 months of being in a step-down facility after her last fall, she is now home. I feel sure she would appreciate receiving a telephone call (Ann 021 557 1530 / 084 589 1588) - she does have a carer at home now.
- **Ann, All Of Us Wish You Well! GET STRONG each and every day!**
- Those who know me well, will know that my knee has been plaguing me for many months (or should I re-phrase that) **YEARS**.... In fact, the first time I went to see about it was in 2013 and then I became a COWARD. When I re-visited the orthopaedic surgeon in January 2022 he said "You will know when the time is right"! Brian and I feel now is as good a time as any - I go in for surgery on Monday 16th May. TIME OUT May outing is, obviously, postponed and we will keep in touch to see whether I am 'fit enough' to do a June and/or July trip.
- **Some travelling dates to diarise:**
 - (1) We still have **space on** our **18th to 22nd August** flower tour (**only one room**).
 - (2) **Sutherland 21st to 23rd September;**
 - (3) Our **Barrydale** tour date has now **changed to the week end of 4th-6th November**—(**Barrydale is becoming a popular weekend destination** and another group booked ALL their rooms for our 1st date).

Whilst I have long hours of recovery, I will put together a few exciting days or weekends away before we bid farewell to 2022.
 - (4) On **Thursday 24th November** we will celebrate '**TIME OUT is 22**' and '**TRAVELTIME is 15**'! This is not our usual month to celebrate our anniversary, BUT with my knee op I feel it's best to **postpone this to November** (as we did last year).

An 'excellent lunch somewhere unique' with you all?

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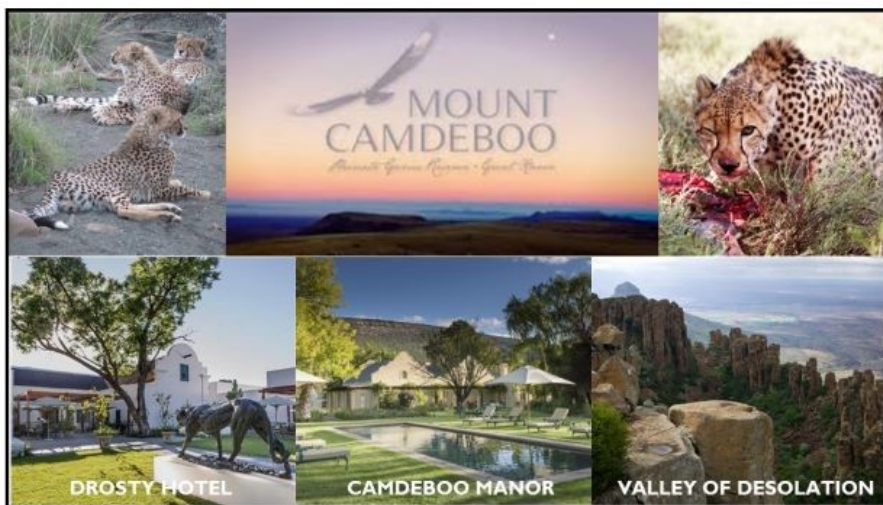


UPCOMING TOUR

THE GREAT KAROO

Graaff Reinet / Mount Camdeboo

8th to 12th May

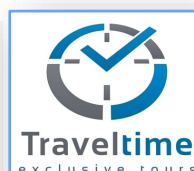


Some of our tours have **become a permanent fixture** in our calendar;

One destination which remains an exciting place to go to time-and-again is the Mount Camdeboo private game reserve!

9 of us (of which 4 are brand new people on tour), head out of Cape Town on Sunday 8th May for 5 days 'in the bush')

**BON VOYAGE & THANKS
FOR YOUR FABULOUS SUPPORT**

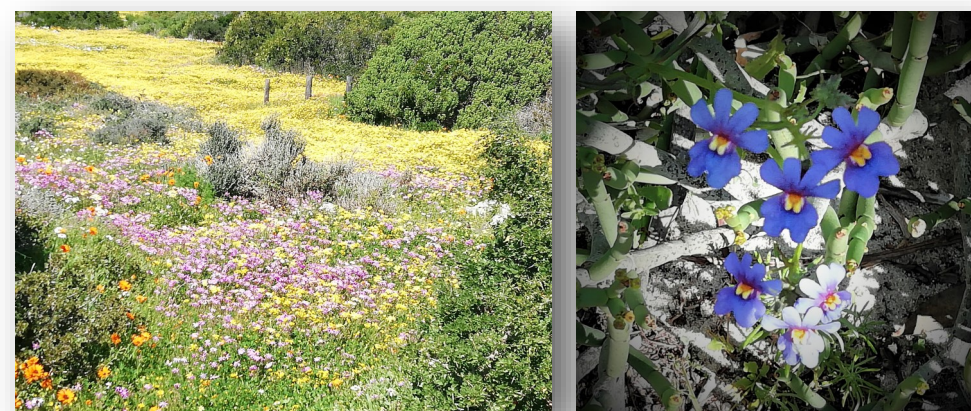


UPCOMING TOUR

SPRING FLOWER DAY TRIPS

13th August & 10th September

The Spring flower season will soon be upon us - Is it on your bucket list to see the splendor of the Western Cape? This year we have 2 day tours scheduled into Postberg Flower Reserve in the WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK. join us—you will not be disappointed.



PHOTOS FROM AUGUST 2021

Cost of this tour including transport in an 11 or 15 seater coach is:

DETAILS:	SA ID / PASSPORT	SADC *	INTERNATIONAL
Park Entrance	100	150	220
Transport	590	590	590
Transport & Entrance	690	740	810
LUNCH OPTIONS:	Bring your own picnic		
	* SA Development Community		

**ONLY SPACE FOR 2
PEOPLE SHARING**

UPCOMING TOUR

SPRING FLOWERS

18th – 22nd August



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

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 Hotel Saldanha



**R11,500 PER PERSON
SHARING &
R13,465 SINGLE**

Priced itinerary available.

[https://www.traveltime.co.za/
package/spring-flowers.2202.1](https://www.traveltime.co.za/package/spring-flowers.2202.1)

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**

UPCOMING TOUR

SUTHERLAND

21st to 23rd September



Is Sutherland on your bucket list? - join us on this 3 day tour!

**September could mean SNOW
& SPRING FLOWERS in Sutherland!**

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



PRICE for this 3 day short break, including coach transport, accommodation, Breakfast & Dinner (Lunch daily—own account) is:
R7,450 per person sharing & R 8,490 Single.
To secure your place on this tour, a 30% deposit R2,235 (R2,547 single) is payable on booking.
The balance is payable as follows:
R2,235 on 7th April & R 2,980 on 7th July, 2022.
(Single R2,547 / R3,396)

UPCOMING TOUR (NEW DATES)



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BARRYDALE

4th to 6th November

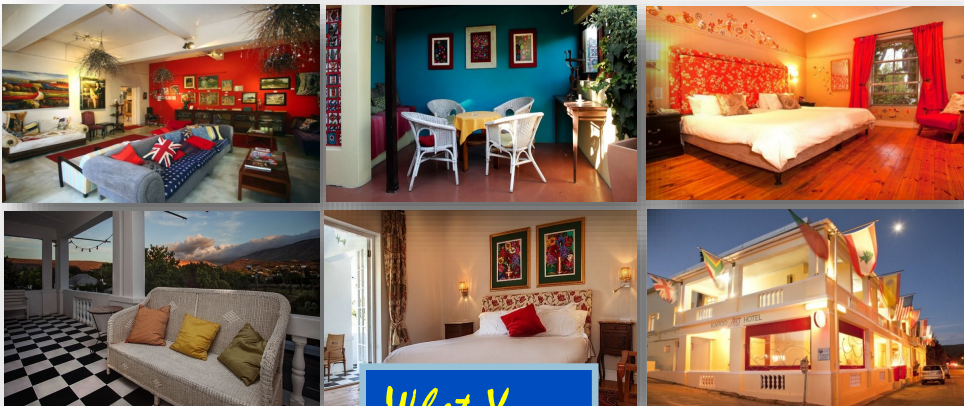
BARRYDALE & THE NEWLY RE-OPENED KAROO ART HOTEL

The hotel is now open after a major renovation and redecoration. In the words of owners Rick & Sue Melvill: **"One never really owns places like these, you're really just the custodians for another generation"**.

Here's to a wonderful new chapter for the Karoo Art, post Covid era

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR LONG WEEKEND AWAY

- # A private cinema to enjoy, one evening.
- # Time spent in the kitchen with David learning the secrets of slow, delicious cooking.
- # Walking the Doris Day walk in town & also the Labyrinth.
- # Saturday morning market in town .



Whet Your
Appetite

Day trips to the Elgin Railway Market



SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

		SAT	SUN
MAY			1
		7	
		14	
		21	
		28	
JUNE		4	
		11	

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ONLINE BOOKINGS:

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

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Select a group of friends and a travel date to suit everyone, then do your own on line booking using the above details. You will receive a booking reference and full information directly into your email. (OR ask us to do your booking).

PAST TOURS

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I LET MY HEART GO WILD WITH THESE MEMORIES

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