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2022 Tour Planning UPCOMING TOURS

The following schedule is current as at 5th June. We will continue to provide updates & additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses:

2022 (Tour dates in blue are confirmed / In black are Provisional)

TIME OUT

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TRAVELTIME

• **1st-4th August: Wild Flower Adventure (4 Days):** **Page: 3**

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• **18th-22nd August: Spring Flower Tour (5 Days):** **Page: 3**

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• **28th Aug-2nd Sept: Americans Private Flower Tour (6 Days)**

• **21st-23rd September: Sutherland-Star Gazing (3 Days):** **Page: 4**

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Winter is setting in—from the later rising of the sun to the early setting of the sun in the late afternoon, but **LIFE REMAINS GOOD!**

"I am very pleased to say that my right knee replacement went well - only 3 days in hospital and many days at home spent recovering and reflecting at home. I often wonder why I was SO apprehensive to have the operation now that it's over! On the way to a NEW ME, or should I say NEW KNEE ME! I am now recovering at home, happy that the pain was not as severe as I had expected. The staples will be removed on Monday 6th June and I am planning a Time Out outing for 30th June".

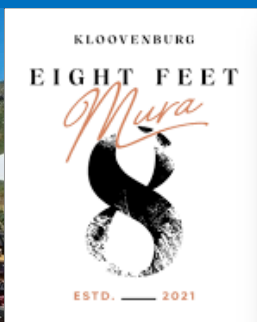
Now a tad of negative news. We have had an increase in the price of our coaches! **Costs increased by 12,5% on 1st June (& will add 12,5% again in November).** Hylton Ross did maintain their costs through the lockdown period and as with everything else, we are faced with having to, yet again, increase our prices for the day out! As you are aware food has shot up out of all proportion as well.

The World is facing a recession and times are sure to get worse for us all - but all we can still hope for is **increased fun times** on our monthly coach trips, which I know are so very important to most of you. Proof of this is the fact, that we have been well supported for so very many years!

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IS NOT SO BAD, IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR IT!!!

SCHEDULED OUTING: EIGHT FEET VILLAGE

Thursday 30th June



We are heading to the RIEBEEK VALLEY in June.

EIGHT FEET VILLAGE, a new restaurant at the top of the **Bothmanskloof Pass**, overlooking the valley has been opened by the Du Toit brothers; their parents have for many years run the **Kloovenburg Wine Estate in the area**.

The four brothers are **Pieter-Steph, Johan, Anton and Daniel**. Du Toit is their surname. They grew up on Kloovenburg Wine & Olive Estate in the beautiful Riebeek Valley. Where there was once eight dirty little feet dangling from the back of a bakkie-flap at sunrise, there are now eight, large, confident feet taking daring strides out into the world, each pair heading on its own adventure. But no matter how far these exciting new roads may take them, they will always come together again for another cup of coffee, a glass of wine or one more opportunity to grow together as brothers. **Their restaurant is in an iconic location unlike any other.** It all started as a humble coffee trailer which acted as a beacon of hope; going through the tough times of 2020, serving fresh brew to friends, family and a place for the community to gather.

We will have chance to spend some time in Riebeek Kasteel, 'gathering' before our lunch.

For full details, please request a priced tour brochure

Details of the Day:

Cost is R625 per person

(Including Lunch & Transport)

Booking & Payment Deadline: Wednesday 25th June

Coach leaves Constantia Village @ 08h45

& Tableview Library @ 09h30



Witness a unique spectacle of nature

This is an amazing adventure from Cape Town into the intriguing West Coast region of the Western Cape to witness an extraordinary spectacle of nature. In the South African spring, in August, a brilliant array of diverse wild flowers transform this evocative semi-arid landscape into an unforgettable portrait of extraordinary colour and beauty.

Highlights •

Unique beauty of vast fields of spectacular wild flowers • Extraordinary floral diversity including endemic succulents • Warm West Coast hospitality and wine tasting along the Olifantsriver Wine Route .

Experience the legendary West Coast hospitality at [Melkboomsdrift](#), a delightful guest house set on the banks of the Olifants River on a working wine farm. The historic farmstead has been lovingly restored and offers en-suite accommodation in individually-styled rooms with all modern amenities. There is a tranquil garden with a swimming pool and views of the river and vineyards.

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SCHEDULED TOUR: WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS

13th August (1 Day)



Every year in August and September the West Coast National Park opens the [Postberg Flower Reserve](#). Here the colours of Spring burst forth and you are assured of seeing an awesome display of spring flowers. In addition to the Spring Flowers, the Park borders on the Langebaan Lagoon and it is a photographer's delight. The views of the waves crashing on the rocks coupled with fields of beautiful yellow/blue and white flowers can paint an awesome canvas for you! On arrival in the Park the coach will go directly to the Postberg Flower Reserve. Enjoy a few hours of visual splendour!

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SCHEDULED TOUR: SPRING FLOWERS

18th-22nd August (5 Days)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

West Coast National Park full day
Duckitt Orchids & 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
Velddrif and Bokkom Laan
Day in Paternoster

We are excited to say that [this tour is now fully booked](#). Thirteen passengers on board with guests coming from: Natal (2); George (2); Tarkastad (1); Gauteng (4); Somerset West(1) & Cape Town (3). [Happy flower viewing everyone.](#)

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This Tour is
Fully Booked





After TWO YEARS, Darling is once again, having their Wildflower Show - plenty to do in Darling with the Museum becoming the venue for the flower show; Darling Brew; new restaurant at Evita se Perron for light meals; and fields and fields of flowers.



We still await the final programme from the organisers.

More will be available in the July newsletter.

Traveltime will visit on 17th Sept.

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We visited the surface of Mars!



We have visited Sutherland 9 times over the past years and have spent various periods from 1 to 3 nights in the coldest town in South Africa. Our planned tour this year will see us staying two nights, with the tour duration being 3 days. The main purpose of our visit is of course to see Matjiesfontein, the SALT telescope and to experience star gazing in the Karoo with Jurg Wagener and his computerized telescopes. [Read our previous tour report with photos: https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/sutherland-2021](https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/sutherland-2021)

The period chosen to do this tour falls into the **NEW MOON** period and is an excellent time to view the stars. Spring is also the very best time to be in Sutherland as the winter skies are at their clearest and offer the best time for viewing! You will certainly enjoy your evening with Jurg, the local Astronomy expert. A number of **computerized telescopes** allow you to get first hand information (and viewings) of some stars and planets!

Be pre-warned that the temperatures can plummet in Sutherland at night, so make sure you **bring along warm jackets, beanies, scarves and gloves.**

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Hermanus, plays host to thousands of visitors who flock to the seaside resort to exhilarate in the unique natural environment and watch the whales. Whale Festival dates are: 30th September to 2nd October 2022. not yet available.

Having previously visited Hermanus during this time, we were faced with long queues of traffic and people wanting to either get sight of the whales or find a place to have a meal. With this in mind we have decided to visit the area "out of festival time", to see the whales in peace and quiet and experience the sheer beauty of the area.

As in previous years, our base will be in Walker Bay, at selective Lodges / apartments on the sea-shore in De Kelders, which is situated between Hermanus and Gansbaai, 160km from Cape Town.

Tour Highlights:

Boat based whale watching-optional extra / Dinners at Rosemary's and Blue Goose restaurants / African penguin & seabird sanctuary / Strandveld museum.

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SCHEDULED TOUR: KAROO ART HOTEL

4th-6th November (3 Days)



The hotel has recently opened 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 in the post Covid era

Tour Highlights:

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.

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SCHEDULED TOURS: STEAM TRAIN TRIPS

Day Trips per Schedule



ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET

Join us on a 160 km round-trip departing on Saturdays and Sundays at 07h45 from Cape Town. Our destination is the Art Deco "Elgin Railway Market," an exceptional market experience. The journey departs from Harbour Bridge Platform (close to the Cape Town International Convention Centre), and meanders through Cape Town and its surrounds until reaching the majestic Sir Lowrys Pass. Arriving at the foot of the pass, the train embarks on an epic climb up one of the steepest railway lines in South Africa. Cresting the peak, the train snakes its way into the lush Elgin Valley before arriving at the Elgin Railway Market.

FATHERS DAY TRIPS TO CERES

Join Ceres Rail Company in celebrating Fathers Day,

on either **the 12th or the 19th June 2022, with two journey options:**

12th June: Depart Cape Town to Ceres by Steam Train / Return by luxury bus.

19th June: Depart Cape Town to Ceres by luxury bus / Return by Steam Train.

Both journeys depart from Harbour Bridge platform close to the Convention Centre.

Full Details: brian@traveltime.co.za

Bookings:

[https://ceresrail.activitar.com/products?](https://ceresrail.activitar.com/products?ref=036bf48f2187d743c52e)

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TOURS IN THE PLANNING STAGE:



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FUTURE TOUR: TIME OUT IS 22 24th November '22



TimeOut
ladies club



Planning is underway for our anniversary celebration (Time Out is 22 / Traveltime is 15). In the past this was always scheduled for July, but since we had to delay this due to Covid in 2020 & 2021, we have decided to hold this in November, as we did in 2021 when we had our special day at **Utopia** in central Cape Town, a really happy place with spectacular views.

See the tour report and photos: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/time-out-is-21>

We will provide full details of this function once the venue is confirmed.

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FUTURE TOUR: OLD YEAR CELEBRATION 30th Dec '22-2nd Jan '23



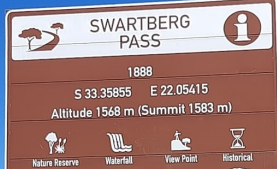
Our previous tour was celebrated at **Swartberg Country Manor** (2021/2022), with a group of 8 guests who enjoyed the country hospitality and local attractions.

See tour report & photos: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/old-year-2021>

Planning is underway and believe it or not, a couple of our options are already booked by others.

We will provide full details of this function once the venue is confirmed.

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FUTURE TOUR: MYSTERY VENUE 23rd January '23



Our last tour was held at Houwhoek Inn in their new function venue. Great day with good food, but sweltering heat.

See report: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mystery-venue-2021>

Planning is underway and we will provide details once the venue is confirmed.

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FUTURE TOUR: NAMIBIA 16th-26th June 2023 (11 Days)



This tour was originally planned to take place in 2020 and was postponed to 2021 & 2022 due to Covid restrictions. In April 2022 it was again postponed, to 2023 due to low numbers.

We are currently evaluating other Namibian routes which will include Kolmanskop Ghost Town as an option to the original itinerary.

Watch this space! (Dates not final)

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