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2022 Tour Planning

UPCOMING TOURS

The following schedule is current as at 5th July. 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

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Twenty-four people boarded the coach at Constantia Village shopping centre and Tableview Library and headed up the R27 and N7 en route to the Riebeeek Valley. The countryside is looking awesome – with all the recent rains in the Western Cape it is looking so beautifully green!

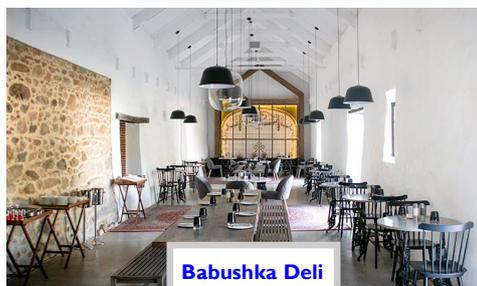
First stop was **Het Vloek Casteel Estate**, where their tills rang happily with everyone purchasing and tasting olives/jams – a nice touch is they gave everyone little pieces of bread to make the tasting easier! They have an amazing range of product in this shop and proved once again that ladies particularly love ‘to gather’

Second stop was into Riebeeek Kasteel where we parked the coach in the ‘village square’ and the ladies headed for a coffee or some general browsing – **Aardvark Etes** where before they served our coffees, we were offered ice water (amazing today in the valley temperatures were +23degrees – fabulous for ‘winter’)! “Hey girls did you find the carrot cake” – NO but “I found candles AGAIN” said Heather!

At 12h30 we left Riebeeek Kasteel and headed up the hill to **Eight Feet Village**. An amazing place with 100% vibe and atmosphere. We were all seated in Mura their ‘under-cover’ restaurant where they made sure we all had chairs (and not benches), Seating was very comfortable!

Lunch today, was a choice of Crispy fried fish and chips; a pulled lamb pizza; chicken burger with brie and figs (offering a fabulous taste sensation), or a pulled lamb burger with fries! [Full report & photos on our website](#)

THE CITY HAS A ‘FACE’ THE COUNTRY HAS A SOUL!



We last visited **HAZENDAL** in April 2001, well before their extensive additions. Today they are one of the top Estates in the Western Cape, boasting a wedding venue, superior restaurant, Russian Tea ceremony, vintage car museum, plus, plus. We will have a comfort –coffee break here. After this we head to the **DEVONVALE GOLF & WINE ESTATE**, close by for lunch. Devonvale is able to offer an idyllic and spectacular setting as it is positioned amongst the vineyards. As the majestic views of the Simonsberg Mountains act as a backdrop to the estate, one can only now truly relish the beauty of the winelands. Relax and enjoy lunch in their restaurant overlooking the golf course. **For full details, please request a priced tour brochure**

Details of the Day:

Cost is R625 per person

(Including Lunch & Transport)

Booking & Payment Deadline: Friday 22nd July

Coach leaves Tableview Library @ 08h45

& Constantia Village @ 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.](#)

[Full details will be available on our website, once released.](#)

[Traveltime will visit on 17th September.](#)

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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>](#)

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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SCHEDULED TOUR: WHALE WATCHING

4th-7th October (4 Days)

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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: ELGIN OPEN GARDENS

Day Trips: 29 October OR 6 November



When planning this tour our first option was to visit the area for two days, spending a night away for one of the two above periods (29-30 October or 5-6 November). Regrettably we found that accommodation is at a premium over these dates and we have now decided to only do a day trip into the area, with a set selection of gardens to view on either 29th October or 6th November. We will take a final decision nearer the time as to the selected date depending on your preference.

(Please send us an email confirming your interest and which date you prefer).



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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 & some Sundays** at 07h45 from Cape Town. Our destination is the Art Deco "Elgin Railway Market". 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.

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

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.

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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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