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2022 Tour Planning UPCOMING TOURS

The following schedule is current as at 12th October. We will continue to provide updates & additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses:

2022 / '23 Tour dates: in blue are confirmed / In black are Provisional

TIME OUT

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TRAVELTIME

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'PLANNING STAGE'-TOURS:

- **18-21 April '23: Montagu Break (4 Days)**
- **May '23: Garden Route Game Reserve (4-5 Days)**

**DETAILS IN NEXT
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**COUNTDOWN
FOR OUR OLD
YEAR CARRIAGE
RIDE IN 'OP DIE
BERG' IN THE
KOU
BOKKEVELD :
1 JANUARY '23**



**We have 10 guests,
can take another 2**

TOUR REPORTS:

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September in the Western Cape means WHALES, and this year they are shining! In Hermanus reports are that they are plentiful in the bay – and great excitement for all who boarded the coach in Tableview, and Constantia was that we were off **“To See the Whales”**!

Hermanus is a long drive from our two pickup points (Tableview and Constantia) and we arrived in the main road of Hermanus just after 11h30. The Hermanus Municipality has re-organised the traffic route, and coaches are only allowed to park for 10 minutes before they need to move on! (Drop passengers and GO!). We were in Hermanus one day before the annual Whale Festival, and there was much activity in setting up the huge marquees on the walk-away. Art is plentiful along the walk and much discussion was had about the ‘meaning’ of some of the sculptures!

We were lucky in the little bay in front of the Windsor Hotel where we spotted a whale or two – always great excitement, and testament to this was the many photos of people showing the group where the whales were in the bay! One lady commented **“Oh Carol you organised the weather for us – no wind and a perfect sunny, warm day”**.

By 12h30 we headed out to Lizette’s at 20 on 8th Street just off the Voelklip circle, arriving to a very warm reception from Lizette who is extremely hands-on in this well recommended restaurant!

In Lizette’s own words – “A Stylish and vibey meeting point, bar restaurant on the circle at Voelklip! Craft Beers, Fine wines, and Gastro Food with a difference for all the family”

We opted for the suggestion to have their ‘social manner of eating’ – where they serve the lunch in 4 ‘sessions’, all served on platters to the tables, with the dessert served individually.

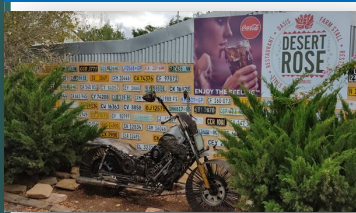
- Super Green Rice Paper rolls & Ginger-Coriander dipping sauce/Panko Prawns & Nori Mayo/Bobotie Spring rolls & Chili Jam.
- Masala Chicken & Minted Yoghurt Artisan Flatbread / Exotic Mushroom, Shiitake Pesto & Caprino Artisan Flatbread.
- Mussels steamed in Coconut Milk and Sweet Chili /Winter Salad of Kudu Carpaccio, Fresh Berries and Buffalo Mozzarella.
- Tempura fresh Line fish, Soya-Rice Wine dipping sauce / Peri -Peri Chicken skewers on valley salad / Kefir Panna Cotta.

All in all, a fabulous, ‘social’ way, to enjoy lunch together! Reluctantly we left the restaurant just after 3.00 pm and had our last whale viewing at Sievers Point, very close by! Once again, we were not disappointed – with whales in the bay coupled with many people eager to spot the whales, either walking the fabulous beach path or taking to the waters in boats or kayaks to get closer!

The long drive coupled with traffic meant that we only dropped off at Constantia by 17h00 and Tableview after 18h30.

**“Keep close to Nature’s heart... and break clear away, occasionally,
and climb a mountain or spend some time at the beach.
Wash your spirit clean.”**





Today, for a change, we head into 'unexplored' territory - THE N7 - as far as Moorreesburg, on the road to Piketberg. Our route will take us through just over 100km of stunning country-side from Tableview.

First stop for a coffee and some retail therapy will be the **DESERT ROSE FARM STALL** at the intersection of Koringberg and the N7. This pad-stalletjie has recently changed hands and is a good place for the 'gatherer' in you. They have shelves stocked with 'all-sorts' of interesting things! They were recently a finalist in the kFm Competition—**THE BEST OF THE CAPE WITH KFM 94.5**. Sadly Houw Hoek beat them to the prize, but we believe it is still an excellent stop to stretch your legs after leaving Tableview.

Once leaving Desert Rose we will head to the **ORG DE RAC** organic wine estate. This estate is a contemporary pioneer of organic vines in the Swartland. The farm comprises some 261ha of which a portion is planted to vines. It is owned by Nico Bacon and released its first wines in 2005. Its cellar master is Frank Meaker, grandson of Kanonkop founder Paul Sauer. Visitors to the farm, whose green hillside vineyards make it a beacon among the surrounding wheat fields, can enjoy a chocolate-and-wine or oyster-and-MCC pairing on the elevated veranda. They will prepare our lunch and if you choose you can do a wine tasting beforehand!

Cost for the day is R625 per person
(including transport and lunch).

Booking and payment deadline: Friday 21st October, '22
COACH WILL LEAVE CONSTANTIA VILLAGE @ 08H45
& TABLEVIEW (Virgin Active / Tableview Library) @ 09H30

SCHEDULED TOUR: ELGIN OPEN GARDENS

Day Trip: Sunday 6th 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 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 Sunday 6th November**.

We will visit 2 gardens in the morning; followed by lunch, with entertainment at the fabulous Elgin Railway Market:

Auldearn:

A plants-woman garden that skilfully mixes unusual indigenous and exotic plants, with a focus on colour combinations. Panoramic views are framed by informal mixed plantings dominated by flowering cherries & roses.

Fresh Woods:

Rambling, romantic plantsman garden with major collection of heritage and species roses; many rare trees and shrubs; unusual hydrangeas; & over 80 Japanese maple trees! **& plenty more—**

The Elgin Railway Market:

Separate stall holders with the focus on gardening & items of interest. In addition it will act as a lunch break stop where you can order a delectable lunch from one of their stall holders.

PRICE FOR THIS RELAXING DAY IN THE COUNTRY, IS: R625 per person,

This includes:

Entrance to the two gardens & coach transport. Lunch at the Elgin Railway Market - own account.

Pick up times @Tableview Library: 08h15 & Constantia Village @ 09h00

(Bookings for this tour have been low & if this doesn't improve we will need to cancel our visit).

ELGIN RAILWAY MARKET



DEPARTURES CAPE TOWN TO ELGIN



Operated by:



UPDATED
11 AUGUST
2022

MONTH	CODES:	TRAIN TRIP	FULL / COMPLETE	NO TRAIN
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER		SAT 22	SAT 29	
NOVEMBER	SAT 5	SAT 12	SAT 26	
DECEMBER	SAT 3	SUN 4	SAT 10	SUN 11
DECEMBER	SAT 17	SUN 18		
JANUARY	SAT 7	SUN 8	SAT 14	SAT 21 SAT 28
FEBRUARY	SAT 4	SAT 18	SAT 25	

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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>



CELEBRATION: TIME OUT IS 22 / TRAVELTIME IS 15

24th November '22



Where have the years gone?

Planning is well underway to celebrate the

COMING OF AGE OF
TIME OUT (22 YEARS)
& TRAVELTIME (15 YEARS)

Tradition has it that the venue
remains a mystery—

You will not know where we are going -
'until-we-get-there'

We have the reputation of
'putting-on-a-good-party' -
so, get ready to
celebrate with us!

In 2021 we visited **Utopia** in central Cape Town (A really happy place with spectacular views). Read the tour report and view the photos:
<https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/time-out-is-21>

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





OP DIE BERG HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES

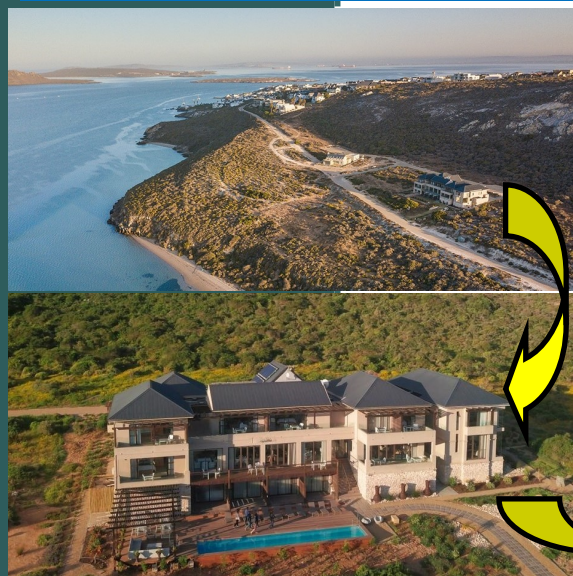
On a recent 'educational' trip in the Cederberg we travelled along route 303 from Citrusdal to Ceres and came across a 'Little gem' in a small town, Op-Die-Berg in the Koue Bokkeveld area, 49km from Ceres. Experience a breath of fresh air!

Whet your appetite!

- [Our route](#) to our base in Tulbagh will pass through the Huguenot tunnel.
- [Gin tasting](#) in the Breede Valley and then a light lunch at Rietdakkie Padstal (Own account).
- ♦ [Accommodation](#) (3 nights) reserved at the 4* Tulbagh Boutique Heritage Hotel.
- ♦ [Things to do:](#) Tuk Tuk tour / Oakhurst Olives / Saronsberg wines / Kole en Deeg / Fynbos Café / Hillbilly Farmstall / Made in Tulbagh / Adene Flowers
- ♦ [Old Year 31st December '22:](#) Dinner at Readers Restaurant.
- ♦ [New Year 1st January '23:](#) Travel through Ceres over Mitchells Pass / Prince Alfred Hamlet / stop at Source Handmade Foods (if open) / over Gydo Pass to **Op die Berg Horse & Carriage Rides**, where we will spend some time enjoying the countryside & partaking in a carriage ride and sharing lunch.

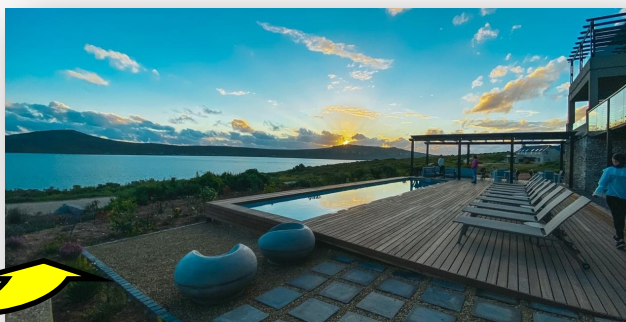
Bookings have been brisk. 10 confirmed: If you want to join this tour please confirm asap. Request a tour brochure or visit: www.traveltime.co.za





Our 2021 tour was held at Houwhoek Inn in their new function venue. A great day with good food, but sweltering heat spoilt the fun! Read the report:
<https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mystery-venue-2021>

We have decided that future tours around this time of the year must be near the ocean and our prospective venue fits the bill perfectly.



This new development is situated along the coast between Botrivier and Elands Bay. We will be running a competition which will provide clues to its situation and name. Watch Facebook for future information.



Over the years we have often stayed at Piekenierskloof Lodge or had meals there during flower season. There is actually a lot to experience in the area from Piketberg through to Porterville and Citrusdal.

Our 4 day tour will include:

- # Accommodation at the Lodge.
- # Porterville and its Art Route.
- # Citrusdal and 'By Die Dam' Resort / Salome's Grapevine Restaurant
- # Cederkloof Botanical Retreat (Near The Baths Natural hot springs).
We spent a night here with our American group in August '22
- # A special dinner at Hebron Gusthouse. (Rooibos / Wine Paring experience).

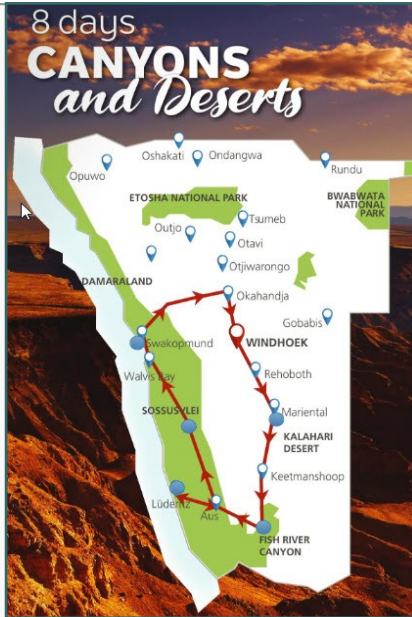
Steve Oldroyd , owner, has provided this unique experience for us on numerous occasions during flower season.

- # Visit the Farmers Market in 'Bo Piketberg' - on top of the mountain. The farms in this area are renowned for their delicious pears, peaches, apples, plums and citrus fruits.



For full details, request a priced Information brochure.

Tour = 8 days + 1 day each pre and post tour = 10



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. (low numbers).

We have updated the original tour details & costing and have evaluated the route which includes the Kolmanskop Ghost Town and can now confirm this 2nd option.

Day 1: We plan to reserve seats on an Airlink flight to Windhoek (to be confirmed), where a vehicle awaits to transfer us to our overnight accommodation. We 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.

For full details and pricing of this tour please refer to our website:
<https://www.travelttime.co.za/package/namibia-2023>



KALAHARI DESERT



SOSSUSVLEI



CATAMARAN CRUISE



FISH RIVER CANYON



DEAD VLEI



QUAD BIKE RIDE OPTION



LUDERITZ-WILD HORSES



SWAKOPMUND



LIVING DESERT TOUR OPTION



KOLMANSKOP



FLAMINGOS



AVANHI HOTEL WINDHOEK

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