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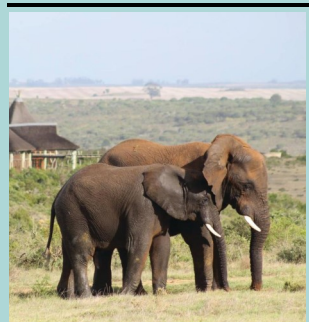
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2023 Tour Planning UPCOMING TOURS

The following schedule is current as at 3rd January '23. We will continue to provide updates & additional information in future newsletters, as planning progresses:

2023 Tour dates: In blue are confirmed / In black are Provisional

TIME OUT

- **16 February '23: Going South-Simonstown: (1 Day)** **EARLIER DATE** Page: 3
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'PLANNING STAGE'-TOURS:

- **Various day trips: Steam Train: Elgin Railway Market** TBA
- **25th May '23: Time Out heads to Franschhoek** TBA
- **15-17 Sept '23: Darling Flower Festival (3 Days):** TBA
- **14-16 October '23: Sutherland & SALT telescope** TBA

'BON VOYAGE'-TOURS:



Twelve of us celebrated the New Year of 2023 in Tulbagh & Surrounds. Tour Highlights: - ADENE FLOWERS / OP-DIE-BERG (Horse and Carriage Rides: Geselligheid around the table @ the Home of Deon & Annatjie / MUSEUM TOURS / SARONSBERG / THEUNISKRAAL & FUN & FRIENDSHIP IN TULBAGH.

Read full report on our website: <https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/old-year-2022>

TOUR REPORT—MYSTERY VENUE

29th January 2023



Twenty Four of us headed out of Cape Town on the 12th Mystery Tour. Final destination was **SHARK BAY** just outside **LANGEBAAN**. What a fabulous day - GREAT FOOD; FRIENDLY SERVICE;; and above all a venue par excellence with views over the Langebaan Lagoon and the Cherry on the Top was that we were all cool indoors in their air-conditioned restaurant. Elaine won the prize for guessing where the venue was. Thanks to all for trying their 'hand' at the clues.

Also sincere thanks for the following fabulous comments after the day - Brian and I appreciate these very much. We have forwarded them on to Shark Bay.

- Elaine – What a start to 2023! Thank you both for a fantastic outing yesterday – The Venue & Food were absolutely 5*
- Angela – The venue – Shark Bay Hotel was the epitome of hospitality – innovative cocktails – food excellent & service with a smile.
- Ingrid – Just a short note to thank you for a lovely day – stunning venue and view with delicious food!

Read full report on our website:

<https://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mystery-venue-2023>

I have been asked: "Why do we never go South of the City?", so here is my answer: Our first outing will be in February, on 16th, a bit earlier in the month than normal and we will be heading into Simonstown.

Cilla Maud, who recently, along with Allan, opened an art gallery opposite Jubilee Square and has helped me SO much with 'where-to-eat' 'where-to-shop' 'where-the-best-ice-creams' are; I feel you will have a great time exploring.. Need more than a morning!



Some suggestions from Cilla's list

* Pearl Alley (Pearls are our passion).	* CraftArt (Home Wares).
* Kalidas -Wearing apparel—for 50 Years!	* Maximalist (Antiques / Collectibles)
* Hunter & Collector (Quirky Collectibles).	* Just Nuisance Art Gallery (Cilla & Allan)

A detailed map will be given to you on the coach to take full advantage of as many of the attractions that you can manage.. The lunch venue will also be confirmed.

Cost for the day is R625 per person

Including transport and lunch.

Booking and payment deadline—Friday 10th February, 2023

**COACH WILL LEAVE: TABLEVIEW LIBRARY @ 08H45
& CONSTANTIA VILLAGE @ 09H30**

Last time we visited Yzerfontein was in 2019 - **TIME FOR A RE-VISIT**, to an area which is growing



rapidly. They now have their own Art Route. We are presently putting a plan into action together, which will see us visiting a couple of the artists who each have their 'own story' as to why they love living in **The Pearl of the West Coast—Yzerfontein.**

More in the March newsletter.



Regrettably this tour has been postponed, due to lack of interest. Perhaps it was scheduled too soon after the Christmas holidays and our Old Year tour. It really is a fantastic area to visit, so we will put this on the back burner for later in the year.

Our 4 day tour will allow us to take in the “New” and “Old” areas, attractions and restaurants.:

After much thought and discussion, we have produced a list of “Places to visit” & “things to do” for consideration in our final Itinerary.

- ◆ Our home for 3 nights will, of course, be the Montagu Country Hotel where we can relax and experience their new menus in the in-house restaurant “Charlestons”. (Dinner & Breakfast).
- ◆ We will also enjoy evening meals at other venues, ie The Blu Vines Restaurant in Montagu.
- ◆ Lunches will be booked for our road trips to Robertson, Ashton, as well as Greenlands Farm (in the foothills of the majestic Langeberg mountains) on the R60 to Swellendam .
- ◆ We will visit Zandvliet & Van Loveren Wine Estates for wine and gin tasting.
- ◆ Whilst we will consider the popular tractor trip on the Protea Farm (spectacular views), there is also a local farmer named Redbeard who offers vineyard tours by tractor.
- ◆ Let's not forget the Viljoensdrift River Cruise; we can enjoy a light lunch on the Breede river.
- ◆ There is a local (Montagu) “Ghost Tour” which we will include as well.

BOOK ASAP:

We already have 8 booked and can add another 4



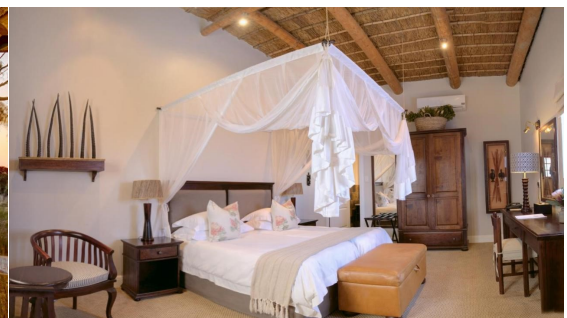
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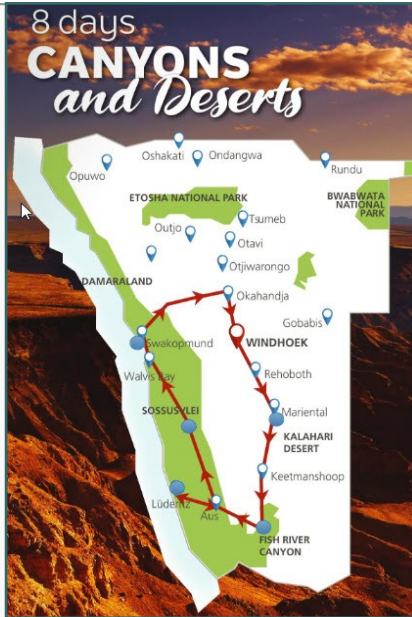
We have often passed this Game Lodge situated off the N2, near Albertinia whilst on various tours and have made mental notes to plan a tour here. This is now a reality. Our 4 day tour offers:

- # Road transport to and from the Lodge (3½ hours from Cape Town).
- # Accommodation in spacious Main Lodge rooms with balcony / Dinner (Serengeti Restaurant) / Bed & Breakfast. (Lunch optional extra) / Complimentary Wi Fi available.
- # 2 x 2hr game drives per day included (Open vehicle) / Guided game walk available (optional extra) / Bird walking trail available.
- # Visit the Bird Hide (150 species on the reserve).
- # This is a Big 5 game lodge and has the following animals: elephant / white rhino / lion / buffalo / Cape Eland / kudu / black wilde-beest / zebra / springbok / gemsbok / cape fox / bushbuck / caracal / bat eared fox /duiker / cape mountain leopard / cheetah, giraffe and red hartebeest.
- # The on site Ayana Spa offers massages and treatments (Own Account / booking necessary).
- # Swimming Pools (hot & cold).

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.traveltime.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



AVANI HOTEL WINDHOEK

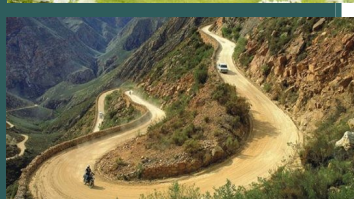
Bookings have been brisk- 6 confirmed: If you want to join this tour please confirm asap.

Request a tour brochure or visit: www.traveltime.co.za

SCHEDULED TOUR: SNOW & ART-OUTSHOORN

18th-21st July '23 (4 Days)

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We have secured the 4-star, 8 roomed Manor House on the Swartberg Country Manor property, for our 3 night stay.

Our 4-day tour offers the following:

- Think log fires and snow on the mountains
- Evenings enjoying fabulous cuisine with local ingredients
- **Art** (for those who wish to let-themselves-indulge)-we are working with local residents to provide an art course. Details to follow.
- Or for those who are not budding artists -a good book; & relaxation galore!
- En-Route to the Swartberg Country Manor we will travel over the spectacular Tradouw pass, spending time in Barrydale, enjoying the town & the quirky Diesel and Crème restaurant.
- Being close to the Swartberg Pass our tour can include a day where we go over this fabulous Mountain Pass and spend a full day exploring Prince Albert, or spend a day exploring De Rust which is a quaint village close to Oudtshoorn – get to meet the locals! (Visit an ostrich farm and do some gath-ering!).

A detailed itinerary will be provided before departure.

For full details, request a priced Information brochure.

SCHEDULED TOUR: WILD FLOWER ADVENTURE

7-10 & 21-24 August '23 (4 days)



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.

SCHEDULED TOUR: WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS

Saturday 19th 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! **For full details, please request a priced tour brochure**

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SCHEDULED TOUR: WEST COAST FLOWERS

22nd-26th August '23 (5 Days)



Traditionally the **West Coast flower season is at its best from mid-August to mid-September**. Our tour is in the middle of this period! Join us to celebrate **SPRING, up and along the WEST COAST** - we will visit many places and make sure you go home with memories galore!

Highlights:

- Accommodation: 2 nights each: **Darling Lodge & The Saldanha Protea Hotel**.
- We will spend a full day in the **West Coast National Park**, (Including the **Postberg Flower Reserve** which is only open in August & September each year.
- Visit **Darling Orchids** on a guided tour
- See how Darling has grown - including visits to **Evita se Perron; Darling Brew; Tienie Versveld flower reserve; Darling Sweets**
- Go on a guided tour to the **West Coast Fossil Park**
- Explore **Hopefield & Bokkom Laan**
- Visit **Paternoster**

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SCHEDULED TOUR: SPRING FLOWERS-NORTHERN CAPE

31st Aug-4th Sept '23 (5 Days)



The Crème-de-la-crème of flower areas is **NIEUWOUDVILLE** in the Northern Cape. Known as the **"Bulb Capital of the World"**

Traveltime is **extremely fortunate to have secured 3 nights on the DE LANDE FARM** - part of the **PAPKUILSFONTEIN farm**. We have **7 rooms secured for 3 nights** on this farm - all meals will be enjoyed on the Papkuilsfontein farm. En Route to De Lande farm we will have one night at the **PIEKENIERSKLOOF MOUNTAIN LODGE**.

Highlights of this 5 day tour are :

- **West Coast National Park / Postberg Flower Reserve.**
- **Rooibos and gin tasting at De Tol** - very close to Piekenierskloof Mountain Lodge
- The annual **Clanwilliam flower show** (dates to still be released but usually end of August!).
- Visit the succulent nurse in vanrhynsdorp.
- **Hantam Botanical Gardens** walk-about in their flower fields
- Guided afternoon tour with **Willem on the Papkuilsfontein farm** (definitely one for the bucket-list)
- Visit to the **waterfall** (usually fabulous after good rains); **Quiver (Kokerboom) Forest**;
- An afternoon spent in **Loeriesfontein** (visit their Windmill Museum)
- Pannekoek at the NGK Church who have a church bazaar during flower season!
- Visit the annual **NGK Bazaar for pannekoek!**.....more on our pre-tour itinerary.

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