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## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023

As we welcome the new year, we also welcome a brighter and more exciting newsletter. We have been working hard to bring you destinations that will whet your travel appetite. But we also want to hear from you! We value your feedback and suggestions, so please feel free to reach out to us with any areas or venues you'd like to see us include. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the new and improved newsletter. We're excited to embark on this journey with you and look forward to sharing all the exciting content we have in store.

**Ever hear of the Freebird Club?** *Read all about it on Page 4*

### Tour No. 1



**Our Venue today** has a long and illustrious history along the Cape Town coast. The building was erected in 1905 - After seeing great success between the 1920s and 1940s, the building became dilapidated and run down until being rescued in the late 1950's.



**MYSTERY VENUE**  
21 January 2024

Request a priced  
brochure

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Tour No. 2



**KWAZULU - NATAL**  
10-15 March 2024

Embark on a journey through history on the guided Battlefield tours. Led by an experienced field guide, you'll have the opportunity to explore two pivotal battles in South Africa's past. The first stop on the tour is the **Battle of Blood River at Rorke's Drift**, where you can view the 64 replicas of Voortrekker wagons cast in bronze. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience! Also included are the Drakensberg Boys Choir and travel through Midlands Meander.



**KAROO QUEEN HOUSEBOAT**  
7-10 April 2024

Docked at the water's edge, our beautiful home away from home is decked out with all the luxuries and comforts you could wish for. Guests on board the Karoo Queen are treated to true Karoo hospitality, with delicious local cuisine and plenty of opportunities to explore the natural wonder of this paradise. Whether you're fishing, bird watching or game viewing or just soaking in the serenity of the **Gariep Dam**, you're sure to leave feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.



Tour No. 3

Tour No. 4



**KNYSNA**  
12-16 May 2024

Knysna always remains an excellent place to visit! We are planning a 5-day road trip to take place just before the Cape Winter sets in again. Join us to explore Knysna / Plettenberg Bay and surrounding areas! Accommodation is booked in the lush 4\* "The Moorings Hotel", situated just outside Knysna, on George Rex Drive.



**GARDEN ROUTE GAME LODGE**  
13-16 June 2024

**Our 4 day tour offers:** Road transport to and from the Lodge ( 3½ hours from Cape Town). / Accommodation in the spacious Main Lodge room, with balcony / Dinner (Serengeti Restaurant) / Bed & Breakfast. (Lunch optional extra) / Complimentary Wi Fi available. Game drives 2 x 2hr per day included (Open vehicle) / Guided game walk available (optional extra) / Bird walking trail available.



Tour No. 5





Tour No. 6



## WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS

17 August 2024

If you're looking for a breathtaking display of wildflowers, the **West Coast National Park is the place to go during the flower season**. The park, situated just a short drive from Cape Town, South Africa, is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, including over 300 species of birds and more than 1,000 different types of plants.



## SPRING FLOWERS 2024.1

19-23 August 2024

Spring in South Africa is a magical time of the year when the landscape comes alive with an array of vibrant and colorful flowers. From the bright orange of the Namaqualand daisies to the rainbow colours of the wildflowers, South Africa is home to a stunning variety of flora. One of the most iconic springtime events in South Africa is the annual blooming of the West Coast wildflowers, over August & September each year.



Tour No. 7

## SPRING FLOWERS 2024.2

27-31 August 2024

South Africa is home to some of the most beautiful and diverse wild **flowering bulbs** in the world. With over 1200 species of bulbs, the country boasts a stunning display of colors and shapes during the flowering season. These bulbs are found in different regions of South Africa, from the dry west coast to the wet eastern regions. Overall, South Africa's wild flowering bulbs are a sight to behold and a true testament to the country's natural beauty



Tour No. 8

## WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS

7 September 2024

During the flower season, which typically runs from August to September, the park bursts into a kaleidoscope of colors, as fields of daisies, lilies, and other wildflowers come into bloom. Aside from the stunning flora, the park is also home to a variety of wildlife, including ostriches, eland, and bontebok. Visitors may also catch a glimpse of the park's resident baboons, who are known to be quite mischievous.



Tour No. 9





# EVER HEAR OF **THE FREEBIRD CLUB**?

(Question ex page 1)



Freebird Club is a social travel club for over 50s. It is designed to enable and empower members to travel, connect, share, meet and stay with each other, as part of a trusted membership community of peers.

Freebird Club is for people who love travel - but also love helping other people travel too. As a member you can tap into the authentic local insight & experience of other members, as well as sharing your own insider knowledge with those visiting your area. At any one time, Freebirds may be at home or away, but we are always Freebird friends, and we're here to help each other fly.

## Travel, connect, inspire to fly higher

Meet like-minded people,  
share knowledge, empower  
others and embrace new  
adventures with fellow  
Freebirds.

## Our mission involves:

- Connecting mature explorers at home & away, through meaningful travel and shared social experiences.
- Vision: A global community of connected older adults who see the world as their oyster and empower each other to savour it, together.

## BUT HOW DOES TRAVELTIME FIT INTO THIS?

### Freebird is expanding their network of event partners:

#### 4. Traveltime Tours

Traveltime Tours is our most recent verified tour provider in South Africa, Cape Town. Founded by Brian and Carol Coombes 23 years ago, Traveltime Tours prides itself on offering bespoke tours for people over 50. Members of our community will receive a 10% discount on all bookings made directly through their website.

See the list of tours here: <https://www.traveltime.co.za>



The above is just a snippet of what is available on the Freebird website, so why not connect  
<https://earlybird.freebirdclub.com/>



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