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TimeOut
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NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

Our first scheduled Traveltime tour for January 2024, the **"Mystery Venue tour"** had to be cancelled due to low numbers. Also our **KwaZulu Natal-Battlefields tour** in March also suffered the same fate - low numbers, even though we did extensive pre tour advertising. We believe this is directly as a result of South Africa's bad economy and upcoming elections.

Our first scheduled **Time Out** outing to **Vrymansfontein in South Paarl**, was due to take place on **29th February** and has now been **rescheduled for 25th April**.

Come with us today to the stylish new venue in the Suid-Paarl area – this working almond farm is home to an unique offering in 'The Winelands experience'.

- **The TREE BAR** under the shade of old oak trees in an alfresco setting is perfect for groups eating together. They offer fresh & simple dishes, in an informal environment – think *Lebanese style mezze, delicious finger food and refreshing salads!*

Food circles in Cape Town are abuzz with this new venue!!



Cost per person:
R695



VRYMANSFONTEIN
25th April 2024

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Cost per person:
R15,190 Sharing
R17,546 Single



KNYSNA / PLETT 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.



Cost per person:
R13,960 Sharing
R16,648 Single

Cost per person:
R12,860 Sharing
R12,860 Single



WINTER BREAK-OVERBERG 15-18 July 2024



- **Whale watching** from the cliffs in Hermanus.
- Superb farm accommodation at High Season Farm (4*) Hemel-en-Aarde Valley for 3 nights.
- Lunch at Moggs Country House.
- Wine tasting in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.
- Visit the penguins in Betty's Bay.
- 'Vintage' movies in Hermanus @ Romantiques!

SPRING FLOWER TOUR 17 August 2024 (One Day)



Every year in August and September the **West Coast National Park opens the Postberg Flower Reserve**. Here the colors 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 Postberg.



Cost per person:
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All Flower Tours are very popular and seats need to be secured early in the year to avoid disappointment

Cost per person:
R13,850 Sharing
R15,444 Single



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.

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.



Cost per person:
R13,940 Sharing
R15,416 Single

Cost per person:
ON APPLICATION



WEST COAST PARK FLOWERS 7 September 2024



During the flower season, which typically runs from August through 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.

ROUTE 62 & BEYOND 9-13 September



Route 62 remains a fascinating road to travel. It is labelled "A Journey into the Unexpected". Join TRAVELTIME in revealing the unexpected. Discover peace and tranquility in springtime, in the Western Cape. Travel over the Swartberg Pass into Prince Albert. / Stay in the Montagu Country Hotel / Swartberg Country Manor.

Experience the Viljoensdrift Boat Cruise on the Breede river. This is a peaceful getaway into a world of serene beauty and relaxation.



Cost per person:
R16,530 Sharing
R18,018 Single

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SAT 3	SAT 17	SAT 24

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SAT 23	SAT 30	

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Experience the Namib Desert with its monumental dunes and ever-changing colours; see the Sossusvlei area at sunrise, the Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon. Enjoy a picnic under age old Camelthorn trees. Travel through the Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund, then travel north to experience the abundant wildlife in the Etosha National Park. Whatever your requirement in Namibia, we can assist.



**Tour Prices Available
On Application**

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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

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