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JULY 2014

Have Fun,
Festival
Goers!



5th-12th July
Grahamstown

Bon Voyage

On Saturday 5th July the Coach rolls out of Cape Town bound for Grahamstown and the 40th anniversary of the National Arts Festival! ***If you missed the 'coach' this year - PLEASE do an early booking for 2015 as we intend to book the same accommodation and make this an annual pilgrimage to the Festival.*** To those of you who are **lucky enough to be going—BON VOYAGE—SAFE TRAVELS and come back with wonderful memories of a fabulous trip!**



SOETES EN SOP

TOUR: 19th JULY (Saturday) - Breedekloof

Come and get lost on the most scenic winery in the Cape Winelands and beat away the wintery blues at the annual **Breedekloof Soetes & Soup 2014** festival, taking place on **Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July**. This fun-filled event hosted by wineries in the Rawsonville, Slanghoek, Goudini, and Breede River areas, combats the chills by serving complimentary cups of steaming homemade country soup accompanied by a glass of multiple award-winning soetes (dessert wines) including Hanepoot, Muscadell, Noble Late Harvest, Red Jerepigo and Port.

Highlights during the weekend include live entertainment, soup & wine pairing, a farmer's market, chocolate soup & port tasting, cooperage demonstrations, various stalls and children's entertainment.



Cost of the Soetes en Sop tour is R300 per person and includes your transport / Soup mug and Wine Tasting glass

No lunch is included - after all the soup, if you still feel peckish there are options you can pick up at the various estates.

Book by Monday 30th June & pay by Friday 11th July

Soetes & Soup
BREDEKLOOF
18 - 19 July 2014

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SPRING FLOWER TOUR

Only ONE place open

TOUR: 13th – 17th AUGUST - De Lande Farm

We are privileged this year to have obtained accommodation on the De Lande Guesthouse. We have secured ALL their accommodation – i.e. 4 en suite rooms in the Main Guest House with extra accommodation in Jan Voorman's Cottage – an additional 2 en suite rooms on the De Lande property. This means we can take 12 people (all sharing) – which is essential for this unique accommodation. In the evenings after our full days of exploring the area with their magnificent flowers we will be spoilt with home cooked meals in their spacious lounge and dining room. For this tour we will explore the Nieuwoudtville area including the Hantam Botanical Gardens ; the Waterfall outside of town ; and Papkuilsfontein with the guided tour with Willem that has become such a part of our Spring Flower Tours.

Day Trip
Saturday
30th August

THE WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK

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

We are allowing you the freedom of choice on this coach trip. You may bring along your own picnic lunch OR you can book and pre-pay for a lunch at the Geelbek Restaurant

COST of the coach trip which includes your entrance into the park
(Locals pay R56—Internationals pay R120 entrance into the WCNP)

WITH LUNCH R410 per person (With SA ID cost)

WITHOUT LUNCH R300 per person (With SA ID cost)

(Add R64 to each of the above if you will be using an International Passport)

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12th to 14th
September

WHALE WATCHING

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Hermanus, plays host to thousands of visitors (in 2013 they welcomed 130 000 visitors) who flock to the seaside resort to exhilarate in the unique natural environment and watch the whales. Whale Festival dates for 2014: 3rd – 6th October. Having personally visited Hermanus during this time, we have been 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. Our base will be in Walker Bay, at selective Lodges / apartments on the seashore in De Kelders which is situated between Hermanus and Gansbaai, 160km from Cape Town.

De Kelders is known as the best land-based whale watching destination in the world.

Price for this 3 day tour on a 15seater coach with a minimum of 9 passengers in 4 star accommodation is **R4585 per person sharing**. There is no additional charge for single occupancy (there will be a few 'single' rooms available) Book ASAP to secure a place on this exciting tour.

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West Coast & It's People!



Price for the West Coast Tour is R7420 per person (No single supplement)

BOOK ASAP as there are only a few spaces available!



NAMIBIA 2015 TOUR

Our next 9 day tour to Namibia is scheduled for June / July 2015

Please confirm your interest so that we can add your name to our list.

18th—21st
November

EXPLORE THE WEST COAST

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The West Coast always conjures up images of people living the laid-back life of this area. I have always wanted to do a tour of this area, [in depth](#). November is a great time in the Western Cape in that the winter storms are a thing of the past, and the day temperatures are starting to warm with the promise of summer coming. We will base ourselves in [Paternoster](#) at good 4* B&B or self catering accommodation.

[!Khwa Ttu](#) We have often driven right past this new area on the R27. Today you will learn more about the San during the tour of a replica cultural village. You will see the intricacies of making beads from ostrich egg shells, witness San pipe smoking and the art of making a fire using a rotating stick. Lunch will be enjoyed in their restaurant.

[Muisboskerm](#) - Voted one of the "Top Ten Sea Views to Dine For" by National Geographic. Also "Getaway's Top Ten" by Readers Digest. What started off as a hobby to entertain family and friends in Lamberts Bay soon turned into a business. I strongly believe this to still be the **'best' outdoor seafood lunch along the West Coast.**

[Velddrif](#) and its crafty people - Spend some time in Velddrif meeting the crafts people of this unique area. What about meeting Dan Ahlers who refuses to buy wood and only uses recycled wood for his work; Judy Smit who works at Britannia Bay with recycled wine bottles and makes platters which are stunningly beautiful. Lunch on this day will be "what this area is famous for" its Fish and Chips!

[Abalone House](#) - A dinner reservation here is a must. Reuben, who needs no introduction, has now taken over management of this restaurant!

Reserve your place as soon as possible - [our November tour is always a favourite tour before the Christmas break!](#)



PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Our new on line accounting package allows you to pay for your tour with your credit card. This facility removes the burden of having to go into the bank to make your deposit. For those already paying by bank transfer, you now have a second payment option.

As with anything in life, there is a cost involved and we need to see how this compares with the existing cash / cheque deposit method.

Please let us know whether you would like to pay by credit card. We can then take a final decision.



NAMIBIA SHORT BREAKS

& Scheduled Tours

[Below is a selection of available tours.](#) For full details on any item, please send us an email requesting a **Tour Itinerary** and pricing, to suit your dates.

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| • CANYONS & DESERTS | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • FOUR DESERTS TOUR | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS | 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS |
| • SOSSUSVLEI SHUTTLE | 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS |
| • ETOSHA SHUTTLE | 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS |



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