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NEWSLETTER

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

**BOOK ASAP** as there is only one room available!

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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 <u>Paternoster</u> at good 4\* self catering accommodation.

<u>!Khwa Ttu</u> 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.

<u>Muisbosskerm</u> - 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.

Lunch with Kobus van der Merwe in Paternoster. Kobus will serve us a lunch to remember. We eat in the open courtyard at the back of the legendary Oep ve Koep store. Kobus trained as a chef at the Institute of Culinary Arts in Stellenbosch, and he is known for his different, unusual food. He grew up on seaweed jelly and you often find this on the menu. You will eat askoek (ash bread) hot from the ashes in his braai served with lashings of home-made butter!

Kobus makes sure that his restaurant will be remembered by guests as a 'one-of-a-kind-experience"

<u>Abalone House</u> – 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!







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#### **MYSTERY VENUE TOUR**





#### Today you will:

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### MYSTERY VENUE TOUR



Sunday 7th December

# Join us today on a magical journey of ethical eating

We were made aware of this venue in August and arranged a site visit.

Wow, what an utterly spectacular restaurant showcasing modern building design and décor. The magnificent views from within and from the veranda are jaw dropping.

The Restaurant opened in December 2013 on a farm which originated in 1847. Today the farm consists of 313 Hectare of Fynbos heaven, a few olive trees with only 14 Hectare under vine; the first vintage was produced in 2005.

We are providing clues about our ultimate destination to allow you to guess where we are going. The 1st clue was published in our October Newsletter and the 2nd and last clue is available below. At the end of November all correct answers will be put into a random draw and we will offer a complimentary tour to the first name drawn.

### **GUESS THE VENUE COMPETITION:**

**CLUE NO. 1** 

The area we will be visiting is situated in a valley:

- Approximately 110km form Cape Town & close to an area famous for its annual 'mammal' festival in Spring each year
- Many people would move heaven and earth to go here.

Make a note of the valley name and keep it handy for use with Clue No. 2, which will be available in the November newsletter

### **GUESS THE VENUE COMPETITION:**

**CLUE NO. 2 (FINAL)** 

The restaurant name comprises 3 words (one 3 letter and two 4 letter words), all of which are contained in the following anagram:

### **ALVEOLI FEET**

Re-arrange the above letters and you will have the name. It is that simple. Phone or email us your guess and if it is correct we will put your name into the draw which will take place on Friday 28th November.

Booking should be made as soon as possible as we will only be taking 44 passengers.

As at 30th October we have 35 booked. Cost of this tour is R385 per person,

including transport and two course lunch

Payment by Friday 28th November please. Coach will leave TABLEVIEW at 08h45 and CONSTANTIA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE at 09h30

## 2015 Planning

Our 2015 planning is already at an advanced stage and we will be releasing full details and costs of each tour on our website, on brochures and in upcoming newsletters as soon as they become available.

An early booking ensures that you secure your place on your tour of choice.

Join in the friendship & fun.

**Traveltime & Time Out** trips are geared for the mature / young at heart traveler. Break-away on single day coach trips during the week for ladies /men or with partners and friends for week-ends or longer periods, currently up to 11 days.

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# 2015 Planning -continued

# MOUNT CAMDEBOO PRIVATE GAME RESERVE 10th—15th May 2015

We already have 5 confirmed bookings







Join us on a road trip through **Prince Albert and Graaff Reinet** to this spectacular **5 star private game reserve** in the mountains. Enjoy an early morning game drive followed by brunch, high tea, afternoon game drive and dinner in the comfortable Camdeboo Manor or in the boma.

Experience sunsets & sun-downers in the bush under the guidance of professional guides.

Get to see what our 2014 group are talking about! Read the 2014 tour report, with photos, on our website: http://www.traveltime.co.za/portfolio/mount-camdeboo-private-game-reserve

For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure

#### **NAMIBIA**

7th—17th July 2015



### We already have 10 confirmed bookings



We fly into Windhoek and spend I night pre and post tour, 2 nights in Sossusvlei (highest dunes in the world), 2 nights in Swakopmund / Walvis Bay before driving through Damaraland (I night) into Etosha National Park (3 nights). We then return to Windhoek. Total II days 10 nights. There is also an option of excluding Sossusvlei and joining the tour in Swakopmund. (9 days).

For full details and pricing, please request a tour brochure

# SPRING FLOWERS 12th—16th August 2015



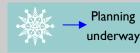
Accommodation has been booked!



The first day will be spent in the West Coast National Park (Postberg Reserve) with an overnight stop in Paternoster. We then head up to Clanwilliam before checking into our guest house in Nieuwoudtville where we will stay for the next 3 nights. Visits to Matjiesfontein, Papkuilsfontein and Hantam Botanical Garden are planned.

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## OTHER TOURS (ON THE HORIZON) FOR 2015





**Park** in Botswana, but this was cancelled due to low passenger numbers. It is time to re-look at this again.

We have previously put together a tour to Victoria Falls (Zambia), including Chobe National

- What about a **train or boat trip** this year? We will be investigating these as well.
- In October 2010 Carol took a group to *Lalibella Game Reserve* near Grahamstown. Passengers still talk about the special time they had on this tour. Brian never had the chance to travel with them, so perhaps it is time to visit Lalibella again.
- On returning from our National Arts tour in July this year we stayed in a fabulous guest house in
   Plettenberg Bay (Christiana Lodge). Carol & some of the ladies on tour got talking to the Chef about hosting a cooking course early in 2015. Carol has since contacted the Chef and discussions are at an advanced stage.

