



**FAIRVIEW
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Editorial

The New Year has started very slowly for us and if it had not been for a few private tours we would have been very concerned. However after Easter things look a lot brighter and we have received good bookings for some of the tours.

The tour to Groenfontein has been well supported and we will be taking both of our vehicles. However we still have room for two more passengers. Are there any takers?

The trip to Namibia is now open for bookings. For this tour we have to apply for permits to allow us to work in that country. Therefore your bookings are urgently required to get the trip off the ground.

Our Kalahari safari also needs to fill up now. We have a couple of bookings and would like to fill up as soon as we can.

The Safari to the Serengeti to witness the Great Migration is fully booked with 13 people travelling to Tanzania. Everyone is very excited at the prospect of a great adventure.

We have also got our first bookings for the Spring Flower Tours and interest is being shown for the Hogsback and the Garden Route & Addo Rose Show tour.

We now need to consolidate the cruise to the island of St Helena. If you are serious about this holiday please contact us urgently. We have provisional reservations of cabins on the RMS but this facility will expire in May. For details see the last page.

We have also redone our web page. For those of you who have access to the internet you can always see the latest newsletter on line. Have a look! www.fairviewtouring.com

Gill and I look forward to you travelling with us.

Eric & Gill



A visit to the Alpaca Farm on the Christmas Tour.

2013 Programme

GROENFONTEIN

DEPARTING: – 10 April 2013 - 4 days

Tour Price: R5100.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R750.00

Groenfontein lies in the Swartberg Mountains near Calitzdorp. We travel up Route 62 to Calitzdorp where we have lunch. Thereafter we head into the mountains to the RETREAT. This is the place where you will need good walking shoes, a good book or two or even your painting materials. We stay in this tranquil setting for three nights allowing plenty of time just to relax and unwind, enjoying farmhouse style hospitality and fabulous food.

NAMIBIA - SOUTH

Departing 20 May 2013 – 8 days

Tour Price: R12420.00 p. p. sharing.

Single Supplement R1110.00

This is another exciting adventure as we explore the southern regions of Namibia. The tour will include part of the Richtersveld north of the Orange River, Luderitz, Kolmanskop and the wild horses of Aus. The Naukluft National Park and Sossusvlei with its majestic sand dunes are also to be enjoyed. There is a visit to the Fish River Canyon and Ai-Ais hot springs.



KALAHARI SAFARI

Departing 10 June 2013 – 8 days

Tour Price: R11460.00 p. p. sharing.

Single Supplement R3088.00

The Kalahari Safari is a true wilderness touring experience not to be missed. We travel via Clanwilliam and Calvinia to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Here we look out for the Kalahari lion and the cheetah. Other game could include gemsbok, wildebeest and springbok as well as smaller antelope. The birdlife is abundant, especially the raptors. We return via Upington, Keimoes, Kakamas and the mighty Au-grabies Falls. After visiting the cathedral at Pella we spend the final night of the holiday at Okiep.



SPRING FLOWERS

FLOWER TOUR No 1 & No 2 Vredendal

Departing 5 August 2013 4 days

Departing 12 August 2013 4 days

Price R5655 p.p.s. Single Supp. R300

We drive via the N7 and reach Clanwilliam where we visit the Ramskop Nature Reserve. In the afternoon we travel to Vredendal for the evening. This will be our base for all three nights of the tour. From there the itinerary is flexible and we head for sites where the flowers are at their best. We have a number of choices: Nieuwoudtville to the east, Kamieskroon to the north, or towards Doringbaai on the coast. We return to Cape Town via the coastal route.

FLOWER TOUR No 3 Lamberts Bay

Departing 22 August 2013 – 3 days

Tour Price: R4100.00 p. p. sharing.

Single Supplement R200.00

We head north along the West Coast road visiting Postberg wild flower reserve. After lunch we travel to Lamberts Bay for a two night stay. On the second day we will visit a Rooibos farm where we will do an Eco Tour and see how the Rooibos is produced. We will also visit the famous Bird Island. On the last day we travel to Clanwilliam visiting the Ramskop Nature Reserve before returning home.



FLOWER TOUR No 4 Springbok

Departing 26 August 2013 – 5 days

Tour Price: R.7210.00 p. p. sharing.

Single Supplement R500.00

On the first day we travel to the Okiep Country Lodge for a two night stay. Thereafter we explore the district, noting the copper mining industry, and then the Goegap Nature Reserve and other well known flower areas. On day 3 we head south to Kamieskroon and visit the Skilpad Wild Flower Reserve known for its magnificent spectacle. We then work our way to Vredendal visiting the best sites for flowers along the way. On the last few days we visit Nieuwoudtville and then return via the West Coast road.

RICHTERSVELD

Departing 9 September 2013 – 6 days

Tour Price: R9710.00 p.p. sharing

We depart Cape Town after home pick-ups and travel up the N7 towards Namibia. We will stop along the way for morning tea and lunch arriving at Okiep where we spend the evening. For the next four days we travel in a 4x4 vehicle throughout the Richtersveld. We return to Okiep for our final night before returning to Cape Town.

HOGSBACK

Departing 18 September 2013 – 7 days

Tour Price: R 9500.00 p. p. sharing.

Single Supplement R790.00

We will again be visiting the Hogsback where at this time of year the azaleas and rhododendrons are at their best. This tour travels via Knysna and Grahamstown where we enjoy overnight stays. Our venue at the Hogsback will be the Arminel Hotel. While there we will visit several of the local gardens and interesting craft shops as well as take the scenic drives in the district. There will be opportunities to walk to waterfalls and along mountain paths. The return journey is via Graaff-Reinet with an overnight stop in Beaufort West.

GARDEN ROUTE & ADDO ROSE SHOW

Departing 8 October 2013 – 7 days

Tour Price: R 10490.00 p. p. sharing.

Single Supplement R815.00

On this tour we will visit the best of the Garden Route staying in Knysna for 2 nights before travelling to Addo for a 3 night stop-over. Here we will attend the well-known Rose Show as well as visit the Addo Elephant National Park and a private game reserve. We return via the Langkloof overnighing in Oudtshoorn before returning to Cape Town.

CHRISTMAS

Departing 23 December 2013 – 5 days

Venue & Programme still under review

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In order to secure a booking, a duly completed booking form and 20% deposit is required. Full payment must be made at least 30 days prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. All our scheduled tours include home pick-ups within the Cape Peninsula and Somerset West area, transport with accredited tour guides, entrances to listed attractions, excellent accommodation, teas, lunches and dinners.
2. We reserve the right to make a special levy in the event of substantial increase in the fuel price. These prices have seen a lot of change over the last year and we cannot accurately forecast what these costs will be.

BOOKING FORM

Tour Name.....

Tour Dates.....

Guest Details

Title First Name Surname

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Contact Address

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Code.....Phone No.....

Accommodation Requirements

Double Twin Single

Special Notes

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Tour Costs

Tour Price R..... p.p. X

R.....

Single supplement

R.....

Other

R.....

Total (Cheque attached)

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Name of emergency contact person or next of kin.....

Phone No.....

I accept the above costs and agree to the standard terms and conditions of Fairview.

Signature.....

Date.....

BOOKING PROCEDURE:

ST HELENA

Voyage V199

Departing +- 25 October 2013

Returning to Cape Town 12 November

The Island

St Helena lies 1500 miles from Cape Town and occupies just 47 square miles of land. It is an isolated island and boasts immense natural beauty, with an abundance of changing vistas and landscapes, and depending on the time of day, the reflection of the sun against the turquoise blue sea and the barren cliff tops is a sight few have been fortunate to witness.

The Ship

The RMS St Helena was custom built for the Island and is the last working mail ship and carries some 130 passengers and a crew of 65.

The cabins are spacious and air conditioned and most importantly are en-suite. Other features on the ship include a shop, swimming pool, sundeck, sun lounge, main lounge and a dining room serving five course dinners.



On the Island

During our stay on the Island the tour cost will cover a welcome dinner on the night of arrival (**other meals at own cost**) a walking tour of the town, a historical tour visiting the Napoleonic sites and a scenic tour of the island. Other interesting activities can be undertaken as optional extras.



Provisional Costs

Cabins on RMS St Helena

Class	Price Per Person
Deck A - T4 - Outer - 4 Bunk Beds	R 15054
Deck A - T2 - Outer - Twin Beds	R 32578
Deck A - T2H - Outer - 2 Bunk Beds	R 27586
Deck A - T1 - Outer - Single	R 44148

Prices subject to change, Exchange Rates and Fuel levy.

A deposit of R10000 per person will be required to secure your cabin.



Land arrangements

We are still negotiating accommodation on the Island. In the interim budget for R10000 per person land costs including personal items and meals. We will also be arranging the tours etc. and will let you know the arrangements on application.

You will also require Travel Insurance. There are no Visa requirements for South Africans.

Please Register as soon as possible and we will then send you the full brochure as soon as the details have been completed.

A full itinerary and information pack will be sent on request



Join us on this wonderful adventure and experience a holiday of a lifetime