

**FAIRVIEW
TOURING**

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Editorial

Well the first four months of 2017 are behind us and the rest of the year is rushing towards us at a seemingly great pace.

Since the February Fairview News we have been very busy and have enjoyed all our tours. The trip to Addo and the Mountain Zebra Park lived up to our expectations and in Addo we were amazed at the many Elephants that we saw. The Wild Coast and Port Alfred was as usual a special event as we once again were hosted at the Morgan Bay Hotel. Thereafter the SAARP club of Groote Schuur spent a super time in Oudtshoorn. We were able to traverse the famous Swartberg Pass before the floods that destroyed the lower section occurred. Sorry all of you who are coming on our Prince Albert Tour as the Pass will be closed for an estimated 6 months. Finally we have just completed our Outeniqua Special where we had perfect weather for our trip on the Power Van up the Outeniqua mountains and our cruise on the Knysna Lagoon.

We are now looking forward to our own holiday in June so there are no tours planned for that month. We start again in July with the tour to the Golden Gate. There are still some places available so please book soon to avoid missing the boat. The Spring Flower tours also have had bookings and seem set to go. As for the month of September we are hosting a Group from the UK on a 5 day visit to Cape Town. Thereafter we are taking the Milnerton SAARP Club to the Garden Route and Addo. Our scheduled programme for the rest of the year is now published below. Enjoy!

Eric & Gill

EASTERN FREE STATE & GOLDEN GATE

4 Places still available.

DEPARTING: 17 July 2017 – 7 days

Tour Price: R 12540.00 p.p. sharing

Single Supplement: R1320.00

On the first day we start early home pickups at 7.30am. Leaving Cape Town we drive through the Du Toit's Kloof Pass, the Hex River Valley and Laingsburg towards Beaufort West to Colesberg where we will overnight.

We continue through to Bloemfontein. Here we have a short tour of the city looking at some of the historic buildings. We continue along the N1 to Winburg where we branch off to Bethlehem and Fouriesburg and the Wyndford Holiday Farm for a 3 night stay.

On one of the days we will explore Clarens and the Golden Gate National Park. In the park we will take the scenic drive and search for the Bearded Vulture or Lammergeier which is only found in the higher regions of the Drakensberg. There will be opportunities to walk and take in the magnificent scenery.

We will have a day to rest, allowing time to enjoy the resort and all it has to offer.

Leaving the resort we travel along the Maloti Route which covers the eastern border of the Free State passing through Ficksburg, Ladybrand and Aliwal North to Cradock where we overnight.

From Cradock we head south past Port Elizabeth and along the Garden Route to one or two of the attractions of the area. We overnight at the Bridgewater B&B. Dinner at a local restaurant.

We now return to Cape Town along the N2 through Mossel Bay, Swellendam etc. and over Sir Lowry's Pass back to the city.

NAMAQUALAND FLOWER TOUR (Springbok)

Departing 14 August 2017 – 5 days
Tour Price: R9595.00 p.p. sharing
Single Supplement R880.00

On the first day we travel through to Clanwilliam where we will visit the Ramskop Flower Reserve. After lunch we will explore other areas where we may find flowers. We overnight at Vredendal for two nights. The next day we visit Nieuwoudtville and again explore other flower locations.

On day 3 we head north to Kamieskroon and visit the Skilpad Wild Flower Reserve known for its magnificent spectacle and then on to the Okiep Country Lodge for a two night stay. Here there will be an opportunity to examine the copper mining industry, and then on to the Goegap Nature Reserve and other well-known flower areas.

We then return via the N7 to Clanwilliam and take the coastal road via Elands Bay back to the City.

WEST COAST FLOWER TOUR Lamberts Bay

Departing 24 August 2017 – 3 days
Tour Price: R5540.00 p.p. sharing.
Single Supplement R400.00

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 Wild Flower Show and Ramskop Nature Reserve before returning home.



TOWERS OF LIGHT

DEPARTING: 26 October 2017 – 7 days

Tour Price: R14370 .00 p.p. sharing
Single Supplement: R1140.00

The first lighthouse we visit is the Danger Point Lighthouse. We overnight at Kleinbaai. Then on to Mossel Bay and the Cape St Blaize Lighthouse. Now we travel to St Francis Bay where we visit the lighthouse and the Sea Bird Rescue Centre. Our journey continues as we pass Port Elizabeth, and leaving the N2 we travel via Alexandria and Port Alfred to the Great Fish River. Here we will stay at the lighthouse cottages. The lighthouse is situated on top of a hill overlooking the ocean with spectacular views. The accommodation consists of beautifully renovated staff houses. The rooms are very comfortable but sharing of bathrooms will be a necessity. We return to the N2 and retrace our steps past Port Elizabeth, following the Langkloof and on to Oudtshoorn for the evening. We complete the journey back to Cape Town via Montagu and Robertson.



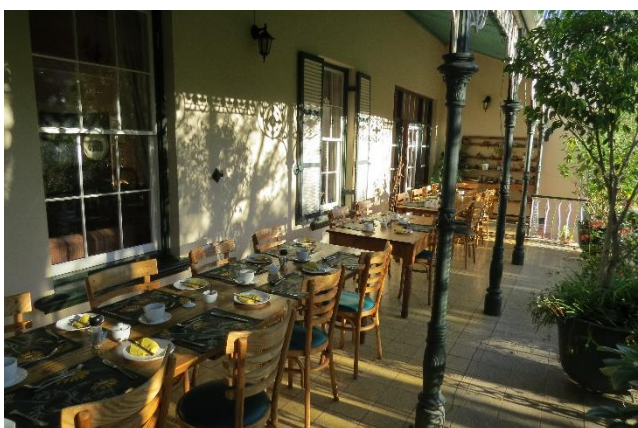
THE GREAT FISH RIVER LIGHTHOUSE

GROENFONTEIN

DEPARTING: 13 November 2017 – 4 days
Tour Price: R7510.00 p.p. sharing
Single Supplement: R750.00

Groenfontein lies in the Swartberg Mountains near Calitzdorp. We travel up the R62 via Montagu, Ladismith etc. as far as Calitzdorp. Here we turn towards the mighty Swartberg Mountains to the farming district of Groenfontein. Our destination is a holiday farm at the very foot of the mountains and is known as The Retreat.

THE RETREAT is the place where you will need good walking shoes, a good book or two, camera or even your painting materials. If the weather is warm you can also bring your swimming costumes. 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. We will have time to explore the region and even do some wine tasting at a local cellar. We return to Cape Town via the Garcia Pass to Riversdale and the N2.



BREAKFAST ON THE VERANDAH AT THE RETREAT



ONE OF THE DAMS ON THE FARM

PATERNOSTER

DEPARTING: 30 November 2017 – 3 Days
Tour Price: R5335.00 p.p. sharing
Single Supplement: R500.00

We leave Cape Town and drive to Yzerfontein for a short coffee break. Thereafter we continue via Langebaan and Saldanha Bay to Paternoster where we will be spending two nights at the very comfortable Mosselbank Guest House. We will enjoy great meals at local restaurants. While at Paternoster we will visit Velddrif, where we will take a morning cruise on the Berg River. On the last day we visit Cape Columbine and local attractions. We return to the city via Hopefield and Malmesbury.



FISHING BOATS ON THE BEACH



FLAMINGOES SEEN FROM THE BOAT CRUISE ON THE BERG RIVER



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ADVANCE NOTICE

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BOOKING PROCEDURE:

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:

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, very good accommodation, teas where appropriate, lunches and dinners.

Gill and I invite you to share this information with your friends, family and associates. If any of these would like a copy of Fairview News please let us know and we will gladly oblige.

Also if you have a group, club or family who would like to do a private tour let us know and we can then set it up for you.

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) R.....

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

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Date.....

SPECIAL INFORMATION

MANY OF OUR SUPPLIERS ARE NOW REQUIRING US TO SECURE OUR RESERVATIONS AT A VERY EARLY DATE AND IN SOME CASES ARE DEMANDING DEPOSITS. WE CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERN AS IF WE SHOULD NOT TAKE UP OUR BOOKING THEY ARE LEFT WITH VERY LITTLE TIME TO FILL THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS.

IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECEIVE EARLY BOOKINGS. PLEASE PLAN YOUR HOLIDAYS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND HELP US TO HELP YOU.

HAPPY TOURING