



**FAIRVIEW
TOURING**

FAIRVIEW NEWS

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Editorial

During May we had a very successful tour to Prince Albert. The weather could not have been better which allowed us to take full advantage of what the town could offer. In April there was a flash flood in the mountains resulting in serious damage to the Swartberg Pass which has now been closed for the remainder of this year and perhaps into next as repairs need to be done.

During June Gill and I spent two weeks on our own travels visiting several of the National Parks. We have now returned and are back at work.

Our plans for the rest of this year have been set and were advertised in our May edition. The response has been very good with a few tours fully booked. Please see the programme below. In addition to our advertised tours we have the pleasure of hosting a group from England for 5 days in and around Cape Town. We also are hosting one of the local SAARP clubs on a special tour of the Garden Route and Addo. We can take a few extra people and invite you to join that group. See STOP PRESS.

We are now turning our attention to 2018. (Time flies and it seems that this year has already flown.) We are looking at several new and exciting alternatives and the programme for the first half of next year will be published in our next edition. Please see our request below.

We look forward to meeting you all on one of our tours.

Eric & Gill

EASTERN FREE STATE & GOLDEN GATE

DEPARTING: 17 July 2017 – 7 days

Tour Price: R 12540.00 p.p. sharing

Single Supplement: R1320.00

Whilst we have closed this tour we would accept late bookings provided we can get accommodation etc.

NAMAQUALAND FLOWER TOUR (Springbok)

Departing 14 August 2017 – 5 days

Tour Price: R9595.00 p.p. sharing

Single Supplement R880.00

TOUR FULLY BOOKED

WEST COAST FLOWER TOUR

Lamberts Bay

Departing 24 August 2017 – 3 days

Tour Price: R5540.00 p.p. sharing.

Single Supplement R400.00

Places still available

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

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

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

TOUR FULLY BOOKED

PATERNOSTER

DEPARTING: 30 November 2017 – 3 Days

Tour Price: R5335.00 p.p. sharing

Single Supplement: R500.00

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

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

VERY SAD NEWS

During our frequent visits to Knysna we have been using, for many years, the Bridgewater B & B. Unfortunately during the disastrous fire experienced in and around the town in June this beautiful guesthouse was totally destroyed. Not only was their business liquidated but as it was also their private home they have lost everything. They were in fact overseas at the time of the fire and all that they have left of their personal belongings is the suitcase that they travelled with. Their lovely cat has also gone missing.

Our sympathy and best wishes go to our lovely hostesses Lynne and Pat. We trust that it will not be too long before we can once again have the pleasure of enjoying their wonderful hospitality.



BRIDGEWATER B&B IN IT'S PRIME

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ADVANCE NOTICE

As from the end of December 2017 we will be closing our Post Box at Tokai. All correspondence should thereafter be addressed to:

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Pollsmoor Road
Kirstenhof, 7945.**

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.

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.

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.

STOP PRESS

We have a few vacancies on the Milnerton SAARP tour of the Garden Route and Addo.

DEPARTING: 25 September 2017 – 7 days

Tour Price: R 9300.00 p.p. sharing

Single Supplement: R1710.00

Please ask for full details

2018 SPECIAL PLANS

1. KRUGER PARK AND SURROUNDS

Our thinking is that we lead a tour to the Kruger in July next year. We will fly to Nelspruit from where a local operator will take us to all the interesting places and also for +/- 3 days in the Park. The total length of the trip will be 7 or 8 days.

It is important for us to know who and how many of our clients would be interested. Can you please e-mail or telephone me and let us know.



2. KGALAGADI

This will be our 8 Day Kalahari Safari. We have not done this tour for some time due to difficulties in getting the suitable accommodation. We are therefore looking well ahead to October 2018. However as we have to pay 50% of the cost of the Park Fees on booking and the balance two months in advance we must get a commitment from participants in advance. Please remember that sharing in the Park will be necessary. Single accommodation is very expensive. We will need to know by the **end of September this year** so that we can make our reservations as soon as the October 2018 bookings open.

Your urgent response will be appreciated

Thank 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 Fairview

Touring

Date.....



ADDO ELEPHANTS

HAPPY TOURING