

**FAIRVIEW
TOURING**

FAIRVIEW NEWS

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Editorial

We trust that you all enjoyed the Christmas Holidays and are now settling into your normal routines. For us 2017 is well underway and we have two tours to the Garden Route and up to Addo etc. Thereafter we will be heading up to the Wild Coast and Morgan Bay. We have one room still available and therefore can still take either two people sharing or a single. (Any takers?) Following that we have another "private tour" with one of the SAARP clubs up to Oudtshoorn.

Well that brings us up to Easter. Our programme for the next period is listed below and we look forward to some exciting times. The trip to the Outeniqua last October was a great success and is repeated again. Thereafter to Prince Albert. It has been some years since we have been there and are looking forward to a pleasant break in the "Jewel of the Karoo". Last year we went to the Eastern Free State in April and unfortunately the weather did not make life too easy. This year we will be doing it in July which should be a lot better as it is in the summer rainfall area and therefore should be a lot drier.

Happy touring.

Eric & Gill



WILD COAST & PORT ALFRED

ONE ROOM STILL AVAILABLE

DEPARTING: 4 March 2017 – 8 Days

Tour Price: R15520.00 pp sharing

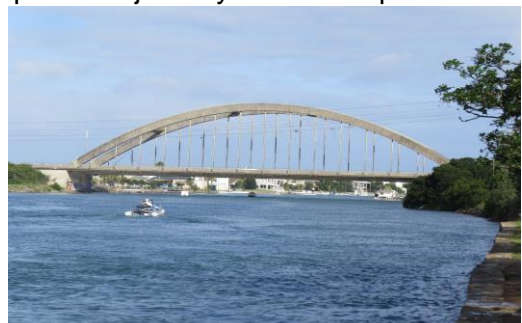
Single Supplement: R685.00

The tour commences with a drive through the Garden Route. We overnight at the lovely Tsitsikamma Lodge.

Leaving Tsitsikamma we travel past Port Elizabeth and East London to Morgan's Bay for a 3 night stay. While there we will spend the mornings exploring the region either having lunch out or returning to our Hotel for lunch. Included may be the ferry across the Kei River, Kei Mouth, Haga Haga, Gonubie, etc. The afternoons will be spent relaxing and enjoying the surroundings.

After checking out from Morgan Bay Hotel we travel via East London and the coast road down to Port Alfred. En route we visit the Great Fish River lighthouse. In Port Alfred we will have lunch and then look at this resort town and its various attractions. While in Port Alfred we will take a cruise on the Kowie River. Thereafter we drive to Bathurst and explore this settler town.

We now start our return journey to Cape Town and travel past Alexandria then through the Langkloof to our farm style guesthouse near Oudtshoorn. On our last day of the tour we follow Route 62 through Calitzdorp, Ladismith, Barrydale and Montagu for lunch. Thereafter we complete the journey back to Cape Town.



OUTENIQUA SPECIAL

DEPARTING 24 April 2017 - 5 days

Tour Price: R8435.00 p.p sharing.

Single Supplement: R340.00

This is a repeat of our very successful trip in October 2016.

We drive out of the City on the N 2 heading for our resort near George at Victoria Bay. On the way we travel over Sir Lowry's Pass then passing various towns such as Swellendam, Heidelberg and Mossel Bay. We arrive at Carmel Guest Farm for a four night stay. We have been allocated the "Sea View Rooms" which overlook the hills down to the sea at Victoria Bay. During our stay we will, after breakfast, provide morning activities such as: a trip up the Outeniqua Mountains on the Power Van; a visit to the Outeniqua Forests and the Millwood Gold fields; a trip into Knysna with a cruise on the Knysna Estuary (Lagoon) and time to explore the Waterfront and surrounding attractions. Lunch en route back to Carmel. During the afternoons there will be time to relax and enjoy the facilities. This will include a short trip down to Victoria Bay and a walk along the promenade for those interested.

This morning we reluctantly leave Carmel and start our journey back to Cape Town. We will travel down the N2 having a coffee break. Thereafter we cross the mountains to the Route 62. We travel via Barrydale, Montagu and then finally Du Toits Kloof and the City.



PRINCE ALBERT

Departing 8 May 2017 - 5 days

Price R8700.00 per person.

Singles will be accommodated in a two roomed cottage each with their own bedroom but sharing a bathroom.

This will be a lovely and relaxed tour to Prince Albert. Here we will spend four nights in this wonderful Karoo town. During our stay we will be visiting many local attractions such as the museum, an olive farm, fig farm, art galleries and a weaving showroom. Perhaps one evening we will do the "Ghost Walk".

On one of the days we will take a trip through the very scenic Meiringspoort where the energetic can do the walk up to the waterfall. We will have our lunch at De Rust before returning to Prince Albert via the majestic Swartberg Pass.

EASTERN FREE STATE & GOLDEN GATE

DEPARTING: 17 July 2017 – 7 days

Tour Price: R 12540.00 per person 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.

PLEASE NOTE OUR PROVISIONAL BOOKING AT THE WYNDFORD HOLIDAY FARM EXPIRES AT THE END OF MARCH. PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR BOOKINGS WELL BEFORE THAT DATE.



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.

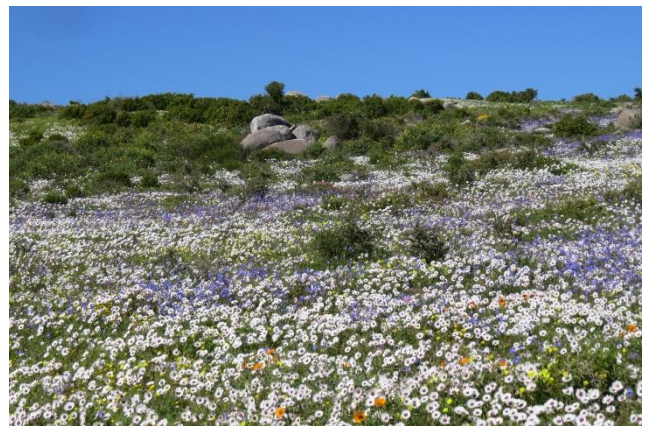
We then return via the N7 to Clanwilliam and take the coastal road via Elands Bay back to the City.



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 Posberg 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.



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.

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

Signature

Date.....

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.



THE MORGAN BAY HOTEL



THE PROMENADE AT VICTORIA BAY



RAMSKOP CLANWILLIAM



WALKING AT WYDNFORD