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Editorial

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas is over and by the time you receive this newsletter the New Year parties will have been forgotten and another full year stretches before us. What will it bring? We can't tell but we at Fairview will try our best to make it a great one for you as you tour and holiday with us.

The year closed with a festive note as we enjoyed Christmas at Montagu. Please see the pictures at the end of this letter.

Our 2014 programme is set out before you and is detailed up to June. We are hoping to do some exciting things in the second half of the year but we need to get our 2014 programme underway. The scheduled tours are set out below. Every one of them offers something good and we trust that you will find one or two of interest. Please book early as it does help us with the planning and making the arrangements.

Please also remember that we offer you a service of "Private Tours". We do from time to time make arrangements for families and other small groups and set up itineraries designed to their special requirements.

Please help us to help you with all your touring in 2014. Best wishes for a great year ahead.

Eric & Gill

2014 PROGRAMME

In the coming year we have scheduled a variety of tours designed to suit both those who would like a relaxing holiday and for those wishing the excitement of adventure.

CAPE ST FRANCIS

**Departing 3 February 2014 – 5 days
Tour Price: R7280.00 per person sharing
Single Supplement: R450.00**

**Booking closes on Wednesday 15
January 2014**

We drive out of the City on the N2, over Sir Lowry's Pass, to Knysna for the night stay. We continue along the Garden Route to Cape St Francis where we visit the lighthouse and the Sea Bird rescue centre. We will stay at the Cape St Francis Resort. While in the area we will take a boat ride through the Marina and visit other places of interest in the area, including a small nature & game reserve. We will also travel up the Gamtoos River Valley to the towns of Hankey & Patensie and Baviaanskloof. We return to the resort in the mid-afternoon.

The return trip to Cape Town retraces our steps through Knysna and Heidelberg and then we cross the mountains to Barrydale and follow Route 62 through Montagu.

WILD COAST

Departing 16 February 2014 – 7 days
Tour Price: R10295.00 per person sharing
Single Supplement: R970.00

We will be spending several wonderful days in this relatively unspoilt part of the country. The first night will be in Tsitsikamma and from there we head for a resort at Morgan's Bay north of East London, where we spend three nights. While there we will spend the mornings exploring the area. This will leave plenty of time to relax and enjoy the resort.

Our return will be via Grahamstown and Port Alfred where we enjoy an afternoon and evening. We continue home via the Langkloof and Oudtshoorn where we spend our final night.



BAVIAANSKLOOF ADVENTURE

Departing 10 March 2014 – 5 days
Tour Price: R6335.00 per person sharing
Single Supplement: R450.00

Join us on the exciting adventure through the little known wilderness area of the Baviaanskloof.

Leaving Cape Town we travel to Oudtshoorn for the first night. Next day we continue to Steytlerville and the Noorspoort Guest Farm. There will then be time to relax and prepare for the next 2 days as we travel by 4X4 vehicle through this remote region. We overnight along the way in a guesthouse returning the next day to Noorspoort. On our final day we return to Cape Town via Meiringspoort and Prince Albert.

Don't miss this one

GROENFONTEIN

Departing 7 April 2014 – 4 days
Tour Price: R5190.00 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, camera 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.



Taken from the Internet

The Retreat is a Victorian farmhouse set in 560ha of the beautiful Groenfontein Valley Conservancy, bordering on the 129 000ha Swartberg Nature Reserve. The house, filled with yellow-wood and mellow Oregon pine, has a lounge and dining room - each with its own ceramic fireplace to keep them cosy on chilly winter evenings - leading onto a wide verandah, overlooking the sweeping gardens and majestic Swartberg mountains.

KWA ZULU NATAL

DEPARTING: 12 May 2014 - 10 days

Tour Price: R15420.00 p.p. sharing

Single Supplement: R1275.00

(Subject to a minimum of 6 passengers)

- DAY 1 Cape Town to Colesberg.
- DAY 2 Colesberg to Clarens.
- DAY 3 Golden Gate Nat. Park. to Dundee
- DAY 4 The Battlefields -
- DAY 5 Day at leisure in the Drakensberg
- DAY 6 Exploring the Drakensberg
- DAY 7 Midlands Meander
- DAY 8 KZN to the Wild coast
- DAY 9 Morgan's Bay to Knysna
- DAY 10 Knysna back to Cape Town

RIEBEEK WEST & TULBAGH

Departing 1 June 2014 – 3 days

Tour Price: R4400.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R200.00

We set out this morning to visit the charming region below the Groot Winterhoek mountains. Malmesbury will be our first stop. Thereafter a visit to the birthplace of Jan Smuts before checking into the Riebeek Valley Hotel for a two night stay. On the second day we explore the town of Tulbagh visiting the street which was nearly destroyed in the earthquake in 1969 and local museums. After lunch we will do a scenic drive in the little-known areas around the town visiting a wine farm and the historical Drostdy museum and a chocolate deli. Thereafter back to Riebeek West for the night.

We return to Cape Town through the picturesque Bains Kloof Pass and Wellington.

SUPER KALAHARI

Departing 15 June 2014 – 10 days

FULLY BOOKED

Traveller's comments from our Guest book in 2013

1. 5 Super days: sorry it has ended.
2. Fantastic game viewing. Worth all the travel.
3. A really wonderful tour. It ended too soon. Thanks.
4. Another wonderous trip to the back of beyond. Thanks.
5. The most wonderful experience. We love you

RICHTERSVELD

Departing September 2014 – 7 days

Tour Price: R12725.00 p.p. sharing

Sharing essential in the Park

Following the recent great success of the 2013 Richtersveld tour we will be repeating it in September 2014. If you are interested please contact us now and we will then send you the detailed information. There will be place for up to 8 passengers.

Due to new procedures at SAN Parks we now have to pay a 50% deposit on booking. Therefore we must get our accommodation confirmed as soon as possible. Bookings are therefore required before 15 February 2014.



Included in the tour price:

Bed, Breakfast, Light Lunches and Dinner. Morning teas where applicable. All entrance fees.

TRAVEL INDUSTRY REVIEW

We at Fairview subscribe to the TIR monthly publication from which we see that the Travel Industry is concerned that the weak Rand (now 17 to the pound) is likely to have an adverse effect on the travelling habits of South Africans. Expensive overseas holidays are therefore on the decline leaving the prospect for increased local domestic travel and vacations.

Fairview Touring is ready to take up some of that growth and will continue to offer a variety of destinations in Southern Africa. Take the opportunity to see your country with its beautiful scenery, wild life, outstanding accommodation and exciting adventures.

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