





NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL 2012

Friday 29th June to Wednesday 4th July (In Grahamstown)

Information Brochure 2

The National Arts Festival runs from Thursday 28th June to 8th July. We have chosen to be in Grahamstown for 6 days during this period.

We visited the Festival in July 2011 on a fact finding mission and established that accommodation is at a premium during this time. History shows that main performances are normally fully booked before you arrive; fringe performances are generally more freely available.

Our planning started in November 2011 and we have secured some accommodation in self catering cottages and apartments. Costing for the tour was established under two options (detailed below) and on this basis bookings have been secured from ten passengers (as at 4th January 2012), on Option 1 basis.

Option 1: Tour period 8 days (Road)

Thursday 28th June to Thursday 5th July

<u>Day 1:</u> After being collected at your home, we travel by coach from Cape Town, through to Knysna where we will spend the night at the *Knysna Log Inn*. Dinner will be at the Waterfront.

<u>Day 2:</u> After breakfast travel through Port Elizabeth and arrive in Grahamstown mid afternoon. Settle in to your accommodation, get your bearings and unwind.

Dinner is at a preselected local restaurant.

<u>Days 3 to 6:</u> Enjoy the festival performances and visit the surrounding activities attractions and craft markets. A visit to Bathhurst is also on the cards. Dinner at preselected local restaurants.

<u>Day 7:</u> Depart Grahamstown, travel through Port Elizabeth and overnight in Plettenberg Bay at the *Whalesong Lodge*. Dinner is included.

<u>Day 8:</u> After breakfast continue our Journey to arrive in Cape Town by mid afternoon. Transport to your home is included.

We only make use of Hylton Ross coaches and drivers, so you can be assured of safe, comfortable travel and excellent service. It is our intention to limit the total number of passengers on tour to that which can be comfortably accommodated in a 28-seater coach.

PRICE for this 8 day tour on a 15-seater coach with a minimum of 10 passengers is R9,986. There is no additional charge for single occupancy.

To secure your place on the tour a 30% deposit is payable within 7 days of booking and the balance by 26th April 2012



Option 2: Tour period 6 days (Air / Road)
Friday 29th June to Wednesday 4th July

Day 1: After being collected at your home, check in for your flight to Port Elizabeth. Meet our coach and driver at the airport and drive 120km to Grahamstown. Settle in to your accommodation, get your bearings and unwind. Dinner is at a preselected local restaurant.

<u>Days 2 to 5:</u> Enjoy the festival performances and visit the surrounding activities attractions. and craft markets. A visit to Bathhurst is also on the cards. Dinner at preselected local restaurants.

<u>Day 6:</u> Depart Grahamstown, travel to Port Elizabeth and check in for your return flight to Cape Town to arrive late afternoon. Transport to your home is included.

PRICE for this 6 day tour, including flights (subject to variation) and land transportation on a 15-seater coach with a minimum of 10 passengers is R12,624. .There is no additional charge for single occupancy.

To secure your booking a 30% deposit is payable within 7 days of booking and the balance by 26th April 2012

Included in both options:

- All transport & transfers as indicated.
- Accommodation, breakfast & dinner daily.
- Entrance fees where indicated
- Porterage
- Gratuities on booked meals (Not drinks)

Not included:

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- Items of a personal nature
- Lunch, refreshments & alcoholic beverages
- Travel Insurance
- Third party increases
- Performance tickets
- All optional excursions and activities

Performance costs

We have not included the performances in the overall price as this is an unknown. We will need to discuss this with all participants (once the programme is issued) to ensure that all preferences are met before doing a block booking. We estimate that attending 2 shows per day over 4 days will cost in the region of R700 per person. It is important to pre-book as many shows were sold out when we visited in July 2011.



