



WEST COAST FLOWERS

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We take our leave of the city and head to the West Coast National Park, timing our arrival by 11h30. To view the Spring Flowers you will learn you have to be in the fields between 11h00 and 15h00 and stand with your back to the sun so you can view the flowers at their very best – opening towards the sun! Lunch will be a picnic in the park before we go into **Posberg** at around 12h30 – this reserve is only open in the Flower Season and never disappoints!



After spending a few hours viewing the flowers and the game in this part of the reserve, you will find added pleasure of viewing Langebaan from the top of the hill in Posberg. We will visit the Geelbek Restaurant for coffee before exiting the park via Langebaan. We head to **KERSEFONTEIN GUEST FARM** near Hopefield for our first night's rest. The Farm is 18 kms outside of Hopefield and has been in the Melck family since 1770. Our host tonight is Julian Melck and we will meet in the "Turn and Slip" pub for a pre-dinner drink. This former bakery turned pub is dedicated to Julian's passion for flying and very near the farm's own landing strip.

We will have dinner tonight in the Farm dining room.

Tuesday 28th August

After an early breakfast we need to be on the road by 08h30 as we have over 300 kms to travel to Nieuwoudtville. We do so over the Piekenierskloof pass where we will stop for a light lunch; by-passing Citrusdal; Clanwilliam; and Vanrynsdorp before we arrive mid afternoon at our accommodation for the next three nights – **THE SWISS VILLA GUEST HOUSE** where Margie and Chris are slowly becoming known as the "Hosts with the Most" in the area. The gracious sandstone home built in 1913 with a beautiful garden, set amongst large established trees, on a wide expanse of lawn is where we will find spacious rooms with comfortable beds, on a dinner / Bed and Breakfast basis.

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We start our day with a visit to **MATJIESFONTEIN** which is 13 km south of Nieuwoudtville. We will enjoy morning coffee in their unique restaurant (formerly the school house). Time permitting we will take a drive around their fields of flowers. We need to be at **PAPKUILSFONTEIN Farm** for lunch (their lamb pie is legendary as are the desserts which Willem's daughter-in-law prepares for guests). Our tour with Willem after lunch in 4x4 vehicles is one you will not easily forget!



Thursday 30th August

We start out after breakfast and make our way to the waterfall outside of Nieuwoudtville. This year I am allowing some time to view the flower exhibits in the Dutch Reformed Church and the art exhibition in the town. Lunch will be in the village of Nieuwoudtville. We have a 2pm tour booked at the **HANTAM BOTANICAL GARDEN** here Colleen will take us into the flower fields on an old Bedford Bus. This is a tour-extraordinaire. Colleen's knowledge of the flowers is unbelievable and she has a passion that she shares easily with everyone! Our tour should be over by 4pm at which time we will head out of town for a sun-downer at the **quiver tree forest** on the Loeriesfontein road. This will be a fabulous way to wrap up the day in Nieuwoudtville. Sleep again at Swiss Villa and remember our time in the fields with fond memories.



Friday 31st August

After breakfast we will head back to Cape Town. A stop at the **Org du Rac organic wine farm** outside Piketberg will put you in the mood for a light lunch at the Roadstall outside Koringberg. We should be back in Cape Town by mid-afternoon, and Hylton Ross will be waiting with their shuttle vehicles to transport you to your home.

Included in the tour:

- All transport & transfers as indicated
- Accommodation & meals as indicated
- Entrance fees where indicated
- Portage
- Gratuities on booked meals (Not drinks)

Not included:

- Items of a personal nature
- Refreshments & alcoholic beverages
- Travel Insurance
- Third party increases
- All optional excursions & activities

PRICE for this fully inclusive 5 day trip on a 15-seater coach with a minimum of 9 passengers is R6,815 per person sharing & R7,475 single.

To secure your booking a 40% deposit (R2,726 sharing / R2,990 single) is payable by 15th April and the balance by 15th July.