



WEST COAST FLOWERS

Tuesday 27th to Saturday 31st August 2013

TUESDAY 27th AUGUST



flower season and never disappoints! (Good flower viewing, you will learn, depends on good sunshine, and viewing the flowers between the hours of 11.00 am and 3.00 pm)

The flowers in the park coupled with game in this part of the reserve, and the added pleasure of viewing the Langebaan lagoon from the top of the hill in Posberg, will make our first day a memorable one! Late afternoon we leave the Park with our destination being **Paternoster**. Accommodation for tonight has been arranged at 2 guest houses, the **ahGuesthouse** (Winner of the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence 2011) and **Baywatch Villas**.

Dinner tonight will be at **ahGuesthouse** where food forms an integral part of the experience in Paternoster! They have an open plan kitchen/dining room with a communal table which allows guests to become part of the food revolution where Chef Arnold whips up delicious dinners!

WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST

After an early breakfast we need to be on the road by 09h00 as we have 250 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 take our leave of Cape Town and head to the **West Coast National Park**, aiming to arrive at 11h00. On entry we do a short drive through the Park and if time permits do a walk to their bird hide before having an early lunch at the **Geelbek** restaurant. We then head for **Postberg Nature Reserve** (within the Park) for our very first flower viewing. This flower reserve is only open in the



THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

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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!

Tonight we will leave Nieuwoudtville and travel to the farm of **Susan and Dirk van der Merwe**. Their farm on the escarpment is the perfect place to enjoy sundowners followed by characteristic Afrikaans hospitality with a meal in their home. Their farm is called **KROMVLEI** after a small dam in the vicinity. They produce lamb, beef, rooibos tea and a small quantity of grapes for the local wine industry on this farm.



FRIDAY 30th AUGUST

We start out after breakfast with a visit to the Quiver Tree forest and waterfall outside Nieuwoudtville. This is a ‘must’. Lunch will be at the Dutch Reformed Church where they serve light meals. We have a 2pm tour booked at the **HANTAM BOTANICAL GARDEN** where their knowledgeable staff will take us into the flower fields on an old Bedford Bus. This is a tour extraordinaire.

Return to Swiss Villa for dinner and remember our time in the fields with fond memories.

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

After breakfast we will head back to Cape Town, having a short break in Clanwilliam to ‘gather’ some rooibos; enjoy their annual Spring Flower show in the Town Hall and enjoy a light lunch.

We should be back in Cape Town by late afternoon, and our shuttle vehicles will be waiting to transport you to your home.

NOTE: THE TOUR STARTS AND ENDS IN CAPE TOWN

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:

- Air transport
- 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 R6,955 per person sharing & R7,745 single.

To secure your booking a 40% deposit (R2,782 sharing / R3,098 single) is payable by 15th April and the balance by 15th July.