



## Natal 2013-incorporating Battlefields

Sunday 14th to Friday 19th July 2013

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Our trip in 2010 saw us staying at Granny Mouse Country House in the Natal Midlands, where we had a ball. In planning this trip we have already had requests that we should stay there again, so a refurbished Granny Mouse will be seeing us again in 2013. We will also be having more of our meals in-house (As per a request from our last trip).

### Day 1: Sunday 14th July

Kulula Flight leaves Cape Town at 09h35 arriving in Durban at 11h40. Hylton Ross (who is now active in Natal) will meet us and be our trusted transporter for the duration of our stay. We will stop en route to Granny Mouse for a light lunch (not included) before we check in. Dinner tonight will be in-house at Granny Mouse. Relax in their gardens for the afternoon!



### Day 2: Monday 15th July

Today we explore **The Karkloof Nature Reserve**, which is close to Howick. **Highlights in the area are** : • Old Main Brewery in Hilton; • Karkloof Canopy Tours; • Dovehouse Organic Farm & Shop; • Tumble Downs – a restaurant with a passion for food & hospitality; • Wedgewood Farm (where the delicious nougat is made!).



Tonight, we have arranged for **specialist Battlefields Route guide Nicky van der Heyde**, to 'set-the-scene' for our tour tomorrow. Nicki will be with us for the evening and "run" the tour for us tomorrow.

### Day 3: Tuesday 16th July

After breakfast we embark on the Battlefields tour. Nicki will direct us into the Anglo Boer War area close to Ladysmith – probably the site of **Churchills' armoured train disaster**, followed by the **Battle of Spioenkop** in the afternoon. (This is arguably the most dramatic battlefield site in the world!) Share the day with us and learn more of the history of this wonderful area!

(A picnic lunch is included today)



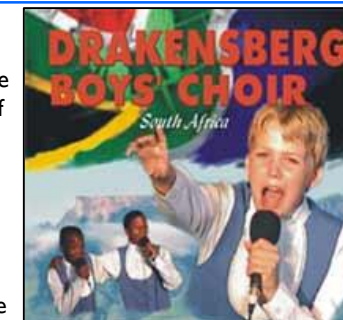
Tonight we will have dinner at **The Caversham Mill Restaurant**, overlooking the tumbling waterfall and the wheel of the old mill and soak in the historic ambience!

### Day 4: Wednesday 17th July

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After breakfast we leave Granny Mouse and head up the N3 to Mooi River. A comfort break / lunch stop will be provided at the **Drakensberg Sun Resort** prior to the afternoon performance of the **Drakensberg Boys Choir**. This was such a 'hit' in 2010 that we decided to add it again this year.

Dinner will be en route back to Granny Mouse. Go to sleep with the sound of the Drakensberg Boys choir in your mind!



### Day 5: Thursday 18th July

Today we head for the **Kamberg Nature Reserve**, spending the morning exploring the Meander en route. **Highlights of the area**: • Marrakesh Cheese Farm; • The Ugly Duckling (A shop that's worth a stop); • Chocolate Heaven in Rosetta; • Lunch is booked at **Cleopatras Mountain Farmhouse**; this 5\* lodge dedicated to sumptuous food and rustic luxury will take your breath away! (today lunch is included in your package).

*As we have been offered a 4 course set lunch menu at Cleopatras today, we will not include dinner at Granny Mouse tonight. The deli is open for light meals should you require this. (optional)*

### Day 6: Friday 18th May

After breakfast we will sadly take our leave of Granny Mouse and head back to the King Shaka Airport, north of Durban in La Mercy. Our scheduled Kulula flight is at 13h10 arriving in the Mother City at 15h15! Hylton Ross will be waiting to take us back home, filled with excitement of the glorious time you've spent in Natal!

We will once again be supplying the **latest Meander booklet** pre-tour, which provides full details of all available attractions on the Meander. You will then be able to see where we are going and can suggest other areas / points of interest to you, just in case we have time available.



#### Included in the tour:

- All flights, transport & transfers as indicated
- Accommodation & meals (Breakfast & Dinner with 2 lunches) as indicated
- Guided Battlefield Tour
- Porterage
- Gratuities on booked meals (Not drinks)

#### Not included:

- Items of a personal nature
- Refreshments & alcoholic beverages.
- Lunches, unless specified.
- Travel Insurance
- Third party increases
- All optional excursions & activities

**PRICE for this fully inclusive 6 day tour including coach transport with a minimum of 10 passengers, accommodation, meals and excursions as specified is R10,980 per person (land arrangements); there is no single supplement. The air transport portion, not included in this price is R2,200 (including taxes) and is subject to variation until the deposit is paid and the booking can be confirmed with the airline. Total tour price R13,180**

**To secure your place on this tour, a 40% deposit (R5,272) is payable by 15th April (to enable us to secure our flights and hotel accommodation). The balance (R7,908) is payable before 14th June.**