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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY '12

REPORT BACK ON FRESH



Our first tour of 2012 was a Fresh Day out in the Fresh Air of Elgin—albeit a hot day! We started off at Duncan's Roses - somewhat disappointing from previous visits. It was explained that staff had only started a few days earlier, after their annual holiday! Pity that the lady didn't inform me of this 'problem'. There are so many other beautiful places we could have gone to!!

We had a small problem with our 34-seater coach - sluggish but this was very quickly solved by Hylton Ross and a replacement 44-seater sent by Gaffley's. Thanks to Wayne for his quick action. FRESH restaurant was an oasis - the food was delicious and ever so FRESH—their service first class and it's a place we should return to for sure!



'FRESH' ARTICHOKE

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

COACH
LEAVES
CONSTANTIA
VILLAGE
CENTRE @
08H45 &
TABLEVIEW @
09H30

BOOK BY
FRIDAY
10TH &
PAYMENTS
BY FRIDAY
17TH
FEBRUARY



VISIT THE INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

I always try to do one 'charity' visit a year and I owe Erika Minnie thanks for today's tour. She suggested we do the tour after hearing a lady talk about the **Institute for the Blind in Worcester.**



Initially on arrival we will visit their **Fossil Trail**. This is an open air exhibition and it makes for an exceptional experience for both blind/deaf blind/ as well as tourists who can experience the exhibits at their own pace with a trained guide. There is the **Blindiana Museum** which covers the history of the Institute from 1881 to 1981. We will visit the workshops where the Blind make cane & woodwork products, weaving department etc. It is wonderful to see how they work in a team to produce products that get sold to the public. Lunch will be in their restaurant and the **Blind Band** will perform for us. They even have a Theatre called **The Blind Spot** which aims to provide training to the disabled in a supported environment and to welcome guests.

Ladies you are in for a humbling day today. We take so much for granted. **Please invite your husbands; partners; and friends. NO EXTRA CHARGE** for them today to come along as a guest.

COST FOR THE DAY which includes your transport and lunch is R330 per person.



THURSDAY

29TH

MARCH

EXPLORE PAARL & ENJOY LUNCH AT THE MOUNTAIN SHADOWS GUESTHOUSE IN PAARL

When we did the Cape Country Meander and stopped in at Old Mc Daddy's for lunch I met a young lady who informed me of the beautiful property her mom and dad own in Paarl. **It is used as a wedding venue; has its own dam; is on a working olive and wine farm; the historic farm house dates back to 1823. They advertise MOUNTAIN SHADOWS as more than a guesthouse - it is a 'celebration of life, family, friends, food and wine'.**

Come and visit us and rejuvenate your soul.

Does this sound like what you need??—well, put the date in your diary!

More details in the March newsletter.



Our very dear Mel has undergone surgery to replace her hip. As she said on Facebook *“31st January is my HIP HOP (sorry OP) day. Isn't it wonderful that we can buy another body part. I have no regret about wearing this old one out! In fact, I've had an amazing time doing it, and it's served me like a faithful friend. I'm sure the next one will be just as good & I can start all over again!”*

MEL with confidence like this you will, I'm sure RECOVER as QUICK AS A WINK! Love from all of us.

Mel will be home after 14th February and, I'm sure would love to hear from you! 021 021 557 1546



Mel joking with a basket on her head when we were all on the Cape Country Meander.



BARBI MAREE passed away on Monday 30th January after a long illness. Barbi lived in Melkbosstrand. She was not always active on the day tours, but my memories of Barbi have always been of a perfect lady. She seemed to always have the correct kind words to say to boost a person.

I will be attending her memorial service on Monday 6th February and I know she will be sadly missed by her loved ones.

Fun report on visit to Fresh (January '12)

TIME OUT bus trip proved refreshing. We were served FRESH veggies from the Paul Cluver garden. The restaurant AND toilet had FRESH flowers. Passenger Frank was FRESH off the Queen Mary 2 and thought he had lost his wallet but later found one of his table companions sitting (quite innocently) on it! TWO coach drivers later, the Tableview ladies arrived home to a FRESH gale!



LOVED every minute of my day.
HILDA BRUWER

Thanks Hilda for your lovely posting on Facebook.

WINE TASTING FIASCO AT PAUL CLUVER or, should read, 'the lack of wine tasting at Paul Cluver'

Brian and I were extremely embarrassed about the attitude of the young lady at Paul Cluver. Her aggressive attitude resulted in a mass exit from the Tasting Room - such a pity as we feel sure they would have benefited from wine sales if her attitude was different.

The communication with Jacqueline at Paul Cluver, resulted in the following mail from her, prior to our visit.

“Dear Carol – if the expectation from your side is for those that are interested (in wine tasting) to wander to the tasting room and taste at their leisure then it is not a problem to waiver the R30 per person tasting fee. However, if the expectation is a presented wine tasting for the group, the charge is in place for that”.

We agreed that we did not want a presented wine tasting so I am at a loss as to why she changed her tune when 30 people arrived 'at their leisure' at the small tasting room.