

SUTHERLAND AGAIN!!

Sutherland is always a popular destination. This year, because of the World Cup I am only taking a tour there in August. I have also chosen the period 12th—14th August as it is not close to the full moon period. This is also important to get maximum star gazing! After all what else do you go to Sutherland for. We will visit the **SALT telescope**, do **outdoor star gazing**, visit **Matjiesfontein** and enjoy crisp cool weather!

Cost for these 3 days away is R3318 per person sharing & R3718 per person single supplement. A 50% deposit by 7th June will secure your booking with the balance being due by 12th July.

Refer separate brochure for full details.

LALIBELA Game Reserve

Lalibela is a 7,500 hectare malaria-free game reserve in the heart of the Eastern Cape game country. Enjoy a Big Five get-away close to home. I am booking on their Luxury, Rail, Safari & Flight Package.

Cost of this fully inclusive 5 day package which includes your Premier Classe train trip to Port Elizabeth; one night at a 4* hotel in Port Elizabeth with DIB&B; transfer to Lalibela with 2 nights accommodation with game drives, all meals and wine with your dinner; flight home from Port Elizabeth; and your shuttles from your home to station/ airport transfer to your home is R7180pp sharing & R8630 single supplement. You need to pay a 50% deposit by Friday 28h May and the balance by the 1st September.

Refer separate brochure for full details.

**Thursday
12th
to
Saturday
14th August**

**Book by
30th May**

**Bookings by
Friday 17th
May &
payments by
28th May**



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MIDLANDS MEANDER

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WOW is what the participants on **The Meander** had to say after our roller-coaster ride through the Midlands of Natal! The Highlights were, ... *Well, hard to stay ...* Our tour of **Michaelhouse; Ardmore Ceramics** with the 'personal tour by the owner'; **The Drakensberg Boys Choir** - seems like the list goes-on-and-on! Restaurants were superb and the shopping was great. [See our website for a full report.](#)



Two of our ladies missed part of the tour due to illness: Linda who missed two full days and Mel who only managed to complete the first two days. We missed them both on tour!

The Midlands is a fascinating place to explore, and I believe this area is going to become an annual tour destination! There is still so much to explore and do!



Can you correctly guess where this photo was taken? First person to provide the correct answer will win a free bottle of wine on the next outing.



Brian, our chief photographer who is not in any of the group photos, tries on some shoes.

**OLIVE
FESTIVAL**

OLIVE FESTIVAL *Report*



Saturday 1st May saw us heading for **Riebeek Kesteel** for their 10th annual Olive Festival - this being the 5th one that Traveltime has arranged. Everyone on the coach was in a festive mood ready to celebrate the day out. Temperatures soared - wow where is autumn? We all exited the coach at **Kloovenburg** which was about 2km from the town centre. **Wine tasting at 10.45 on a Saturday morning - life is good!**



Brigitte and Margaret were so very pleased with their delicious bread purchased and the mussels and brown bread provided the ideal fill-me-up so early in the morning. **Marie** chats to **Ronnie** in the cellar at Kloovenberg and seems to be asking "how do you like my new ear rings?"



Cafe Felix - a wonderful oasis - time to sit, rest and enjoy a super Mediterranean lunch. **Theresa** looked the part completely, even if her panama hat cost her an arm & leg! The music provided



was so soothing - can't say the same for the desserts - **'hang it on the hips'** sort of stuff. Chocolate mousse, rice pudding and lemon tart - absolutely delicious.

Elsewhere in Riebeek Kasteel there was an attractive lady making a delicious Hungarian type 'pizza' - **Flamkuchen** - very thin base with crème fraiche, spicy sausage, spring onions and baked in a very hot oven. The Olive Festival is all about the good things in life! **What a treat.**

A festive day enjoyed by many in perfect weather.

FUTURE TOURS

SOETES EN SOP

In July it is normally cold and wintry. We can expect rain and there is a place just over an hour from the city, where on one weekend in mid-winter, they arrange for all the wine estates to serve "SOP (Soup) and "SOETES" (Sweet wine). Ask any of the ladies who came with me in 2009 if they enjoyed the day and expect a very positive response!

The Breedekloof is the area we go to. This area is just beyond the Du Toitskloof Tunnel on the road to Worcester.

The air is crisp and fresh, and you will be amazed how very friendly the folk are in this valley!

Cost for the day which will include your transport and entrance to the various estates (which includes your soup / sweet wine) is R260 per person. Last time I took the group to lunch and they felt they could not do justice to a meal after the soup! I will stop the coach somewhere for a light lunch (optional extra!)

**Saturday
24th July
Book by 5th
July &
payments
by 19th July**

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&
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