

**BREAKING NEWS**

- Whale watchers have fun together
- **DON'T MISS the LAST LUNCH OF 2011**  
*(no we didn't say THE LAST SUPPER!)*

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MYSTERY VENUE



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# REPORT ON WHALE WATCHING TOUR—SEPTEMBER 2011



**SPRING BLOMMIES & THE GIRLS**



**NOW WE HAVE A MAN WITH US!**

Eleven of us went whale watching over a 3 day long weekend in mid-September. The whales in Hermanus on the Friday when we arrived were very good; Brian and I had awesome sightings of whales very early on Saturday morning outside the Whale Sanctuary Lodge, with sound effects! However, we explored the surrounding areas of **Gansbaai; Franskraal**, where we went on a very good museum tour with 2 locals who have such a passion for the area where they live; visited the area where the shark diving crews leave from; went to the **Danger Point Lighthouse** (the locals can never understand why this prime location is NOT open over the weekend) - imagine a cup of coffee at the lighthouse! In the short period we were there 3 cars came with the same purpose as we did - to get 'into' the area! Very short-sighted indeed! A definite highlight was our last morning when we visited **Grootbos Nature Reserve** for a fabulous brunch.

*The only reason we ask other people how their weekend was, is that we can tell them how fabulous our own 3 day weekend WAS!! Anonymus.....*



**7 of us stayed at Whale Waters Lodge - superb**



Gillie looking so well, waiting for her breakfast!

**SATURDAY DINNER**



**Our personal chef, Brian @ work with his helpers**



**5 of us stayed at Whale Sanctuary Lodge**

A unique wall decoration at Grootbos! SO effective



## TRAVELTIME

- Coach will leave Tableview at 08h30 and Constantia at 09h15.
- Book by Monday 17th October and payments by Friday 24th October



Book by  
Wednesday 12th  
October for the  
Cape Country  
Meander from  
25th to 27th  
November.

SUNDAY  
11TH DECEMBER  
LUNCH AT A  
MYSTERY VENUE  
120km from  
CAPE TOWN

GRAHAMSTOWN  
ARTS FESTIVAL

PROVISIONAL  
DATES 29TH JUNE  
TO 4TH JULY 2012

## SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER ELGIN OPEN GARDENS

It is two years since I've planned a tour to the *Open Gardens in Elgin*, and this year I have plotted a different route to add interest! We will start our morning off at the monthly *Peregrine Farm Stall* which is always a treat to walk around. We then head to *Freshwoods* which is the home of Peter & Barbara Knox-Shaw. This garden has featured in the *House & Leisure*; *Conde Naste*, *Garden & Home* magazines. Our 2nd stop is in Botrivier, visiting the *Wildekrans Country House*; *Beaumont Wines* (they have oldest mill and cellar in the Overberg); *South Hill* (recently on a site inspection we visited this estate - here there will be sculptures and artworks plus an excellent garden); *Heaven Scent Garden & Nursery* (so that you can bring some cut flowers home after your day out!)

**COST of this fabulous day out will be R280.00 pp and will include your transport and your entrance into the chosen gardens.**

## 25TH TO 27TH NOVEMBER CAPE COUNTRY MEANDER

There are 15 people booked on this tour and the accommodation at **The Posthouse is now fully occupied by our tour.**

I can still offer THREE double rooms at **VIA'S GUESTHOUSE 4\*** - directly over the road from The Posthouse.

- Visit Dale and Mel Elliott in Villiersdorp for an art presentation you will not forget!
- Lunch on the banks of the Theewaterskloof Dam with Aphrodisiac Shack - a visit to Steytten Wine Estate
- The morning market in Greyton ; with a surprise exciting 'visit' in the afternoon (Into the countryside).
- Visit The Shuntin' Shed in Bot Rivier and have lunch at Old Mac Daddy's - the unique trailer park in Elgin

ALL the above including your transport; meals; and accommodation for R4414 per person single and R3980 per person sharing! **PLEASE book by Wednesday 12th October. DON'T MISS OUT**

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The feast of royal proportions offered every Sunday is planned by whim. Clearly it takes the boredom from the enterprise, plus it delivers fantastic food in fantastic portions. If this was theatre, there would be standing ovations. Although out of the way, the venue pulls in patrons who travel from far to this farmhouse. Heavy mahogany furniture, dainty cutlery, rugs and fine art make up the décor.

Come with us to this mystery lunch venue - you are assured of a super lunch in the country.

Cost of the day which includes your transport and lunch is R350 pp. As the farmhouse is NOT licensed you are welcome to BYO. (*Bring your own wine/spirits*)

Make sure you book by Monday 21st November and kindly send your payment to reach us by Friday 2nd December!

The wheels are turning in our offices with pre-planning for the Grahamstown Arts Festival. We have set our dates as leaving on 29th June and returning on the 4th July. (*These are provisional and will depend on various factors*) We will fly from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth and then motor to Grahamstown by coach. We are busy negotiating for good accommodation 'as central' to all activities as we can get. We are also closely watching the website for details of the release of the 2012 program so we can let those who have already expressed interest have 'first-hand-details' so we can "start booking" for good shows!

(We are aiming to have a provisional price for you to work with by the end of November)

Read more about the new plans for Traveltime on our website ([www.traveltime.co.za](http://www.traveltime.co.za)) and become a friend of Traveltime on Facebook (good way to keep updated!)

