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## NUY VALLEY HERE WE COME

19 of us are very excited at the prospect of our tour to the Nuy Valley. We leave on Saturday next week.

**SATURDAY  
13TH  
NOVEMBER  
to MONDAY  
15TH  
NOVEMBER**

There will be a tractor trip up to the Kloof ; lunch at fabulous restaurants; Night skies to remember ; a visit to a well-known stud farm ; Some Wine purchasing ; wine tasting in the vineyards as the sun goes down.

Not too sure whether you will come home refreshed, but at least you will be invigorated by the fresh air and the beauty of the Valley!

## Come & finish your Christmas shopping

**Sunday 12th December** is only 13 days to Christmas.

**SUNDAY  
12TH  
DECEMBER -  
book by  
Monday  
22/11 &  
payments by  
29/11**

Perhaps you have finished your shopping, or maybe you need to add that special little Christmas cake to your list!

The Kirstenbosch Craft Market is notorious. There are approximately 180 crafters so you are sure to come away 'loaded' with gifts. If not, there might be time to go to the Hout Bay market to add some gifts before we go to lunch at the Look Out Deck!

**Cost for the day is R335 per person which includes your transport and lunch at the Look Out Deck.**

**Coach leaves  
Tableview at  
09h00 &  
Constantia  
at 09h30**

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## REPORT BACK ON LALIBELA

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Eleven of us had the most amazing time on tour to Lalibela in October. I know the tour was a disappointment to some because of the **Premier Class Train** not running. However, this did not deter us from having FUN with a capital "F".

There are many stories to tell. I urge any of you who have not seen the website to check out the report on this tour. You'll definitely want to join the 2011 tour. I am sad that space does not allow me to report back on more of this tour but speak to any of the ladies who traveled with us, and they will enthuse and do the 'job for me'!



## *Lalibela (continued)*



We are missing Margot in the photo above. She chose to enjoy her sundowner from the comfort of the vehicle! Wine never tasted so good especially for the '**Gaaitjie encounter**' ladies. Read about this on the back page of this newsletter.

Other highlights are: **The Spitting Cobra**. Our group saw this cobra. It was 1.8 metres long - (and the joke of it all was that it had 8 people sitting on it). I relayed the story to everyone and Brenda (or anyone else



on their vehicle) never had an actual photo of Gaaitjie but I did get a photo of the Cobra!

**Jokes aside, it was a vehicle from Tree Tops camp and the 'spitting part' was water that the game ranger sprayed on us! Must say, it was cooling!**

## *Lalibela (cont)*



Because we were 11 ladies we were split into two vehicles. It was always such fun at night to 'compare' stories of what we had seen. However, nothing beats Brenda's story, (and Barbi's description of Gaaitjie's closeness!) Barbi said she could smell his breath & his trunk came right into the vehicle. All told, thank goodness everyone acted in the manner they did and we can all relate the tale! The other group also got to see (and touch) a huge male lion who was thankfully drugged!

## *WHAT IS ON THE CARDS FOR 2011 ?*

Our future planning is already on the cards. The best part of this is that Brian will be retired, (when people ask Brian now if he is 'retired' he always jokes 'no just tired') I know he will be a valuable asset helping me with the future planning (and I'll make sure he doesn't have time to be 'tired') We will, early in 2011, be on our way to the Eastern Transvaal to do our reccie for the **Kruger Park Tour**.

I know a few of you are keen to go to **Victoria Falls** (on the Zambian Side!)

I want to do a further tour to the **Midlands Meander** but this time going a bit further north to the battlefields.

We want to go to the **Southern Part of Namibia** again in July/August, but this time we will spend longer at each place to allow us to 'feel and experience everything'

Does this grab you for a start to 2011? WATCH THIS SPACE and we ask that you tell your friends/family of the tours. We are also hoping to start a new '**appreciation**' system - almost like "RCI points" where you will accumulate points for tours you have been on!