

PROPOSED TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA-LATE-AUGUST 2012-trip outline & costs
TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA **-mid to late AUGUST 2012**

Exclusive 10 day trip to Cape Town & Namaqualand! Coinciding with the wild flower & bulb season.



Specially tailored for Garden Guides by the Guides of Kirstenbosch.

The estimated cost including air fares, accommodation, meals, transport by mini bus and entrances to parks and gardens is

\$5900 (share) & \$6400(single) (ex Adelaide)

The programme includes Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch, Cape Point & Cape of Good Hope where a hike of a few hours is planned. Chapman's Peak and the coastal drive, The boulders with the penguin colony and Simon's Town.

A day at the winelands visiting Stellenbosch, Franschoek-wine tasting, a superb art gallery and historic Cape Dutch farmhouses etc.

Apart from Kirstenbosch we will visit 2 other Botanical Gardens.

One is the Harold Potter at Betty's Bay which is in the heart of the Kogelberg Biosphere with the richest possible selection of Fynbos (Cape Floristic Region, smallest and richest of the Floral Kingdoms in the world)It is an exquisite little BG nestled against the mountain between two ravines.

The other BG is in Namaqualand, the Hantam BG which is home to the world's richest bulb diversity along with hundreds of annuals. If conditions are good one cannot put a foot down without treading on more than a hundred species

The trip takes 12 days and we use a 16 seater coach with the same excellent driver and tour guide for the whole trip. 2 Kirstenbosch Guides accompany the coach and the director gives free entry to Kirstenbosch to the group. The majority of time is spent staying at the Vineyard Hotel in Newlands a lovely suburb near Kirstenbosch. The original part of the building was the home of Lady Anne Barnard in 1795. It is on the bank of the Liesbeeck River & has a beautiful garden.

There is a 24 hour service for meals. All rooms are ensuite, air con.,TV etc.

In Namaqualand we'll stay at a pretty farmhouse near Vredendahl where they have a number of cottages for guests and provide a good dinner as well as breakfast. The venue is used for 3 nights.

Spending money for meals, entry to parks etc is suggested as \$700. A further \$600 is recommended to make sure. Thus anticipated costs would be \$6400 single and \$5914 sharing (approx) including air fares.

An additional few days in a safari park will be organised if there is sufficient interest at an additional cost of no more than \$2500.

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