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"Off the Beaten Track"

Meet the locals, experience our culture, be blessed by *our* piece of heaven on earth! This GUIDED itinerary will take you to the off-the-beaten-track treasures of the Western and Northern Cape of South Africa – all in luxury!

You will have different experiences at different times of the year – a unique West Coast, Cederberg and Namakwaland experience for every season. Some months you may even find unexpected delight in a display of South Africa's beautiful wild flowers in full bloom. Let us take a closer look at your 9-day–8-night itinerary.

Nights 1 & 2: Karukareb Wilderness Lodge



Karukareb is located in a secluded kloof, surrounded by the Krakadouw mountains at the foot of the Cederberg Wilderness Area. Here you will find the untouched beauty of the Cederberg, with its dramatically beautiful scenery and fascinating history.

Recent guests describe their experience at Karukareb thus: 'Fantastic place, will definitely be returning', 'Beautiful and restful', 'Fantastic wilderness getaway without the wilderness discomfort', 'A wonderful place run by highly motivated and skilled staff', 'A great experience'.

Day 1

- Depart from Cape Town via the N7 to Clanwilliam
- Stop for refreshments at Kardoesie Farm Stall in the Piekenierskloof Pass near Citrusdal
- 13h00: Possible light lunch at Veldskoendraai near Clanwilliam
- 15h00: Arrive at Karukareb Wilderness Reserve & Luxury Lodge in the Cederberg, check in and relax at the pool or go for a walk
- 19h00: Dinner at Karukareb

Day 2

- 08h00: Breakfast at Karukareb
- 09h00: Depart on a day tour to the Biedouw Valley, in the flower season, or Wuppertal, previously a Moravian mission station and today known for its *veldskoene* or soft, leather shoes typically worn by farmers from the countryside. Alternatively, stay at Karukareb and enjoy one or more of the following outdoor activities on offer: guided horse trails, easy or more challenging hiking trails and a nature safari into the Cederberg wilderness with a local guide.
- 18h30: Sundowners followed by dinner at Karukareb

Nights 3 & 4: Naries Namakwa Retreat



Naries is located in Namakwaland, 27 km west from Springbok. Namakwaland is considered to be South Africa's 'outback', a wilderness strewn with mines and mission stations, diamonds and dust. However, for a few weeks in spring, the granite hills and lava lowlands erupt with flowers. About 4 000 species of plant lie dormant among the sand and stone.

Most people say they would drive and fly across continents to visit Naries again and again. This 2-night stay promises all the great things in life: quality, comfort, amazing meals and warm-hearted hospitality. Naries has several surprises in store for you.

Day 3

- 08h00: Breakfast at Karukareb and checkout
- 09h00: Depart for Naries near Springbok, via the N7
- 10h00: Visit the succulent nursery in Vanrhynsdorp, the largest of its kind in the world. The nursery houses some 500 species of indigenous succulents of which about 50 are endemic to the area.
- 13h00: Light lunch in Bitterfontein
- 17h00: Arrive at Naries Namakwa Retreat in Namakwaland, 27 km outside Springbok
- Book in and relax
- Dinner at Naries

Day 4

- 08h00: Breakfast at Naries
- 09h00: In the flower season (July–Oct): Visit Skilpad Wild Flower Reserve. Named after its many tortoises, this 1000 ha reserve near Kamieskroon captures the full grandeur of the flower season. Outside the flower season: Visit the 15 000 ha Goegap Nature Reserve, 15 km outside Springbok (*Goegap* is a Nama word for waterhole and it is home to 600 indigenous flower species, 45 mammal species and 94 bird species), OR do a diamond mine tour at Kleinzee.
- Alternatively: Stay at Naries and relax for the day or go on a guided hiking trail
- 18h30: Sundowners followed by dinner at Naries

Nights 5 & 6: Grootvlei Guest Farm



Grootvlei Guest Farm is situated 6km from the charming fishing village of Lambert's Bay. Both luxury guest houses on the farm are within walking distance from the Atlantic Ocean and its long, uninterrupted white beaches, with (if you're lucky!) Heaviside's dolphins, whales and seals frolicking in the blue waters as the perfect backdrop.

Recent visitors describe Grootvlei as "a real feet-in-the-sand experience", "total bliss!", "spectacular wild-flowers in season!", "difficult to tear oneself away from the ultimate in relaxation"...

Day 5

- 07h30: Breakfast at Naries and checkout
- 08h30: Depart for Lambert's Bay via the N7, turn onto the gravel road at the Nuwerus turnoff towards Koekenaap and Lutzville
- 11h00: Visit two or three wineries on a special West Coast wine tour
- 17h00: Arrive at Grootvlei Guest Farm, 7 km outside Lambert's Bay on the West Coast
- Book in and relax
- 19h00: Sundowners and a *braai* (barbeque) at Oppiduin Lapa right on the beach

Day 6

- 08h30: Breakfast at Grootvlei
- 10h30: Arrive at Groenkol Rooibos Tea Estate and Elandsberg Eco Tourism near Clanwilliam for a guided tour of the rooibos plantations and processing plant, and a tour around the estate, where special attention is paid to the wondrous secret life of plants and the beautiful sandstone rock formations.
- 15h30: Back at Grootvlei Guest Farm with time to relax
- 18h30: Dinner at Muisbosskerm Open-air Restaurant

Nights 7 & 8: Draaihoek Lodge



Draaihoek is situated between Dwarskersbos and Elands Bay. It is difficult to describe Draaihoek, but let us try with these words: a secret getaway, romantic, true South African hospitality, unwind, a want-to-return type of destination. Previous guests describe Draaihoek as 'Exceptional!', 'The ultimate in tranquillity' and 'A wonderful oasis'.

Day 7

- 08h00: Breakfast at Grootvlei and checkout
- 09h30: Boat trip to search for rare Heaviside's dolphins
- Visit Bird Island
- 13h00: *En route* to Elands Bay we stop in the small village of Leipoldtville to enjoy tea and something light to eat at Leipoldt's Country Retreat
- 16h00: Arrive at Draaihoek Lodge, 22 km outside Elands Bay in the direction of Velddrif
- Book in and relax
- Dinner at Draaihoek

Day 8

- 09h00: Breakfast at Draaihoek
- 10h00: Game drive in the Draaihoek Lodge private nature reserve
- Afternoon at leisure
- 18h30: Sundowners followed by dinner at Draaihoek

Day 9

- 08h00: Breakfast at Draaihoek and checkout
- 09h30: *En route* back to Cape Town we stop in the small village of Velddrif at the famous Bokkom Laan. *Bokkoms* are synonymous with Velddrif and the West Coast. *Bokkoms* are harders (mullet) that have been salted, then strung into bunches and hung up to dry. This unique, traditional delicacy is highly prized by initiates and best enjoyed with white wine, or with bread, apricot jam and black coffee.
- 13h00: Arrive back in Cape Town

Have questions?

What about malaria?



Note that all our accommodation partners in this tour outline are situated in MALARIA-FREE ZONES. Come with peace of mind.

Transport?



This is a guided tour and all transport is INCLUDED in the package.

Group size?



A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 people are allowed per booking. Please let us know how many people you want included in your quotation or booking.

Rates?



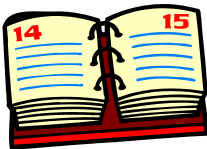
Group size	ZAR	EUR	USD	GBP
	(estimated amount in April 2010 pp sharing)			
2–4 people pp sharing for this 9-day–8-night package	16 390.00	±1 402.98	±2 178.23	±1 104.69
6–8 people pp sharing for this 9-day–8-night package	13 860.00	±1 186.42	±1 841.99	±934.16

What exactly is included in these rates?

- All transport
- Registered driver–tour guide (Afrikaans–English)
- 8 nights luxury, four-star guesthouse accommodation; 2 nights at each venue mentioned in this itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Dinner at the world-famous Muisbosskerm open-air restaurant near Lambert’s Bay,
- West Coast wine tour
- Rooibos tea estate tour

VERY IMPORTANT: Everything not mentioned on this list is EXCLUDED

Bookings and Quotations?



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