



Gauteng to Namaqualand & West Coast

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours

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Duration:	8 Days/7 Nights	Dates:	17 th to 24 th Aug 2024 Fully booked Saturday to Saturday.
Depart:	Sasol Pinehaven on N14 Krugersdorp	Arrive:	Gauteng
Departure time:	08:00 (Route briefing and welcome at 07:30)		
Max. No:	10 Vehicles	Max. 24 persons	
Price:	R10300 per person R3000 single supplement	Distance:	3597+ km About 671 km on gravel roads

Tour Details:

Travel through towns that you normally just sped past or don't know exist like Hondeklipbaai, O'Kiep, Pella, Calvinia, Britstown, Clanwilliam, Koingnaas, Klawer, Keimoes, Kakamas, Lutzville, Vryburg, Delareyville, Pofadder, Kamieskroon, Wupperthal, Vosburg, Soebatsfontein, Kimberley, Koekenaap and much more. (Not in this order!) Real 'Platteland dorpie's! (Small countryside towns).

We'll stop en route for sightseeing, snacks, road stalls, photo's, toilets, coffee/tea, tourist destinations and less familiar places. Enjoy the drive and ride in your own vehicle. This is currently our longest tour in terms of kms to be travelled.

At night and en route you'll have the opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun.

This tour is in the Flower season – perhaps we are fortunate to see lots of daisies! Like the previous 24 years' trips to the flowers. Sometimes more, sometimes less.

Departure & Return Location: Depart from Sasol Pinehaven, on the N14, right opposite the Cradlestone Mall in the outskirts of Krugersdorp. The Road Trip will end in Gauteng, late afternoon on the last day. You can join en route. Just inform us accordingly on the Booking Form. You may leave the convoy as well at your place of choice.

Price includes: Accommodation for 7 nights (B&B), a tour leader with his own vehicle, all administration and leading of the tour (including booking of accommodation, meals & excursions, etc.), high frequency two-way radio per vehicle to use during the tour, lots of relevant info, lots of photos, daily briefings of the tour, limited vehicle breakdown support, group safety, new friends & new routes.

Tour price excludes: Meals on tour (breakfasts are included), fuel for vehicle, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, gratuities, entry fees to venues or places, drinks, breakdown recovery costs and personal expenses.

Accommodation: We stay overnight in good guest houses & lodges, **including breakfast**. All of these places are COVID-19 compliant.

Dinner: All other meals are optional, but budget for about R250+ pp/dinner – mostly set menus.

Deposit: At least 25% of the tour price with the booking, another 25% three (3) months before departure date and the outstanding balance by latest 6 weeks before departure date. Only space for 24 people per road trip. Book **NOW**.

If booked within the 3 months period prior to departure of the Road Trip, 50% deposit is required.

If booked within the 6 weeks period prior to departure of the Road Trip, full payment is needed.

Take on tour (suggested): Your vehicle, your family & friends, pocket money, a smile and goodwill. Some other extras could include: Sneakers (walking shoes), a hat, binoculars, toilet paper, wet wipes, coffee flask, camera, torch and sunglasses.

Vehicle: Any 4 x 2, SUV vehicle or sedan with good ground clearance, for when traveling on the gravel roads, is suitable for the tour. Only 10 vehicles allowed on tour. We do **not** speed whilst on tour, but we expect all vehicles to travel at the speed set by the tour leader.

Who should go on this tour: People who love travelling, enjoy back roads, singles, couples, those who have never been to Namaqualand and the West Coast and would like to enjoy the natural beauty and friendliness of the people, people who are unfamiliar with driving at foreign places, people who'd prefer to travel with other people in a safe environment, people who don't like getting lost, those who'd like to be well informed as they drive along, those who like driving their own cars, people who like sharing their lives, interest, knowledge, fun and care with others. People who enjoy life at an easy pace.

Who should not go this tour: Moaners, groaners, whiners, speedsters, hooligans, boozers, people who can't drive on a gravel road, etc.

VHF Radio: We provide each vehicle with a two-way radio for the duration of the tour in order to communicate with everyone. It charges on the vehicle's cigarette lighter. (Please make sure your vehicle's cigarette lighter is working **before** the tour starts).

Money: A credit or debit card, plus some cash, will be needed.

Fuel & Toilets: We'll stop regularly.

Clothing: Casual, walking shoes & a jacket.

Excursions: Entry fees are not included in the tour price. You can book and pay an excursion on the day of arrival at the venue. Additional excursions on this tour are limited.

What to expect:

An orderly and well planned Road Trip, with a few surprises en route. Good food, a beautiful country (with flowers in season), interesting roads and routes, tar and gravel roads, mountain passes and small towns, cute shops and road stalls, friendly people and something new...

We are looking forward to welcoming you on this Road Trip.

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Itinerary:

Day # 1 Sasol Pinehaven on the N14 – Krugersdorp to Kathu 546 km

Welcome, briefing & handing out 2-way radios before departing via Ventersdorp, Sannieshof & Delareyville for Vryburg – the cattle capital of South Africa. Then onwards to Kuruman & Kathu, where the Sishen to Saldanha iron ore train departs from. Book in and stay overnight. This is our second longest day on tour in terms of km travelled. Dinner will be enjoyed in town.



Kuruman's Eye

Day # 2 Kathu to O'Kiep 599 km

After breakfast we depart for the Kalahari towns of Upington, Keimoes and Kakamas. Prior to this we'll stop at the popular 'Pink' road stall. Further on into 'tough country' towards Pofadder, Pella (time permitting), past Aggeneys and Springbok before we arrive in O'Kiep. Time for dinner before overnighting in a lodge. A few interesting surprises await you today.



Day # 3 O'Kiep to Hondeklipbaai 217 km

After a hearty breakfast we travel some back roads to Kamieskroon & Skilpad Nature Reserve before proceeding to Soebatsfontein and Koingnaas before arriving in Hondeklipbaai. If nature is kind to us, we should see lots of flowers. This is the 'salt of the earth people' area. The town has got a small fishing harbour and is right on the Atlantic Ocean. Time for beautiful views, a short walk and dinner.



Hondeklipbaai

Day # 4**Hondeklipbaai to Lutzville District****299 km**

Leaving this small hamlet is not easy, but we travel via gravel road to Garies, Nuwerus and eventually to Koekenaap & Lutzville. En route we travel the beautiful back roads in order to enjoy the beauty of the region and perhaps see some flowers.

We overnight on a vineyard farm on the banks of the 'Olifantsrivier'. The views are 'to die for'! Dinner is at this venue and we stay here for two successive nights.



Sishen - Saldanha Railway Bridge over the Olifants River

Day # 5**Lutzville District to Wupperthal and back****314 km**

Today is the only day where you have the choice to-stay or to-travel. Those who'd like to stay can enjoy the views, vineyards and perhaps visit Vredendal close by. Another alternative is a short ride out to the wine cellar at Doringbaai.

For those who'd like to continue the Road Trip, a visit to Klawer, Clanwilliam, Wupperthal and the Cederberg Mountains is a must-do. This area is rich in history and you'll have the opportunity to see the progress that has been made with the rebuild and restore of Wupperthal after the devastating fire a few years ago.

A quick stop at 'Die Engelsman se Graf'. The views in the Cederberg are very special and a photographer's dream. The mountain water is cold and sweet! Tonight we taste wine at a cellar and dine at the coast.



Cederberg Mountains

Day # 6**Lutzville District to Calvinia****290 km**

This is the turning-back-home-point of the tour, but with lots still to be seen.

Today you'll ride up the Maskamberg, as well as to the top of the Gifberg. Then visit the succulent nursery (purchase something to take home), before traversing the Van Rhyns Mountain Pass and eating lunch in a century old 'restaurant' - with a history - on a farm outside Nieuwoudtville.

After a visit to the Nieuwoudtville waterfall and Quiver Tree Forest you'll proceed with a beautiful gravel road on the unbeaten tracks to Calvinia. Tonight we dine and overnight in this town in the Hantam valley, well known for its Karoo lamb, 'koeksisters' and huge postal box.



Nieuwoudtville Waterfall

Day # 7

Calvinia to Kimberley

648 km

After a short drive through the town, we proceed via Williston, Carnarvon, Vosburg, Britstown, Strydenburg & Hopetown to Kimberley. Each of these towns has got something to offer and we'll allow ample time for pictures and stops. We dine & overnight in Kimberley.



Kimberley Big Hole

Day # 8

Kimberley to Gauteng

518 km

After breakfast we visit the Big Hole and follow the road from Kimberley to Gauteng, traveling via Warrenton, Christiana, Bloemhof, Wolmaransstad and Klerksdorp back to Gauteng late afternoon to say goodbye.



Vaal River

Note: Travellers can leave the group at any place en route to turn off for home.

Map:

Note: The Road Trip could deviate slightly from the map. I.e.: From Jo'burg it goes via Tarlton & Ventersdorp to Vryburg.

