



New Year On-a-Farm Road Trip



Gauteng to Ficksburg District, Eastern Free State, South Africa
Self-Drive Guided Road Trip hosted by Platteland Tours
Traveling in your own vehicle



Duration: 5 Days/4 Nights

Dates: 30th Dec 2024 to 3rd Jan 2025
Monday to Friday

Depart: Engen One Stop N1 (South)
Near Grasmere

Return: Total Petroport N3 (West)
Near Heidelberg

Departure time: **09h00** Route briefing and welcome at **08:30**

Note: The above travel information is only relevant to people who'd like to travel together in a convoy in a safe environment under the leadership of a Platteland Tours representative. OR You can travel on your own at a time suiting your needs and/or you can join the convoy en route.

Tour Price: 2 x Different categories
(See below) 50% single supplement
Children under 12 pay half price

Distance: One way = 348 km. About
22 km on gravel road.

Summary: This 5-day farm-holiday is a repeat of the last four years' splendid and very popular trip to the same venue over the New Year's weekend. People, children and adults alike, raved about their experiences after the trip. For any 'city sleaker' this is an ideal opportunity to escape the hustle and buzzle of Gauteng and return rejuvenated.

Accommodation: We overnight on the IMLA farm in the Ficksburg district in the Eastern Free State.

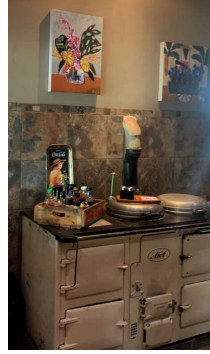
You have a choice out of two categories of accommodation:

IMLA Guest House 4-Star venue with 9 rooms (two beds per room)
IMLA Tent camp 20 Pitched tents, very close to the guest house

Note: A family can decide to 'split' their accommodation. I.e.: Adults sleep in the guest house and children sleep in the tent (or vice versa!).



Main guest house



Farm cooked food



Pitched tents...



... and Caravan Park

Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/plattelandtours> to see more pictures of previous trips to this venue.

Tour package price:

IMLA Guest House R7500 per person sharing a room
IMLA Tented camp R5500 per person sharing a tent but with own bedding

Children **under** the age of 12 years pay half price.

Single supplement is 50%. I.e.: If you do not want to share accommodation.

Price includes: Accommodation for 4 nights (D, B & B), early morning coffee & rusks, the whole farm to your disposal, including a lot of activities, farm hospitality and good food, fresh and clean air, barn fires at night, a beautiful area, a tour leader with his own vehicle, lots of relevant info, group safety by traveling together, lots of pictures after the trip, new friends & new routes.

Tour price excludes: Fuel & toll gates for vehicles, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, gratuities, entry fees to venues or places, drinks, breakdown recovery costs and personal expenses.

Bookings: Please complete the attached **Booking Form** (one per vehicle) and send it to info@plattelandtours.co.za with your Proof of Payment (PoP). Bookings will be confirmed in writing.

Deposit: 25% of the tour price to be paid with the booking, another 25% by 3 months before the tour dates (I.e.: 30th September 2024) and the outstanding balance by latest 6 weeks before departure date. I.e.: 18th November 2024. If booked after the 18th Nov 2023, the full amount needs to be paid. Banking details are on the Booking Form.

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.

Cancellation policy: Please see and read it on our website.

Meals: Two meals per day are included (except the first and last day when one meal is served): Brunch at +-10:00 and dinner at night. All meals are set farmhouse meals – enough for any hungry individual and good tasting as well. Most of the ingredients are produced locally. One night is reserved for a ‘spit braai’.

Pub: There is an onsite honesty bar available in the guest house. All liquor are sold at very reasonable prices. Make new lifelong friends on the veranda with a gin and tonic in hand, looking over the planes and at the beautiful sandstone mountains.

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, a pair of binoculars, fishing gear, sporting gear, your mountain bike, a camera, torch and sunglasses.

Vehicle: Any vehicle with good ground clearance, for when traveling on the gravel roads, is suitable for the 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 IMLA Guest Farm (or any farm) & the Eastern Free State 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.

Money: A credit card, plus some cash, will be needed. There is credit card facilities available at the guest house. The closest town, Clocolan, is 22 km away.

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 your vehicle’s cigarette lighter whilst driving. (Please make sure your vehicle’s cigarette lighter is working **before** the tour starts).

Fuel & Toilets: We stop regularly.

Clothing: Casual gear, including shorts, swimming costumes, sporting gear and a hat or cap.

What is available on the farm (included in the tour price):

- Swimming in a concrete farm dam
- Fishing in a big farm dam with lots of fish – tag & release
- Marked mountain bike routes
- Marked trail running routes
- Marked hiking trails (with available maps)
- Guided walks
- 4 x 4 routes (own vehicle)

- Slipping & sliding in a 'kloof'
- Zulu sauna
- Rock climbing
- Jungle gym (for the smaller ones)
- A fun obstacle course
- Egg collection from the chicken den
- Sitting in the sun
- Mini soccer
- Farm animal interaction
- Enjoying sunset with an OBS

Tour Details:

Travel in your own vehicle in a convoy (or on your own) from Gauteng (or anywhere) to IMLA Farm. If traveling in the convoy, there will be stops for both body breaks (toilets) and/or other tourist destination spots. We'll stop for a quick lunch en route as well.

At the farm you follow your own program, participating in your preferred activities or just sit and relax. It is however an opportunity to discover the venue, meet new people, chat about the good life and enjoy New Year's weekend in the country side.

If you like to stay active and fit, take along your mountain bike, running shoes, walking shoes, fishing rods, etc. and have a number of good work outs. There is enough hills and valleys to keep you busy and consume your energy. When returning home on Tuesday you can either travel on your own or with the convoy – your choice.

Departure & Return Location: The convoy departs from the Engen One Stop N1 (East) – near Grasmere toll gate, South of Johannesburg on the N1 highway to Bloemfontein. The Road Trip will end at the Total Petroport N3 (West) – near Heidelberg, late afternoon on the last day.

You can join en route. Just inform us accordingly on the Booking Form.

What to expect:

An orderly and well planned Road Trip, with a few surprises en route. Good food, a beautiful country, interesting roads and routes, tar and gravel roads, small towns, cute shops and a beautiful farm, friendly people and something new...

We are looking forward in welcoming you, family & friends on this Road Trip.



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Itinerary:

Day # 1 **Engen 1-Stop N1 to IMLA Guest Farm (Clocolan)** **348 km**

Welcome, briefing & departure via Kroonstad, to Senekal and off to IMLA Farm near Clocolan. Check in (park your car for 4 days), relax and enjoy dinner.

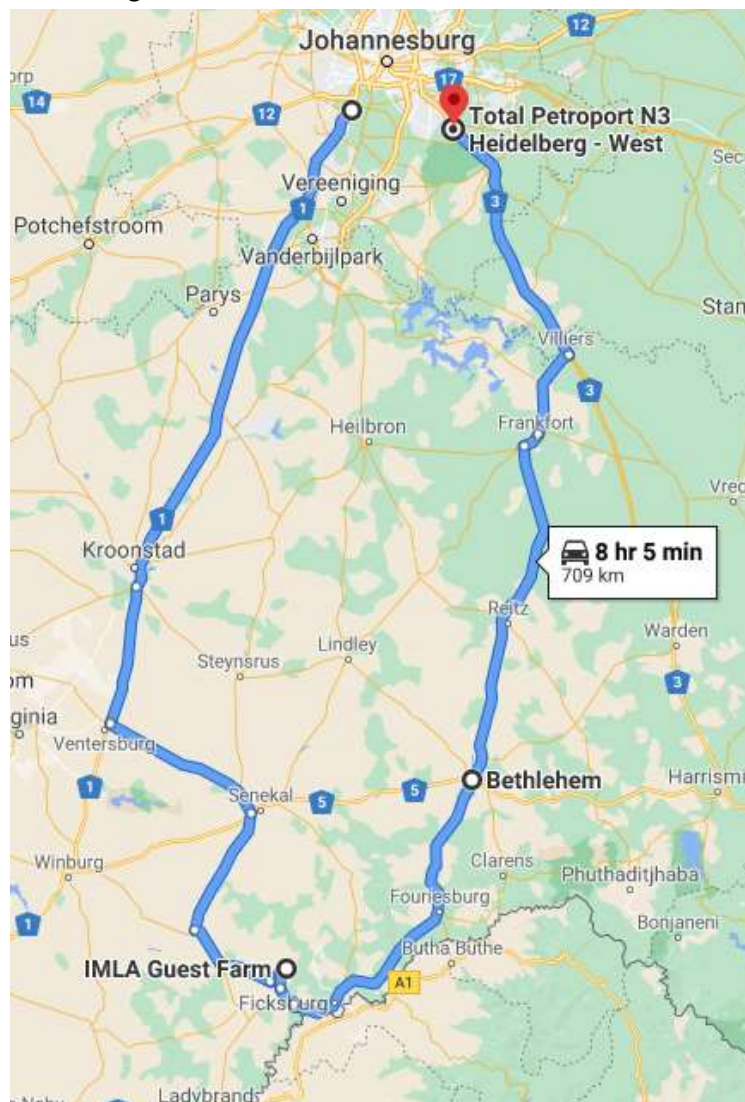
Days # 2 to # 4 **IMLA Guest Farm**

Early coffee, brunch, have fun & explore (own program), dinner, sleep.

Day # 5 **IMLA Guest Farm to Petroport on N3** **360 km**

After the last breakfast you depart for home. If you drive with the convoy the route will take you via Bethlehem, Frankfort and Villiers to Heidelberg to finish at the Total Petroport on the N3 between Heidelberg and Johannesburg.

Map: The route could change on short notice.



PHOTOS taken on the farm:



