



Western Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours

Duration: 7 Days/6 Nights

Dates: 1st to 7th September 2024
Sunday to Saturday.

Daily depart from: Guest House, 4 Piet Retief St,
Stellenbosch

Arrive: 16h00 on Day # 1
Stellenbosch

Departure time: **Daily at 08:00** (Route briefing and welcome **at 07:30**)

Max. No: 10 Vehicles

Max. 22 persons

Price: R9500 per person
R3000 single supplement

Distance: 1514+ km
About 240+ km on gravel roads

Tour Details:

This inaugural tour was put together by 'demand' of some of our regular customers. It will give you the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the Western Cape (Stellenbosch, Boland & Overberg regions) and take you on beautiful, interesting and spectacular main & back roads.

You'll sleep at one venue and travel daily in a circular route. In total you'll traverse **more than 50** mountain passes - on both tar and gravel. You do NOT need a 4x4 to go on this Road Trip. The routes are NOT technical but easy driving.

On this Road Trip you'll travel where people normally do not go and you'll see and experience another beautiful side of the Boland & Overberg.

Travel through towns that you normally just sped past or don't know exist like Greyton, Pniel, Stanford, Kleinmond and many more!

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.

At night and en route you'll have the opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun with the other people on tour.

This tour is in the spring season – perhaps we are fortunate to see lots of daisies and other flowers. The vineyards and orchards will be in its splendid beauty with fresh flowers. A visit to the West Coast National Park is part of the itinerary!

Departure & Return Location: The Road Trip starts in Stellenbosch. Depart daily from the guest house in Stellenbosch where we'll be staying for all six nights. No need to travel with all your luggage daily.

Note # 1: If you live up-country, you can fly to Cape Town, rent a vehicle and travel along. Any vehicle is suitable for these routes & roads. These would be for your own arrangements.

Note # 2: If you live in Gauteng and would like to travel in your own vehicle to the Western Cape, you can travel along, over two nights, with the tour leader. (See more Info at the end of this memo).

Note # 3: This Western Cape Road Trip is immediately followed by a **Southern Cape** Mountain Passes Road Trip in the George & Oudtshoorn region where you'll be able to traverse more than 60 mountain passes. (See more Info at the end of this memo).

Price includes: Accommodation for 6 nights (B&B), two dinners, 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 a good guest house in Stellenbosch.

Breakfast: All breakfasts will be enjoyed as a brunch at a restaurant after the morning's departure, en route. I.e.: Not at the guest house.

Dinner: All other meals are optional, but budget for about R250+ pp/dinner. Dinner will be enjoyed at various restaurants.

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 22 people per road trip. Book **NOW**.

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

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 or sedan vehicle 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 the Boland & Overberg regions 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 card, plus some cash, will be needed.

Fuel & Toilets: We'll stop regularly.

Clothing: Casual.

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, 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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Note: Some of the 50+ mountain passes to be traversed include the well-known Bain's Kloof Pass, du Toits Kloof Pass, Michells Pass, Sir Lowry's Pass, Houw Hoek Pass & many more.

Some of the lesser known passes include: Akkedisberg Pass, Hemel & Aarde Pass, Gydo Pass, Witzenberg Pass, Swaarmoed Pass and many more.

Itinerary:

Day # 1 **Guest House, Stellenbosch**

15h00 - 17h00 Book in
18h00 Welcome & briefing. Radio installation
19h00 Dinner

Days # 2 to # 6

08h00 Departure from Guest House
Brunch en route
Travel & sight-seeing. Varies between 170 & 350 km per day
Dinner en route or in Stellenbosch
Overnight in Guest House

Day # 7

08h00 Departure for home or Southern Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip
Brunch available

Note # 2: If you live in Gauteng (or other Northern provinces) and would like to travel in your own vehicle to the Western Cape, you may travel along, over two nights, with the tour leader.

Departure is on Friday morning, 30th August 2024, @ 06h00, from the Engen One-Stop on the N1 at Grasmere, Gauteng to Colesberg. Accommodation is at a very special venue in the Colesberg district with links to a well-known sports person.

The second night (Saturday) is in the Swartberg Hotel in the picturesque town of Prince Albert in the Karoo.

Costs for two nights' accommodation, B&B, is R2300 per person sharing.

Please indicate on your Booking Form if you would like to make use of this option.

Note # 3: This Western Cape Road Trip is immediately followed by a **Southern Cape** Mountain Passes 8- day/7-nights Road Trip in the George, Knysna & Oudtshoorn region where you'll be able to traverse more than 60 mountain passes.

If you have booked and participated in the Western Cape Mountain Passes tour from 1st to 7th September 2024 and you want to participate in the Southern Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip from the 7th to 14th September 2024, you should obtain the Info Doc and Booking Form for that tour from us.

You are welcome to travel with the group leader from Stellenbosch to the start of the Southern Cape tour outside Mossel Bay, on Saturday, 7th Sept 2024, in your own vehicle.

Our accommodation in Stellenbosch:



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