



# Gauteng to Namaqualand & West Coast

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours

Travel in your own vehicle

**Duration:** 8 Days/7 Nights

**Dates:** 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2027  
Saturday to Saturday

**Depart:** Sasol Pinehaven on N14  
Krugersdorp

**Arrive:** Gauteng

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

**Price:** R11600 per person  
R3000 single supplement

**Distance:** 3324+ km  
About 671 km on gravel roads

**Last updated:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

## 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 dorpies'! (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 27 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**.

**Dinner:** All other meals are optional, but budget for about R300+ pp/dinner – mostly set menus.

**Lunch:** Enjoy your own snacks en route. We don't stop for official lunch breaks.

**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. 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. We do **not** speed whilst on tour, but we expect all vehicles to travel at the speed set by the tour leader. Low profile tyres are not recommended.

**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. People talking about their medicines, pills, illnesses and operations they've had.

**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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Badenhorst', is centered on the page.

Johan Badenhorst

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## Itinerary:

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

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**  
**Sunday**

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 overnighing in a lodge. A few interesting surprises await you today.



**Day # 3**            **O'Kiep to Hondeklipbaai**            **217 km**  
**Monday**

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**  
**Tuesday**

**Hondeklipbaai to Clanwilliam**

**376 km**

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

We overnight in a guest house for two successive nights and enjoy dinner in town.



**Sishen - Saldanha Railway Bridge over the Olifants River**

**Day # 5**  
**Wednesday**

**Clanwilliam to Wupperthal and back**

**155 km**

We travel via some back roads to the Biedouw Valley and 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!



**Cederberg Mountains**

**Day # 6**      **Clanwilliam to Calvinia**  
**Thursday**

**265 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 in Vanrhynsdorp (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**  
**Friday**

**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**  
**Saturday**

**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.

**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.

