



IAF AGM 2008
Thaba Nchu, South Africa
Mon 14th - Sun 20th of July

Annual General Meeting

of the

***International Association for Falconry
and Conservation of Birds of Prey***



*Hosted by
The South African
Falconry Association*



BOOKING NOTIFICATION

Please note that your hotel booking must be made directly with the Protea Black Mountain Hotel on +27 51 871 4200 (phone) or +27 51 873 2521 (fax) or reservations@proteablackmountain.co.za . You must inform the hotel that you are a Falconer.

Name:

Number of persons attending:

Organization Represented (if any):

IAF Delegate: YES /NO.

Date and Time of Arrival at Bloemfontein Airport: (if this is unknown at this time, please keep Adrian Lombard informed on lombarda@mweb.co.za):

Dates that you will be attending the Meet: From To

Do you wish to occupy a display table on the Display Evening (Thursday 17th July)?
YES /NO

Will you attend the Meet Dinner on Friday 18th July? YES /NO

Please supply:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Passport Number and Nationality: (International Visitors)

Please advise us if you have any special requirements or diet:

Do you have any particular birds that you may wish to see or activities in which you wish to participate?

Please e-mail the completed form to lombarda@mweb.co.za or fax to +27 0865188912 before 31st May 2008.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL FIELD MEET
HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY AGM 2008



The South African Falconry Association will host the International Association for Falconry and the Conservation of Birds of Prey Annual General Meeting in July 2008. This will be held in combination with the SAFA Annual Field Meet. To celebrate this event, SAFA will organize an international event to which falconers from all over the world are invited.

DATES: Monday 14th to Sunday 20th July 2008.

VENUE: The Protea Black Mountain Hotel, near Thaba Nchu. This is situated some 80 Km east of Bloemfontein, the capital of the Free State Province of South Africa.

For details of the hotel, please visit the web site, www.proteahotels.com/blackmountain .

This venue is situated in the heart of our Highveldt Grassland region. It is characterized by short grass, huge skies and is home to two of our small, partridge-like francolin, the Orange River and the grey-wing francolin. A variety of other quarry species are to be found in this region. These include a variety of duck, Swainson's spurfowl, guinea fowl and scrub hares.

GETTING THERE: International visitors can enter the country via Oliver Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg or Cape Town International Airport and take a connecting flight to Bloemfontein.

Arrangements will be made to collect visitors from Bloemfontein.

Flights are available to Bloemfontein (which is South Africa's 3rd largest Airport) from both International Airports, Johannesburg and Cape Town, and are served by all the main local airlines including South African Airways, South African Airlink, Nationwide Airline, One time, Mango and Comair-British Airlines. Cheap fares for this link are readily available.

Transport to and from the field will be provided for international visitors. Transport with local falconers is available at the meet. Should you wish to hire a car, this can be hired from Bloemfontein Airport. Please remember that, in South Africa, we drive on the left hand side of the road.

COSTS: Hotel Costs include bed and breakfast. (Quotes in Rand = R. Exchange rate roughly 10 Rand to 1 Euro or 7.2 Rand to 1 US Dollar).

Single person, not sharing, R600.00 per day

Per person sharing (two to a room) R330.00 per day

Per person sharing (two to a room) in old staff village R300.00 per day – this option is recommended for southern African falconers with dogs and hawks.

International visitors are advised to stay in the hotel which will be more comfortable.

Please note that there is a “Late Booking” penalty of R100.00 from 1th May 2008.

Meals: “Breakfast” will be served from 10am to 12 midday, so as to follow our morning hunt and will take the form of a buffet brunch. This meal is included in the cost of the hotel.

“Dinner” will be served in the evening following the afternoon hunt and will take the form of a “finger/fork” buffet, to encourage socializing. This will cost R120.00.

A Meet Banquet will be held on Friday 18th July and will cost R140.00.

There will be a meet fee for non-SAFA members of US\$100.00, which will include the cost of transport to and from the field, meet organization and entertainment. **This fee is not applicable to IAF Delegates or Zimbabwean falconers.**

SAFA Members will pay a meet fee as usual.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING: The weather will be dry but warm to cool in the daytime. At nightfall it becomes freezing cold and temperatures may drop to -7degreesC. You have been warned!

South African falconers are casual in their dress. The ground is hard so stout hiking shoes or boots are recommended. The grasslands have an irritating form of seed which gets into socks and down the side of shoes so gaiters are an asset. Take jerseys and hats out hunting as temperatures change rapidly with cold early mornings and evenings and hot sun at midday.

Dress at the meet Banquet will be smart-casual.

HEALTH ISSUES: South Africa has a moderate climate and a relatively well developed infrastructure which makes health concerns less pressing than much of the rest of Africa.

Vaccinations: No vaccinations are required unless you are coming from an area where Yellow Fever is endemic. Furthermore no vaccinations are recommended except for Hepatitis B in the case of children. It may be worth obtaining boosters for tetanus and polio vaccinations in children. No other vaccinations are generally recommended.

Malaria: As the Field Meet/AGM is taking place in the South African winter, there is no need to take malaria prophylaxis in South Africa. The exception is for “High Risk” individuals going to the Kruger National Park (These are pregnant women, splenectomized patients, children under 5 and immunocompromized patients). You will need to take oral prophylaxis if you travel north to the Zambezi Valley in Zimbabwe/Zambia or to the Okovango Swamps in Botswana. However, if you limit your stay to South Africa, no preventative measures are needed in winter.

Water: Tap water in South Africa is generally very safe and can be drunk. Be careful of water in rivers or dams. The water from the hotel taps is safe to drink.

Sun: Even in winter, the sun can be quite harsh and people from cooler climates are advised to use an ultra-violet blocking cream.

HIV/Aids: The incidence of HIV infection is very high amongst the South African population and visitors to South Africa should be aware of this, although it constitutes no danger to them in normal day-to-day contacts.

Medical Facilities: Medical facilities and the access to primary health care in South Africa is excellent and is at least equivalent to most Western countries. This does come at a cost and you are advised to ensure that you have Travel Health Insurance.

Crime: This is a concern in South Africa but is an issue mainly in the large centers and the area where the Field Meet is taking place is generally very safe. Travelers are advised to take reasonable precautions such as not venturing at night into poorly lit areas in the cities or going to sleep in your car beside the highway. It is advisable to obtain local advice on crime in areas that you visit.

VISAS AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: Many of the IAF Member Nations will not require Visas or may need to pay for their visa at their point of entry into South Africa. Information regarding the necessity for a visa can be obtained from your travel consultant or from:

http://www.southafrica.info/public_services/sa_abroad/ . This is a very useful and accessible site which covers many of the questions asked by foreign travelers to South Africa. Look for “Public Services – Advice for Foreigners” on the front page and follow the links for Visas. If you are still uncertain please contact Adrian Lombard lombarda@mweb.co.za and I will give you the required information. It is always best to check with your travel consultant as requirements may change at short notice.

ORGANIZATION: Please complete the booking form that follows this to notify us of your intention to attend and allow us to cater for your needs. Booking for accommodation MUST be made directly with the hotel this may be done by phoning the hotel on +27.51.871 4200. In order to benefit from the preferential rates which have been offered to falconers attending the meet, please stipulate that you are a FALCONER or ATTENDING THE FALCONRY MEETING when you book. A deposit of 50% will be required by the hotel to secure your booking. Please pay this directly to the hotel.

Transport will be provided to collect you from Bloemfontein Airport and bring you to the Protea Black Mountain Hotel. Mini-bus transport will be provided to and from the field for visitors, alternatively you are welcome to travel with local falconers. Details of the hunting will be displayed in the hotel foyer.

Registration for the meet will take place in the hotel foyer. Please register as soon as you arrive so that we can ensure that you will get the most out of the meet.

PROGRAMME: (This will be subject to revision)

MONDAY 14TH July: Arrival and registration. Hunting will start. Evening: Convene in the Hotel Bar. Brief welcome and introduction to the hunting program and buffet dinner.

TUESDAY 15TH July: Hunting during the day. Evening: Introduction to Cape Wines by Edmund Oettle (Falconer and Wine-maker from the Western Cape) and buffet dinner.

WEDNESDAY 16TH July: Hunting during the day. Entertainment, including music, in the Hotel Bar and buffet dinner

THURSDAY 17TH July. Hunting during the day. Evening: Displays by invited organizations which may include the Endangered Wildlife Trust, AGRED, PHASA, WINGSHOOTERS SA, Provincial conservation Authorities etc. Buffet dinner.

FRIDAY 18TH July. Hunting during the day.

Meeting: 12.00 Midday: A meeting with representatives of provincial conservation authorities and falconry club representatives will be held. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a working group to standardized falconry policy in all provinces.

Meet Banquet at 8pm. To be addressed by Yolán Friedman, CEO of the Endangered Wildlife Trust.

SATURDAY 19TH July. Hunting during the day. SAFA AGM 12 midday. Evening: traditional braai/spit roast.

A raffle for SAFA Funds will take place after dinner. Any contributions for the raffle will be gratefully received. Please join in and make this event a bit of fun

SUNDAY 20TH July: Fair-wells and final hunts. Departures.

I.A.F. PROGRAM: The following meeting schedule is proposed for the I.A.F.:

Monday 14th Arrival and registration.

Tuesday 15th, 08.00 to 13.00 hrs. Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday 16th, 08.00 to 13.00 hrs. 1st Session, IAF General Assembly AGM.

Thursday 17th, 08.00 to 13.00 hrs. 2nd Session, IAF General Assembly AGM

These times allow for possible hunting on all afternoons as well as Monday and Tuesday mornings for non-AC members.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS: If you wish to have a break from falconers and falconry, there are a variety of other activities available to you.

- Maria Maroka game Reserve adjacent to the hotel with game drives and hikes.
- Golden Gate National Park with grassveld game and San (bushman) paintings in the Drakensberg, --Km from the hotel.
- Health Spa with massage, sauna and Jacuzzi in the hotel
- Horse riding.

Game Shooting: Those who may wish to add to their African experience with some **game shooting** can be accommodated. We have organized this with falconers who are Professional Hunters. There are a variety of plains animals available, from Springbok to Buffalo. To organize shooting prior to your arrival and for details of costs and species available, please contact Francois Breedt on fbreedt@digitalage.co.za .

EXPAND YOUR VISIT:

The following tour has been specially developed for this meeting and we would strongly recommend that you consider taking up this option if you wish to see some of the wilder parts of South Africa and in particular some of our wild raptors. Pick up will be early morning, July 20th, from the Protea Black Mountain Hotel.

Kalahari Raptor Tour



Following the Northern Cape Raptor Route

July 2008

5 days, 4 nights

*** bookings close on 20th March 2008 ***

Day 1: Depart from Protea Hotel Black Mountain

Stop in Kimberley for lunch and tour of the Big Hole & Village Museum

- Home of the diamond mines and De Beers

Travel to Witsand Nature Reserve

- White sand dunes accumulated and retained by a water-filled quartzite basin
- Unlimited walks, bird hide, dinner around the campfire

Overnight in chalets



Day 2: Breakfast

Depart for Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

This route is famous for the regular sightings of Pygmy Falcon, occupying the nests of the sociable weavers

Wine tasting at Groblershoop Wine Cellar

- Orange River Wine Cellars – one of the largest cooperative wine cellars in the world

Lunch at Kalahari Guestfarm

Late afternoon game drive in Kgalagadi

- Transfrontier Park of 3.7 million hectares of unspoilt red sand dunes, waving bushman grass, camelthorn trees and desert-adapted wildlife
- famous for sightings of the black-maned Kalahari lions, leopard, cheetah, herds of springbok, wildebeest and Oryx (gemsbok)
- due to abundance of smaller mammals and rodents, Kgalagadi is a paradise for raptors, such as Pale Chanting Goshawk, Gabar Goshawk, Red-necked Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Lanner Falcon (preying on the sandgrouse at the waterholes), Tawny Eagle, Bateleur, Martial Eagle, Lappetfaced Vulture, Whitebacked Vulture, Spotted and Giant Eagle Owl, and much more

Dinner

Overnight in en-suite chalets

Day 3: Early morning game drive, after coffee and “beskuit”

Picnic brunch
Continue game drive
Sunset drive on open-top vehicle
Dinner and overnight



Day 4: Early morning game drive, after coffee and “beskuit”

Picnic brunch
Continue game drive
Dinner around the campfire (“braai”)
Overnight in en-suite chalets



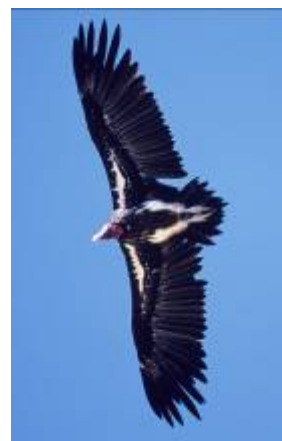
Day 5: Breakfast
Depart for Upington Airport for flights to Johannesburg or Cape Town

Tour includes:

- Travel by VW Kombi or 16-seater bus
- Accommodation as specified, on a B&B basis, except at Witsand and one night at Kgalagadi, where it is D,B&B
- Guiding and entrance fees & activities as specified

Excluded:

- Meals not specified – fully licensed restaurants available
- Items of personal nature & personal travel insurance



Tour price (minimum of 2 pax):

R7200 pp sharing
R8800 pp single
30% deposit required to confirm booking

General

The Northern Cape Province of South Africa is a prime destination for the viewing of raptors in South Africa and has a well-known Raptor Route. A part of this route will be followed. All effort will be made to view as many of the eagles, hawks, falcons, vultures and owls of the region as possible.

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Jaco can assist with booking transport and other trips within South Africa. Please feel free to contact him to consider other options or for other travel assistance that you may need.

Other Alternatives:

In order to provide you with other alternatives we have engaged the services of a tour operator, Jocelyn Miller to assist you to make the most of your trip to South Africa. The following are suggestions to show you more of our country. She has made the following suggestions:

Option 1 – Self-drive Garden Route tour ex Cape Town or Port Elizabeth

Day 1

At 09h00 a Group C vehicle (Nissan Almera 1.6 or similar – automatic with air-conditioning, power steering & radio/tape) will be delivered to your hotel in Cape Town. Depart Cape Town and drive along the N2 highway to Oudtshoorn and Rosenhof Country Lodge.

Rosenhof Country Lodge is a magnificently restored Victorian House, furnished with handpicked antiques and original South African paintings - surrounded by an abundance of flowers, shrubs and plants. The beauty, comforts and attention to detail are surpassed only by the personal service.

Rosenhof Country Lodge offers twelve en-suite bedrooms - built around a garden courtyard. Each bedroom, individually furnished with quality antiques and rich fabrics, offers air-conditioning, TV, M-Net, Telephone, Hair Drier and Coffee/Tea facilities. This elegant Guesthouse caters for the discerning traveller. The secluded and immaculately maintained shady pool is the perfect place to spend some time on a hot Klein Karoo summers day. Relax in one of our comfortable lounge areas.

Rosenhof Country Lodge Restaurant - there is simply no other Restaurant in town that will fulfill the needs of a Rosenhof Guest. The chefs, all personally trained by owner, Ferda Barrow, guarantees fares of an international standard. Expect unobtrusive and friendly service. A fine selection of South African wines is offered, and guests are welcome to select a 'special bottle' from the cellar.

Overnight for one night at Rosenhof Country Lodge on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 2

Drive along the Garden Route to Knysna and Elephant Hide Guest House.

Situated on top of the Welbedacht Cliff Tops 3km from Knysna Town, the Lodge overlooks the Knysna Lagoon and the Outeniqua mountains. The theme of the Lodge is one based on natural beauty with stone and wood architecture combining to give that comfortable earth feel.

Four of the suites have magical views onto the Knysna lagoon from every corner of the room. The fifth suite, while still enjoying lagoon views, is embedded in indigenous "fynbos" surroundings attracting numerous bird species and giving that "hidden away" feeling. Enjoy a relaxing spa-bath while gazing into infinity. All the suites have double showers with views and are private.

The lodge is a family run business that prides itself on personal service and ensuring an unforgettable experience for all.

In *Oudtshoorn* you can visit the Ostrich Farms, Cango Caves and the Crocodile Farm and Cheetahland. There is also an Angora Rabbit Farm nearby.

2 nights at Elephant Hide Guest House on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 3

Day spent at your own leisure exploring the Garden Route.

Various passes link the Garden Route coastal strip and the Karoo. This area is above all known for its indigenous forests and nature reserves, long stretches of white beaches, fynbos and hospitable people. The area has something special to offer each and every taste.

Mossel Bay is popular with its historic value. The Maritime Museum houses a replica of Dias's Caravel, displays maritime instruments and highlights aspects of maritime history of the early Portuguese, Dutch and English Navigators. The Shell Museum houses an extensive shell exhibition, and portrays the history of man's use of shells. The Cultural Museum and the unique locally quarried stone buildings are worth a visit, as is The Point, with its natural tidal/rock pool, is a focal point with spectacular views of waves crashing against the rocky shoreline.

George is the capital of the Garden Route and the main sports centre. The 'Drostdy' is a graceful old building which houses the museum with the Timber Industry of the area as its main theme. The Slave Tree is a huge oak tree, 186 years old with an old chain embedded in its trunk. From George you can take the Outeniqua Choo Tjoe Steam Train to Knysna. The Outeniqua Choo Tjoe, South Africa's only scheduled steam train service, has been declared a National Monument. It operates between George and Knysna and passes through some of the most spectacular scenery in the country.

Wilderness is surrounded by a National Park. The Wilderness Lakes Art Route is home to a variety of interesting crafters taking in magnificent scenery. The Touw River offers excellent birdwatching, either on a guided tour or in a canoe rented from the National Park.

From *Knysna* there are daily cruise on the lagoon with the John Benn, Knysna Ferries or Rivercats. You can visit a colorful variety of craft centers and local art galleries. Taste the famous Knysna oysters at The Oyster Tavern, which is open 7 days a week. Wash then down with a beer produced locally by Mitchell's Brewery. The picturesque old stone churches, i.e. St George's in the main road, the Belvedere Church with its stained-glass windows, are interesting historic buildings. The Angling Museum in the Old Goal Complex, houses a large female specimen of the famous coelacanth, while Millwood House Museum gives a glimpse into the town's history. Noetzie Bay with its old castles, the Buffalo Valley Game Farm and the Featherbed Nature Reserve are other attractions. Visit Buffalo Bay beach for the best swimming and surfing conditions. A visit to the King Edward VII, a giant yellowwood found deep in the Knysna Forests, is an experience not to be missed.

Plettenberg Bay also has an Arts and Crafts Route. Keurboomstrand, with its natural long beach surrounded by fynbos and indigenous forest, is beautifully positioned alongside private coastal nature reserves, only 10kms from Plettenberg Bay. Here one will find Arch Rock and the Majiesfontein Cave. The Robberg Nature Reserve has its own plethora of land, marine, geological and archaeological wealth. This peninsula has three circular trails, an information Centre and the famous Nelson's Bay Caves.

The Tsitsikamma National Park stretches from Nature's Valley to the Eerste River – some 80kms of coastal beauty. The Park has indigenous forests, fynbos and many rivers, making it a paradise of bird and marine life. The Southern Right Whales usually visit the Southern Cape coast from early June to mid-November to calve and raise their young. Whale watching is indeed an experience with tremendous impact.

Day 4

Drive along the N2 highway to Port Elizabeth Airport where you drop off the hired car before connecting with your onward flight.

COSTS based on travel July 2007:
R 3,845.00 per person sharing
Single Supplement: R850.00 pp
1 person traveling: R 6,050.00 per single person.

Option 2A – 2 or 3 nights Eastern Cape Private Game Lodge (Kwandwe)

Day 1

On arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport you will be met and transferred by road to Kwandwe and Ecce Lodge. Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is located in the beautiful and historically rich Eastern Cape along 30 kilometers of privately-owned river frontage, surrounded by 16 000 hectares of exclusive, malaria-free wilderness.

Described as the fun, young sister of Kwandwe's Lodges, Ecce Lodge is constructed using stone 'gabion' walls and corrugated iron in the traditional Eastern Cape farmhouse style. Ecce Lodge will open later this year and operated with the high standards expected of this prestigious Relais & Chateaux property

The new and exciting Ecce Lodge will feature six exclusive suites with spacious living areas. Designed as 'parent friendly', the suites will comfortably convert into triple accommodation for children 12 years and younger. Main guest areas will boast an interactive kitchen where delicious funky farmhouse cuisine will be prepared, a sparkling swimming pool, and a state-of-the-art, totally unique bush playroom.

Six luxurious suites feature bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, separate w.c, twin basins, personal bars, portable phone for room service and covered verandas. Each suite has a private deck.

The twice-daily game drives in open 4x4 Land Rovers provide excellent opportunities to view the Big Five and many other animals in their natural environment. A ranger and tracker will lead you to impressive sightings and impart interesting information about nature and wildlife to you.

Walking in Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is a unique way of experiencing the wild. Hiking along the river or in the valley is permitted only with a guide and is especially rewarding for those interested in birds, vegetation and folklore.

There is a wide range of additional excursions available at Kwandwe - like the four-hour safari tour to the Valley of the Ancient Voices to see thousand-year-old rock paintings, stone tools and artifacts. There is also a "Walking Adventure" package which includes a full day hike through big game country all along the Great Fish River.

You may track rhino on foot under the guidance of an experienced ranger.

The 16 000 hectare land includes vast plains, deep valleys and gorges filled with spekboom, aloe and euphorbia and is characterized by undulating hills covered in sub-tropical thicket, also known as valley bushveld.

The massive and ambitious wildlife reintroduction programme at Kwandwe is now virtually complete, with all of the large mammals historically known to occur here, once again roaming free. For the first time in over 100 years, Elephant, Lion, Cheetah, Buffalo and Black Rhino wander free in this reborn wilderness. Giraffe, Zebra, Greater Kudu and several other antelope are resident and regularly seen. Of particular interest are the many unusual nocturnal mammals which are regularly encountered on night drives; these include the comical Aardvark, termite-eating Aardwolf, Bat-eared Fox and Springhare. This is also the home of the sociable and entertaining Suricates (or Meerkats) which live in close-knit family groups. Overnight for two/three nights at Kwandwe's Ecce Lodge on a full board basis, including all game activities.

Day 2 & 3

Days spent participating in organised game activities.

Day 4

You will be transferred back to Port Elizabeth Airport to connect with your onward flight.

COSTS based on travel in July, 2007:

2 NIGHTS:

R 5,955.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R2,340.00 (No single supplement charged for the first 2 singles.)

1 person traveling: R 7,105.00 per single person

3 NIGHTS:

R 8,300.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R 5,905.00 (No single supplement charged for the first 2 singles.)

1 person traveling: R 9,440.00 per single person.

Option 2B – 2 or 3 nights Eastern Cape Private Game Lodge (River Bend)

Day 1

On arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport you will be met and transferred by road to River Bend Lodge.

Anchored on endless horizons and flanked by the Zuurberg Mountains, River Bend Lodge is situated within a 17 000 ha private concession area of the Addo Elephant National Park.

Watch herds of Elephants feeding a short distance away, listen to the songs of some 250 bird species, enjoy a personalized game drive into the mountains and discover varying vegetation from thick forested valleys, open savannah plains to hillsides rich in Fynbos.

Experience the warm hospitality famous to the region as you acclimatize to the comfort of River Bend Lodge. Enjoy plentiful game activities guided by professional guides who'll not only enlighten you in Africa's splendid creatures, but also reveal the fascinating history of this revitalized wilderness.

Eight individual suites, tastefully designed, invite you to relax and enjoy incredible tranquility and privacy - a haven, worlds away from the madding crowds of modern life.

Be pampered to a relaxing back massage in the privacy of your room, or sip a cocktail on your private veranda as the sun sets below the endless horizon. Rest a sleepy head on feather soft comfort and let the sounds of gentle bird song wake you to another glorious day in the Addo Elephant National Park.

All the suites are air conditioned and equipped with ceiling fans, electronic safes, mini bar, satellite TV, hair dryer and bathroom on suite with bath and shower.

Game drives are conducted inside the Addo or in our 5000ha Private Intsomi Reserve. The Intsomi Reserve, accessible exclusively by River Bend, is also home to various species not seen in the Addo such as Giraffe, White Rhino, Sable, Gemsbok and the endangered Bontebok to name but a few

Guided walks are conducted in the Intsomi Reserve where your guide will focus on the smaller creatures and plants.

Joining one of the professional guides on a night drive, the beauty of the Southern Hemisphere sky and its history will form part of the search for some of the indigenous nocturnal species to be found in the area.

Day 2 & 3

Days spent participating in organized game activities.

Day 4

You will be transferred back to Port Elizabeth Airport to connect with your onward flight.

COSTS based on travel in July, 2007:

2 NIGHTS:

R 4,850.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R 615 pp

1 person traveling: R 6,500.00 per single person

3 NIGHTS:

R 6,685.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R925.00 pp

1 person traveling: R8,630.00 per single person.

Option 3A – 2 or 3 nights Sabi Sand Private game lodge (Exeter River Lodge)

Day 1

On arrival at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport you will be met and transferred by light aircraft to Exeter River Lodge.

Formerly known as Exeter Main Lodge the newly built and branded River Private Game Lodge is an exciting lodge incorporated under the Exeter Private Game Reserve banner.

Nestled in the shade of a grove of Ebony trees and on the banks of the Sand River, you will find 8 individually designed and decorated ultra luxury suites. As your eyes gaze into the nearby savannah, magnificent views from your private patio enhance the experience.

Relax on the private deck of your suite while viewing a herd of elephants in the river below or perhaps a hippo surfacing in the waters. The suites all have distinctive en-suite bathrooms and provide all the comforts you may desire.

Magnificently positioned lounges and dining areas overlook the Sand River and compliment the finest cuisine. Teak furniture, deep sofas covered in rich linens and ornaments from the furthest corners of Africa create a welcoming and relaxed ambience.

The cuisine, complimented by the finest selection of wines lends itself to an experience as exciting as any game drive. Sumptuous cuisine, suiting all culinary tastes prepared by our Executive Chef, can be enjoyed in an open-air boma, in the dining room or even in the bush. Back in camp after our early morning and late afternoon/evening game drives, you will be spoilt by the highest standards of service and fine cuisine.

Dinner is served in a number of locations to experience the magic of an African evening. Plated meals are presented in the elegant dining room or the open deck under the magnificent African sky; alternatively traditional braais are enjoyed in the security of the Boma around a roaring fire.

River Private Game Lodge is "Big Game" country, and the area is world-renowned as the best venue for close up sightings of Africa's great cats - lion, leopard and cheetah. Open vehicle game drives with professional rangers and trackers allow you to experience wildlife at its finest.

Enjoy a lazy afternoon siesta, suntan around the pool or a visit to our interestingly appointed curio shop, which houses all that a discerning "bush shopper" may require.

An experienced Ranger and Tracker will lead you on the ultimate bush experience where you may have the opportunity to track one or more of Africa's Big Five. Walks also give our guests a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the abundant birdlife, fauna, and flora and to explore the fascinating insect life.

Overnight for two/three nights at Exeter River Lodge on a full board basis, including all game activities.

Day 2 & 3

Day spent participating in organized game activities.

Day 4

You will be transferred by light aircraft back to KMIA to connect with a flight to Johannesburg / Cape Town (this flight not included in cost).

COSTS based on travel in July, 2007:

2 NIGHTS:

R 8,700.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R 3,255.00 (No single supplement charged for the first 2 singles)

1 person traveling: R 10,730.00 per single person

3 NIGHTS:

R 11,950 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R4,880.00(No single supplement charged for the first 2 singles)

1 person traveling: R 13,980 single person.

Option 3B – 2 or 3 nights Sabi Sand Private game lodge (Vuyatela)

Day 1

On arrival at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport you will be met and transferred by light aircraft to Vuyatela Lodge.

Vuyatela - meaning, "come and visit again". This exclusive lodge has broken the mould of traditional game lodges and is the pride of Djuma. When building, we shunned heavy machinery and chose instead to employ as many local Shangaan people as possible to hand-craft the camp, thus creating jobs as well as a unique and beautiful construction.

Pippa, with the help of talented friends, has created a set of mosaics for each room and these colorful patterns and symbols add to the atmosphere of each "Kaya". Also, each of the eight chalets has been attractively hand painted by nearby Shangaan villagers - a contest was held for the best designs.

Vuyatela is an expression of modern South African culture. Each of the eight chalets or kayas is secluded in African bush. The bedrooms look out onto teak decks, which end in private plunge pools. Each of the chalets at Vuyatela is a collection of buildings joined to each other. The private lounge is separated from the bedroom by a beautiful Teak deck, which ends at the private plunge pool. The view from the Teak deck is into pristine African Savanna with its bounty of animal life. The luxury suites are made up of bedroom, dressing-room and bathroom with outdoor shower, separate lounge, private deck and plunge pool.

The suites are air-conditioned, have fans, mosquito nets, IDD telephone and bar fridge.

Each of the buildings that make-up your chalet, or "Kaya" (Shangaan word for house), is built in a different technique. Some of the "Kaya's" have abstract patterns painted on the walls and others have even domestic scenes painted on them.

The main lodge includes a large double deck, outdoor dining, wine cellar, bar overlooking the watering hole, indigenous aquarium, suspended bird-watching tower. There is also an Internet library with detailed wildlife websites, a gym and a relaxation room.

Two game drives are offered daily and a daily guided walk in the bush. We also offer daily tours to a nearby Shangaan village, where you will learn about the customs and traditions of the local people.

The cultural theme also runs through activities. After the morning game-drive guests may accompany their Shangaan guide to his nearby village, where they will have the opportunity of interacting with his family and friends in a very authentic and contemporary African environment.

The idea of our cuisine is to take guests back to the basics of Southern African food with classic dishes but placing an emphasis on quality ingredients. Along with the simple, but impressive presentation, and the richness of African cuisine, we intend intriguing the palates of our guests, leaving enough mystery for a return visit.

Overnight for two/three nights at Vuyatela Lodge on a full board basis, including all game activities.

Day 2 & 3

Day spent participating in organized game activities.

Day 4

You will be transferred by light aircraft back to KMIA to connect with a flight to Johannesburg / Cape Town (this flight not included in cost).

2 NIGHTS:

R 7,735.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: None

1 person traveling: R 9,780.00 per single person

3 NIGHTS:

R 10,510.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: None

1 person traveling: R 12,560 per single person.

Option 3C – 2 or 3 nights Sabi Sand Private game lodge (Elephant Plains)

Day 1

On arrival at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport you will be met and transferred by light aircraft to Elephant Plains.

Elephant Plains Game Lodge offers you comfortable style and exclusivity in one of the world's few remaining unspoiled wilderness areas - the world famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve, which forms part of the 2,2 million hectare Greater Kruger National Park.

Over many years our strict conservation policies and successful wildlife management have resulted in a multitude of African game species to be found in this area. Here you will come face to face with Africa's famous Big Five - Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Lion and Leopard. Rare species such as the endangered wild dogs and cheetah are also seen regularly. The area is typical African savannah with a large variety of antelope, birds and reptiles to be found.

Elephant Plains overlook a scenic plain where a whole array of game and birds frequently visit the waterhole. It is home to a maximum of 12 guests ensuring personalized service and maximum comfort. The lodge features five spacious appointed thatched chalets with individually styled interior décor and en-suite bathrooms. Mosquito nets and air-conditioning are just a few of the creature comforts.

The highlight of your visit is the thrill of close encounters with wildlife from the safety of open 4x4 vehicles. Daily activities include the early morning and afternoon game drives in search of the Big Seven. A bush walk is offered every day after breakfast, which will open up a new world of smaller fauna and flora. The afternoon game drive affords you the opportunity to have a sundowner at a carefully selected venue in the African bush.

Evening meals are served around a fire in the boma under the vast African sky. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style in the thatched lapa. Adjacent to the swimming pool, the wooden deck offers spectacular views overlooking the waterhole and scenic plain. The care with which each meal is prepared together with the setting of the open-air boma or thatched lapa, ensure an unforgettable dining experience.

Our personalized service is of the highest standard due to the exclusivity and smallness of the lodge. Your personal guides - an experienced game ranger and local Shangaan tracker - are keen to share their knowledge and love of the African bush with you.

At Elephant Plains Game Lodge you can be ensured an experience that will live up to the Africa of your imagination ... creating a lifetime of memories!

Overnight for two/three nights at Elephant Plains, on a full board basis, including all game activities.

Day 2 & 3

Days spent participating in organized game activities.

Day 4

You will be transferred by light aircraft back to KMIA to connect with a flight to Johannesburg / Cape Town (this flight not included in cost).

COSTS based on travel in July, 2007:

2 NIGHTS:

R 5,560.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R960.00 pp

1 person traveling: R 8,565.00

3 NIGHTS:

R 7,245.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R1 445.00 pp

1 person traveling: R 10,740.00.

Option 4 A – 3 nights Cape Town – Cape Grace / Cape Cadogan Hotels and Sundollar Lodge - self drive OR locally hosted.

On the locally hosted programme you will partake in scheduled day tours (private tours optional) and on the self drive programme you can explore Cape Town at your own leisure.

Day 1

Cape Town, the "Mother City", is the oldest city in our country and has a cultural heritage spanning more than 300 years. It also has the top five national attractions in South Africa that should appear on every visitor's itinerary all year round.

Should you decide on the locally hosted programme you will be met and transferred to either the Cape Grace or the Cape Cadogan Hotel.

If you choose to self drive on arrival in Cape Town you proceed to Budget Rent a car and collect your rental car (Group C Nissan Almera 1.6 or similar – automatic with air-conditioning, power steering & radio/tape). You will then self drive to the hotel of your choice.

Cape Grace:

With a classically inspired exterior and gracefully elegant within, Cape Grace is set on its own private quay on Cape Town's vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Cape Grace's charm lies in its intimate atmosphere, stylish décor and unique personalized hospitality, where you will find staff warm and flexible, with a spirit of unrivalled generosity.

A series of comfortable spaces, all guest rooms and suites feature exquisite furniture, luxurious fabric and intriguing detail, providing an immediate sense of place. Double-glazed French doors in all guest rooms open to beautiful views of the international yacht marina, Table Mountain or Waterfront harbor.

Elegant in style and generous in size, the overall tone is warm and inviting, with care and consideration given to making guest rooms as comfortable and relaxing as possible. Other hotel facilities include a boardroom, private guest lounge, swimming pool and 24 hour room service.

The restaurant and cocktail bar both have view terraces overlooking the bascule bridge, which functions as a gateway for the passing yachts.

As Cape Grace is situated in the heart of the Waterfront, leisure activities abound. The Victoria Wharf offers upmarket shops, restaurants, cinemas and a theatre. The hotel is situated three minutes from the city centre, and is within easy reach of Cape Town's art galleries & museums.

OR

Cape Cadogan:

The Cape Cadogan is situated off Kloof Street in the trendy part of Cape Town. This stately double-storied Georgian and Victorian building, that dates back to the beginning of the 19th century, was originally a farmhouse which was 'Victorianised' in 1912 and declared a national monument in 1984.

This boutique hotel is well known for its comfortable, luxurious atmosphere. The reception areas are individually decorated and designed for comfort and tranquility. It is themed on the Irish literary figure Oscar Wilde who was renowned for his bohemian lifestyle throughout Europe and New York during the latter part of the 19th century.

The public areas comprise a comfortable lounge with an open fireplace, a garden and pool area, and a library where you can relax and read or research your itinerary from the computer terminal provided for your convenience.

Bohemian chic is their hallmark, with 12 luxuriously appointed en suite bedrooms that are decorated with an eclectic mix of contemporary and antique furniture using dramatic fabrics to maximum effect.

OR

Sundollar Lodge:

Sundollar Lodge is a perfect place for those wishing to self drive and explore the Cape at their leisure. Noordhoek is situated at the foot of famous Chapman's Peak. The Noordhoek valley remains one of the Cape Town's treasured destinations with its delightful village atmosphere, its famous beach and its vast wetlands.

The city of Cape Town is only a 30-minute drive away along the beautiful Ou Kaapse Weg for more shopping and numerous attractions.

A friendly guesthouse set in a one acre garden at the southern end of Chapman's Peak Drive in Noordhoek. Sundollar's garden overlooks the Noordhoek Wetlands, and boasts a 12m solar heated pool.

Sundollar Lodge offers bed and breakfast and comprises seven lock-up-and-go suites, each with an en-suite bathroom and equipped with a bar fridge, TV and tea & coffee facilities. A hearty breakfast is served and a home-cooked dinner is available on request. The huge dining room/ lounge overlooks a beautiful garden and swimming pool, and, of course, the unspoilt Noordhoek wetlands. A separate self-catering unit sleeps six.

Locally Hosted:

This afternoon you are collected from your hotel for your private half day City and Table Mountain tour. Situated below Table Mountain, Devil's Peak and Lion's Head, Cape Town offers a rich cultural and industrial heritage, grand splendor and an assurance of activity of excitement at the V&A Waterfront. Including all the 'must-sees' of any Cape Town day tour, this option is a geographical and cultural extravaganza, showing you Cape Town, from its historical beginnings to the dazzling modern shopping malls of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

The tour commences with a tour of Table Mountain (weather permitting & ticket excluded). In the city itself, you visit the Company Gardens, the S.A. Museum, the Castle of Good Hope and the vibrant and arty flea market, Greenmarket Square & take a trip through the picturesque Bo-Kaap.

3 nights at the hotel of your choice on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 2:

This is an awe-inspiring tour to the towering headland known as Cape Point. Magnificent beaches, breathtaking views, historic & picturesque coastal villages are to be seen along the way. The Cape Peninsula is one of the world's most scenic areas and stretches from the City centre to Cape Point.

You travel along the Atlantic Coast through the well known upmarket suburbs of Clifton, Camps Bay and Hout Bay where a stop will be made for an optional cruise to Duiker (Seal) Island (cost not included) or a walk in the harbor.

Leaving Hout Bay you will continue to the well-known Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden was founded in 1913 and is world-renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape flora it displays and for the magnificence of its setting against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Kirstenbosch grows only indigenous South African plants. The estate covers 528 hectares and supports a diverse fynbos flora and natural forest. The cultivated garden (36 hectares) displays collections of South African plants, particularly those from the winter rainfall region of the country.

From Kirstenbosch you will continue on the Eastern side of the peninsula along the False Bay coast to Simon's Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture and home to the South African Navy. Your tour will stop at Boulder's Beach to visit the large resident African Penguin colony. In 1983, a pair of African penguins was spotted on Foxy Beach at Boulders and in 1985 they began to lay. Since then the colony has grown rapidly, increasing initially at about 60% a year. Estimates now put numbers at around 3,000.

After visiting Boulder's Beach a lunch stop will be made at Seaforth Restaurant (excluded). After lunch you will continue on to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve, which has magnificent fynbos vegetation, birdlife, endemic antelope species and zebra, historic lighthouses and shipwrecks. Cape Point is perceived to be the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

From Cape Point you start your return journey to the city via the seaside towns of Scarborough & Noordhoek and over Chapman's Peak, one of the most breathtaking coastal drives. You continue on via Hout Bay back to the city.

Kindly note the drive over Chapman's Peak is subject to the road being open.

Day 3:

After leaving Cape Town we head to the winelands. This delightful drive winds its way to the heart of the Cape Winelands, through superb mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads.

The renowned scenic winelands of the Cape offer a wide variety of styles and tastes in wine. From the classic meant-to age wines to the full fruity, fashionable New World wines. A passionate new generation of winemakers works alongside the established producers and reflect the vibrant, burgeoning industry. The changing face of South Africa is reflected in the giant strides the industry is making in land reform, housing and empowerment projects

Constantly improving viticulture and cellar practices are generating more and more quality wines against the background of our 300 year wine making history. From the vineyards of Constantia in the heart of the city, written about by Jane Austin and ordered by Napoleon in exile on St Helena, these wines remain among the best that South Africa produces

The Helderberg and Stellenbosch areas along the spectacular Hottentots-Holland Mountains are best known for wines which attract many awards both locally and internationally. Over the Hellshoogte Pass and the Groot Drakenstein Mountain range is the charming village of Franschhoek known as the food capital of South Africa. Franschhoek, the original settlement of the French Huguenots in South Africa, retains a Gallic charm with its boutiques, pavement cafes and fine restaurants.

Paarl is the home of our governing wine body and it's architecturally varied main road is home to some of our best wines. Further afield are the celebrated Walker Bay wines which vie with the Southern Right Whale for attention. The West Coast is an up and coming wine region which can be combined in Spring with the carpets of wild flowers along the way

A typical day in the winelands will include a cellar tour, three or four tastings at private premier wine producers to suit your wine preferences, and an a la carte lunch in a great restaurant (excluded), chosen according to the route.

Day 4:

Today you are transferred to Cape Town Airport to connect with your flight. If you have rented a car you terminate your car rental at Cape Town Airport.

COSTS based on travel in July, 2007:

CAPE GRACE:

LOCALLY HOSTED:

R 7,490.00 per person sharing

R 5,040.00 single room supplement

R13, 245.00 1 person traveling

SELF DRIVE:

R 6,770.00 per person sharing

R 5,040.00 single room supplement

R12,895.00 1 person traveling

CAPE CADOGAN:

LOCALLY HOSTED:

R 3,550.00 per person sharing

R 1,615.00 single room supplement

R 5,860.00 1 person traveling

SELF DRIVE:

R 2,825.00 per person sharing

R 1,615.00 single room supplement

R 5,510.00 1 person traveling

SUNDOLLAR LODGE:

SELF DRIVE:

R 1,790.00 per person sharing

R 155.00 single room supplement
R 3,020.00 1 person traveling

INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in twin/single rooms with private facilities.
- All meals where stated.
- All tours and transfers as stated.
- Car Rental – Group C
- All light aircraft transfers as stated above.
- Tourism Levies.
- VAT at 14 %.

EXCLUDES:

- All scheduled flights and airport taxes.
- Airport / departure taxes on private charter flights or light aircraft transfers
- Conservation tax (these are the taxes that you pay at either HDS or MQP - at the moment this tax is R100.00 pp but subject to change)
- Meals where not stated.
- Items of a personal nature i.e. room service, laundry etc.
- Bar account, gratuities, portorage etc.
- Visas if applicable.
- Park entrance fees.
- Travel, medical and cancellation insurance.

CAR RENTAL:

INCLUDED:

Car hire is inclusive of super collision damage waiver, super theft loss waiver, personal accident insurance including MRI, unlimited kilometers, airport surcharge, tourism levy, 1 additional driver, delivery fee, one way fee (charged when the pick up and drop off location exceeds 150kms), Value Added Tax at 14%, and mobile phone rental on request.

EXCLUDED:

Fuel and a refundable fuel deposit of R 1 000.00 (cash or credit card).

Contract fee of R 25.00.

Optional equipment (infant seats / tow bars, etc).

Water and under-carriage damage to vehicles.

Windscreen & tyre damage.

Claim Admin fee of R 400.00 will be charged in the event of an accident and/or theft of a vehicle.

Fine handling fee – R 165.00

Mobile phones require credit card authorization of R1, 000 for local calls and R2, 000 for international calls.

Excludes insurance and all calls (except incoming calls).

If the phone is damaged or stolen, an excess of R 1 000.00 is payable.

NOTES:

An International driver's license or a valid, unendorsed English driver's license is required.

Fuel cannot be paid by credit card whilst traveling in South Africa. Cards are only accepted for the fuel deposit.

Cross Border Traveling: A letter of authorization must be requested for travel to Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. No travel is allowed to Mozambique, Angola and Zambia. Should a damage or theft occur in an authorized cross border country, the excess of that country will apply.

A surcharge of R30 per day applies to renters under the age of 23, provided that they have been in possession of a valid driver's license for 2 years.

Factors that could negate insurance cover:

Negligent, reckless, malicious or criminal actions of the renter or passengers as detailed in the Rental Agreement,

When the vehicle was not being driven by the renter or authorized co-driver as stated in the Rental Agreement,

Driving under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substances,

Tampering with the odometer,

Failure to report an accident to Budget Rent A Car personnel within 24 hours,

Crossing the border without requiring a letter of authorization from Hertz Rent A Car,

Not adhering to traffic, road and driving regulations

Breach of any of the provisions of the Rental Agreement.

Please note that it is essential to take anti-Malaria precautions when visiting Mpumalanga and the Kruger National Park area. If you are on any medication, please check with your doctor as certain drugs are incompatible with malaria prophylaxis.

Due to the fact that inter-lodge transfers are by air charter, baggage must be kept to 20kgs per person in soft bags. Baggage storage is available at Kruger Mpumalanga Airport.

THE ABOVE QUOTE IS SUBJECT TO RECONFIRMATION BY RESERVATIONS AFRICA AT THE TIME OF BOOKING AND MAY BE AFFECTED BY AIR OR FUEL INCREASES, CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, ACCOMMODATION AVAILABILITY OR ANY STATUTORY INCREASE BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY BOOKINGS CANCELLED LESS THAN 45 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WILL BE LIABLE FOR CANCELLATION FEES.

A 25% DEPOSIT WILL BE PAYABLE ON CONFIRMATION OF THE BOOKING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE OF TRAVEL.

Cancellation

Cancellation of any booking must be in writing. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. If prior to 8 weeks before departure your deposit is forfeited. If the cancellation is made after the due date for full payment of the tour fare, charges will be levied.

The scale of charges, expressed as a percentage of the tour prices, is as follows:

More than 8 weeks notice - Deposit forfeited (25% of the tour fare)

Less than 8 weeks notice - Deposit plus 25%

Less than 4 weeks notice - 60%

Less than 3 weeks notice - 80%

Less than 2 weeks notice - 100%

Should your guests fail to join a tour or join it after departure or leave it prior to its completion, no tour fare refund can be made. (Please note that if the cancellation falls within the terms of any holiday insurance policy that your guest holds, then his or her insurance company, subject to the terms of the insurance policy, will normally refund any such charges to your guest).

Please note: our cancellation policy is ruled by each individual property the above is merely a guideline.

- To pursue these or other options please contact Jocelyn on joss@reservationsafrica.co.za and please remember to inform her that you are a **Falconer**.

- If you wish to spend time in Cape Town, before or after the meet, you can be accommodated at Sundollar Lodge in Noordhoek where falconers will get a preferential rate and we will ensure that you make the most of your visit to the “Fairest Cape”. Contact Sylvia Lombard on info@sundollar.co.za or visit the website at www.sundollar.co.za .
- For those wishing to visit the Kruger national Park or other attractions in Mpumalanga, George McAlister at The Aloes Country Inn will offer discounted rates to all visitors to the Meet. They are ideally situated as a stop over for the many local tourist attractions in Mpumalanga . Check out their web site at www.sa-venues.com/mpl/aloes-inn.htm or e-mail them direct at aloes-inn@huxnet.co.za . George has Red-wing francolin hawking in some stunningly attractive countryside and a visit to him is well worthwhile.
- For the Cape “Wine-lands” experience, self-catering accommodation is available with Edmund Oettle in Wellington and this can be booked with him on oettle@intekom.co.za . Ed’s duck hawking is legendary and set amongst spectacular scenery.

A visit to ZwaZulu Natal Province opens the gate to numerous Game reserves and the lush east coast of South Africa. A good base would be the Mulberry Hill Guest House with Falconer – Greg Jean Jacques and his wife Terry, situated near the town of Howick in the Natal Midlands. Contact info@mulberryhill.co.za .

IAF AGM 2008: UPDATE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Here are a few reminders and notices:

- Please make sure that you have made your booking with the Hotel and ensure that you get the discounted rate by informing them that you are a Falconer or are attending the Falconry Meeting. Details for contacting the hotel are on the Booking Document attached below.
- The Hotel has been requesting photocopies of your Identity Document as well as both sides of your credit card. You may refuse too provide these. You may then be told that the accommodation will only be held until the evening of the day of your arrival. Please ignore this.
- Please note that the Meet is being held in the South African Mid-Winter. We often get temperatures **below freezing** in the night and early morning. Jerseys and gloves are a good idea! This will also apply to those of you extending your trip to the Kalahari.
- The Hotel is 80Km outside the closest town which is Bloemfontein, so there will be limited opportunities for shopping in Bloemfontein and no shops close to the hotel. The Airport is 60 Km away. We can arrange to collect you from there if we know when you arrive – see the booking document below – or contact me personally on lombarda@mweb.co.za
- To extend your visit before or after the Meet, please look at the opportunities on the original Information Notice. Jaco Powell is leading the Kalahari Trip and still has vacancies but needs to have your bookings as soon as possible. He can also help with other trips you may wish to make. Contact him on info@capefox.co.za
- Alternatively Jocelyn Millar at joss@reservationsafrica.co.za can help with your travel plans. Please tell her that you are a Falconer.
- The Hunting Program is different in South Africa from most of the Meets in the Northern Hemisphere that I have attended. We tend to go out early in the morning – leaving at 7 to 8 am and again in the afternoon – leaving at 3 to 4 pm. We have arranged for a mid-morning “Brunch” meal to accommodate this. We have some good hawks going of a range of species; we hope that you will enjoy a variety of action. Good hiking boots and gaiters are of benefit.
- The “Gala Dinner” will be held on Friday evening (18th July) and dress will be “informal” but national costumes would be welcome.
- We plan to hold a “Spit Braai” or Barbeque on the evening of Saturday 19th July. We will hold a raffle on this evening. Donations for the raffle will be welcomed.
- Here are some useful web addresses to help you plan your trip:
http://www.southafrica.info/public_services/sa_abroad/ for any information you may require regarding visas or travel to South Africa
www.southafrica.to to obtain information about cheap flights and car rental in South Africa.

www.places.co.za/html/south_african_national_parks.html

or www.parks-sa.co.za to find out about visiting some of the truly superb National Parks and Wildlife areas available in South Africa

Finally, the following Falconer-Friendly establishments are open to you:

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Please forward this to any friends who may be coming or may wish to come and who may not have received it.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to South Africa!

Adrian Lombard – on behalf of the South African Falconry Association.