



LEEF JOU REIS

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A glimpse into my journey

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*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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R22 800.00 Per person sharing*
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Experience the magic of the West Coast and Namaqualand!

DAY 1: Monday, 17 August 2026

West Coast National Park

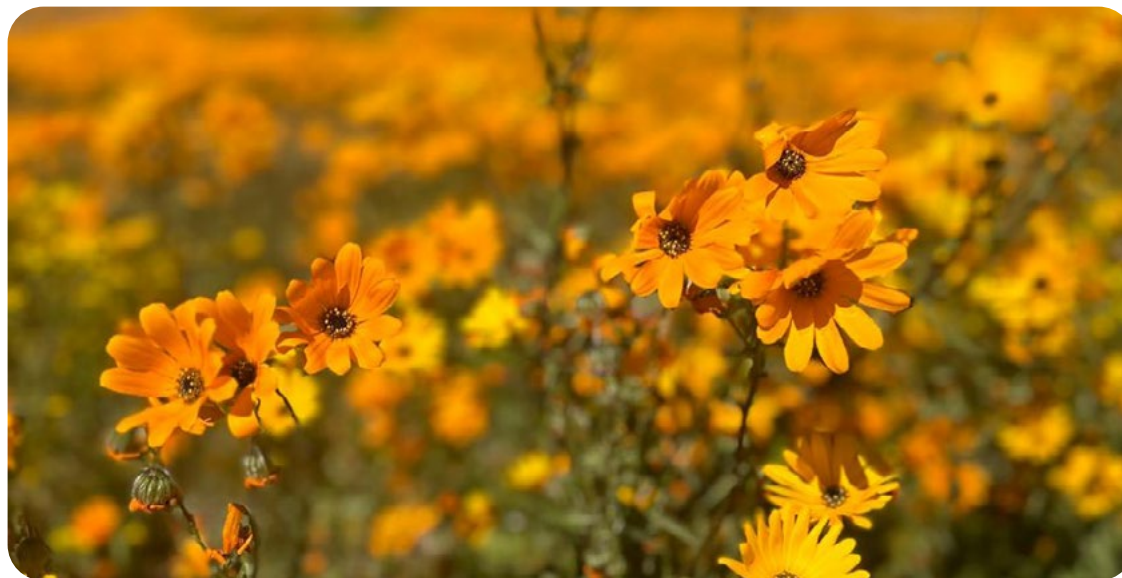
We depart from Johannesburg on an early morning flight to Cape Town to begin our West Coast and Namaqualand adventure. After our arrival, we have time for a quick coffee before we set off.

NOTE:

Breakfast will be at own cost, at the airport or onboard your flight.

Our vehicles will be waiting at the airport, ready to take us on a scenic drive along the West Coast. En route, we stop at **Durbanville Hills** for an early lunch of pizza and other treats – the perfect chance for everyone to get acquainted. For those who wish, you can also sample some of the estate's award-winning wines.

From there, we continue to the **West Coast National Park**, home to Mountain Zebra, Red Hartebeest and Eland, as well as sweeping flower fields unique to the area. We visit the park's signature landmarks, **Preekstoel** and **Postberg**, before continuing along the coast to Saldanha Bay, where we spend our first night.





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Once we've checked in, there's time to unwind before meeting in the lounge for welcome drinks by the fire. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy a hearty dinner as we toast to the start of our journey.

Overnight in Saldanha Bay (Light Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 2: Tuesday, 18 August 2026

Muisbosskerm, Cederberg

We begin the day taking in the breathtaking views of **Saldanha Bay** over a leisurely breakfast. Our next destination, where we spend two nights is Kromrivier in the heart of the **Cederberg Mountains**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's an easy, scenic drive with a stop at **Tietiesbaai** and a visit to a cheeky local bar before we continue our journey north. Along the way, we soak up the changing landscapes of the West Coast, where splashes of wildflowers begin to appear alongside the highway.

Lunch is a special treat at **Muisbosskerm**, the famous open-air seaside restaurant. Here, we enjoy the simplicity of freshly prepared seafood simply grilled over open flames. With your feet in the sand, a glass of wine in hand and the sound of waves crashing nearby, it's a true highlight of the trip – a taste of coastal living at its finest.

As we travel deeper into the Cederberg region, the scenery transforms again. We cross the **Olifants River**, pass the **Algeria Forestry Station** and spot the region's iconic cedar trees before arriving at our destination. Here you recognise why this part of the country was so loved by C. Louis Leipoldt.





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At **Kromrivier**, you're welcome to sample their locally brewed beer, made from pure mountain spring water. This is a truly special corner of the world – take time to explore the farm, enjoy the crisp mountain air, or simply kick off your shoes and relax in the peaceful surroundings.

Once you've settled into your beautiful accommodation, we gather for a relaxed dinner featuring **waterblommetjie bredie**, said to be **Louis Leipoldt's favourite dish** and one of the Cederberg's true culinary treasures – the perfect way to end the day, with good food and warm company beside the fire.

Overnight in Cederberg (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

It's a perfect combination of history, nature and relaxation.

As the day comes to a close, we return to our accommodation and gather around the fire for a **delicious braai**, while the sun sets and the mountains cast long shadows across the valley. With the warmth of the fire, the aromas of the grill and the serenity of the Cederberg surrounding us, it's a truly unforgettable evening.

Overnight in Cederberg (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 3: Wednesday, 19 August 2026

Cederberg

Today we venture into the heart of the **Cederberg Mountains**, a region renowned for its rugged beauty, dramatic rock formations and unique biodiversity. Towering cliffs, ancient sandstone formations and the crisp mountain air set the stage for a truly memorable day. Our destination is the famous **Stadsaal Caves**, a heritage site that has fascinated visitors for centuries.

The caves are renowned for their **ancient San rock art**, some of the best-preserved and most unique examples in the world. The intricate paintings, depicting humans, animals, and spiritual symbols, provide a glimpse into the rich cultural history of the region. We gather in the cool shade of the caves, surrounded by striking rock formations, to enjoy the **scenic views**, a lovely **picnic lunch**, and a **tasting of the Nieuwoudt's award-winning wines**.





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DAY 4: Thursday, 20 August 2026

Vanrhynsdorp, Garies

After breakfast and check-out, we journey back over the mountain pass and head further north to **Garies, the chief town in the Namaqualand district**. As the sun climbs into the sky, the flowers begin to bloom and the landscape transforms, offering a spectacular natural display along the way.

Our halfway stop is at **Van Rhynsdorp** where we break for a quick lunch. This historic town, established in the early 18th century, is home to an old Catholic mission station, one of the earliest in the country. The mission church, with its charming architecture and historic significance, offers a glimpse into the town's rich cultural past.



The area surrounding the town is also a haven for wildflowers, providing the perfect opportunity to admire the blooms.

After lunch, we continue our journey and arrive in **Garies** in the early evening as the sun begins to set. This charming town, with its warm people and welcoming atmosphere, immediately captures your heart. Here, we enjoy local hospitality, quaint accommodation and delicious food, making for a truly memorable stay.

Overnight in Garies (Breakfast, Light Lunch and Dinner)



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DAY 5: Friday, 21 August 2026

Namaqualand Flowers, Garies

This is the day we've all been waiting for! Today, we set out to find the flowers of Namaqualand, guided by a local expert who knows the veld and its blooms like the back of his hand. He shares not only his knowledge of the flowers but also his deep connection to the region, offering insights that few visitors ever experience. With his insider tips, we're guided along the best routes to discover the most spectacular displays.

Before the flower chase begins, a lovely surprise waits for you as we hop into a local "Uber" – giving a whole new meaning to the word – and head to the famous **Garies tourist farmstall**. Here, you can browse through shelves of homemade treats, local crafts and charming trinkets. This fun and quirky stop is the perfect spot for a special purchase before venturing into the wildflower wonderland.

We then embark on a scenic drive into the **Kamiesberg Mountains**, crossing two breathtaking mountain passes en route to Kamieskroon. If time allows, we stop along the way at the gravesite of English Lieutenant Darter, who fell here during the war, adding a moment of reflection to our journey.

The highlight of the day is Tortoise National Park (or similar), where we enjoy a simple picnic lunch amid the mecca of wildflowers. We spend plenty of time exploring the park, marvelling at the stunning landscapes, where thousands of flowers and succulents create a dazzling natural tapestry.

After a day steeped in the wonders of the natural landscape, we make our way back to Garies for a warm and traditional dinner.

Enjoy a taste of authentic Karoo cuisine – including offal for the adventurous and comforting alternatives for everyone else – as we toast our final night in Namaqualand.

Overnight in Garies (Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Dinner)

PLEASE NOTE:

Routes may change depending on where the flowers are in bloom, and some events may be swapped or adjusted to ensure you have the best possible experience.





DAY 6: Saturday, 22 August

Clanwilliam

It's an early morning as we say our sweet goodbye to Garies and its warm, welcoming people, taking their hospitality with us as we set off on the long drive back to Cape Town. Our first stop is Clanwilliam to attend the **annual wildflower show**, a truly special experience. Here, a stunning display brings together the region's flowers under one roof, showcasing a dazzling variety of species, shapes, and colours. After so many memorable moments on our journey, this visit is another highlight – a perfect celebration of the extraordinary natural beauty we've been exploring.

Whilst in Clanwilliam, grab a quick bite for the road before we head straight to Cape Town for our flight home. With Leef Jou Reis, you take home far more than photos – you take home memories, laughter and friends for a lifetime.



Package Includes

- Transportation in Comfortable Minibuses from and to Cape Town
- 1 Nights' Accommodation in Saldanha Bay with Breakfast and Dinner
- 2 Nights' Accommodation in the Cederberg with Breakfast and Dinner
- 2 Nights' Accommodation in Garies with Breakfast and Dinner
- Light Brunch at Durbanville Hills Wine Estate
- Seafood Lunch at Muisbosskerm
- Picnic Lunch and Winetasting at Kromrivier
- Light Lunch at Van Rhynsdorp
- Picnic Lunch in Tortoise National Park
- Entrance Fees into National Parks
- Entrance Fee for Clanwilliam Flower Show

Package Exclude

- Domestic Flights
- All activities not mentioned
- All meals and drinks not mentioned
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses



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Important

- Seeing the flowers is never guaranteed – nature decides the season, not us.
- You are welcome to bring a small cooler with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks of your choice for your convenience and enjoyment. Alcohol is readily available on our route should you choose not to travel with it.
- A form of identification is required for your domestic flights (ID / Driver's licence)
- Should you be prone to hay fever, please remember to pack in your necessary medication.

PLEASE NOTE: Routes may change depending on where the flowers are and we adjust the itinerary to ensure an unforgettable experience.

As the Leef Jou Reis year planner is filled to capacity, it might not always be possible for Gerrie to personally accompany the group on all tours nor for him to be present during the full duration of the tour. Though his attendance cannot be guaranteed, we can, however, guarantee peace of mind with passionate Leef Jou Reis tour leaders who will ensure your comfort and enjoyment.





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What Next...?

Follow the steps below to confirm your booking:

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

In the meantime, start looking forward to this special experience!

Deposit

- To secure your place on this very special tour, we require a non-refundable deposit of R7 500. Please note that we are obligated to pay deposits and administration fees to our service providers. Please refer to our website for our full terms and conditions.
- A second payment of R7 500 is due by 28 February 2026.
- The outstanding amount is due by 31 May 2026.
- These prices are based on EFT payments.
- The itinerary may vary depending on the decision of the travel operators and also based on safety.
- In the past we have had lovely weather, but please also bring along clothing for cooler evenings and sudden changes in the weather.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name : LeefJouReis TWF
Bank : Standard Bank
Branch Code : 051001
Account Number : 012324523

Deposit reference number: **BLOM26 + NAME & SURNAME**

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za

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*Please note the number of single rooms is limited and it may not be possible to book a single room.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS ONLY



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