



LEEF JOU REIS

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2027 | Namaqualand and Its People: Where the Flowers are a Bonus!

16 - 21 August 2027



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A glimpse into my journey

Gerrie Pretorius

*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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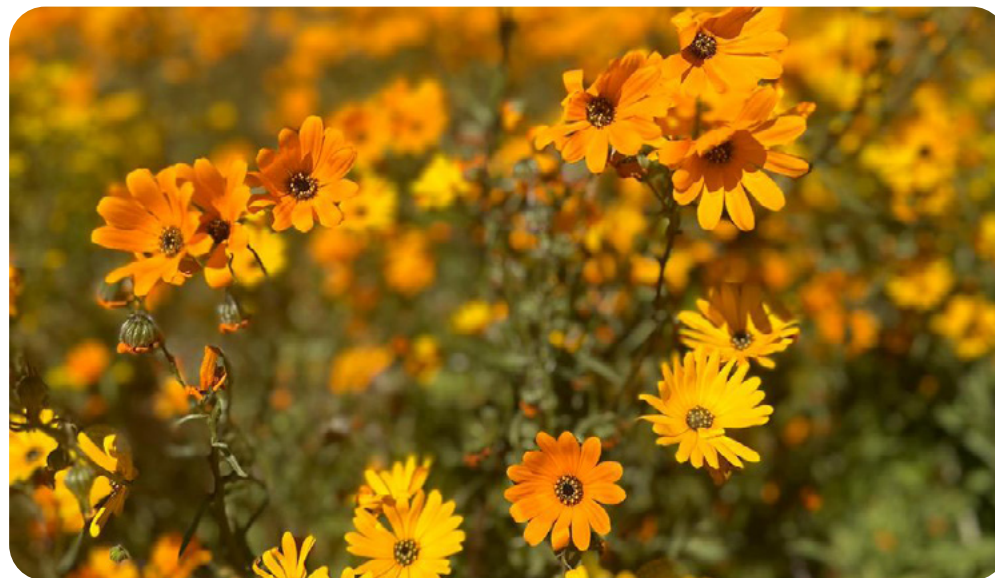
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A journey through Namaqualand is about more than just the beautiful landscapes for which the region is known.

It is about the people who live here, the stories passed down from one generation to the next, and the exceptional hospitality you experience along the way. From the Cederberg and the West Coast to the heart of Namaqualand, we discover a region where people, places and stories come together to form a bigger picture – with the famous wildflowers as part of the landscape.



DAY 1: Monday, 16 August 2027

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.

Our luxury vehicles will be waiting at the airport, ready to take us towards the Cederberg. En route, we stop at Durbanville Hills for an early lunch – the perfect chance for everyone to get acquainted.

From Durbanville Hills, we continue towards Ceres, where we enter the Cederberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its dramatic sandstone formations, rugged mountains and remarkable natural beauty.





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As we leave the fertile valleys behind, the landscape gradually transforms into the wild, open scenery of the Cederberg.

We arrive at Kromrivier, our home for the next two nights. There is time to settle in, explore the farm, enjoy the crisp mountain air or simply relax and take in the peaceful surroundings. For those who wish, you can also sample Kromrivier's locally brewed beer, made from pure mountain spring water.

This evening, we gather around the table with waterblommetjie bredie on the menu – said to have been one of C. Louis Leipoldt's favourite dishes and a well-known part of the region's culinary heritage. It is through food, stories and the people who share them with us that we come to know a place in a different way. With the Cederberg as our backdrop, delicious food and good company, we bring our first day in the mountains to a close.

Overnight in the Cederberg (Light Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 2: Tuesday, 17 August 2027

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,





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surrounded by striking rock formations, to enjoy the scenic views, a lovely picnic lunch, and a tasting of David Nieuwoudt's award-winning wines. 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, 18 August 2027

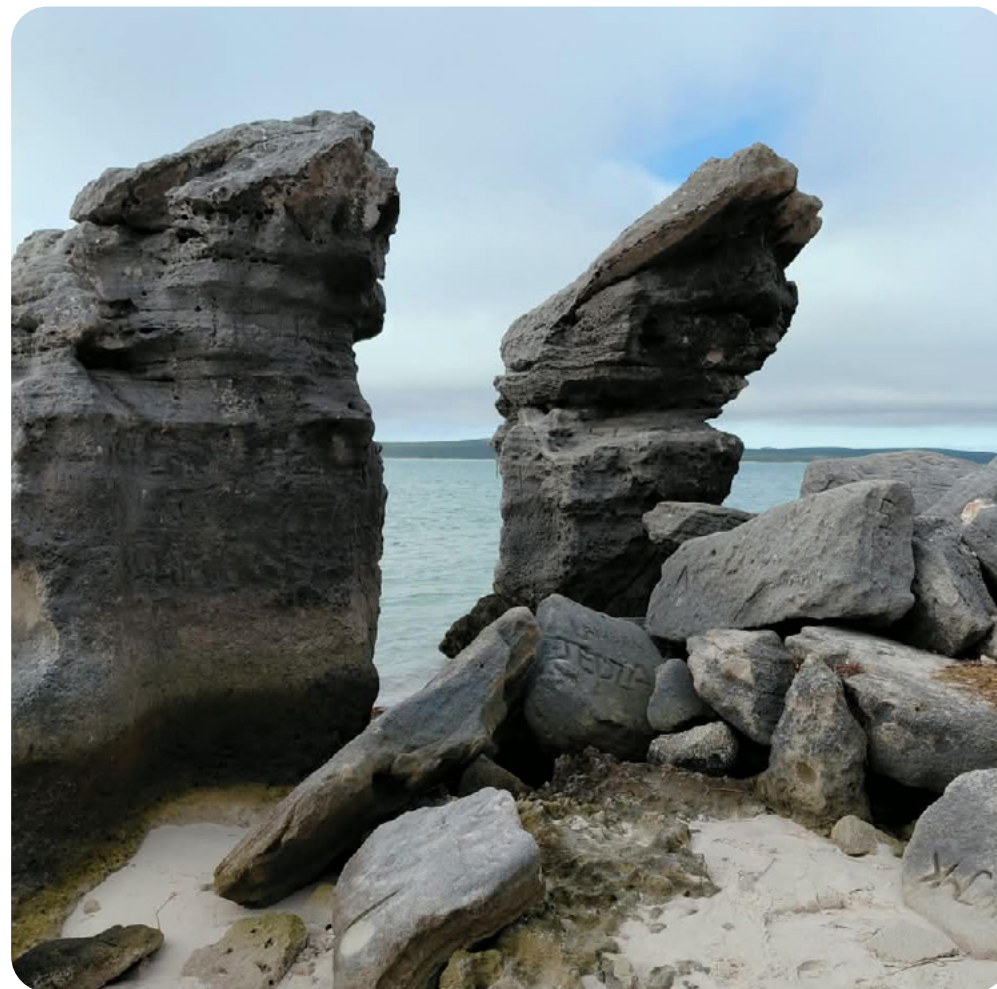
After breakfast, we leave the Cederberg behind and make our way towards the West Coast. As we travel, the landscape changes once again, taking us from the mountains into the wide-open plains and coastal country of the West Coast.

Our route takes us into West Coast National Park, home to Mountain Zebra, Red Hartebeest and Eland, as well as an incredible variety of seasonal wildflowers. We explore some of the park's signature areas, including Preekstoel and Postberg, with time to enjoy the scenery and keep an eye out for wildlife along the way.

From the park, we continue along the coast to Saldanha Bay, where we check in and settle into our accommodation.

The evening is yours to relax and unwind before we come together for a lovely dinner – a chance to enjoy good food, good company and the laid-back atmosphere of the West Coast.

Overnight in Saldanha Bay (Breakfast and Dinner)





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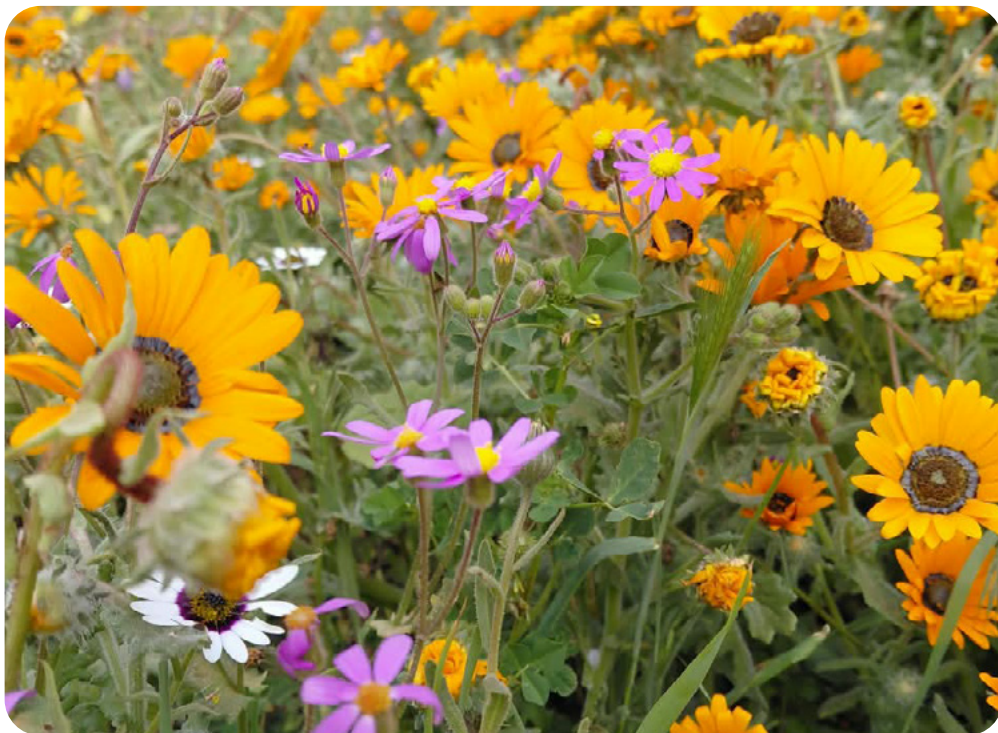
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DAY 4: Thursday, 19 August 2027

Today we leave Saldanha Bay behind and travel further north, away from the West Coast and deeper into Namaqualand, with Garies as our next destination. As the landscape changes, the first signs of the flower season begin to appear along the road. When conditions are right, the veld gradually transforms into a colourful carpet – one of the reasons this region attracts so many visitors each year.

We stop at Tietiesbaai and also call in at a cheeky local bar before arriving at our special lunch stop.



Muisbosskerm, the renowned open-air restaurant, invites you to experience the simplicity of fresh seafood, prepared especially for us over open fires. With your feet in the sand, a glass of wine in hand and the sound of waves breaking nearby, it is a true highlight of the journey – an experience of coastal living at its best.

After lunch, we continue to Garies, where we receive a warm welcome in true Namaqualand style. Here, we get to know not only the town, but also some of the people who call this small community home. Through their stories, food and warmth, we gain our first glimpse of a side of Namaqualand that cannot simply be seen in passing. With cosy accommodation, local food and time spent together, Garies quickly begins to feel like more than just an overnight stop.

Overnight in Garies (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



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DAY 5: Friday, 20 August 2027

This is the day we've all been waiting for! Today, we set out to explore the colourful world of Namaqualand and its spectacular flowers, guided by a local expert who knows the veld and its blooms like the back of his hand. He shares not only his extensive knowledge of the flora, but also personal stories and insights into the region – a unique perspective few visitors get to experience. With his insider knowledge, we follow the best routes to discover the most beautiful flower displays.

Before the flower chase begins, we hop into a local “Uber” – giving a whole new meaning to the word – but for now, we'll keep that part a surprise. Our destination is the popular Garies Tourist Farmstall, where shelves are filled with homemade treats, local crafts and unique little finds. It's the perfect place to pick up something special before heading out to explore the flower-filled landscapes of Namaqualand.

From here, we continue with a scenic drive through the Kamiesberg Mountains, crossing two impressive mountain passes en route to Kamieskroon. Along the way, we come across the gravesite of Lieutenant Darter, an English officer who fell here during the Anglo-Boer War.

The highlight of the day is our visit to Namaqua National Park (if possible) – one of the great meccas of wildflowers in Namaqualand. Lunch is a simple picnic somewhere among the blooms, surrounded by a spectacular display of daisies, succulents, Namaqualand daisies, gousblomme and other colourful wildflowers – to name just a few. We allow plenty of time to explore the park and take in the beautiful landscapes, where thousands of flowers and succulents come together to create a fascinating natural tapestry.

After a full day immersed in the beauty of nature, we enjoy a relaxed drive back to Garies, where a delicious traditional dinner of tripe awaits – and don't worry, there'll be some more “tame” options for those who prefer! It's the perfect way to round off our final evening in Namaqualand.

Overnight in Garies (Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Dinner)

DAY 6: Saturday, 21 August 2027

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.





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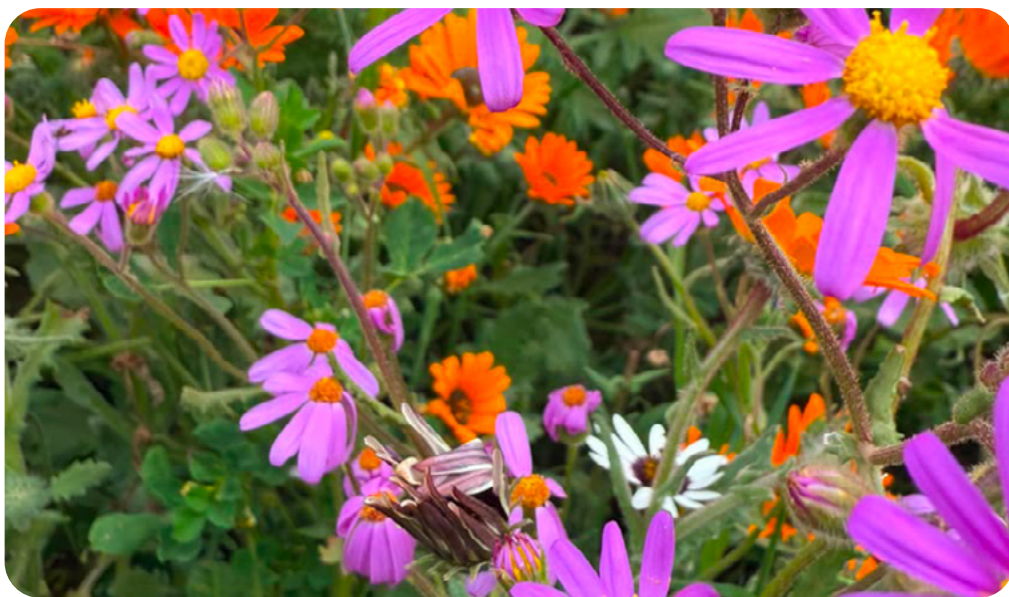
We stop in Clanwilliam at a quirky local farm stall for a light lunch. It's the perfect place to stretch our legs, grab something tasty for the road and enjoy one last taste of the countryside before continuing our journey.

From Clanwilliam, we continue towards Cape Town for our flight home.

Namaqualand may be behind us, but the stories, laughter, flowers and moments we shared along the way travel home with us. Because ultimately, that's what travel is all about – discovering new places, meeting new people and returning home with memories that stay with us long after the journey has ended.

(Breakfast and Light Lunch)

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



Package Includes:

- Transportation in Luxury Minibuses from and to Cape Town
- 2 Nights' Accommodation in the Cederberg including breakfast
- 1 Nights' Accommodation in Saldanha Bay including breakfast
- 2 Nights' Accommodation in Garies including breakfast
- Light Lunch at Durbanville Hills
- Seafood Lunch at Muisbosskerm
- Picnic Lunch and Winetasting at Kromrivier
- Picnic Lunch in Namaqua National Park
- Light Lunch at Clanwilliam
- Dinner Daily
- Entrance Fees into National Parks
- Leef Jou Reis as Tourleader and Host

Package Exclude:

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

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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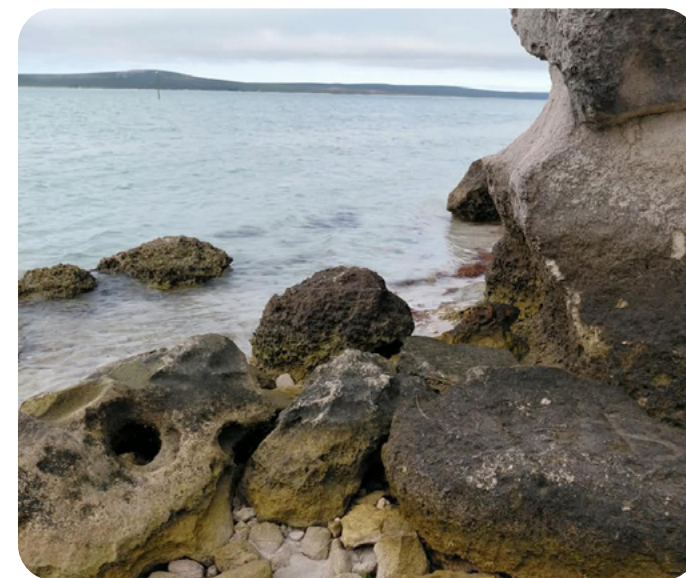
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Important:

- 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.
- To fully enjoy the sights and experiences on this tour, you should be reasonably fit and able to comfortably walk around 2 kilometres during the day.
- Come with an open mind, a sense of adventure and be ready to make new friends.
- Approximately a month before departure, we'll create a WhatsApp group to share important information and updates. This will be your main communication channel with Leef Jou Reis. Please make sure you provide all the correct mobile numbers on your booking form so that everyone who needs to be included can be added to the group. During and after the tour, we'll also use the group to share photos and videos.





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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 R8 000. 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 R8 000 is due by 31 January 2027.
- The outstanding amount is due by 30 April 2027.
- These prices are based on EFT payments.
- The itinerary may vary depending on the decision of the travel operators and also based on safety.

Banking Details & Pricing

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

Deposit reference number: BLOM27 + 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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