

# Protea Eco Adventures



## Conservation Through Utilization

### **Protea Weekend Breakaways for 2010 & 2011**

It's hard to slow down and break away - be captivated by the majestic beauty of the great African outdoors to which we will introduce you! Become an everyday explorer with our weekend breakaways, we will take you to places where time stands still and your spirit is inspired to soar to greater heights!

At Protea we believe that in the world's wilderness areas lie the preservation of humankind. We want to make a difference in the lives of our guests, by enabling them to find new paths, and leaving a legacy of conservation for our children. Our passion and drive for the great African outdoors is to share South Africa's wildlife reserves, our Heritage and our Countries unspoilt wilderness areas in a manner that leaves little imprint on the environment whilst delivering a unique experience for you to enjoy.

Our weekend fees are per person sharing, it's a self-drive weekend with some of the destinations offering full catering and other ones self-catering chalets. If style and comfort suits you, we can offer you just the right weekend to rejuvenate you. These weekends are aimed at true nature lovers and those that enjoy the unspoilt wilderness. These weekends are not designed as an obstacle course or an endurance test for man and machine. All our weekends are family-orientated and the aim is to enjoy the wonders of these pristine wilderness areas and to experience the original safari atmosphere of an unhurried life-changing journey.

### **Take a well-deserved break from the rat race with our unforgettable Weekend Breakaways!**

Discover the rich diversity of our country, explore the undiscovered beauty that the areas holds that we intend to visit. Come and discover a treasure chest of breathtaking views, unspoilt wildlife, picturesque towns and the welcoming smiles of the locals.

## **Mapungubwe National Park, Northern Limpopo Province**

**22 - 24 October 2010. Space for only 3 couples**

**16 - 20 June 2011. Space for only 10 couples**

Out of the mist of the mysterious past, rises the Lost Kingdom of Africa – South Africa's fifth World Heritage Site. Located at the confluence of two mighty river meets three countries were an ancient civilisation once flourished. At this mountain kingdom the Golden Rhino was discovered, visit the newly built museum with all of the artefacts that were discovered here at Mapungubwe Hill.

We will travel along narrow tracks to view the rich wildlife of this unique national park spanning Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Experience the "Moon Landscape" – Sandstone formations and majestic Baobab trees. The park is home to herds of migrating Elephants, Buffalo and the roar of the King breaking the silence you are enjoying.

The Leokwe rest camp offers self-catering cottages; the design is derived from the typical Venda village. The self catering air conditioned cottages offer a kitchen, patio and braai facilities. The rate also includes your park fees, a Heritage tour to the Mapungubwe Hill and your accommodation in lovely cottages. Relax around the unique rock pool overlooking the valley with a nesting pair of black eagles to entertain you. The park offers game viewing, tree top walkway, night drives, unbelievable rock formations and plenty of bird life.

The cost per person (adult) sharing will be R2 490. Only 3 couples can still be accommodated.



## Sani Pass, Kwa-Zulu Natal Province

**18 – 21 March 2011. Space for only 10 couples**

A must-do for every 4x4 owner! This visit to the gateway to the Roof of Africa with its breathtaking views is an once-in-a-lifetime experience! Nestled in the beautiful Mkhomazana valley at the foot of Sani Pass you will find the renowned Sani Pass Hotel situated on a 800 hectare property offering you a flood light tennis court, 9 hole golf course, outdoor pool area, wellness centre, horse riding, quad biking and the change to hook a wild river rainbow trout or a brown one. These activities will be for your account. If this does not get you excited what about the rare Bald Ibises that nest on the property or the ancient San rock paintings.

A very exciting 4x4 trip up and into the mountain Kingdom a climb of a 1000m will take you to 2873m above sea level to enjoy a drink at the highest pub in Africa. What about a visit to a traditional Basotho village? On route you will discover the unique mountain flora and the rare birds of this Kingdom.

We will be staying at the fully catered Sani Pass Hotel, enjoying dinner, bed and breakfast here. This time of the year the mighty Drakensberg are covered in a green blanket with various flowing streams and magnificent waterfalls. So why not come and enjoy the warm hospitality and breathtaking views of the Drakensberg with us.

The cost for this 3 night catered weekend will be R5 500-00 per person sharing. We have only 10 double hotel rooms available in the Sani Pass Hotel.



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**6 – 9 August 2011. Space for only 10 couples**

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# Namaqualand, Flower Season, Northern Cape Province

**18 – 23 August 2010 FULLY BOOKED**

**1 - 6 September 2011. Space for only 10 couples**

The month of August/September is known to be the best time of the year to view this natural phenomenon in South Africa's arid and desolate "outback". The Namaqualand spring flowers are justifiably world famous - this botanical masterpiece puts on a show that is unrivalled anywhere on Earth. With its winter rainfall, Namaqualand is home to the richest bulb flora of any arid region in the world and more than 1 000 of its estimated 3 500 plant species are found nowhere else on earth. Amphibians and reptiles are also well represented with a number of endemic species.

If you experience this natural wonder you will remember it for the rest of your life. But as it normally happens with these phenomenon's nobody can pin point the correct time of this happening. The Goegap and Kamieskroon area is a wild flower garden and contains an enormous collection of succulent plants endemic to this area not to mention the spring flowers found here and in the Skilpad, Groen-Spoeg sections. This area is home to the mammal species that have adapted to these harsh conditions, endangered Hartman's Zebra, Springbok, Red Hartebeest, Aardvark, Black-backed Jackal and Leopard. The area offers 92 bird species which can be found among the granite peals or on the dry arid regions of the sandy plains.

The Northern Cape is the largest province boasting the largest desert and semi desert in South Africa, it's here were you will find the Springbok Hotel with its Colonial style facade, which conjures up memories of the mining part of this interesting mining town. The hotel offers air conditioned double rooms with dinner, bed, breakfast a country picnic basket for the day's outing. This country hotel takes hospitality to new levels.

If you want to be part of this natural phenomenon pack your bags and enjoy us on this 5 night long weekend. We can only accommodate 10 couples at R6 915 per person sharing; the fee includes your accommodation, dinner, breakfast and a lunch pack per day from the hotel.



Your host for these weekends will be Jannie Rykaart (4WDGA member no: 3020), owner of Protea Eco-Adventures who is dedicated to well planned, authentic tours with just a few discerning explorers. Jannie will share his knowledge of the fauna and flora with you and assist where possible to make this an unforgettable experience. Our weekend break-a-ways are kept small and intimate (only 10 vehicles), contributing to an exclusive and warm atmosphere.

Included in our fee is a full itinerary of the weekend, pack list, travel manners, maps, animal and birding list, tour guide fees, recovery and planning assistance, convoy control, all accommodation costs (chalet, cottage, hotel) Costs excluded from our fee are food( at stipulated places), beverages, water, fuel, road levies and all activity costs.

Once we have received your reservation form we will send you our pre-weekend information pack containing essential information to ensure a smoother and more enhanced experience. To book your weekend, send us an E-mail today to reserve your place at [info@passport2adventure.co.za](mailto:info@passport2adventure.co.za), visit our website for a visual experience at [www.passport2adventure.co.za](http://www.passport2adventure.co.za) or contact Jannie on 083-268-0566.

**Please note that these prices are subject to change. Any one of these outings is subject to a minimum booking of 5 vehicles or 10 people sharing.**

**You only live once, but if you do it right,  
once is enough!** Mae West

**We look forward to you joining us on these weekends – One we are certain will change your life, as it has for so many others.**

## Why use Protea for your Weekend Adventure?

- There are inherent risks and dangers involved when travelling alone and inexperienced travellers will be met with unpleasant surprises.
- We travel in convoy at all times for safety, as it is easy to get lost or left behind when out on the road less travelled. We keep to convoy protocol.
- The guide will set a safe travelling pace with well-planned stops en route.
- We have visited the various destinations before and we know what to expect.
- All vehicles will be equipped with a long distance two-way radio.
- We know most of the travel conditions to these destinations, where to travel and where not to travel and how long it will take to travel safely between places.
- We take the greatest care in selecting our destination with neat and clean chalets or Lodges.
- We do not venture of demarcated roads and tracks - we only travel along regularly used roads and tracks to minimize our impact on the environment.
- We will share whatever knowledge we have on the fauna and flora, the culture of the people and the destination with you. Those of you that can contribute more information feel free to do so!
- Our weekends are planned months in advance, saving you the time and effort to do it yourself and offering you the peace of mind that everything is in place.
- Our accommodation and entrance to the national parks are secured well in advance, thereby eliminating any nasty surprises.
- Our weekends are economical and well-priced as a self-drive adventure into South Africa.
- We host environmentally-friendly expeditions.
- Respect for our surroundings is key on all of our weekend tours.
- We will supply you with a full itinerary and a pack list for each weekend.
- We are always available to assist you in the planning of your weekend with us.
- We do not contribute to noise pollution – blaring radios, unruly individuals are not welcome and will not be tolerated!
- We only accommodate 10 vehicles per weekend with a minimum of 4 vehicles to secure it.
- We will meet 2 weeks prior to the selected weekend tour at Outdoor Warehouse, Strubensvalley to discuss the safari, what to do, what to pack and to meet your fellow companions.
- All of these weekend breakaways will be led by Jannie Rykaart personally.