



## The Forgotten Highway Adventure Tour

The **Forgotten Highway Route** links Tulbagh in the south with Kuruman in the north, traversing several Karoo regions: **Kalahari, Griqualand West, the Bo-Karoo, the Roggeveld, and the Ceres Karoo.**

On this exciting tour, we will explore the "old and the new" cultural interactions of this ancient arid region with its biodiversity of fauna and flora, and rich with cultural history ... We will visit inspiring community projects ... This is our *New Frontier!*



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## Day 1: Friday 20 Sept: Oudekloof Wine Farm, Tulbagh

4 pm: Meet at Oudekloof Guest Farm, west of Tulbagh or Kloofzicht Estate Country House. This is close to the original track where the very first travellers came over the mountains.

- Andrew takes visitors up to the pass at the top of the mountain, in a tractor or 4x4. Incredible views.
- Place a geocache.



OUDEKLOOF GUEST FARM

## Day 2: Saturday 21 Sept: Tulbagh to Ceres and Prince Alfred Hamlet

- Visit Church Street and Tulbagh museums, 9-11 pm
- Search for a geocache; Place a geocache.
- Depart from Tulbagh, via the magnificent Michell's Pass
- Arrive at Ceres
- 3 pm: Visit Togyers Museum, and enjoy a finger lunch platter.
- Place a geocache.
- Travel about 10km to Prince Alfred Hamlet.



THE HAMLET COUNTRY HOTEL, Prince Alfred Hamlet





### Day 3: Sunday 22 Sept: Ceres to Sutherland

- Scenic drive through the scenic Bo-Swaarmoed country road.
- Visit Karoopoort farm – Wander around the farmhouse. Sit under a tree with a picnic basket (coffee and muffins) and ponder the importance of Karoopoort as a stopover for the early travellers. Place a geocache.
- Drive the amazing Tankwa road (experience true desolation!), and place a geocache
- Turn north into Verlatenkloof
- Quick stop at Tjol se Gat for alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink at the bar
- Place a geocache
- Arrive at Roggecloof Guest Farm
- Dinner at Roggecloof.



ROGGECLOOF PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE



### Day 4: Monday 23 Sept: Exploring Sutherland's skies

- Breakfast at Roggecloof
- Guided tour of the Southern Africa Large Telescope (SALT)
- Lunch at Die Boorgat, place a geocache
- *Sutherland on Foot* tour
- Visit the newly refurbished birthplace of the Afrikaans poet NP van Wyk Louw
- Place a geocache
- Planetarium show
- Dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant
- Stargazing, Sterland



ROGGECLOOF PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE (2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT)





### Day 5: Tuesday 24 Sept: Sutherland to Fraserburg

- Coffee and beskuit at Roggedloof, before departure for Fraserburg
- Place a geocache at Roggedloof
- Travel the beautiful Rantepad route, with views of the Escarpment, place a geocache at the cemetery
- Scenic drive through Fraserburg, including the old homestead
- Lunch at Potjiekos Competition (heritage festivities)
- Visit Fraserburg museum, meet the Friends of the Museum; place geocache.
- Check into Kliphuis Guest House
- Visit Dinosaur footprints - experience a waterhole 200 million years ago; place a geocache
- Dinner at Juliana's Restaurant; Karoo Lamb on the menu!



KLIPHUIS GUEST HOUSE

### Day 6: Wednesday 25 Sept: Fraserburg to Loxton

- Depart for Loxton, and en-route, stop for scenic photos of the early trekboers; houses. Dip into a picnic basket with coffee and rusks.
- Scenic drive through Loxton, including the home of Deon Meyer
- Place a geocache.
- Visit the Stone Age Coffee Shop and the Loxton Art Gallery
- Lunch at Loxton Lekker Coffee Shop
- Meet Ingrid Schofmann of the Karoo Foundation: Visit a community project showcasing sheep wool and felt
- Visit "Laslappie art factory"
- Visit the unique Riverine Rabbit Geoglyph; place a geocache



DIE ROLBOS AND OTHER LOCAL GUEST HOUSES



### Day 7: Thursday 26 Sept: Loxton to Carnarvon

- Depart for Carnarvon
- Special briefing: Square Kilometer Array (SKA) Telescope
- Visit to Carnarvon Museum and the corbelled house.
- Take a drive through Schietfontein, the original mission station
- Picnic lunch at Karoo Smul, place geocache
- Book into Osfontein Farm
- Take a geocaching tour with Petra Nel, and introduce people to Geocaching.
- Enjoy good food and vibes: Supper at Lord's Kitchen Restaurant
- 8pm: Star gazing on the old airfield with the Carnarvon Astro Guides.



OSFONTEIN and CARNARVON GUEST HOUSES

### Day 8: Friday 27 Sept: Carnarvon to Prieska

- Depart for Prieska – 180 km on dirt – experience the remoteness of the original Forgotten Highway
- Stop over at Karelsgraf, and enjoy coffee and muffins in a picnic basket. Place a geocache
- View the mighty Orange River – Erstwhile border of the Cape Colony!
- Lunch at Johan van der Westhuizen's Blue Stone Saloon Bar (tbc)
- Visit the Anglo-Boer War blockhouse, with a great view, and enjoy a good photographic opportunity. Place a geocache.
- Check into Riverview Lodge; river sunset; sundowners and dinner.



RIVERVIEW LODGE



## Day 9: Saturday 28 Sept: Prieska to Witsand Nature Reserve via Griekwastad

- Depart for Griquatown, drive 130 km on a dirt road, up the Ghaap Escarpment
- Brief stop at Rietfontein, the very first mission station north of the Orange River (1800). Enjoy roadside coffee and rusks. Place a geocache
- Visit the Voetspore van Hoop creche
- Visit Mary Moffat Museum, built 1810
- Lunch at Proviand Restaurant, place a geocache
- Visit Kaptein Andries Waterboer's grave, laying some flowers, and meet a local representative of the Griqua Royal House
- Drive past the home of the Griqua King Waterboer and the Execution Tree
- Visit Leeukuil, the original site of the mission
- Take a little hike to Josina Kramer's grave and ancient Griqua graves
- Depart for Witsand Nature Reserve.
- Check into Witsand cottages
- Place a geocache
- Have a braai at the swimming pool.



WITSAND GAME RESERVE

## Day 10: Sunday 29 Sept: Witsand, and a fond farewell

- Pack a brunch basket, and climb to the top of the "roaring sands" – enjoy vast views of the Ghaap countryside, and do "sand surfing"
- Visit the 1914 rebellion "schanzes"
- Farewell lunch picnic at the swimming pool
- 2pm: Depart for Kimberley Airport and other destinations. (Will reach Kimberley by 5pm – 270 km).

