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EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS IN THE VREDEFORT DOME WORLD HERITAGE METEORITE IMPACT SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA

CYCLING TOURS IN AND AROUND PARYS

THE PANAMA HAT has put together a road cycling and cultural weekend package for cyclists wishing to get in a weekend of cycling coupled with other activities in and around Parys and the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site.

Of course the emphasis is on giving a cycling experience and we have some good routes to show you. However, we are also offering some optional extras since there is so much to offer in this World Heritage Meteorite Impact Site, based around Vredefort and Parys:

Accommodation: Green Gables Country Estate in Parys www.greengablescountryestate.co.za

Cost is R 420.00 per person per night sharing in twin-bedded rooms including breakfast. **THE PANAMA HAT** can highly recommend this venue for its spacious and luxurious en-suite rooms and friendly, professional service.

The suggested programme is as follows:

1. Arrive **Friday evening** and settle in at leisure. We will meet and greet the party at Green Gables and give a briefing of the available ride routes. Green Gables has braai facilities so a braai could be arranged if required OR we can recommend a number of very good dining establishments.
2. Ride **Saturday morning**. There is a very good 84 km route which is used for the Crater Cruise "Master Blaster" road race held every October as part of the Crater Cruise weekend festival.
3. Lunch at one of the popular Parys restaurants (Bookings and recommendations will be arranged)
4. **Saturday afternoon** Vredefort Dome Tour as an optional extra at R 150.00 per person. Guided 4 x 4 tours presented by Christo Meyer, a registered specialist tour guide for the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site at Kopjeskraal Country Lodge (www.kopjeskraal.co.za) The 2.5 hour Tour consists of a presentation of the Vredefort Dome Impact structure, a video presentation, explanation of the

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unique geology and melt rock formations, and a 4 x 4 drive to view the central impact structure and central up lift of the meteorite impact. Usually the drive allows sunsets and sundowners from the viewsite, weather permitting. **Since the Vredefort Dome has now been awarded World Heritage status this is a highly recommended Tour to the World's largest and oldest meteorite impact site dating back 2023 million years!**

5. **Saturday evening** dinner at one of the Parys restaurants (again, bookings and recommendations arranged) OR braai if preferred.
6. **Sunday morning** ride. Suggested route of around 97 km on good quiet roads crisscrossing the Vaal River with magnificent views of the countryside.
7. Check-out and departure at own leisure.

The costing example is based on a costing for 10 cyclists to enjoy a weekend of cycling with extra options for a memorable weekend! Costs may vary for smaller or larger groups and whether partners accompany you and need their own programme (e.g. shopping, art galleries, antiques etc.). Also this is based on a Bed& Breakfast basis. However there are a number of very good establishments in Parys offering self-catering alternatives. Please enquire with **THE PANAMA HAT** (maurice@thepanamahat.co.za)

Total cost per person for 2 nights, the Dome Tour, booking arrangements, meet and greet, ride briefings and our personal attention to any of your needs is R 1 110.00 per person incl.VAT. Bookings need to be paid for a few days in advance preferably via EFT. **THE PANAMA HAT** has a following vehicle with warning signs and basic spares/tools at your disposal

THE PANAMA HAT can also arrange and suggest other alternative activities or tours if you are interested. We specialise in bird watching and whisky or wine tasting as well as having a network of tour and adventure operators for rafting, abseiling, quad biking etc.

Please give as much warning as possible for preferred dates as accommodation goes quickly especially as we go into summer!

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