



# Joxilox North West and Mpumalanga Group Tour November 2023

## Lofty and Amanda

Since Covid arrived in March, 2020, international tourism went through a difficult time, which lasted almost 3 years. We are pleased to see that tourism is almost back to normal despite wars in some countries and despite load shedding and other problems in South Africa. We were thrilled to have 9 international guests here in November 2023. We had guests from Netherlands, Germany, Britain, New Zealand and Denmark. The first couple arrived on 1st November and the last couple left on 23rd November. The actual Group Tour was

for 14 nights from 3rd to 17th November. All tours start and end at SunEden and we supply Full Board which means that we provided 3 meals per day. Many of those meals were at the SunCafe of SunEden but our tourists also had meals at 10 other restaurants in those 2 weeks. The tour started with 3 nights at SunEden including Game Drives (safaris) in the Dinokeng Game Reserve and then we went to Pilanesberg Game Reserve for 2 nights with visits to the Maropeng Cradle of Humankind on the way there and to the Lesedi Cultural Village on the way back. We booked the whole

guesthouse at Pilanesberg, so we were able to skinny dip and to go nude while we were there. We went on 2 game drives (safaris) – each of 3 hours. We then went to the Cullinan Diamond Mine before spending another weekend at SunEden. That weekend was Clothing Optional, and our guests enjoyed the Karaoke on the Friday night and the Jazz and Wine event on the Saturday. Some of our guests enjoyed a massage under the trees near the SunEden pool. They also enjoyed walks around the perimeter and through the golf course. They could also watch the Springboks and Blesboks from the Bird Hide.



On the next Monday we went to Graskop with stops at Alzu where we saw Rhinos, Buffaloes and numerous buck types and then we had lunch at Kumi in Schoemanskloof on the way to Graskop. We stayed at Graskop for 3 nights where we had great food and of course we went to Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window, Lisbon Falls and the Graskop Gorge where our one guest went on the Zip Lines. The weather at Graskop was sometimes rainy, cloudy and misty but we managed to get great pictures at all the excursions. Our guests looked forward to the relaxation at SunEden after the tour. According to our guests, SunEden is a world class naturist resort with great accommodation, great facilities, great weather, and great excursions nearby. Amanda and I are pleased that our guests enjoyed the tour, and we are grateful that we already have some bookings for our January, February and March 2024 Group Tours.

