



Our visit to OUMA (Lauma Aurora)

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We are always very happy when we hear that a new Nativist Resort has opened and so when we saw a new nativist venue on Social Media, called Lauma Aurora, we were very excited. We contacted the owners, and we introduced Joxilox Tours to them. They were very friendly, and they said that we were more than welcome to go there to see the place and to take pictures. Christo, the SANNA Chairman, had also contacted them but when we discussed the venue, we could not remember the name, Lauma Aurora, so we referred to the resort as OUMA. It sounded good when we said that we are going to OUMA for a visit.

A few weeks later Amanda and I arranged a day visit to meet the owners in person and we asked Christo and Lana if they would like to join us which they agreed to do. The weather was rainy and cool, but we thought that it might be sunny by the

time we arrived at OUMA which is between Bela Bela and Thabazimbi. We drove through some large puddles on the gravel road, and we can only blame Waze for taking us to the wrong side of the OUMA Farm. After a phone call we found our way to the correct entrance. Despite the cool, rainy, weather the welcome was warm when we were greeted by the owners. After a tour of the resort, we were told that Lauma Aurora (OUMA) is a BUSH CAMP for naturists and NOT a nativist resort. They have nativist weekends and textile weekends. The plan is to increase the nativist weekends if there is a demand. There are 6 cabins – 2

thatched brick buildings and 4 wooden log cabins. Four are for couples and two cabins also have single beds for a couple and two children or for two couples. There is therefore place for a maximum of 8 couples. Two of the cabins have private Jacuzzis. Once the naturists start to support the business, then the owners are prepared to build ablutions for camping sites.

We were very impressed with the facilities. There is a heated pool under cover and an outdoor pool in the sun. A thatched shaded area next to the pool area provides shade on a hot day. The reception area has a dart board, a pool table and some board games. The pub



and restaurant are really nice and breakfast is included in the accommodation price. The Boma is the place where the guests have a braai and a bonfire.

We were invited to the home of the owners where we enjoyed some fruit juice. We offered them our support and Christo handed a book on naturism to the owners. We also suggested that they visit SunEden sometime. A few weeks later, the daughter of the owners, together with her husband, popped around at SunEden for discussions and refreshments. We noticed that Lauma Aurora (OUMA), was advertising a Valentine's Weekend and Christo, Lana, Francois, Marique, Amanda and I booked cabins for that event. The Valentine's event also included a braai on the Saturday night and breakfast on the Saturday and

Sunday mornings. We paid and we received confirmation. Unfortunately, there were major floods on that Valentine's Weekend and so it was cancelled. We did not ask for a refund, we decided to book on another weekend once the weather improved.

We booked a cabin at OUMA for the weekend of 14th to 16th April and we posted an advert on Social Media hoping that some of our friends would join us. After a few days, Wynand and Zelda let us know that they had booked for that weekend. We were also joined by Eddie, the GNA Chairman and his partner, Gail and another couple had booked but we were not sure if we knew them. It turned out that we knew them and they were a very nice couple. The weather forecast prediction was sunny and hot for that weekend and so we decided

to get there by 12:00 midday on the Friday. Eddie and Gail arrived just after us and Wynand and Zelda an hour later. The daughter of the owners then arrived with her husband and then the 4th Couple arrived as the sun was setting. By then we were sitting around the fire in the boma. There was a lot of joking and laughing which is the reason that there is a saying in Afrikaans: "ons gaan NOU braai". When we are having a good time, we put off the braai-ing until later. We all had dinner and then we added the logs onto the fire and we made a proper





bonfire. On the Saturday morning we had breakfast in the restaurant and despite load shedding, the breakfast was perfect. At Ouma, breakfast is included in the price of the accommodation. After breakfast, the GNA Chairman, Eddie, had a meeting with the owners to discuss GNA membership and benefits and the rest of us tanned at the pool. The real Ouma (owner) challenged us to skinny dip in the cold-water pool and

Amanda accepted the challenge followed by others. We tanned for a few hours and then we all went to our cabins for a light lunch. That afternoon there was light rain for a few minutes but by sunset, it was sunny and warm, so we decided to braai again. We sang the Fisherman's Song after a few beers and a good time was had by all. On Sunday morning, the weather was cloudy and cool. We enjoyed another perfect breakfast in the restaurant and

then we slowly packed up and said our goodbyes. Will we go back to OUMA again? Yes, for sure. We would like to appeal to all naturists to support the new naturist venues, resorts, bush camps, guesthouses and please go to the naturist beaches. Please introduce your friends and family to our great way of life. There are other new naturist venues which we will visit soon. If you would like to join us, please contact us at lofty@joxilox.com or amanda@joxilox.com.

