



## HIKING PACKAGES

Dear Hiking Enthusiasts

With a blink of an eye, we find ourselves in 2010 and look forward to welcoming all our regular and new hiking enthusiasts who hope to add their name to our “Big Five Honours Board”. For those who need an introduction, the “Big Five” comprises of the Matterhorn (1995m), Gatberg (2408 m), Amphlett (2620 m), Sterkhorn (2973 m) and Champagne Castle (3377 m).

After completing each of the Summits, a certificate of achievement is awarded and after completing all 5, if you are a bona fide resident of the Hotel, your name is added to the Honours Board which is prominently displayed at the hotel.

The following is the schedule of forthcoming hikes for 2010. Please note that numbers are limited, so first come first served. Please make your accommodation bookings directly with Reservations and hiking bookings with Teresa.

Please note:

These hikes are available to residents only.

Dates and prices are subject to change without notice.

Due to the danger of severe weather conditions in the mountains during the summer months, we do not offer the “Big Five” from October to April.

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### INJASUTI

Wednesday 7th April 2010 (1 Day)

- **Non-certificate hike** - maximum 12 people/minimum 4 people.
- Departing from the hotel at 06h30 on our truck which will transport you to the Injasuti Camp. You will walk via Van Heiningen’s Pass along the Shada Ridge to Blindman’s Corner down the Sphinx to the Hotel.
- Duration – Day hike, +/- 8 hours.
- Cost per person – R370.00 which includes:
- Entry fee, Guide, transports to Injasuti & welcome drinks after the hike.

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### AMPHLETT

Saturday 15th May 2010 (1 Day)

- Certificate No.3 – maximum 12 people/minimum 3 people .
- Departing from the Hotel at 06h30.
- Hiking Standard – C – involves moderate rock work. A rope is not necessary.
- Cost per person – R275.00 which includes:
- Entry Fee, Certificate, Guide & welcome drinks after the hike.

## GATBERG

### Saturday 29th May to Sunday 30th May 2010 (1 Night)

- Certificate No.2 – maximum 12 people/minimum 3 people.
  - Departing from the hotel on Saturday morning and returning in time for Sunday lunch.
  - Duration – Overnight Camp.
  - Hiking Standard – B – involves very easy rock work but is mostly on grass.
  - Saturday – Depart at 08h00 for a +/- 5 hour hike to Zulu Cave (no tent required) where you leave your backpack and hike to the top of Gatberg and return to the Cave where you overnight. Sunday – early pack up and return to the hotel in time for lunch.
  - Cost per person – R450.00 which includes:
  - Entry Fee, Certificate, Guide, welcome drinks after hike and Sunday lunch.
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## STERKHORN

### Saturday 19th June 2010 (1 Day)

- Certificate No. 4 – maximum 12 people/minimum 3 people.
  - Departing from the Hotel at 06h00.
  - Hiking Standard – C- involves moderate rock work. A rope is not necessary.
  - Cost per person – R275.00 which includes:
  - Entry fee, Certificate, Guide & welcome drinks after the hike.
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## CHAMPAGNE CASTLE

### Monday 28th June to Wednesday 30th June 2010 (2 Nights)

- Certificate No. 5 – maximum 12 people/minimum 4 people.
  - Departing from the Hotel on Friday morning and returning in time for Sunday lunch (13h00 to 14h00).
  - Duration – Weekend Camp
  - Hiking Standard – B – involves very easy rock work but is mostly on grass.
  - Friday – depart from hotel at 09h00 for +/- 5 to 6 hours hike to Keith Bush Camp at the base of Champagne Castle where we overnight in tents.
  - Saturday – take a day pack and climb to the top of the escarpment via Grey's Pass for +/- 3 to 4 hours of hard climbing and spend some time on top visiting the actual highest point of Champagne, Vultures Retreat, Inkosana Cave and returning down the same way where we again overnight.
  - Sunday – early pack up and return to the hotel in time for a few cold ones and lunch.
  - Cost per person – R540.00 which includes:  
Entry fee for 2 nights, Certificate, Guide, welcome drinks after hike and Sunday Lunch.
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## AMPHLETT

### Saturday 10th July 2010 (1 Day)

- Certificate No. 3 – maximum 12 people.
- Departing from the Hotel at 06h00.
- Hiking Standard – C- involves moderate rock work. A rope is not necessary.
- Cost per person – R275.00 which includes:
- Entry fee, Certificate, Guide & welcome drinks after the hike.

## GATBERG

### Saturday 31st July to Sunday 1st August 2010 (1 Night)

- Certificate No.2 – maximum 12 people/minimum 3 people.
  - Departing from the hotel on Saturday morning and returning in time for Sunday lunch.
  - Duration – Overnight Camp.
  - Hiking Standard – B – involves very easy rock work but is mostly on grass.
  - Saturday – Depart at 08h00 for a +/- 5 hour hike to Zulu Cave (no tent required) where you leave your backpack and hike to the top of Gatberg and return to the Cave where you overnight. Sunday – early pack up and return to the hotel in time for lunch.
  - Cost per person – R450.00 which includes:
  - Entry Fee, Certificate, Guide, welcome drinks after hike and Sunday lunch.
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## STERKHORN

### Saturday 14th August 2010 (1 Day)

- Certificate No. 4 – maximum 12 people/minimum 3 people.
  - Departing from the Hotel at 06h00.
  - Hiking Standard – C- involves moderate rock work. A rope is not necessary.
  - Cost per person – R275.00 which includes:
  - Entry fee, Certificate, Guide & welcome drinks after the hike.
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## CHAMPAGNE CASTLE

### Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2010 (2 Nights)

- Certificate No. 5 – maximum 12 people/minimum 4 people.
  - Departing from the Hotel on Friday morning and returning in time for Sunday lunch (13h00 to 14h00).
  - Duration – Weekend Camp
  - Hiking Standard – B – involves very easy rock work but is mostly on grass.
  - Friday – depart from hotel at 09h00 for +/- 5 to 6 hours hike to Keith Bush Camp at the base of Champagne Castle where we overnight in tents.
  - Saturday – take a day pack and climb to the top of the escarpment via Grey's Pass for +/- 3 to 4 hours of hard climbing and spend some time on top visiting the actual highest point of Champagne, Vultures Retreat, Inkosana Cave and returning down the same way where we again overnight.
  - Sunday – early pack up and return to the hotel in time for a few cold ones and lunch.
  - Cost per person – R540.00 which includes:  
Entry fee for 2 nights, Certificate, Guide, welcome drinks after hike and Sunday Lunch.
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## STERKHORN

### Saturday 18th September 2010 (1 Day)

- Certificate No. 4 – maximum 12 people/minimum 3 people.
- Departing from the Hotel at 06h00.
- Hiking Standard – C- involves moderate rock work. A rope is not necessary.
- Cost per person – R275.00 which includes:
- Entry fee, Certificate, Guide & welcome drinks after the hike.

# INJASUTI

Saturday 2nd October 2010 (1 Day)

- **Non-certificate hike** - maximum 12 people/minimum 4 people.
  - Departing from the hotel at 06h30 on our truck which will transport you to the Injasuti Camp. You will walk via Van Heiningen's Pass along the Shada Ridge to Blindman's Corner down the Sphinx to the Hotel.
  - Duration – Day hike, +/- 8 hours.
  - Cost per person – R370.00 which includes:
  - Entry fee, Guide, transports to Injasuti & welcome drinks after the hike.
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## CERTIFICATE NO 1 – MATTERHORN

This is the easiest of the hikes and is frequently done from the Hotel, departing at 09h15 and returning in time for lunch at approximately 13h15. This hike may also be done on your own without a guide but advance arrangements must be made with Reception. Non-residents will be charged a conservation fee of R45.00 p/p.

The Hotel does not accept responsibility for any hikers and all participants will be expected to sign an indemnity form prior to undertaking any hike arranged by the Hotel. Guides, who have done these hikes before, and are registered with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, are supplied by the Hotel for each hike or camp. Please note that the above schedule may be changed without prior notice should unforeseen circumstances occur and they are obviously subject to weather.

Please note that if you do undertake these hikes, you need to be relatively fit and it is vital that you have the right equipment such as hiking boots, day pack, camping equipment and all-weather gear. Please seek professional advice should you be uncertain as to the suitability of any equipment.

We would love to have you join us for these hikes, making it as fun and memorable as possible. Look forward to assisting you in making the necessary arrangements.

Happy Hiking!

Teresa & Georges Romarin