

Activities at GrannyMouse

Outdoor and Sports Activities

Horse Riding at Bergtrails – (Self Drive)



Enjoy a three hour ride on their amazing appaloosa horses. They are sure footed and their calm temperament will allow you to relax and enjoy the scenery and the fresh air. The trails will be guided by an experienced guide and horseman.

There are breathtaking views and all sorts of game - eland, reedbuck, bushbuck, duiker, jackal and wonderful bird life. They are sure you will enjoy the trails on their Appaloosa horses. 3 hour ride @ R250 per person

Quad Biking at Sani Pass Hotel – (Self Drive)



A scenic hour and a half drive takes you to where family fun and adventure begin at the Sani Pass Hotel. Adventure trails with wonderful views along the hills, and stretch a couple of miles to very deep river crossings. This is an experience not to be missed. Bring your camera for those unforgettable adrenalin moments and breathtaking beautiful scenery.

No experience is required as they give tuition and training prior to every tour. Learn within 5 minutes to ride their semi-automatic quads with electric start and reverse gear. Helmets are supplied. 1 hour @ R250 per person / 2 hours @ R350 per person.

Water Sports at Midmar Dam – Self Drive



Day visitors to the Midmar Dam will find shady picnic spots along the shoreline of the dam that make having a picnic such a pleasure. Water sports abound, swimming is fun for everyone, although sticking to the shoreline is probably a good idea with all of the boat activity. Prices available at Reception. Midmar offers a wide variety of activities including game viewing, water sports, angling and cycling. Sailing power boating, kite boarding and jet skiing are all catered for on different sections of the dam. Midmar Boat Hire has a whole range of craft from power to sail for hire.

Golf – Self Drive & Chauffeur Drive



Enjoy 9 or 18 holes at Bosch Hoek Golf Club, which offers a boutique golfing experience on one of the most picturesque layouts in the country. The nine hole, 18 tee course is designed around a lake, dams, streams and beautiful trees. It is a challenging course with water features on seven holes.

Gowrie Farm offers a nine-hole golf course that has been built in the traditional manner with push-up greens and rugged bunkers. The most striking feature being the wild bunkers, which add interest to this natural layout. Gowrie Farm is a walking course, unlike most modern golf estates, which allows one to enjoy the beautiful setting, and is very much in keeping with the lifestyle of this region.



Self-Drive: Bosch Hoek 18 Holes R200 9 Holes R120

Self-Drive: Gowrie Farm 18 Holes R220 9 Holes R130

Hot Air Ballooning – Chauffeur Drive



Experience the awesome thrill and peaceful serenity of hot air ballooning. Hot air balloon flights are offered principally on the edge of the Drakensberg mountains, just inland from Durban in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. The hot air balloon take-off is from a site in or around the Kamberg Valley and within sight of Giants Castle. You will meet at the hot air balloon launch site approximately 30 minutes before sunrise; your pilot will then give you a safety briefing. Once the hot air balloon is heated and you are in the balloons basket you will enjoy a flight of around an hour. After helping to pack the hot air balloon you will return to a location close to take off point for an alfresco breakfast and Champagne. The hot air balloon has a partitioned basket specially designed to ensure safety, comfort and a superb view. The hot air balloon baskets are about 42 inches (1.1 meters high), and have footholds to assist entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on the flight and should be tall enough to see over the basket sides.

Slackpacking and Backpacking – Self Drive & Feet



Most simply, Slackpacking is backpacking without the schlep. Slackpacking trails are a relatively new genre of multi-day hiking trails, which allow you to travel light, carrying only your water, camera, cell phone, bird book and waterproofs in a day pack. Slackpackers will cross rivers and streams, walk around dams, cross pastures, stroll through indigenous forests, gently climb hills and descend into valleys. The trails are between 10 and 15 kilometers long.

Kit needed for your walk - A jersey or jacket and a dry mac with you, if rain is eminent. No need for huge hiking boots; good, sturdy walking shoes will be fine. Bring your favourite walking sticks along or else we have a selection on hand. Some of your group should bring day packs to carry water, bird books, binoculars, cell phones, cameras etc. Don't forget to bring a hat and block-out for protection against the sun.

Birding – Self Drive & Feet



The prolific bird life in the Midlands is well known. Bird Walks are available on request. A list of birds that have been viewed in the last 12 months are:

Dabchick, White breasted Cormorant, Reed Cormorant, African Darter, Grey Heron, Great white Egret, Little Egret, Cattle Egret, Dwarf Bittern, Black Stork, White Stork, Yellow billed Stork, Marabou Stork, African Spoonbill, Hamerkop, Hadedda Ibis, Sacred Ibis, Spur winged Goose, Egyptian Goose, White faced Duck, Southern Pochard, Yellow billed Duck, African black Duck, Red billed Teal, African Fish eagle, Martial Eagle, Crowned Eagle, Long crested Eagle, Booted Eagle, Jackal Buzzard, Steppe Buzzard, Gymnogene, Black shouldered Kite, Yellow billed Kite, Black Sparrowhawk, African Goshawk, Lanner Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Red necked Francolin, Natal Francolin, Helmeted Guinea Fowl, Common Quail, Red knobbed Coot, Common Moorhen, African Jacana, Buff spotted Flufftail, Southern crowned Crane, Wattled Crane, Blue Crane, Secretary bird, Stanley's Bustard, Common ringed Plover, Three banded Plover, Crowned Plover, Blacksmith Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Spotted Dikkop, Rock Pigeon, Rameron Pigeon, Red eyed Dove, Cape Turtle Dove, Laughing Dove, Knysna Lourie, Red chested Cuckoo, Black Cuckoo, Diederick Cuckoo, Emerald Cuckoo

Fly Fishing - Self Drive



What is it about fly fishing that drives us to distraction? Few pastimes evolve into obsession and none can derive such satisfaction irrespective of result. If you've already lost sight of what we're told is important, then you know where you are and if you've just discovered the world of fins and feathers then be prepared for a change in perspective. Granny Mouse Country House & Spa has partnered with WildFly who have a variety of fishing experiences for all ages.

Mountain Biking - Self Drive



Howick Mountain Biking is a specialist mountain bike "club" formed for those who are passionate about mountain biking. Located in Howick which is 15 kilometres from Granny Mouse Country House & Spa most of the riding is done in the plantations between Howick and the Karkloof. Technical single track covers most of the tracks and they have laid out about 30km of tracks varying from gentle, tree and fern lined paths to attention getting sections with names like Suicide Slide, The Face, Rushalot and Pines.

Karkloof Canopy Tours - *Self Drive*



The Karkloof Canopy Tour® is a unique eco-experience that takes people on a 3-hr adventure through the magnificent Karkloof indigenous forest.

The canopy tour involves traversing from one platform to another along a steel cable suspended up to 30m above the forest floor. The tour comprises seven platforms and eight slides that zig-zag down a pristine forested valley. The scenery and birdlife is spectacular and professional guides provide interesting facts about the forest ecology during the tour.

A maximum of 7 people can tour at a time between 08h00 and 15h00 every hour 7 days a week. Tours are conducted in all weather conditions and age group is open from 7 years of age to 70. The cost includes refreshments, lunch, guides and all equipment and Granny Mouse guests get a discount.

Horseplay - *Self Drive*



A HorsePlay session is a great hands-on experience, an opportunity to learn the secrets of communicating with one of the most fascinating of animals, the horse. Using purebred Dutch Friesian horses, you will be given the opportunity not only to handle these magical horses, but to achieve a level of success that you'd never imagine!



HorsePlay sessions are not only for horse-lovers, but for anyone who wants to explore an enriching side of life. Playing with horses gives us an opportunity to discover how to have great relationships with the humans in our lives, be they partners, family or friends. We enter into the world of the Friesian horses, which is magical for humans but just plain horse sense for the equine partners in this experience!

Clay Pigeon Shooting - *Self Drive*



Clay pigeon shooting - Guests can practice their skill while enjoying the views. Our clay pigeon shooting has proved to be very popular activity with grooms and their friends on the morning of the wedding. The guests have a great time competing with each other and the best man leaves with a certificate to present later to the groom, which gives an indication of the groom's prowess with a shotgun. Shooters will be required to sign an indemnity form. Booking essential