

VASSA AWAY-WEEKEND TO VELDDRIF AND THE WEST COAST

We have begun to plan our 2023 away weekend which will focus on Velddrif and the West Coast. The date will be the long weekend of 23, 24 and 25th September (I.E. Saturday, Sunday and Monday).

Our accommodation will be in the chalets at the Riviera Hotel in Velddrif, where Marion has managed to secure a good rate for two nights, including one dinner.

Due to the incessant rain, we have not had an opportunity to do a recce, so our programme is not finalised at this point, but we intend to spend Saturday in the Velddrif area, exploring Bokkomslaan and the village. Karin is researching company houses built by the fishing companies for their staff in most of the west coast fishing towns.

Saturday will see us travelling north to Elands Bay where a visit to Baboon Cave can be included and we will view the now arid (maybe not after all this rain) Verlorenvlei and a few local houses. Then on towards Lamberts Bay where we will lunch at Steenboksfontein and view their rock art. If time permits, we will travel on to just outside Lamberts Bay to view one of the “megamiddens” which have been discovered along this coast.

As the recce has not been undertaken yet, and timing will be of the essence, we are not sure if there will be time to view other houses on the way back to Velddrif. However, we hope to provide the usual jam-packed and interesting weekend.

Sunday morning we are planning to visit one or two other sites en route to Cape Town via Hopfield.

We are not yet able to provide a detailed itinerary. The price should be about the same as last year's trip R2200 per person including 2 nights accommodation, two dinners and various lunches and teas, depending on how far we can stretch our budget, recce costs, gifts for hosts and 10% levy to VASSA.

We need to know whether you intend to join the weekend away *soon*, so we can reserve the correct number of chalets. Accommodation for 20 people is available.

Please let me know by 28th June if you are interested. studio@iafrica.com