

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2010

The Cavern

BIRDING AND NATURE WEEKENDS	
22-24 Jan	The Cavern is a naturalist's paradise set in the Drakensberg foothills. The mature rambling garden alone boasts nearly 100 species of birds. Much of its charm lies in its use of indigenous plants, and in the way informal corners are allowed to regenerate naturally. The garden has no boundary, just melting into the surrounding Cavern nature reserve which visitors can explore at will. Join Sally & David Johnson for an informative birding presentation. Birding and nature weekends are suitable for both complete beginners and for those who know a lot more. Although birds get the greatest emphasis, trees, flowers, goggas, geology and anything else in the countryside gets due attention. R1420. pps
12-14 Feb	
12-14 March	
30 April -2 May	
16-18 July	
10-12 Sept	
15-17 Oct	
29-31 Oct	
26-28 Nov	

STAR GAZING	
9-11 July	Join us for an informative weekend on the stars of the Southern Hemisphere. R1420. pps

FLYFISHING INTRODUCTION	
7-9 May	Join other enthusiasts and learn the art of flyfishing R1420. pps

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOPS	
5-7 March	Derek and Norma Pearman invite you to join them for a weekend photographic workshop in the beautiful setting of The Caven. The workshop, from basic to advanced, will encompass: understanding 'your' equipment; composition and adding impact to your pictures; multi-exposure and other tricks; the secret of using light and much more. R1420. pps
21-23 May	
13-15 Aug	
8-10 Oct	

BOTANICAL ART COURSES	
18-23 April	Gill Condy and Elsa Pooley combine their talents as botanical artists and author of field guides to provide a memorable botanical art course in the mountains. Plant material is easily sourced from the Cavern gardens and the surrounding mountains and you can enjoy guided walks with Elsa. Whether you are a beginner or an established botanical artist, attending the course will inform and inspire you. R4900. pps
10-15 Oct	

CAVERN BOWLING	
8-12 Nov	Join other bowlers for a few days of fun. Great prizes to be won. R2130. pps

PAINTING WORKSHOP	
2-7 May	A relaxing painting workshop to capture the Berg in its autumn colours with painting enthusiast and teacher, Colleen Hamer. R2950. pps

BRIDGE WORKSHOP	
18-23 July	Meet David Johnson to polish your everyday skills and discover a few advanced tricks, Mini tournaments and analysis in a friendly environment. R2950. pps

BATTLEFIELDS TOUR	
20-22 Aug	Ken Gillings, renowned historian, will conduct a guided tour of the battlefields. Own transport required. Ken has been conducting battlefields tours for over 30 years and has written extensively on South African military history. R1420. pps

ADVENTURE WEEKENDS - HIKING AND BIKING	
5-7 Feb	Big 5 Hike: A chance to test your walking skills against the legendary Cavern Big 5 Hike. R1420. pps
14-16 May	Mountain Bike Weekend: A series of off-road mountain biking routes departing from the Adventure Centre. All proceeds to Royal Drakensberg Primary School. Great prizes for everyone. R1420. pps
4-6 June	Amphitheatre Ascent: Up the chain ladder to the top of Africa. Own transport required to Sentinal Carpark. R1420. pps
3-5 Dec	Tugela Gorge: Walk the Gorge, swim in the rock pools, see the falls and experience the World Heritage Site. R1420. pps

FESTIVE WEEKEND BREAKS	
23-25 July	Christmas in July: A chance to experience a White Xmas. R1420. pps
27-29 Aug	Magic in the Mountains: A weekend of laughter, fun and magic starring members of the South African Magic Society. R1420. pps

WILD FLOWER WEEKEND	
19-21 Nov	Your specialist guide for the weekend, Elsa Pooley, is author of "Mountain Flowers. A field guide to the flora of the Drakensberg and Lesotho". A great introduction to flower and tree 'watching' and an opportunity for the more knowledgeable to get to know mountain plants.. R1420. pps

MEDITATION WEEKEND	
16-18 April	Join Mario and Eliana De Camillis for a weekend meditation workshop to quieten the mind and restore the soul R1420. pps

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DATE	ACTIVITY	RATE
22 - 24 Jan	Alpine Flowers & Birding Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	Includes activity, 3 meals & standard accommodation R1420. pps
5 - 7 Feb	Big 5 Hike	R1420. pps
12 - 14 Feb	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
5 - 7 March	Photographic Workshop with Derek and Norma Pearman	R1420. pps
12 - 14 March	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
16 - 18 April	Meditation Workshop with Mario and Eliana De Camillis	R1420. pps
18 - 23 April	Botanical Art Course with Gill Condry and Elsa Pooley	R4900. pps
30 Apr - 2 May	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
2 - 7 May	Painting Workshop with painting enthusiast and teacher, Colleen Hamer	R2950. pps
7 - 9 May	Flyfishing Introduction	R1420. pps
14 - 16 May	Adventure Weekend - Mountain Bike Weekend	R1420. pps
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4 - 6 June	Amphitheatre Ascent	R1420. pps
9 - 11 July	Star Gazing Weekend	R1420. pps
16 - 18 July	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
18 - 23 July	Bridge Workshop with David Johnson	R2950. pps
23 - 25 July	Christmas in July	R1420. pps
13 - 15 Aug	Photographic Workshop with Derek and Norma Pearman	R1420. pps
20 - 22 Aug	Battlefields Tour with renowned historian Ken Gillings	R1420. pps
27 - 29 Aug	Magic in the Mountains	R1420. pps
10 - 12 Sept	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
8 - 10 Oct	Photographic Workshop with Derek and Norma Pearman	R1420. pps
10 - 15 Oct	Botanical Art Course with Gill Condry and Elsa Pooley	R4900. pps
15 - 17 Oct	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
29 - 31 Oct	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
8 - 12 Nov	Cavern Bowling	R2130. pps
19 - 21 Nov	Wild Flower Weekend with Elsa Pooley	R1420. pps
26 - 28 Nov	Birding and Nature Weekend with David and Sally Johnson	R1420. pps
3 - 5 Dec	Tugela Gorge Hike	R1420. pps