

## **OTTERS HAUNT** ON THE VAAL **CALLS YOU!**

# JANUARY SPECIALS

- 3 nights for the price of 2, weekdays
- Free seats on rafting trips for groups, discounts couples & families for



Our place has a new name, Otters Haunt Eco Retreat, but it is as it always was peaceful and beautiful, looking over a guiet channel of the Vaal. With the price of fuel soaring, we're an economical distance from Johannesburg.

#### **FESTIVE SAVINGS**

THIS FESTIVE SEASON save money and make the best of your getaway.

Book accommodation directly with us to avoid standard online rates.

WhatsApp, SMS or call **KAREN +27 82 475 8767** or

email karen@ottershaunt.com



### HIKING IN THE MIGHTY VREDEFORT DOME

Join us on a short, halfday or fullday hike in the breath-taking Vredefort Dome with an expert guide to explain the world's oldest and largest meteorite impact site. The hikes are very scenic and exciting, a real eye-opener for those who come to see what all the fuss is about over the crater.



#### DAMIAN JOINS THE OTTERS' HAUNT TEAM

We're glad to have the help of our son Damian, now General Manager involved in all aspects of management and marketing. Damian has an extensive background in the hospitality industry having (among other jobs) managed at St.Bernard's Peak Mountain Lodge in the Drakensberg. He is a qualified adventure tour guide. damian@ottershaunt.com or +27 62 919 3692

#### **WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE 12-15 DECEMBER**

During the holidays we always host adventure courses. This year the 4-day First Aid course instructor is one of our old friends, Hugo Barendse. Sign on for the Certificate in how to cope with accidents and emergencies far from help. A special course addon is Casualty Evacuation.

#### **YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP 16-19 DECEMBER**

School leavers and young adults interested in careers in the outdoors should join this 3.5 day introductory activity course. It includes hiking, cycling, ropework and rafting. No-one is pushed to do anything, and we are not looking for rough, tough show-offs. Talks include the law, group psychology and job opportunities. You can also do the  $1^{\rm st}$  aid.



**Get the courses leaflet:** <u>director.asafrica@gmail.com</u>

#### **NOW FREE WIFI THROUGHOUT**

Damian's arrival has spurred a long-overdue upgrade of our various facilities. Visit and see for yourself how interiors are being redecorated, roofs and plumbing in the elegant old villa at the river fixed, and the whole place spruced up!

There's now WiFi in all accommodations. Our weeknights special offer is spending 3 nights and pay for two. Go for it! Damian: +27 62 919 3692.





The Otters side of our property avoids Eskom load-shedding with our solar system, and our water comes pure out of the Dome granite deep underground. Ask for a quick tour of the solar: we're happy to show you and advise if you are making decisions.

It's an education to go entirely solar as we have done, avoiding the costs of an Eskom/solar hybrid. During the day we have virtually unlimited power. At night we restrict power-hungry appliances like hairdryers and microwaves.

#### FAMILY GETAWAYS AT THE BUSH CABINS



The thatched **Full Moon Bush Cabins** have a real African feel. They are still on Eskom for now. But nights in the bush without electric power are nights well spent in nature. There is gas, LED lamps and the fire circle. The cabins comfy with bedding and proper beds, popular with outdoor-loving groups.

## WHEN THE RIVER LEVEL IS SAFE AFTER NOVEMBER FLOOD, WE WILL RESUME RAFTING



In normal river flows, most of the year, we are in the **family rafting** business. We take kids, parents and groups of friends or colleagues with offspring on fantastic bouncy rafting trips. **Discounts for couples and free seats for groups**. Ts&Cs apply.

When the river is high it's time for **big whitewater** fun on chosen stretches of rapids. Join us for the adrenaline and uber exciting blast through rapids with names like LookSharp, Gatsien and Knucklecrusher.

Raft with Graeme Addison, the original RIVERMAN, pioneer of river rafting in South Africa. **Contact +27 84 245 2490 or yeeha@riverman.co.za** 

#### **CONFERENCING AND YEAR-END FUNCTIONS**



Our Heron's Nest is fully equipped for brainstorms and team training, with a sound system, big screen TV and decent tables and chairs. It can seat 15 comfortably and opens onto wide lawns and breakaway areas Let us know what you need, and we can adapt. Tea & Coffee station is available with some delightful treats too.

Visit our website to see the facilities. <a href="http://otters.co.za">http://otters.co.za</a> WhatsApp, SMS or call...

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