



The Annual Gathering of Members of BirdLife South Africa

At Sea AGAIN! 2017

Dear Sailor,

Flock at Sea AGAIN! is now only seven months away, so we thought that it's time to share some more information and news.

Parking at Cape Town

Please note that parking facilities are **not** available at Duncan Dock. Secure parking is available at Portwood Square and Breakwater at the V&A Waterfront (parking rates are determined by the car park rates). However these are situated on the opposite side of the Waterfront and are not within walking distance of Duncan Dock. MSC therefore recommend a 'drop and go'; however we understand that it isn't possible for everyone.

There are several private taxi companies within the vicinity of the parking areas and transport can be arranged with them upon arrival. Alternatively, Uber is also an option. If you would like to find out more information about the parking areas, you can call the V&A Information Centre on 021 408 7600.

South African electrical appliances

The MSC Sinfonia runs on both 110 v and 220 v. The plug sockets are American (110 v) and European round 2 pin (220 v). The South African 3 pin plug will require a European 2 pin round adapter. Please note that hairdryers are available in the cabins.

Dinner sittings

Please make sure that you have provided MSC with your preference of dinner sitting. The first is at approximately 18h00 and the second at approximately 20h15. Please note that your table number and allocated dining time is only confirmed with you upon embarkation.

For more useful information regarding the cruise, please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions document. You can also find lots of useful information on the MSC website by clicking on the following link, then clicking on the third tab from the right, 'already booked': <https://www.msccruises.co.za/en-za/Cruise-Deals/Theme-Cruises/Flock-At-Sea.aspx>

Merchandise

We said in our last communication that we would be able to share the details for our fabulous Flock at Sea AGAIN! 2017 merchandise in this communication. However, it isn't quite ready (but is very near completion!) so details will be coming soon. We want to be sure that everything is perfect before sharing the details.

We are, however, excited to share details of two other items that are available to order:

Eze-fit Harness



This harness keeps your equipment safely on your body, prevents neck-strain by transferring the weight to your shoulders and leaves your hands free. The harness can carry up to 7 kg of equipment, including a camera, video camera and binoculars. Price: R450, a portion of which will be donated to BirdLife South Africa.

To place an order or to obtain more information, please contact Ferdie Sauer on flsauer@iafrica.com or call 072 230 2455. Please note that PostNet to PostNet will be used for delivery and a flat rate of R100 will be charged. Due to the harnesses being handmade, lead time for an order is 6-8 weeks.

Tee Time Belts



For the past twenty years, Tee Time has been supplying top quality leather and webbing belts to retail golf shops at golf clubs in South Africa.

Tee Time is a long-term supporter of BirdLife South Africa and has kindly offered to produce memento for the Flock at Sea AGAIN! 2017 cruise. To obtain more information or to place an order, please complete the attached application form and return it to Simon Fogarty at teetime@fhnewlands.co.za. Please note that the belts (pre-orders only) will be available for collection at embarkation.

If you're on Facebook, don't forget to join our Flock at Sea AGAIN! 2017 group to join in with the conversation and to see interesting posts and updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/184051415289185/>

Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Emma Askes, our Events Programme Manager, on emma.asks@birdlife.org.za

Best regards,

The Flock at Sea AGAIN! 2017 Organising Committee

Please note that this email is being sent to the main booking contact (i.e. the email address that was used to confirm your booking through MSC Cruises). Please ensure that the passengers with whom you are sharing receive this notification.