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## **Bongi Bees Honey Tours: A Sweet Adventure into Beekeeping and Honey Production**

**Introduction:** Bongi Bees Honey Tours offers a unique and immersive experience into the fascinating world of beekeeping and honey production. Nestled in the picturesque countryside, Bongi Bees honey farm provides a haven for honeybees and an opportunity for visitors to learn about the crucial role these incredible insects play in our ecosystem.

Bongi Bees honey tours are guided visits to the three apiaries at Bongi Bees farm where visitors can learn about beekeeping, see beehives and observe the process of honey production. The tours include the educational component about the important role bees play in agriculture and the environment as well as the health benefits to human beings.

During the honey tour, participants may also have an opportunity to taste different varieties of honey, learn about the various stages of honey production. Depending on interest, visitors may also explore the opportunity to become a beekeeper for the day by donning beekeeping suits and observing and participating in the activities for the day.

Bongi Bees honey tours are a great way for visitors to gain insight into the world of beekeeping and to appreciate the efforts involved in honey production and to develop a greater understanding of the significance of bees in our ecosystem.

### **Tour Highlights:**

#### **1. General background:**

A short presentation on the introduction to bees, their behaviour and their value to the environment and living beings.

Bees hold a significant value to people and planet as per the below:

##### **a) Pollination**

As pollinators bees transfer pollen from the male anthers of plants to female stigma, thereby contributing to the growth and production of fruits, vegetables and seeds - directly contributing to food security. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), **a third of the world's food production depends on bees.**

b) Biodiversity

Bees contribute to the diversity of the plant species by facilitating their production and therefore help maintain health ecosystems and support the growth of wildflowers

c) Honey as food and used to develop beauty, health and other products

d) Environmental health

e) Economic impact

Bees provide an important source of income for many households.

2. **Educational Apiary Tour:** Embark on a guided journey through our apiary, where you will witness the intricate workings of a beehive. Our knowledgeable beekeeper, Lulu Letlape, will provide insights into the life cycle of bees, their behaviour, and the vital role they play in pollination.

3. **Honey Harvesting & Extraction Demonstration:** Get a behind-the-scenes look at the honey extraction process. From the hive to the jar, experience the step-by-step process of harvesting honey, and gain an understanding of the craftsmanship involved in producing pure, golden honey.

4. **Tasting Sessions:** Indulge your taste buds in a variety of exquisite honey samples. From wildflower honey to unique single-source varieties, savour the distinct flavours and aromas that our bees work diligently to create. Learn to appreciate the nuances of different honey types and discover your personal favourites.

5. **Beekeeping Training:** For those with a deeper interest, a follow up workshop to learn the basics of hive management, the management of beekeeping equipment, and gain practical skills that can be applied in their own backyard.

6. **Nature Walks:** Immerse yourself in the natural beauty surrounding our honey farm. Take guided nature walks to explore the diverse flora that sustains our honeybees. Learn about the symbiotic relationship between bees and the environment, and discover the importance of preserving biodiversity.

### What Sets Us Apart:

□ **Sustainable Practices:** Bongi Bees is committed to sustainable and ethical beekeeping practices. Our focus is on maintaining the health and well-being of our bees while producing high-quality honey.

□ **Engaging Guides:** Our experienced guides are passionate about beekeeping and eager to share their knowledge. They create an interactive and enjoyable experience for visitors of all ages.

- **Family-Friendly Atmosphere:** Bongi Bees Honey Tours is an ideal destination for families. Children can participate in educational activities, making the tour an enlightening and enjoyable outing for all.

**Booking Information:** To book your Bongi Bees Honey Tour, visit our website [www.bongibeeshoney.co.za](http://www.bongibeeshoney.co.za) or contact our reservations team at [info@bongibeeshoney.co.za](mailto:info@bongibeeshoney.co.za). Be sure to check our tour calendar for availability and special events.

Come join us for a sweet adventure, where education meets the hive! Bongi Bees Honey Tours – Where the Buzz is Educational and the Honey is Pure Bliss.

For 4 people for a walk around apiaries and educational tour: R750

For 1 person for honey harvesting and extraction with PPE: R 450

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