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FRESH NEWS // NUUS vars uit die OOND

RESULTS of OUR COMPETITION

JB Train Tours has launched a competition during the month of August whereby **any person on our database** stands the chance to win a **4-day Tour package on the Blue Train** to the value of **R27500**. The Entry Form has been e-mailed to everyone on our database. You only need to answer two simple questions, refer 3 friends' e-mail addresses to us and you are in line for this wonderful price. The competition closes on the 30th Sept 2011.

The winner will be announced on the 5th Oct 2011.

HUISGENOOT SKOUSPEL 2011 – SUN CITY

Dit is loutetyd en dis ook amper weer **Huisgenoot Skouspel** tyd by **Sun City** in Noordwes. Kom ry vanaf Pretoria, Centurion, Oos en Wes Rand saam na Sun City op **luukse toerbusse** wat die **toeqangskartjie** na die Skouspel insluit. 8, 9, 15 & 16 Okt 2011. **Meer inligting**

LUXURY COACH TOURS to CAPE TOWN

Due to the need and public demand JB Train Tours have organized a number of **luxury coach tours from Pretoria and Johannesburg to Cape Town** during the coming festive season (Dec 2011 & Jan 2012). These tours will be **7 days long**; the groups will sleep en route at Beaufort West and Kimberley in motels (D, B&B), as well as four (4) nights in a 4-star hotel (B&B) in Cape Town. Daily excursions will be undertaken and tour guides travel along.

Our Cape Town tours have become **VERY** popular and these luxury coach tours have been organised due to the fact that **ALL** our train tours during the upcoming festive season have been fully booked and people still want to enjoy the Mother City and its beauty and activities during December and January.

More info

WELL DONE BOKKE!!!

The Springboks are doing us proud in New Zealand. Three weeks to go to retain the World Cup!



Bokkoors by JB Train Tours

LESS TRAINS AVAILABLE – EVEN DURING PEAK PERIODS

On the 16th August 2011, JB Train Tours were informed by Shosholoza Meyl that all long distance Tourist Class passenger trains in South Africa will only run three times per week, departing only on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, effective Monday 22nd August 2011. This decision has been recalled in August but re-instated on the 8th Sept 2011 to take affect on Monday 3rd October 2011!

This has lead to lesser trains being available during December 2011 and resulting in JB Train Tours in cancelling some of its scheduled train tours during December. ALL our train tours for December 2011 are now fully booked BUT we have made alternative plans to take passengers during December 2011 and January 2012 to Cape Town – see article about luxury coach tours above.

RUNNING DATES for PREMIER CLASSE TRAINS BETWEEN Jo'burg & Durban

Due to the rationalization taking place within Shosholoza Meyl at the moment, the Premier Classe train between Jo'burg and Durban will NOT run every weekend anymore but only once a month on the following dates:

Departing on a Friday at 18:20 from Jo'burg to arrive Saturday morning in Durban and departing again on Sunday evening at 17:30 from Durban to arrive the Monday morning in Jo'burg.

Dates:

28th October 2011	returning 30th October 2011
04th November 2011	returning 06th November 2011
25th November 2011	returning 27th November 2011
02nd December 2011	returning 04th December 2011
16th December 2011	returning 18th December 2011
23rd December 2011	returning 25th December 2011
30th December 2011	returning 01st January 2012
27th January 2012	returning 29th January 2012
03rd February 2012	returning 05th February 2012
24th February 2012	returning 26th February 2012
02nd March 2012	returning 04th March 2012
30th March 2012	returning 01st April 2012

Contact Nelani at our offices for tour packages on the Premier Classe train to Durban or for 'tickets only' on this train at upmarket2@jbtours.co.za

SEE US at the TOY RUN

The 2011 Toy Run will again take place on Sunday 27th November 2011 – this year to be hosted at the Benoni Northern Sports Fields in Benoni.

The Toy Run is an event organized and hosted nationally at various places through out the country and Namibia. The main purpose is to collect thousands of toys for less preveledged children and motorbike enthusiasts turn up in their thousand with toys and gifts. The bikes depart from various points in Gauteng and 'all roads lead to Benoni' on that day. A crowd of 25000 people are expected and a variety of bikes in different shapes, sizes, colours and ages will be seen.

JB Train Tours will be manning a stall at the Toy Run promoting our very popular Motorbike-on-Train tours as well as meeting again people who have been on tour with us before. Come and chat to us.

Make a note in your diary and go to the Benoni Northern Sports Fields on this day. It is massive – the noise, the bikes and the atmosphere.



An interesting bike...



Our gazebo at a previous Toy Run



Bikes and more bikes...

NEW FACE at JB TRAIN TOURS



A new voice (and face) at JB Train Tours: **Ms. Nelani Mashava** started in September 2011 with JB Train Tours in the Upmarket Train Tours department.

Previously employed for 3 years at The Blue Train offices in Pretoria and for the last five and a half years at an international in bound tour operator, she is well equipped and experienced to take care of relevant enquiries and market place.



4-in-1 TOUR PACKAGE: CRUISE, FLIGHT, BLUE TRAIN & COACH VERY HOT & EXCLUSIVE!

JB Train Tours has put together 26 different tour packages whereby clients can enjoy an **affordable** trip on the world famous **Blue Train** (or upmarket **Premier Classe** train), experience a 2- or 3- or 4-day cruise on the Melody or Simfonia ship from Cape Town, sleep a night or more in the Mother City, be transported by coach to the harbour or airport and fly back to Johannesburg. The duration of the tours vary between 5 and 8 days.

We have negotiated these **exclusive** and **unique** tour packages with all the service providers, starting in November 2011 and continuing until March 2012. Unfortunately we could only secure limited space per trip. Hence, contact us **NOW** at upmarket2@jbtours.co.za or click on 4-in-1 tour package for full details. **More info**

Note: The tour prices on all these packages are in certain cases **less than** the price of the normal Blue Train ticket price between Pretoria and Cape Town! It is ideal for holidays, honeymoons, incentives, anniversaries, engagements and much more. Spoil yourself and use your December bonus on this '**never to be repeated**' special offers. Tick this off your 'Bucket List'

of things you 'still have to do'!



Further **good news** is that we have put together a **Budget 4-in-1** Tour package as well. This package would suit families very well. **More info**

Tour prices start at R4500 per person sharing.

CHILDREN'S HUMOUR

EQUAL REPRESENTATION

When Kelli said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every pet, current and past.

For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, 'All girls.' This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, 'Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?'

Her response, 'Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course, you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house.' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'



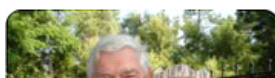
Pelican at Walvis Bay harbour – note the fish at its mouth

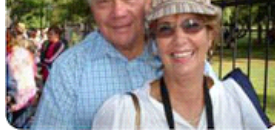
FEEDBACK on TOURS – September 2011

Feedback on Budget Tours:

Namaqualand Flowers train tour: Jo'burg to Namaqualand and West Coast

"The flowers in Namaqualand are the best we've experienced in years". This was regular feedback we've received from many passengers that went on our train tours. All the tours were fully booked and the passengers had a good time.





Louis & Jana Muller – Namaqualand Blomme treintoer

Namaqualand Flowers train tour: Durban to Namaqualand and West Coast

The KZN people on tour to the daisies realized that even the barren West Coast of South Africa can be beautiful in season.



Blomme

Kruger Wildtuin & Laeveld treintoer: Kaapstad na Mpumalanga

Die Kapenaars het baie wild gesien asook die natuurskoon van die Panorama roete geniet.

Kruger National Park & Lowveld train tour: Port Elizabeth to Mpumalanga

Despite the really dry and hot conditions in the Kruger Park (sometimes up to 36 degrees Celcius) lots of game was seen. This group slept overnight in Letaba camp as well.



View from the deck in Skukuza rest camp

Kruger Wildtuin & Laeveld treintoer: Kaapstad na Mpumalanga

Reis met die trein vanaf die Wes Kaap tot in Jo'burg en reis dan per luukse bus verder tot in die Laeveld. Besoek die Kruger Wildtuin vir 3 dae, asook die Panorama roete in die Laeveld. 30 September tot 8 Oktober 2011.

Hierdie toer is tans aan die gang.

Durban Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban (the Holiday City) by train. Enjoy the beach, uShaka Marine World, the new Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast casino, etc.

30 Sept to 3 Oct 2011. This tour is currently in progress.

Port Elizabeth Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to PE

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Port Elizabeth (the Friendly City) by train. Enjoy the beach, Marine World, the new Nelson Mandela Bay stadium, Board Walk casino, etc. 30 Sept to 3 Oct 2011. This tour is currently in progress.

Cape Town Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Cape Town (the Mother City) by train. Enjoy Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point, the Castle, etc. 30 Sept to 6 Oct 2011. This tour is currently in progress.

Bushbuck Ridge to Durban:

This bus tour was organized specifically for a church group from Bushbuck Ridge in Mpumalanga to visit the Holiday City and is currently in progress.

Motorbike-on-Train tour: Jo'burg to Western Cape

Good weather, beautiful scenery, smooth roads, a honeymoon couple, two Americans, a tour leader with a broken ankle (broken prior to the tour) and scenery unlimited were all part of this tour in the Western Cape and Boland.



Seen at Cape Point

Motorbike-on-Train tour: Jo'burg to Namaqualand Flowers

Traveling with motorbikes on dirt roads in Namaqualand allows so much more opportunity to see and experience the flowers. Small places like Wupperthal, Darling, Leipoldtville and the Quiver Tree Forest outside Nieuwoudtville were visited.



Feedback on Upmarket Tours:

Namibia Train Tours: Namibia to Gauteng

This tour is no still in progress and is scheduled to arrive back in Gauteng on the 4th September 2011. 88 passengers are traveling along.



**Peet & Wilna vd Vyver -
Hentiesbaai**
From East London



**Lenie Badenhorst,
Pieter & Mercia Wentzel**
From Boksburg &
Durbanville



**Gideon & Martha Eiseb &
Joe Kirstein**
From Windhoek &
Estcourt



**Tony Human & Robert
Taylor**
Both from Durban

Blue Train Tours: Pretoria to Cape Town

This special tour package on the Blue Train (at a very special discounted price) has become very popular with many people who had it on their 'Bucket list' to do one day. The Cape Tonians are making more use of it as well, traveling from CPT to PTA and flying back to CPT.

UPCOMING TRAIN TOURS in 2011

October 2011 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Cape Town Budget Holiday bus tour:

Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Cape Town (the Mother City) by train. Enjoy Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point, the Castle, etc. 2 to 9 Oct 2011. **From R4150 pp**

Fully booked

Huisgenoot Skouspel

Vlieg na Gauteng en reis per bus na Sun City Vlieg vanaf Kaapstad, PE, Oos Londen of Durban na Jo'burg, oornag twee nagte in 'n top hotel en reis per luukse bus vanaf die hotel na die Huisgenoot Skouspel wat in die Superbowl by Sun City aangebied word. Kaartjies vir die vertoning is by die pakket ingesluit. Sien 40 plus Afrikaanse sangkunstenaars en 'n groot orkes saam optree. Al die bekende en groot name tree op. Ons maatskappy neem jaarliks sowat 160 mense wat invlieg na hierdie Skouspel op 8, 9, 15 & 16 Okt 2011. 2 Toerdatums om vanuit te kies.

Toerpryse vanaf **R3800 pp**

Meer inligting

Amashova Cycle Race Train tour:

Jo'burg to Durban

Put yourself and your bicycle on the train, have fun en route and in Durban, overnight in the Holiday City and ride the race on Sunday from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. A big part of the race covers the Comrades marathon route. 14 to 17 Oct 2011. **R1690 pp**

Fully booked

Durban Budget Holiday train tour:

Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban (the Holiday City) by train. Enjoy the beach, uShaka Marine World, the new Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast casino, etc. 21 to 24 Oct 2011. **R1800 pp 6 Beds available**

More info

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Meer inligting

Motorbike-on-Train tour:

Jo'burg to Western Cape

Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the train, to the Western Cape and Boland. Ride 29 mountain passes and coastal roads, have fun and meet interesting people in the small towns. 9 to 16 Oct 2011. From R6910 pp. The pillion pays less.

More info

Garden Route Train tour:

Jo'burg to Eastern Cape & Garden Route

Depart by train from Jo'burg to PE, travel by luxury bus and visit places en route like Tsitsikama, Knysna, Oudtshoorn, Mossel Bay & Montagu before returning from Worcester to JHB by train. 19 to 26 Oct 2011.

R6100 pp

Fully booked

Upmarket Tours:

ALL the tours below are hosted every weekend of every month - **subject to availability.**

Durban Stylish weekend Train Tour:
JHB - DBN

Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour:
JHB - CPT

This 4-day package is perfect for a quick weekend away to get out of the city. We depart every Friday afternoon and return very early Monday morning (still in time for work). Incl: return trip on the Premier Classe train, 1 night B&B in a top notch hotel, transfers.

R3 250 pp sharing.

More info

Cape Town Stylish 4-day Honeymoon & Anniversary: JHB – CPT

This 4-day package is a great way to enjoy your honeymoon or celebrate a special occasion. We depart every Thursday afternoon and return on Sunday.

Incl: one way trip on the Premier Classe train, 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel, transfers, return flight.

R5 140 pp sharing.

More info

This 4-day package is a great way to visit the Mother City over a weekend.

We depart every Thursday afternoon and return on Sunday. Incl: one way trip on the Premier Classe train, 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel, transfers, return flight.

R5 220 pp sharing.

More info

Blue Train 4-Day packages:

Pretoria to Cape Town

This 4-day package is a great way to enjoy your honeymoon or celebrate a special occasion or tick off your long last dream on your bucket list of traveling one day on the luxurious Blue Train. We depart every Monday morning from Pretoria and return on Thursday. Included in the tour price:

One way trip on the Blue train (Including all meals and drinks on the train), 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel in CPT, all transfers between station and hotel and airport, one-day trip on Topless bus in CPT, one dinner in CPT, flight back to Johannesburg and safe parking in Pretoria. All this for the tour price less than a normal one-way ticket on the train only!

R8550 pp sharing

More info

November 2011 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Motorbike-on-Train tour:

Jo'burg to Eastern Cape & garden Route Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the train, to the Eastern Cape and Garden Route. Start in PE travel via Van Stadens bridge, Patensie, Tsitsikama, Knysna, George, Mossel Bay, Oudhoorn and much more. 13 to 19 Nov 2011.

From R6910 pp. The pillion pays less.

More info

4-in-1 Budget tours

From November 2011 onwards until March 2012, JB Train Tours will host various 4-in-1 Tour packages from Pretoria and Jo'burg to Cape Town. Tour package varies from 5 to 8 days. Travel on a Tourist Class Train, enjoy a cruise on a luxury Ship, be transported by luxury Bus to the airport and Fly back to Jo'burg.. Prices from **R4500 pp sharing.**

More info

Cherry festival Bus tour: Pretoria and Jo'burg to Claerns and Eastern Free State

Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the train, to the Eastern Cape and Garden Route. Start in PE travel via Van Stadens bridge, Patensie, Tsitsikama,

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JHB – DBN

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R3 250 sharing.

More info

Cape Town Stylish 4-day Honeymoon & Anniversary: JHB – CPT

This 4-day package is a great way to enjoy your honeymoon or celebrate a special occasion. We depart every Thursday afternoon and return on Sunday.

Incl: one way trip on the Premier Classe train, 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel, transfers, return flight. R5 220 pp sharing.

More info

4-in-1 Upmarket tours

From November 2011 onwards until March 2012, JB Train Tours will host various 4-in-1 Tour packages from Pretoria and Jo'burg to Cape Town. Travel on a luxury Train, enjoy a cruise on a luxury Ship, be transported by luxury Bus to the airport and Fly back.

More info

Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour:

JHB – CPT

This 4-day package is a great way to visit the Mother City over a weekend.

We depart every Thursday afternoon and return on Sunday. Incl: one way trip on the Premier Classe train, 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel, transfers, return flight.

R5 220 pp sharing.

More info

Blue Train 4-Day packages:

Pretoria to Cape Town

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One way trip on the Blue train (Including all meals and drinks on the train), 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel in CPT, all transfers between station and hotel and airport, one-day trip on Topless bus in CPT, one dinner in CPT, flight back to Johannesburg and safe parking in Pretoria. All this for the tour price less than a normal one-way ticket on the train only!

R8550 pp sharing

More info

December 2011 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Cape Town Budget Luxury Coach tours: Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Pretoria and Jo'burg and travel to Cape Town (the Mother City) by luxury coach. Sleep en route

Cape Town Budget Holiday train tour:

Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Cape Town (the Mother City) by train. Enjoy Table Mountain, the V&A

in Beaufort West and in Kimberley on the return trip. Sleep 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in CPT (B&B). Enjoy Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point, the Castle. Daily departures from 11th December 2011 until 14th January 2012. (Inland schools only re-open on Wednesday 18th January 2012). **R4700 pp sharing** – children pay less.

More info

Durban Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban (the Holiday City) by train. Enjoy the beach, uShaka Marine World, the new Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast casino, etc. 21 to 24 Oct 2011. **R1800 pp**

More info

Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point, the Castle, etc. Various dates in Dec 2011. **From R4150 pp**

Fully booked

4-in-1 Budget tours

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More info

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R3 250 sharing.

More info

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R5 220 pp sharing.

More info

4-in-1 Upmarket tours

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More info

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R5 220 pp sharing.

More info

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R8550 pp sharing

More info

DAY TRAIN TRIPS

There are only two companies in Gauteng, one in KZN & one in Cape Town hosting day trips by train. This is ideal for families, companies, churches, clubs, etc. and especially for children who have never been on a train trip.

Both these companies haul the train with a steam locomotive engine!

Pretoria area: Friends of the Rail

Contact Mr. Arno Victor at Tel: 082 293 4616 or sales@friendsoftherail.com or visit their website at www.friendsoftherail.com

They travel mostly from Pretoria to Irene and a circular route around Pretoria..

Johannesburg area: Reef Steamers

Contact Tel: 011 025 4363 or bookings@reefsteamers.com or Mr. At de Necker at 083 651 5424 or visit their website at <http://www.reefsteamers.com>

They travel mostly from Maraisburg to Magaliesburg.

KZN (Durban & PMB) area: Umgeni Steam Rail

Contact Mr. Rob McGregor at Tel: 031-303 3003; 082-353 6003 or 087-808 7715 or robbie@umgenisteamrailway.co.za or visit their website at www.umgenisteamrailway.co.za.

They travel mostly from Inchanga, Kloof & PMB.

Cape Town area: Atlantic Rail

Contact them at Tel: (021) 556-1012 or info@atlanticrail.co.za or visit their website at www.atlanticrail.co.za

They travel mostly from Cape Town station to close by destinations in the Peninsula and Boland.

FULL 2011 YEAR PROGRAMME

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