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UPMARKET AND BUDGET  
TRAIN TOUR PACKAGES  
in South Africa



## DEC/SEMBER 2011 - NEWSLETTER / NUUSBRIEF

**Comfortable, Affordable, Safe, Secure & Enjoyable Train Tours – in Southern Africa**  
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**FRESH NEWS // NUUS vars uit die OOND**

### FESTIVE SEASON

The month of December is a period of festivities, fun, holiday, traveling, remembering, giving, appreciating and relaxing. Enjoy it.

We live in a beautiful country with equally beautiful people. Let's keep on making our country an even better place to live in, work in and have fun in.

### RESULTS of ANOTHER COMPETITION



Colin de Beer

During September and October 2011 the Rugby World Cup was hosted in New Zealand with the home team being crowned as the winners. Congratulations to the All Blacks.

[SuperBru](#) hosted a competition on the internet whereby participants should predict the daily winners as well as the final scores of each game. By means of a certain formula a daily, weekly and overall winner was determined. JB Train Tours, in conjunction with the [Blue Train](#), sponsored the major prize for the competition – a 2-day trip on the [Blue Train](#), 2 night's accommodation in a hotel in Cape Town and the return flight.

The eventual winner of this prize was a jubilating **Mr. Colin de Beer** from Oshikati in the Northern region of Namibia. Colin will undertake his trip in February 2012.

More than **130000** people entered the competition. Thanks for participating and be on the lookout for a next competition.

### 2012 ARGUS TRAIN - MORE SPACE

Our annual train tour from Gauteng to the **Argus Cycle Race** in Cape Town is as popular as ever. The 2012 train tour was fully booked but we have secure **more carriages** for the tour taking place from 8th to 13th March 2012 from JHB to CPT. Hence, we now have space available on this tour. Both cyclist and bicycle travel on this train and accommodation in Cape Town is provided in a top hotel very close to the starting line. At only R3690 per person sharing this tour is always a 'winner'. [More info](#)

### WELL DONE TABLE MOUNTAIN



Table Mountain

It is now official: **Table Mountain** in Cape Town, South Africa, is one of the new 7 **Natural Wonders** of the World! Congratulations to the Mother City and to South Africa.

This is another reason why we host train and bus tours to Cape Town. Go and experience it.

## DO the 4-in-1 TOUR

Have you ever considered going on a cruise ship and experiencing the luxury of a romantic trip on a vessel in South African waters? If so, book your place on one of our VERY affordable 4-in-1 tour packages taking place from November 2011 to March 2012.

Two of our staff members were invited by **Starlight Cruises** to travel in November 2011 on the **Sinfonia** ship from Cape Town to Durban on a 4-day trip. The verdict: **Highly recommended!** See more info below.



Lenie on board the Sinfonia



View from the cabin

## SUPER 15 RUGBY - 2012

JB Train Tours will again be hosting a number of **train tours** from Jo'burg to Durban and Cape Town respectively to attend Super 15 rugby games where the Sharks and Stormers are involved in. The first train tour already departs in February whilst the last one is hosted in July 2012. These trips are very popular with the rugby public.

[More info - Cape Town](#)

[More Info - Durban](#)

## SPRINGBOK TEST RUGBY - 2012

The Springboks will be playing a number of rugby tests during the period June to October 2012. Some of them will be hosted in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. JB Train Tours will again be hosting these very popular train tours to the coastal cities. More info to follow later.

[DBN-Test](#)

[PE-Test](#)

## OLDER NEWS

### NEW TOURS - to MOZAMBIQUE

Due to public demand JB Train Tours have organized **luxury coach tours** from Pretoria (Gauteng) to **Maputo** in **Mozambique** during the coming year. Maputo is only 545 km from Pretoria and two tour packages will be on offer:

The 4-day package departs of a Thursday afternoon from Pretoria's **GauTrain** station and arrives back on Sunday early evening. [More info](#)

The 8-day package departs of a Saturday morning from Pretoria's **GauTrain** station and arrives back the next Saturday afternoon. [More info](#)

During the 4-day tour passengers will spend most of their time in Maputo with the opportunity to visit Catembe and Inhaca Island. This is an ideal opportunity to be introduced to our Eastern neighbouring country.

On the 8-day tour passengers will spend time in Maputo and then travel north towards Maracuenne, Manhica, Bilene and Xai-Xai to overnight in local lodges. En route time will be spent in Swaziland (one day) and the Kruger National Park (one day).

Both tours were put together after thorough research over many years to allow passengers to re-discover this developing country with friendly people, white beaches, good cuisine and a very safe environment. Both tours are suitable for people from all walks of life.





Newly unveiled statue in Maputo  
of ex pres. Samora Machel



Taxi in Maputo

## LUXURY

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 passengers 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](#)

## SEND US YOUR PICTURES



The article below has appeared in our previous Newsletter and we've received some interesting pictures already. Please forward more.

Many of our passengers take splendid pictures when on our train tours. Please **forward some of it to us** with the name of the venue of where it was taken, which tour you were on and names of people appearing in it. We'd love to place it in our monthly Newsletters.

We'd like to change the Header photo of our Newsletter (see above) from time-to-time. If you have a striking picture of **railway lines and/or trains**, please forward it to us with details. Your name would be acknowledged if used.

This month's picture was taken by Mr. **Jacque Wepener** of Riebeeckstad in the Free State. It was taken at Kaalvlei, between Whites & Welkom in the Free State.

## 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 **Sinfonia** 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 [upmarket@jbtours.co.za](mailto:upmarket@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.

## FEEDBACK on TOURS – November 2011



## Feedback on Budget Tours:

**Cherry festival Bus tour:** Pretoria and Jo'burg to Clarens and Eastern Free State  
The Cherry Festival is one of the oldest festivals in the country, running for more than 40 years. Our annual bus tour to this occasion went well and the beautiful Eastern Freestate was enjoyed by all.

## Feedback on Upmarket Tours:

### **Durban Stylish weekend Train Tour: JHB – DBN**

This tour is always a winner for people want to break away for a weekend – especially at this very affordable price!

### **Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour: JHB – CPT**

Cape Town has so many activities to offer – our passengers tried to fit in as much as possible in their two days in Cape Town ...and assured us they will be back for more.

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

The beautiful Cape Town is the perfect place to celebrate an anniversary. A couple who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary enjoyed sparkling wine on the Premier Classe train, in the hotel, on Table Mountain, on the beach.....

### **Blue Train 4-Day packages: Pretoria to Cape Town**

We have in our wildest dreams never thought that so many people had a Blue train trip on the bucket list. And the best of it it....we are assisting people in making these dreams become a reality. JB Train Tours has transported more than 30 people on the Blue Train in the month of November alone – when are you joining us on this popular and very well priced tour?

### **4-in-1 Upmarket tours**

Our first two 4-in-1 tours departed on 6 & 7 November 2011. The 4 modes of transport made the journey very excited....Both tours travelled from JHB/PTA to CTN on the Premier Classe/Blue train, then embarked the Sinfonia ship and returned by flight. They were of course transferred by taxi between the 3 mentioned transport modes.

## UPCOMING TRAIN TOURS in 2011

### 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 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. Regular 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 4-Day Holiday train & bus 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. 15 to 18 December 2011.

**From R2050 pp.** [More info](#)

#### **Durban Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to Cape 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. 16 to 19 December 2011.

**R1800 pp.** **Fully booked**

#### **Cape Town 11-day 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, Hout Bay, Kirstenbosch, etc. Accommodation (B&B) and transport in CPT included. 6 – 16 Dec; 13 – 23 Dec; 20 – 30 Dec & 27 Dec 2011 – 6 Jan 2012.

**From R6600 pp.** [More info](#)

#### **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. 2 to 9 Oct 2011.

**From R4150 pp.** **Fully booked**

#### **4-in-1 Budget tours Jo'burg to Durban**

Through December 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](#)

## Upmarket Tours:

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

**Durban Stylish weekend Train Tour:** JHB – DBN. [More info](#)

**Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour:** JHB – CPT. [More info](#)

**Cape Town Stylish 4-day Honeymoon & Anniversary:** JHB – CPT. [More info](#)

**Blue Train 4-Day packages:** Pretoria to Cape Town. [More info](#)

### **4-in-1 Upmarket tours**

During December 2011 and 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](#)

## January 2012 TRAIN TOURS

### Budget Tours:

#### 4-in-1 Budget tours

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## February 2012 TRAIN TOURS

### Budget Tours:

#### 4-in-1 Budget tours

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#### Garden Route:

**Jo'burg to PE to Knysna**

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Port Elizabeth by train. Continue by luxury bus to Plet, Knysna, Wildernis, Tsitsikama, George, Oudtshoorn and Meiringspoort before joining the train again in Beaufort West. 19 - 25 Feb 2012. From **R5300** pp sharing [More info](#)

#### Super 15 Rugby:

**Jo'burg to Cape Town** Depart from Jo'burg and travel to CPT by train. Watch the rugby at Newlands between the Stormers and Hurricanes and have fun in the Mother City. 24 - 27 Feb 2012. From **R2700** pp sharing [More info](#)

#### Motorbike-on-Train:

**Jo'burg to Boland and Western Cape**

Depart from Jo'burg and travel with your bike on the train to the Western Cape. Ride 26 beautiful mountain passes and coastal routes - all on tar. 26 Feb - 3 Mar 2012.

From **R6995** pp sharing. Pillion pays R2000 pp less [More info](#)

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#### 4-in-1 Upmarket tours

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## 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](mailto:sales@friendsoftherail.com) or visit their website at [www.friendsoftherail.com](http://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](mailto:bookings@reefsteamers.com) or Mr. At de Necker at 083 651 5424 or visit their website at [www.reefsteamers.com](http://www.reefsteamers.com)

