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Dear **Biker/Pillion**

2013 NAMAQUALAND FLOWERS & WEST COAST

MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR

From Johannesburg to Worcester & further North West

For Dual purpose & Road bikes

8 – 14 September 2013

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For Road bikes only

15 – 21 September 2013

Both tours = 7 Days

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on our annual **Motorbike-on-Train Tour** to be hosted during September 2013 from Johannesburg to the **West Coast and Namaqualand Flowers in season**, (and return) travelling on the Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train.

The **kykNet TV crew** of '**Woema**' will again be travelling with us on the one tour to gather footage to be broadcasted during the second half of the year. You'll become an instant TV star! (They were on tour with us to Namibia in 2012 and the broadcast of this tour was shown over two episodes in October 2012 and it has proven to be **very** popular).

Please note that we'll be hosting two tours: The **first one** is for both **Dual purpose and Road bikes** and the **second tour** is for **Road bikes only**.

On the first tour (8 – 14 Sept 2013) all the motorbikes will travel together on the train, ride together on the tar road sections, but will split during certain sections of the day when the dual purpose bikes will traverse some dirt and gravel roads – just to meet up again later during the day. Accommodation for both bike groups will be at the same place every night.

The road bikes will ride on tar roads **only**.

Please visit the following link and see some pictures taken on one of the 2012's two Motorbike-on-Train Tours to Namaqualand in season.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/JB-Train-Tours/134781029867862>

This is our **seventh**-of-a kind* Motorbike-on-Train tour that we host. This tour is ideal for those who would like to enjoy the beauty of the wild flowers in bloom, discover the beauty of the West Coast, meet the people and ride on interesting back roads as well. It is more suitable for the intermediate experienced biker, as well as for those who would like to explore new destinations in a well structured, organised and safe manner.



The majority of the roads will be on tar, but good dirt and gravel roads (**Green** level) will be traversed as well (Only dual purpose bikes). These roads are pillion friendly.

This is the time and opportunity to enjoy the **West Coast and Namaqualand** at its best. Pillions are more than welcome and are actually encouraged to travel along.

Lots of mountain passes, coastal roads, small villages and very scenic roads and routes will be visited and traversed.

Since 2007 when the first Motorbike-on-Train tour has been presented, we have hosted more than 45 similar tours to different destinations. Come and live (and ride) this experience with us.

Visit places and travel roads that you've never seen before (or heard off – places like Leipoldville, Doringbaai, Piket-Bo-berg, Paternoster, etc.); experience the scenic mountain passes with curves and corners galore; traverse the coastal roads; dine at village restaurants en route; accelerate in remote stretches and enjoy the 'fynbos' and out door life of the West Coast & Namaqualand.

You'll travel more than 1150km over the 4 days, all on good roads.

This is a **safe** and **secure tour** for individuals, bike families and/or groups. (Please note this is a holiday **TOUR**, **NOT** a **booze cruise, race or rally**, neither a dull affair). It is a tour with stoppages en route to be able to enjoy the beauty & natural scenery Namaqualand can offer.

We have scheduled only two tours to the flowers during the year - at the end of the Western Cape's rainy season!

This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train (with your bike **on** the train **with** you); enjoying the flowers in Season, fishermen's & missionary villages and the people of the region; sleeping in two **good hotels** with a swimming pool and other facilities; enjoying the beach and sea, visiting the most popular tourist destinations and just relax. (All this at a **very affordable** rate). We have a few pleasant surprises included in the itinerary as well. There is ample time available for leisure or extra bike trips. (If you still feel like it!)

When travelling by train we make use of the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class** train. See pictures of the Tourist Class train: <http://www.jbtours.co.za/photo-gallery.php#TrainTouristClass/1>



The main purpose of this tour is to give bikers the opportunity to ride their bikes in **another and interesting environment** – with curves and corners almost unlimited. It is not a race, though there will be a number of opportunities to use your horsepower to the full at certain spots. The different daily routes will take you past some breathtaking scenery.

The tours are scheduled to take place in spring time – however rain could be a problem (as the Western Cape is a winter rainfall area), rather bring your foul weather gear with!

All the routes are on good tarred & dirt roads (not sand). A back-up vehicle will be available in case of emergency or breakdowns. **If utilised, the expenses are for the biker's pocket. Please make sure your bike is 100% roadworthy and in a good condition.**

The group is limited to a **maximum of 20 motorbikes** per tour - **plus** a pillion per bike (is very welcome). I.e.: Max. 40 passengers per tour. It is not compulsory for the driver or pillion to ride every day. It could be exchanged for shopping and alternative sightseeing! This whole **tour** is a holiday.

Your **luggage** will be transported by LDV. I.e.: No luggage on the bike with you.

Are you tired of phoning, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there. Go and **live** this unique tour!

Why travel by train?

1. To cut out the longs straight and boring roads of the Karoo
2. To do something different
3. 'Cause the bike can travel along on the train
4. To start fresh when arriving in the Western Cape
5. To have fun the moment you depart from Johannesburg
6. To rest and relax on the way back – in style
7. To enjoy the scenery from a different angle
8. 'Cause it is safe & secure
9. 'Cause travelling by train is 'lekker'
10. To discover new routes, places and people
11. To save and protect your bike from long & unnecessary km's on roads through the Karoo

Who may come along? Any person who is interested in visiting the West Coast and Namaqualand, can ride a big bike (500cc+), have a relevant & legal driver's licence and would like to travel in a group. By the way, you must bring your own bike! If you don't have a bike, a rental one can be arranged at additional costs. All genders & ages are welcome. It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club or bike association. Friends, individuals, couples, etc. are more than welcome,

Note #1: Do it together. Take your pillion along.

Note #2: This is an unique experience.

***Note # 3:** We host a similar 6-day tour from Jo'burg to the Garden Route; 7-day tour from Jo'burg to the Western Cape & Boland; and an 8-day tour from CPT to the Mpumalanga Lowveld.

Note #4: We host a 7-day bike-on-train tour in Namibia and a 7-day bike-on-train tour from JHB on gravel roads in the Western & Eastern Cape.

Note # 5: We now host a Motorbike-on-Train tour on the **Blue Train** as well.

More details on all the above tours available from us.

Note #6: Just calculate how much you save on wear and tear if NOT riding all the way to the Cape on your bike.

Name of tour: 2013 West Coast & Namaqualand Motorbike-on-Train Tour – from JHB

Tour dates & Number: Sunday to Saturday (7 days)

8 – 14 Sept 2013

MB 8* (Dual purpose & road bikes)

15 – 21 Sept 2013

MB 9 Only road bikes **Fully booked**

* TV Crew on tour with us.

Departure times:	Johannesburg	Day 1	12:30	Platform 16
	Worcester	Day 6	13:30	Platform 1

Arrival times:	Worcester	Day 2	11:50	Platform 1
	Johannesburg	Day 7	12:15	Platform 16

Tour price: Compartment on Train: 4-Bed 2 Beds/Room in Hotel

Price per Biker	Persons per 4-Bed Comp'ment	Persons per Hotel Room
R8000	4	2
R8380	3	2 & 1
R9040	2	2

Coupe on Train: 2-Bed **2 Beds/Room in Hotel**

Price per Biker	Persons per 2-Bed Coupe	Persons per Hotel Room
R8300	2	2
R9080	1	1

The Pillion pays R2000 per person less.

Note: If 16 or more **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R500 refund.
If 20 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R700 refund.

Passengers will be informed **on tour** how many bikes have been booked & will be refunded in cash **on** the tour. Good petrol or spending money!

Children: Children pay the above prices. Sorry, no discount.

Deposit: A R1000 per person **non-refundable** deposit will secure your place. The balance **must** be paid **by latest six weeks before** departure date. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically. Book **NOW**.

Note: Passengers **may pay a monthly instalment** and then pay the last payment six weeks before departure date.

Included in price: Return transport by train to the Western Cape, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, 4 nights' D, B&B accommodation in two good hotels en route, **transportation of motorbike** on the train, **safe parking for bikes** at the hotels, **tour guide & sweeper**, as well as certain meals as per the itinerary. Daily route briefings will be done as well.

Excluded from the tour price: **Entry fees** at tourist destinations, expenses of a personal nature, fuel, toll gate fees, breakdowns or bike recovering costs & Comprehensive Travel Insurance. Anything else not mentioned in the Information Document.

Meals: Dinner & breakfast are included on the return train trip from JHB to Worcester, **as well as at the hotels**. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and where we will be riding.

Bar facilities: Available on the train.

Train Route: You will travel on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to Cape Town via Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Kimberley, De Aar, Beaufort West to Worcester. You may join en route. (Sorry, the train does NOT depart from Pretoria anymore).

Accommodation on the train: Passengers will be accommodated in a **4-bed** compartment or **2-bed** coupe on the train (Trans Karoo Tourist Class train). The number of coupes on the train is limited.

Accommodation at the hotels: Passengers will be accommodated on a D, B&B basis for two nights in the upmarket **Club Mykonos Resort in Langebaan & a hotel/lodge in Vredendal/Klawer** respectively. The rooms are spacious, with good facilities.

Loading of the motorbikes: All the bikes must be brought to Platform **14** at Johannesburg Park station **by latest 09:00** on the day of departure. Entry to the Platform is off Harrison Street. (GPS: S 26°11'490" E 28°02'218"). Owners to do the loading and fastening of bikes. **Please bring your own ratchet tie-downs**. Four tie-downs are more than enough. You are welcome to **bring your own** blankets or cloth for your bike.

The motorbikes are transported in a "KP" carriage and will be hauled **with** the passenger train. This carriage is totally enclosed and the bikes won't be exposed to wind and weather.

Insurance: Each bike owner is responsible for his/her own insurance on the bike.

Medical: Bring your medical fund card and medicines along.

Clothing: Casual clothing plus your normal personal biking gear.

Luggage: Just take what you need. Don't take the whole wardrobe. On arrival at Worcester the luggage will be transported by LDV to the hotel. You do not

need to travel with it on your bike at any time. **Please mark each piece of luggage or bag or suitcase clearly with your name on it.**

Notes: This is a casual holiday train **tour**. It is ideal for families; clubs, a group of friends, etc.

In 2012 a Pretoria Club made this tour their annual club excursion. There were 23 bikes on tour!

Safety: We do **NOT** compromise on safety during the tour. We have a sound record on ALL our tours and intend to keep it that way.

BOOK NOW! Please complete the attached **Reservation Form** (one per biker) and fax it to us, along with your Bank Deposit slip. Closing date is when the limited number of places is sold out. Groups, clubs, associations and mates are welcome.

Visit our website at www.jbtours.co.za at Photo Gallery for pictures of recent Motorbike-on-Train tours.

Travel & Biker greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours team

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Running times of the train

Johannesburg - Cape Town - Johannesburg

Johannesburg – Cape Town
(Wednesday, Friday and Sunday Service)

Station	Class available	Day	Arr.	Dep.
Johannesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1		12:30
Klerksdorp	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	16:10	16:25
Kimberley	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	20:55	21:20
Beaufort West	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	05:30	06:00
Worcester	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	11:50	12:05
Bellville	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	14:50	15:00
Cape Town	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	15:30	

Cape Town – Johannesburg
(Wednesday, Friday and Sunday Service)

Station	Class available	Day	Arr.	Dep.
Cape Town	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1		10:00
Bellville	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	10:25	10:35
Worcester	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	13:10	13:30
Beaufort West	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	19:25	19:50
Kimberley	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	03:35	03:46
Klerksdorp	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	08:15	08:26
Johannesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	12:15	

Please note that running times are **not** guaranteed. Trains **often** run late.
The train does **NOT** run on a Monday anymore.



Dual Purpose route

Provisional PROGRAMME

**2013 NAMAQUALAND & WEST COAST – from JHB
MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR****Day 1 Sunday**

From 09:00 Passengers with bikes meet at **Johannesburg** station – Platform 14
 12:30 Train departs Johannesburg – Platform 16
Dinner served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 First briefing session
 Travel overnight

Day 2 Monday

07:00 **Breakfast** on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 11:50 Disembarking at Worcester
 Day #1 of Motorbike Tour* (see bike itinerary below)
 Book in at Hotel
 Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)
 Sleep in Hotel

Days 3 – 5 Tuesday - Thursday

Breakfast served at the Hotel (**included** in the tour price)
 All other meals available (own cost)
 Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)
 Days # 2 - # 4 of Motorbike Tour*
 Sleep in Hotel

Day 6 Friday

Breakfast served at the Hotel (**included** in the tour price)
 Book out of the Hotel
 Day # 5 of Motorbike Tour*
 13:00 Loading of bikes on train – Worcester station, Platform 1
 13:30 Train departs for JHB
 Dinner served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 Travel overnight

Day 7 Saturday

Breakfast served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 12:15 Arrival at Johannesburg station – Platform 16
 Off loading of bikes
 End of tour

Provisional **PROGRAMME**
The daily programme can change

2013 JHB to NAMAQUALAND & WEST COAST – from Worcester onwards
MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR



Day 2 Monday

Disembark train at Worcester

Route: Worcester – Wolseley – Tulbagh – Gouda – Piketberg - Goedverwacht – Langebaan

Today's distance = 190+ km

Day 3 Saturday

Route: Langebaan – Saldanha – Vredenburg - Paternoster – Velddrift – Darling – Yzerfontein - Langebaan

Today's distance = 192+ km

Day 4 Sunday

Route: Langebaan – Laaipek - Velddrift – Dwarskersbos – Elandsbaai – Leipoldtville – Lambertsbaai – Doringbaai – Strandfontein – Papendorp – Lutzville – Vredendal - Klawer

Today's distance = 221+ km

Day 5 Monday

Route: Klawer – Van Rhynsdorp – Nieuwoudtville – Loeriesfontein Road - Klawer

Today's distance = 223+ km

Day 6 Tuesday

Route: Klawer – Clanwilliam – Citrusdal – Worcester

Today's distance = 365+ km

Total distance = 1191+ km

This itinerary can change on short notice or without notice!

BOOKING FORMPLEASE WRITE WITH A **BLACK PEN** AND IN **BOLD LETTERS**Complete in **full. One form** per bike**FAX TO:** 086 687 7344**Attention:** JB Train Tours **Agent:** HO**Train Tour Name:** 2013 Namaqualand Motorbike Train Tour – from JHB**Tour dates:** _____ **Tour No:** MB # _____**Name and Surname:** _____ **Title:** Mr/Mrs/Ms**ID:** _____**Tel No:** _____ (Code) _____ (W) _____ (Code) _____ (H)**Cell phone:** _____ **Fax No:** _____ (Code) _____**E-mail address:** _____ (NB!)**Postal address:** __________ **Code:** _____**Name & surname of your pillion:** _____**Where will you board the train?** _____**4-Bed Compartment** _____ **or 2-Bed Coupe** _____**I want to share the compartment/coupe on the train with the following person/people:**

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|----------|-------------|--|-------------|
| 1. _____ | Male/Female | 2. _____ | Male/Female |
| | Adult/Child | | Adult/Child |
| 3. _____ | Male/Female | Number of people in your compartment: | _____ |
| | Adult/Child | | |

Your bike's details: (Type, Model, Size) _____**Road Bike:** _____ **or Dual Purpose Bike:** _____**Registration Number:** _____ **I have a valid driver's licence:** _____Attached is the **deposit of R1000** per person/**full payment** of: **R** _____

(I understand and accept that my deposit is non-refundable, unless the tour is cancelled prior to departure & that the balance must be paid by latest 6 weeks before departure date)

Indemnity: I understand and accept that the organisers will not be held liable for any losses of any kind, injuries, inconvenience, cancellations or delays that may occur. See www.jbtours.co.za**Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____**Next of kin** Name: (for emergencies): _____**Tel No:** _____ (Code) _____ **Cell:** _____**Banking details:** **Account Name:** JB Tours **Bank:** ABSA**Account No:** 405 307 1777 **Branch:** Boksburg (632005) **Type of Account:** Cheque