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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 NAMIBIA **TRAIN TOUR**

Departs Windhoek & ends in Windhoek

(Link up from Cape Town, Johannesburg & other cities by air or bus)

7 Days & 6 Nights

This tour and tour price is offered at a discounted price: Almost two for the price of one!

Note: Since the first two tours were launched in June 2012, we had to negotiate with the Namibian authorities just about every two weeks and were fortunate to add another six tours in 2012! This tour became a **success story** in a short space of time and we've increased the number of tours for 2013. To date **4 of the seven** 7-day tours in 2013 were already fully booked by either individuals, couples, groups or companies. We had to organise two extra tours (Nam # 9 & Nam # 10).

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on these train tours to our **beautiful** neighbouring country Namibia. It is a country of contrast, endless horizons and soft natural colours. It is a big country with long distances to be covered. On this tour you will see a smaller part of the country compared to our 10-day Namibian train tour. We'll travel during the day and night to allow you sufficient time to enjoy the scenery en route as well.

This well priced tour is the ideal opportunity for a quick break away for couples, friends, companies (group bookings are welcome), clubs or families. A child under 12 years of age, sharing a compartment with adults, will pay substantially less.

There is so much to be seen, experienced and enjoyed on this tour. A summary of places to be visited will not give justice to the contents of the tour. A surprise or two awaits you at certain spots. However, places to be visited include the holiday town of Swakopmund and Dune 7, Walvis Bay, Henties Bay, the Namib Desert, the 'moon landscape' area, flamingo lake, Windhoek, Omaruru, a wine cellar (!), root carving factory and many more. **Optional visits** to Sossusvlei, Dolphin & Seal cruise (**highly** recommended), Skeleton Coast, Desert Experience and quad rides in the Namib Desert are available.

The tour starts in Windhoek and passengers can fly in from Johannesburg, Cape Town or abroad to Windhoek. We'll collect you at Windhoek's airport and transfer you to the station (included in the price). Some people **drive** to Windhoek to join the tour **OR** you can travel with Intercape bus www.intercape.co.za from just about anywhere in South Africa. The Intercape bus terminal is **right at** the Windhoek Railway station.

We travel on the **Namibian Desert Express** train – a **luxury** train. This tour can accommodate only 48 passengers at a time. Be part of it. It is a locally based train and belongs to the Namibian government.

<http://www.transnamib.com.na/desert-express/>



The pace we follow is manageable by all. We don't hurry. We had a 94-year old gentleman on one of our recent Namibian tours and he travelled very well. During 2012 we had an elderly couple in their late 80's. They said they are going to return for more!

Are you tired of driving, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? Travelling in a foreign country can be challenging. We'll make it easier for you. When travelling by train, you don't have to worry about increasing petrol prices, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving or getting lost and we show you the places you did not know exist! It is so much easier and **VERY** price competitive.

Any person who is interested in going to Namibia may join us! I.e. Family, friends & groups from anywhere! It is ideal for companies for incentives as well. There Are only **eight** of these **7-day** train tours in Namibia in 2013 and no other rail tourism company hosts similar and such affordable train tours to/in Namibia.

Please **make sure** that your passport still has got **two empty pages** for customs' stamps and it is still valid for another six months when entering the country. No visa is needed for SA Citizens.

Remember when travelling by train you unpack only once.

This tour is hosted in conjunction with Desert Express – the on board services provider.

When excursions are undertaken, we travel with a Namibian bus company's luxury buses. None of these excursions are very long.

Note: We have hosted Namibian train tours for the past decade departing from South Africa. Due to logistical challenges we have decided to depart in future from Windhoek, allowing passengers from across South Africa and abroad to join the tour in the Namibian capital.

Use your Voyager miles or other discounted miles to fly to Windhoek.

Note: We'll be hosting 3 x 10-day tours to Namibia as well. **Two** of them are already fully booked and we had to organise a third one.

Important Notice: We are **Foreign Tour Operator** registered under the Namibian Tourism Board Act, 2000 (Act No. 21 of 2000) Section 24 with Registration Number: **FOR00125**.

The original legal Certificate of Registration for Regulated Business (in Namibia) is **on display** at our offices (as requested by law).

Dit bly maar altyd lekker om deur ons buurland te reis. Die mense is vriendelik, die natuur asemrowend, die wild volop, die besoekpunte interessant en die stede en dorpe skoon. Om met 'n treintoer deur Namibië te reis, gee aan u die geleentheid om al die veraf plekke te besoek, maar teen 'n rustige tempo terwyl die lang kilometers meestal in die nag voltooi word. U kom dus uitgerus by die huis aan. Hierdie toer is vir alle ouderdomme en kwale geskik! 'n Mens moet net LUS wees om te toer – dan hoort jy op hierdie toer!

Ons ry met die luukse Desert Express trein. 'n Verdere bonus is dat die toer in Windhoek begin en eindig en dat u vanaf/na Johannesburg of Kaapstad of Frankfurt kan **vlieg**. Die lang treinrit tussen Suid-Afrika & Namibië word dan uitgeskakel en ons het meer tyd beskikbaar om in Namibië te kuier.

Daar word in 2013 ook **drie x 10-dag** treintoere in Namibië aangebied. Daar was aanvanklik net twee geskeduleer (in 2012 was daar net een 10-dag toer) en ons het dit in 2013 na 2 vermeerder. Die behoefte het sodanig toegeneem dat ons oor 'n derde 10-dag toer moes reël.

Die Suide van Namibië (Visrivierrafyn & Keetmanshoop) en Noorde van Namibië (Etosha Panne & Wildtuin, asook Outjo) is op hierdie toer ingesluit. Kontak ons vir die volledige Inligtingsdokument.

Vorige jare se toere was almal vroeg reeds vol bespreek. Maak gebruik van hierdie geleentheid. Kom geniet die pragtige buurland saam met ons.

Name of tour: 2013 Namibia Train Tour – 7-Days

Tour dates Number: Monday to Sunday

25 – 31 Mar	Fully booked	Nam 1
1 – 7 Apr	Fully booked	Nam 2
3 – 9 Jun	Fully booked	Nam 3
10 – 16 Jun	Fully booked	Nam 4
24 – 30 Jun	Fully booked	Nam 6
1 – 7 Jul	Fully booked	Nam 7
5 – 11 Aug	Fully booked	Nam 9 (Extra tour)
12 – 18 Aug	(Bike group)	Nam 8
9 – 15 Sept	Fully booked	Nam 10 (Extra tour)

Departure time in Windhoek: 16:00 Day 1

Departure station: The train departs from **Windhoek** main station in Namibia

Tour price: Suite (2-Bed)

Persons/Compartment

R18200 per Couple **2**

R16595 per Person (Single) **1**

A child **sharing** a 3-bed compartment with **two** full paying passengers will pay R4600 pp. Child = 12 years of age and younger.

Note: The **normal** rate is R16990 per person sharing. This special is available at **R18200** per couple.

Deposit: A **R3000 per person non-refundable deposit** is needed when booking is done. The balance is to be paid **by latest** six weeks before departure date. If this is not done, you'll forfeit your reservation and deposit. **No cancellation** within the six weeks period.

The R3000 deposit forms part of your tour price.

If you would like us to do your flight booking as well, an additional **non-refundable** deposit of **R3000 per person** is needed. If the flight is more expensive you'll have to pay the outstanding balance to us.

Current flight costs are +-R3000 per person (return flight) and remember to use your Voyager miles or Medical Fund discount on flights. When you book & pay with your own credit card, you qualify for certain insurances as well.

Insurance: As a rule we **highly recommend** our passengers to arrange **comprehensive travel insurance** once booked for a tour to cover all possible losses, injuries, cancellations, etc.*

* JB Train Tours shall not be held responsible for damage to, or loss or theft of personal luggage and belongings, nor can we be liable for personal injury, accident, illness or death. JB Train Tours will also not be responsible for instances where circumstances beyond its control lead to an interruption, earlier termination, or cancellation of any particular trip. Such circumstances shall include, but not be limited to instances of vis major/force majeure and/or casus fortuitus (acts of God such as floods and other natural disasters, fortuitous and unforeseen events, etc.). We strongly urge you to adequately cover for any eventualities with your insurance agent. We recommend that you also purchase a "trip cancellation" protection insurance to cover yourself in the unlikely event of a late cancellation or loss.

Meals: Two **superb** meals (dinner & breakfast) are served per day and are **included** in the price.

Train route: The **train** route goes from Windhoek to Karibib and Swakopmund & back to Windhoek.

Bus Transport & Excursions: All the excursions by bus, as per the itinerary, as well as the entry fees, are **included** in the tour price. (Excluding optional extras).

Buses used: We make use of a Namibian bus company's luxury* buses with reclining seats, AirCon, PA system, curtains and big windows. Their drivers know the routes, road conditions and are well experienced. The company's safety bona fides and

record is very good. There is no toilet on board, but we stop regularly and the bus trips are not long.

* The Namibian luxury buses are **NOT** of the same standard as in Europe or South Africa. It is purpose-fully built for the local conditions. I.e.: No TV in any bus will last on the gravel roads.

Luggage: You are limited to one suitcase, max 20 kg, a small overnight bag and one piece of hand luggage, max. 7 kg. (This is in accordance with your flight limitations as well).

Dress: We are in Africa. You **don't** need to dress up for meals. Take casual clothing, a hat and comfortable walking shoes.

On the train: Sleeping carriages, a dining car, bistro, lounge car with bar facilities, star gazer carriage, smoking area, **friendly staff and good food.**

Suite on the train: A suite (sleeping area) consists of two single beds (ground floor level) and a bunker bed for smaller children; a **small** shower/toilet bathroom, individual AirCon control, music channel, wide windows on both sides and a small safe. Hanging space for clothing is minimal & limited. (Many passengers use the 3rd bed as a packing area).

During day times the beds are not made up and are folded away. Three comfortable chairs are available.

All 24 suites on the train are exactly the same – but mirror images of one another.



Compartment during the day



... and during the night

You'll be sleeping all the nights on the train.

Dining Car: Passengers will enjoy their meals in the dining car.

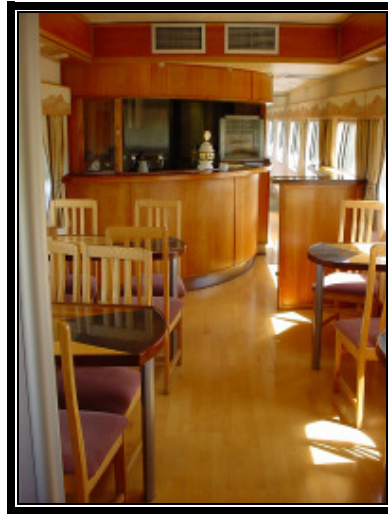


Dining car

Lounge car: A bar facility and comfortable chairs and sofas are available in the lounge car. This is the hub-of-activity on the train where people meet and mingle freely.



Lounge car



Bistro

The whole train is air conditioned.

This is a tour NOT to be missed. The people of this country, the vastness, the sand, the wind, the contrast, the silence and the beauty will stick under your skin.



Cocktails and ...



something to nibble on.

Go once and you'll come back for more.

We are looking forward to take you there. No one is too old or too young or too fragile! Just bring your smiles along and leave the 'whining and pains' at home! The weather is normally good. Somewhat cold during the night and comfortable warm during the day.

Six out of our seven **7-day** train tours to Namibia in 2012 were fully booked.

Note # 1: The flights **to** and **from** Windhoek is **NOT** included in the tour price. **We will gladly do your booking on your behalf.** Current flight price is +-R3000 per person – return airfare in Economy Class. **ANY** changes to your flight ticket, for whatever reason, would be for your own expense. If you have Voyager Miles or any other way of getting a discount, I.e.: Certain Medical Health Schemes have such benefits, please do the booking yourself **BUT** please **inform us** of your flight details.

Please ensure that you do **not** arrive later than 14:00 in Windhoek on day of departure or book on any flight departing from Windhoek before 12:00 (Namibian time) on the last day of the tour. The flight takes +- 2 hours from Jo'burg & Cape Town, whilst Namibian time differs one hour from SA's time during winter months.

Recommended Air carriers:

Air Namibia	www.airnamibia.co.na	Tel: 011-390 2876 / 021-422 3224
Kulula.com	www.kulula.com	Tel: 011 921 0111
SAA	www.flysaa.com	Tel: 011 978 1100
British Air	http://www.britishairways.com	

There is safe car parking available (covered) at the OR Tambo Airport. The parking area on the **Southern** side of the airport (**ex Griffiths Road** on the R21) charges only R45 per car per night! (This is highly recommendable). There is a free bus service from the airport to the parking area (after the return flight).

The same applies to parking at the Cape Town airport.

Transport from Windhoek airport to Windhoek station and vice versa: We provide this transport free of charge to passengers, but **only on** Days # 1 and # 10 of the tour AND if we know your flight arrival and departure details.

You are welcome to travel a day earlier or later than the official arrival and departure dates of the train. There is a suitable hotel close to the Windhoek Station: **Protea Thuringerhof Hotel** in Bahnhof Street. **Tel:** 00264 61 226 031 **E-mail:** gm-thuringerhof@proteahotels.com.na

Other transport to Windhoek: You can travel by overnight **bus** from Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, Kimberley and Pretoria and Johannesburg. The **Intercape Buses** runs **daily** to Windhoek and it arrives on the morning of the train's departure in Windhoek. It departs as well again late afternoon on the last day of the train tour. The bus tickets are substantially lower compared to flight costs.

The bus's drop-off point in Windhoek is in Bahnhof street in Windhoek, **very close** to the railway station.

Visit Intercape Buses website at <http://www.intercape.co.za> to get quotes or to do a booking.

OR You can drive by **car** to Windhoek and link up with the train tour.

Safe car parking in Windhoek: It is available, free of charge, very close (200m) to Windhoek's station at TransNamib's head office. It is covered parking within a security fenced area.

Malaria: Namibia, and the area we visit, is not malaria infected.

We urge passengers to drink lots of water regularly. Even during winter times. A face moisturiser for ladies is highly recommended.

Currency: In Namibia the Namibian Dollar (N\$) is used. It is linked directly to the South African Rand. I.e.: 1 Rand = 1 Namibian Dollar. You can use South African notes in Namibia (not coins). You may use your credit card as well.

Purchases on the train: All purchases made on the train (I.e.: Drinks at the bar, mineral water, memorabilia, certain excursions, etc.) can be paid at the end of the tour by credit card.

Last note: With the huge increase in fuel costs (petrol & diesel) in recent times and the **major** increases in accommodation prices in Namibia over the past five years, this is by far **the most affordable way** of travelling through & lodging in Namibia.

Travel greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours Team

PS Ons doen ook graag sake in Afrikaans

PS We host various other scheduled train & bus tours like Holiday: Namibia, Namaqualand Flowers, Cape Town, KZN, 7 Provinces, Motorbike-on-Train tour to: (The Western Cape and Boland, Namibia, Garden Route, South & Eastern Cape), Garden Route Holiday, Kruger National Park, Mozambique (by luxury bus), Maputo, etc. Sport: Comrades- & Two Oceans Marathons, Argus Cycle Race, Rugby Tests, etc. Art & Music Festivals: KKNK (Oudtshoorn), 'Innibos' (Nelspruit), 'Huisgenoot Skouspel', Cape Town Jazz Festival, Cherry Festival, etc

NAMIBIAN TRAIN TOUR



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DAY 1 Monday WELCOME and DEPARTURE

Start arriving at Windhoek's **Hosea Kutako** International Airport and be transferred to the historical Windhoek Railway station on this day. Your tour guide will welcome you while you enjoy a cup of coffee or cold drink. The train will depart at 16:00 for Okahandja and Karibib and during your settling-in time browses through your programme and get your first taste of the trip ahead.

Enjoy your first dinner on board after a visit to the lounge car.



Dinner Time



Train en route



Weaver nest

DAY 2 Tuesday OMARURU

We leave Karibib for Omaruru by bus.

Called the 'Artist' of Namibia. **Omaruru** is a town and constituency in the Erongo Region of Namibia. Its official population is +-6,792. The town is situated by the Erongo Mountains, on the usually dry Omaruru River.

The town grew around a mission built in 1872 by Gottlieb Viehe, now a museum, and was attacked in 1904 during the Herero and Namaqua Genocide. Captain Franke's Tower was built in this period to defend the settlement.

The town is known for its annual festival, its winery and for the dinosaur footprints at nearby Otjihaenamparero. We'll visit the biggest wine cellar in Namibia **Kristal Kellerei Winery** – one of only three in the country! The white wine produced in this vineyard is unique and 'the tales behind the story' are interesting.



Station board



Root carving

An unique feature in this town is the **Tikoloshe root-carving factory** on the outskirts of the town. Hardly any visitor leaves this place without a souvenir bought at this interesting venue.

After the visit to Omaruru we return to Karibib. Discover this small town.

Dinner is served on the train & it remains stationery in Karibib for the night.

**DAY 3 Wednesday SWAKOPMUND / WALVIS BAY:
MOON LANDSCAPE, WELWITSCHIA DRIVE, WALVIS
BAY AND DUNE 7**

We depart by train from Karibib early morning towards the West. We'll disembark 'in the middle of nothing' and do an afternoon's excursion into the Namib Desert and a stop at a lookout point over the valley known as the Moon Landscape. Soft overlaying levels of earth, deposited some 450 million years ago and eroded over millennia, created the eerie landscape.

The Welwitschia Nature Drive takes us from vast plains where herds of Oryx, Springbok and Zebra roam the supernatural landscape of these badlands.

Dune 7, located on the outskirts of Wavis Bay, is the highest sand dune in the area. It is an unforgettable experience for those who feel inclined to challenge the height of this outstanding landmark to admire the view from the top.

We then turn around to Walvis Bay. It is a pretty South African style town with 25 000 inhabitants. Strategically located halfway down the coast of Namibia and with direct access to principal shipping routes it is a natural gateway for international trade.

We visit the Walvis Bay Lagoon, a great attraction in the Walvis Bay area. The tranquil stretch of water, its natural beauty accentuated by thousands of flamingos gathering at the rich feeding grounds, is over 3 000 years old. Because of its value as a wetlands area, it was declared a RAMSAR site (a conservation pertaining to wetlands was held in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971).

Tonight we dine at a German Restaurant in town.



Walvis Bay flamingo's



Dune 7

DAY 4 Thursday SWAKOPMUND

The day is spent at leisure in town. Shopping, quads, dolphin & seal cruise, flight to Sossusvlei, etc.

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SPECIALISED ACTIVITIES - OPTIONAL

SEAL AND DOLPHIN CRUISE (Highly recommended)

The cold Atlantic waters off the Namibia coast are home to a wealth of marine life, including two dolphin species and a large colony of Cape Fur seal resident at Pelican Point. The 1.3 m-long Heavisides' dolphins are seen less often. The Walvis Bay-based skippers are highly successful in tracking down the dolphins and giving their guests close-up views of the Cape Fur seals.

On this trip see how wild birds are fed by hand - even some very large Pelicans. Experience the thrill of dolphins leaping from the water alongside the boat, seals fed by hand, fresh oysters and cold sparkling wine on the calm water of the Walvis Bay Lagoon. This morning-to-midday activity (+-5 hours) is an experience not to be missed. It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. **Bookings are done only once on the train. +-R650 pp** (Including lunch on the island)

(Morning: weather dependent)



Welcome on board



DESERT EXPERIENCE

A half-day excursion into the remote parts of the Namib Desert with 'Travel Time' will give you the opportunity to discover that there is more than just sand in the desert. The hidden life under the sand and the variety of plants will amaze you. **Bookings are done only once on the train. +-R550 pp** (half day excursion) www.dtnamibi.com

FLIGHTS

See the attached document. <http://www.scenic-air.com/>

QUAD BIKES

Quad-biking is undeniably a fun and exhilarating activity. The combination of flying sand, fresh coastal air and freedom of the Namib Desert provides a top desert experience. To explore the dunes, guests are equipped with fully automatic quad bikes and no prior experience is needed as this is a fully guided tour. **Bookings are done only once on the train. +-R250 pp**

(Early afternoon: duration: $\pm 1\frac{1}{2}$ hours)



At Swakopmund

ENJOY SWAKOPMUND

For those passengers who would like to enjoy the holiday town of Swakopmund, this is the day to do it. Visit some of the coffee shops with delicious apple tarts and other savories or go the **marble** exhibition. Spend some time at the Light house, historical jetty or Tuck Boat Restaurant.

An optional flight to Sossusvlei can be undertaken in the afternoon. Duration = 2 hrs & 15 minutes. Bookings can be made on the train.



Hotel at Swakopmund



Old jetty at Swakopmund

Dinner is served on the train & it remains stationery in Swakopmund.

DAY 5 Friday NORTH COAST & HENTIES BAY

We depart by bus to the small, thriving town of Henties Bay (the town was named after Major Hentie van der Merwe) & to Cape Cross. The afternoon is at leisure in Swakopmund.

Dinner is served on the train & at midnight the train departs and travel overnight to Windhoek.

DAY 6 Saturday WINDHOEK

Shortly after breakfast we stop at **Okapuka Lodge** (30 km North of Windhoek) <http://www.okapuka-ranch.com> and attend a lion feeding experience. Have your cameras ready and hold your nerves. One can enjoy a cup of tea or cold drink afterwards.

The train arrives mid morning in the capital.

The city tour of Windhoek starts with a visit to the TransNamib Transport Museum. The museum is situated in the Windhoek Railway Station and was built from 1912 to 1913. In front of the building is the narrow-gauge locomotive (vintage 1900), that used to operate between Swakopmund and Windhoek.

The museum at the Alte Feste Castle offers a range of displays, including the Social History Gallery and the Independence Display. Both give an insight into Namibia's complex history.

At the top of Robert Mugabe Avenue is the Christuskirche or Evangelical Lutheran Church. This is one of the city's most striking landmarks and was built from local sandstone and completed in 1910. Romanesque, neo-Gothic and Art Nouveau styles influenced its design and Kaiser Wilhelm II donated its stained glass windows.

Our last visit is the Namibia Craft Centre in the old Breweries Building. There is still time for shopping as well.



Herero Woman



Tonight we dine at the 'infamous' Joe's Beerhouse restaurant in Windhoek. A visit to this venue whilst in the capital is a **MUST DO!**

Sleep on the train in Windhoek.

DAY 7 TRANSFER DAY

A breakfast will be served on board the train.

If guests are transferring to a hotel, this will be arranged for them in the morning. If guests are flying from Windhoek International Airport, their flights may only be from 12:00 onwards.

Transfers to the airport is included in the tour package.

Fly home.

End of tour.

BOOKING FORM FAX TO: 086 687 7344 or 011 913 0552 Att: JB Train Tours

PLEASE WRITE WITH A **BLACK PEN** AND IN **BOLD LETTERS**

Complete **fully. One form** per person

Train Tour Name: Namibia **7-Day** Train Tour 2013 **Tour No:** _____

Tour dates: _____ **Edgars Club Card No:** _____

Herewith the Reservation for above mentioned tour:

Name and Surname: _____

(As on your passport)

Passport Expiry Date: _____ **Male/Female:** _____

Passport No: _____ and **ID No:** _____

Tel No: _____ (Code) _____ (W) _____ (Code) _____ (H)

Cell phone: _____ **Fax No:** _____ (Code) _____

E-mail address: _____ (NB!)

Postal address: _____ **Code:** _____

I want to share with the following person:

1. _____ Male/Female

Attached is the deposit of **R3000 per person** or **full payment** of R _____

(I understand and accept that my deposit is non-refundable but transferable). Balance is to be paid **by latest** 6 weeks before departure date. Your booking will be confirmed in writing.

Flight No: _____ **Date & Time of arrival:** _____

Flight No: _____ **Date & Time of departure:** _____

Would you like us to book your place on a flight on your behalf? _____ If 'yes', the deposit is an additional R3000 pp

Indemnity: I understand and accept that the organisers will not be held liable for any losses of any kind, injuries, inconvenience, delays or cancellations that may occur. More details available on our website: www.jbtours.co.za

Dietary requirements: _____

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

Please attach the bank deposit slip