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Dear Sir/Madam

### **2013 BUFFALO RALLY (Mossel Bay)** **MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR** **From Johannesburg (Return)**

**N.B.** This is a revised Info Doc. The original tour was scheduled to travel by train from JHB to PE and onwards by bike to Mossel Bay. The tour had to be revised after Shosholozza Meyl suspended the Wednesday train from JHB to PE, effective 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013. The tour price and dates remain unchanged. This tour is now the same as the past number of years – via Beaufort West by train.

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on the **Motorbike-on-Train Trip** to be hosted during 2013 **from Jo'burg** to the annual **Buffalo Rally** in Mossel Bay, travelling on the Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train to Beaufort West (253 km from B'West to Mossel Bay via Meiringspoort, Oudtshoorn & Robinson Pass).

This tour is ideal for those who'd like to attend the **Buff**, but does not want to ride all the way through the Karoo, as well as for those who would like to explore new destinations in a well structured, organised and safe manner.

This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train (with your bike **on** the train **with** you), ride picturesque routes plus enjoying and attending the **Buff**.

The main purpose of this tour is to give bikers the opportunity to get to the **Buff** safely, comfortably, well rested and arrive freshly for all the activities to be hosted.

#### **Why travel by train?**

1. To cut out the long 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

**Who may come along?** Any person who would like to attend the 2013 **Buff**. (Visit [http://www.nomads.org.za/buffalo\\_rally.html](http://www.nomads.org.za/buffalo_rally.html)) By the way, you must bring your own bike! It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club. This tour is suitable for riders from Gauteng, North West, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and even KZN & the Northern Free State.

**Note #1:** Do it together. Take your pillion along. (Sorry, no Sheila's provided!)

**Note #2:** Just calculate how much you save on wear and tear if NOT riding all the way to Mossel Bay on your bike.

**Name of tour:** 2013 Buffalo Rally Motorbike-on-Train Tour – from JHB

**Tour dates & Number:** 20 – 25 March 2013 Wednesday to Monday Buff

**Note:** It is unfortunately NOT possible to depart anymore on Monday evening from B'West for JHB. Shosholozha Meyl has suspended in Aug 2010 the Monday train permanently.

<b>Departure times:</b>	Johannesburg	Day 1 Wednesday	12:30	Platform 16
	Beaufort West	Day 5 Sunday	19:50	Platform 1

<b>Arrival times:</b>	Beaufort West	Day 2 Thursday	05:30	Platform 1
	Johannesburg	Day 6 Monday	12:16	Platform 16

**Tour price:** Compartment on Train: 4-Bed

Price per Biker	Persons per 4-Bed Compartment
R4200	4
R4480	3
R5040	2

Price per Biker	Persons per 2-Bed Coupe
R4400	2
R5240	1

**All 2-bed coupes are sold out.**

**The Pillion pays R2000 per person less than the biker.**

**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. Book **NOW**.

**Included in price:** Return transport by train to Beaufort West, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, **transportation of motorbike** on the train, as well as certain meals as per the itinerary.

**Excluded from the tour price:** Registration fees for the **Buff**; accommodation in Mossel Bay at the Buff; personal expenses; gratuities, Comprehensive Travel Insurance and bike breakdown recovery fees.

**Entries for the Buff:** Contact the organisers at [nomadsmcc@mweb.co.za](mailto:nomadsmcc@mweb.co.za) or Tel: 021 558 8537 or even better – visit the website at [www.nomads.org.za](http://www.nomads.org.za)

**Meals:** Dinner is included on the train trip from JHB to B'West, whilst breakfast is included on the return trip. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train.



**Bar facilities:** Available on the train.

**Train Route:** You will travel on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to Beaufort West via Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Kimberley & De Aar. 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.

**Accommodation in Mossel Bay:** Passengers must make their own arrangements. Take your tent and camp at the rally. You can already arrive early on the Thursday afternoon in Mossel Bay to secure a good camping spot.

**Loading of the motorbikes:** All the bikes must be brought to Platform **14** at Johannesburg Park station by **latest 11:00** on the day of departure. Entry to the Platform is off Harrison Street. (GPS: S 26°11'834" E 28°02'370"). Owners to do loading and fastening of bikes. **Please bring your own 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.

**Riding from Beaufort West to Mossel Bay:** After the off-loading of the bikes in Beaufort West, we suggest you go for a cup of coffee at the Wimpy whilst waiting for sunrise and then to Mossel Bay via Oudtshoorn. A journey of 253 km through the spectacular **Meiringspoort** & then via the **Robinson** mountain pass. However, if a biker would like to follow his/her own route to Mossel Bay, he/she is most welcome to do so. The same applies on the return trip to Beaufort West station on the Sunday afternoon.

**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. You have to travel with it on your bike after all. **Please mark each piece of luggage or bag clearly with your name on it.**

**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, individuals and mates are welcome.

Visit our website at [www.jbtours.co.za](http://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

**Note #1:** We are hosting the following other Motorbike-on-Train tours as well:

JHB to Garden Route (Eastern & Southern Cape)

JHB to Namaqualand Flowers in September (dual purpose bikes & road bikes - seperately)

JHB to Western Cape & Boland

JHB to Western & Eastern Cape Gravel roads (dual purpose bikes only)

Namibia – Windhoek to Windhoek

**NS Ons doen graag ook sake in Afrikaans**

**Running times of the train**  
**Johannesburg - Cape Town - Johannesburg**

Johannesburg – Cape Town

(Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays)

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

(Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays)

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.

## Provisional PROGRAMME

**2013 Buffalo Rally in Mossel Bay MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR  
From JHB****Day 1                      Wednesday                      20<sup>th</sup> March**

From 08:00      Passengers with bikes meet at **Johannesburg** station – Platform **14**  
 Latest 09:00      Bikes loaded  
 12:30              Train departs Johannesburg – Platform 16  
                      **Dinner** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
                      Travel overnight

**Day 2                      Thursday                      21<sup>st</sup> March**

05:27              Disembarking & off loading at Beaufort West  
                      Coffee at Wimpy  
 Sunrise              Bikes depart for Mossel Bay (253 km)  
                      Motorbikes arrive in Mossel Bay  
                      **Buff activities**  
                      Rest of day at leisure – own program until Sunday  
                      Overnight

**Day 5                      Sunday                      24<sup>th</sup> March**

Own time              Depart for Beaufort West – do some other sight seeing en route  
 19:00              Meet at Beaufort West station  
 19:25              Loading of bikes on train – Beaufort West station, Platform 1  
 19:50              Train departs for Jo'burg  
                      Travel overnight

**Day 6                      Monday                      25<sup>th</sup> March**

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



**BOOKING FORM**PLEASE WRITE WITH A **BLACK PEN** AND IN **BOLD LETTERS**Complete in **full**. **One form** per bike**FAX TO:** 086 687 7344 or 011 913 0552**Attention: JB Train Tours Agent: HO****Train Tour Name:** 2013 **Buffalo Rally** Motorbike-on-Train Tour – from JHB via B'West**Tour date:** 20 – 25 March 2013      **Tour No:** Buff

Herewith the Reservation for above mentioned tour:

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_**Your bike's details:** (Type, Model, Size) \_\_\_\_\_**Registration Number:** \_\_\_\_\_**4-Bed Compartment** \_\_\_\_\_ **or 2-Bed Coupe** \_\_\_\_\_**I want to share the compartment/coupe on the train with the following person/people:**

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

Attached is the **full payment** of: **R** \_\_\_\_\_

(I understand and accept that my payment is non-refundable, unless the tour is cancelled prior to departure)

**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.**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_**Next of kin** Name: (for emergencies): \_\_\_\_\_**Tel No:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Code) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Banking details:</b>	<b>Account Name:</b> JB Tours	<b>Bank:</b>	ABSA
<b>Account No:</b> 405 307 1777	<b>Branch:</b> Boksburg (632005)	<b>Type of Account:</b>	Cheque

**Please attach the bank deposit slip**