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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**. The Entry Form was e-mailed to everyone on our database. You only needed to answer two simple questions, refer 3 friends' e-mail addresses to us and you were in line for this wonderful price. **The competition closed on the 30th September 2011.**

The winner of this fabulous price was **Ms. Vivienne Olsgang** from Melville in Johannesburg. She and her partner will go in February 2012 on the trip.



Vivienne Olsgang
From Melville in Johannesburg

33860 people entered the competition. Thanks for participating and be on the lookout for a next competition.

GOOD NEWS from SHOSHOLOZA MEYL

Shosholozha Meyl, the public long distance rail passenger carrier, has announced during the past week that their current rationalization process is already bearing some fruit. The re-introduction of the 10-carriage Trans Karoo Tourist Class train between **Jo'burg and Cape Town**, running **once a week**, departing on a Tuesday from Jo'burg and on a Thursday from Cape Town will become effective Tuesday 1st November 2011.

This service has given us (JB Train Tours) the opportunity to organize on short notice four (4) x 11-day holiday tours from Jo'burg to CPT during the coming December summer holidays. Places for these **VERY** affordable tours, with discount for children, are available and bookings have opened. The tour price is only R6300 per person for 11 days **during peak season** in CPT, staying in a 4-star hotel! [More info](#)

Another announcement made by Shosholozha Meyl was the running of two special trains from **Jo'burg to Durban during December**. JB Train Tours have organized as well another two new tours - a **4-day** and a **6-day** train tour to the Holiday City. The tour prices are only R2050 and R3200 per person respectively for 4 or 6 days **during peak season** in DBN, staying in a 4-star hotel! [More info](#)

These new tours to Cape Town and Durban respectively will give the opportunity to people from Gauteng and other provinces up North, who have not finalized their holiday plans, to do so now.

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:



Pretoria's Gautrain station

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

The 8-day package departs on 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.



Fishermen in dau



Jetty at Hotel



Iron house in Maputo

TWO OCEANS MARATHON - 2012

- Did you know that the entries for the Ultra Marathon (56 km) for the 2012 Two Oceans marathon have opened on the 5th October 2011?
www.twooceansmarathon.org.za
- Did you know that the entries for the half marathon (21.1 km) will open on the 9th November 2011?
- Did you know that the half marathon will be run over a new route from 2012 onwards?
- Did you know that both these races will be run on Saturday 7th April 2012 (Easter weekend) in Cape Town?
- Did you know that JB Train Tours will be hosting its 12th consecutive tour to the Two Oceans? [More info](#)



Our gazebo at the finish line

PHOTO on OCTOBER 2011's NEWSLETTER



We have received two e-mails from readers complaining about the 'poor choice of picture' as the Header Photo of last month's Newsletter: The photo with the crooked railway line and broken sleepers. Both stated that "if this is the conditions of the railway line, we don't want to travel on your trains".

Thanks for the feedback, but the pic was an artistic one. I.e.: It was a 'good looking picture'. **Secondly**, the operational railway lines in South Africa are in good order. Definitely not like the one in the picture. **Thirdly**, the safety of our passengers is always important. NO train will travel on such a railway line.

Thanks for all the compliments we've received about our new-look monthly newsletter. Did you know that this newsletter is currently sent out to **more than** 262 000 valid e-mail addresses (mainly in South Africa, but also abroad) and that many recipients informed us that they regularly

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 did us proud in New Zealand. We don't like losing, but one must be able to stand up, look beyond the disappointment and continue with life.

SEND US YOUR PICTURES



Many of our passengers take splendid pictures when on our 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 your name. We'd love to place it in our monthly Newsletter.

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 (not people)**, please forward it to us with details. Your name would be acknowledged if used.

This month's picture was taken by Ms. Joe Kirstein from Estcourt in KZN whilst on a Namibian train tour. It was taken at Trekkopje (outside Swakopmund).

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 privileged 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 new venue at Brodigan Avenue, Northmead, Benoni on this day. **GPS Co-ordinates: 26°9'22 SOUTH and 28°18'58 EAST** It is **massive** - the noise, the bikes and the atmosphere. For more info visit www.toyrun.org.za

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 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.

FEEDBACK on TOURS – October 2011

Feedback on Budget Tours:

Cape Town Budget Holiday luxury coach tour: Jo'burg to Cape Town

A good tour with lots of fun. The 12 x Stop-and-Go sections on the N12 highway added some unfortunate extra time on the road.



Huisgenoot Skouspel: Gauteng na Sun City

Die reis per luukse bus vanaf Pretoria, Centurion, Wes Rand en Oos Rand na die Huisgenoot Skouspel wat in die Superbowl by Sun City aangebied is, was weer baie gewild. Die vertoning het weer aan die verwagtinge voldoen, terwyl die blou koelsakkie wat elke passasier ontvang het ook groot waardering ontlok het.

Huisgenoot Skouspel: Vlieg na Gauteng en reis per bus na Sun City

Die vlugte vanaf Kaapstad, PE, Oos Londen en Durban na Jo'burg het ook geleentheid gebied aan mense van buite Gauteng om die Skouspel gemaklik en veilig te kon bywoon. Die spannetjie Namibiërs wat saamgereis het, het groot glimlagte ontlok!

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

This tour departed from Jo'burg, with the bikes on the train, to the Western Cape and Boland. Bikers from abroad traveled along in the beautiful Western Cape.

Amashova Cycle Race Train tour: Jo'burg to Durban

The inaugural tour to the cycle race in KZN went well – but for the very late running of the train. The cycle route follows big parts of the Comrades Marathon route.

Garden Route Train tour: Jo'burg to Eastern Cape & Garden Route

The Garden Route still remains a beautiful part of our country. The places visited on tour confirm the beauty of the region.

Durban Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to Durban

It seems that the Durban tour is still growing in popularity. The Holiday City is always a good place to visit.

Feedback on Upmarket Tours:



Cape Town Stylish 7-Day Train Tour: JHB – CPT

The Mellet couple went on their honeymoon to Cape Town with the Premier Classe train. They've sent us a 'bunch full' of pictures taken on tour.

Blue Train 4-Day packages: Pretoria to Cape Town

Every Monday morning at 08:50 the Blue Train departs from Pretoria for Cape Town and every Wednesday morning at 09:00 it starts with the return trip from the Mother City to the Capital City. And every week there is a group of passengers traveling along on the special discounted 4-day tour package offered by JB Train Tours. [More info](#)
The popularity of this package is still growing. The fact that it is so affordable gives the opportunity to many people to do the trip it 'tick it off' their Bucket List of 'things to be done before I die'.

UPCOMING TRAIN TOURS in 2011

November 2011 TRAIN TOURS Budget Tours:

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

4-in-1 Budget tours

From November 2011 onwards until March 2012, JB

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There is still space available on this weekend trip to the 2011 Cherry Festival. Accommodation and meals in a hotel is included. 18 – 20 Nov 2011.

R2580 pp sharing [More info](#)

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

Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour: JHB – CPT

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

Blue Train 4-Day packages: Pretoria to Cape Town

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](#)

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 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. 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 **R6300 pp** [More info](#)

Durban 6-Day Holiday train & bus tour:
Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban (the Holiday City) by train. This is peak season in Durban with lots of fun, activities and enjoyment. Visit the beach, uShaka Marine World, the new Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast casino, etc. 18 to 23 December 2011. From **R3200 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

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](#)

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](#)

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

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

Blue Train 4-Day packages: Pretoria to Cape Town

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](#)

January 2012 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

4-in-1 Budget tours

From January 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:

4-in-1 Upmarket tours

During January 2012 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](#)

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 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.

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