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## Travel on the **Premier Classe** Train

**“Namaqualand Flowers – from JHB”**



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### **ABOUT THE TOUR**

JB Train Tours invite you to join us on our inaugural upmarket Premier Classe train tour to the beautiful Namaqualand on the South African west coast. It is at the end of the rainy season and the flowers will be in its splendid beauty. There is nothing else like this natural phenomenon.

The previous four flower seasons were of the very best in recent years. The flowers were in abundance, the variety and colours almost unlimited, the 'veld' lush and the weather good. The 2010 flower season promises to be as good as well.

We are going to take you to places where tour groups normally don't go. Just think about places like Paternoster and Bird Island.

Do some wine tasting as well and take pictures of a magnificent waterfall. Walk in the 'veld' with flowers from horizon to horizon. Bend your knees and discover small and tiny flowers. Enjoy the grace of God.

We'll travel on the luxurious Premier Classe train, sleep in top notch hotels and travel by charter bus before joining the train again.

Are you tired of driving, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there. When travelling by train, you don't have to worry about increasing petrol prices, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving back or sitting with stiff legs in your car. It is so much easier, very safe and VERY price competitive.

Budget train tours: In 2007 all five our train tours and in 2008 all 14 and in 2009 all 19 were fully booked! This year we'll be hosting 12 tours from Johannesburg and six from Durban. As stated, this is our first Premier Classe train tour from JHB to the Flowers – organised on request and by demand. Book NOW! Only two Premier Classe train tours in 2010.

For the past four years the best flowers were seen late July & early August. Many people think that the 'Namaqualand Flower' is a Spring flower!

Baie mense sê al baie jare dat hulle graag na die blomme in Namakwaland wil gaan kyk. DOEN dit nou met die luukse Premier Classe trein! Dit bly 'n heerlike voorreg om deur hierdie geweste van die land te ry. Die mense is spesiaal (die sout van die aarde), die natuur is pragtig, terwyl die kontreikos besonders is.

Vanjaar wyk ons so 'n bietjie van die beproefde resep af en besoek 'n klompie minder bekende, en dalk mooier, bestemmings. Moet dit nie mis nie. Bring vriende en familie saam. Vertel die kuierklub om saam te reis. Bespreek NOU!

### **ABOUT THE PREMIER CLASSE TRAIN**

See the FAQ document attached

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#### DATES

Tour No	Dates
P-NF1	Sunday 15 – Sunday 22 August 2010
P-NF2	Sunday 22 – Sunday 29 August 2010

<b>Departure Times:</b>	Johannesburg	15:00	Platform 16	Day 1
	Cape Town	09:00	Platform 24	Day 7
<b>Arrival Times:</b>	Cape Town	16:20	Platform 24	Day 2
	Johannesburg	11:20	Platform 16	Day 8

#### Reporting at JHB station:

All passengers to report at the Premier Classe lounge at the Johannesburg station from 14:00 onwards. Coffee, tea & biscuits will be served.

#### Notes:

- Both these tours are eight days long

#### PRICES

Compartment (2-Bed)	Price pp	Coupe (1-Bed)	Price pp
2 Persons per Compartment & same 2 Persons per Hotel Room	R8 300,00	1 Person per Coupe & 1 Person per Hotel Room	R 9050,00

#### Notes:

- Prices may change without prior notice and are subject to availability

#### INCLUDED IN THE TRAIN TOUR PACKAGE

- Return train trip
- Accommodation in reputable hotels or lodges
- Meals
- Bus transport
- Tour guide
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary

#### Bus to JHB station:

Return bus transport is available from Pretoria station (Manhattan Hotel) to Johannesburg station @ R150 pp per trip. Bus departs at 13:00.

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#### Meals:

Two good meals per day (breakfast and dinner) are served and are **included** in the price. All meals & high tea are included on the train.

#### Route:

The **train** route goes from Johannesburg via Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp to Kimberley, Beaufort West, Worcester to Cape Town.

The **bus** route goes from Cape Town via Langebaan, Veldrift, Lamberts Bay, Vredendal, Bitterfontein, Springbok, van Rhynsdorp & Nieuwoudtville to Clanwilliam & Citrusdal back to Cape Town

#### HOW TO BOOK

All you need to do now is to complete the attached Reservation Form, pay the non-refundable deposit of R2 000 pp into the bank account, (banking details at bottom of Reservation Form), and fax both back to JB Train Tours at 086 694 2475.

The balance must be paid by latest two months prior to departure date. If not, your place would be cancelled automatically.

#### CANCELLATIONS

You may cancel up to two months prior to departure date minus your non-refundable deposit.

JB Train Tours is looking forward to host you on this train tour and share our beautiful country with you.

Travel greetings

*Jolene Matthysen*

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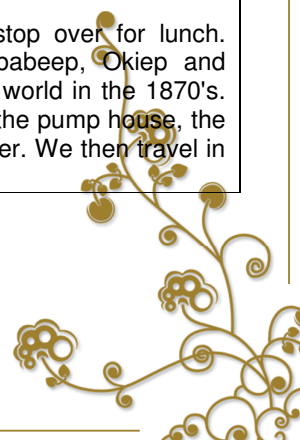
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#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

<b>Day 1: Sunday</b>	On arrival at the Premiere Classe lounge at Johannesburg station you'll enjoy some coffee or tea with biscuits. The train manager will welcome you and then you board the train, unpack, make yourself comfortable and start enjoying the trip. One of our staff will visit you in your compartment and you can start preparing for your welcome dinner. The train travels overnight
<b>Day 2: Monday</b>	We travel across the Great Karoo (never underestimate or ignore the beauty of this vast space) and after breakfast we reach Beaufort West. The trip continues via historical Matjiesfontein before we enter the vineyards of the Boland. At this stage you would have seen lots of other spring flowers in blossom next to the rail tracks. After arriving in Cape Town late afternoon we book in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.
<b>Day 3: Tuesday</b>	<p>We depart by bus from the hotel. Our journey continues via the R27 which is the main route to the West Coast.</p> <p>Here we will already be treated to a preview of the flowering splendor that awaits us over the next few days. We follow the road through Vredenburg and go on to Paternoster where we will enjoy lunch. Here we'll also have a spectacular view of the small bay with its fishing boats dotting the beach.</p> <p>After lunch we travel to Veldrift, Port Owen with its beautiful water channels (which reminds one of Venice), to Laaiplek where we turn towards the picturesque village of Dwarskersbos. We follow the route to Elands Bay, past the Rocherpan and one of South Africa's few freshwater lakes, the Verlorenvlei. Both are world renowned for the myriad of bird species to be found here.</p> <p>We then continue on our journey through the Sandveld with its interesting potato fields, all the way through Leipoldville, Lambert's Bay and Graafwater. Here we join the N7 in the direction of Klawer and onwards to Vredendal where we will be staying for the following three nights.</p>
<b>Day 4: Wednesday</b>	<p>After a good breakfast we depart on our journey through the 'Knervlakte' which is world renowned for its rare succulents. We continue on past Nuwerus and Bitterfontein. We then travel through the Rocky Granite Outcrops of Namaqualand past Garies. This area is known as the Namaqualand Rocky Outcrops which features many mountainous hillocks with huge granite outcrops.</p> <p>We follow this route past Kamieskroon to Springbok where we stop over for lunch. Thereafter we pass through the Copper Mining Villages of Nababeep, Okiep and Concordia, which in its time housed the richest Copper mine in the world in the 1870's. Here we are also able to view the remains of the mining activity like the pump house, the chimney and massive ship-engine which were used to generate power. We then travel in a Southerly direction, back to our base at Vredendal.</p>

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<b>Day 5: Thursday</b>	<p>We depart for Nieuwoudtville (in the Northern Cape) where we divert to Loeriesfontein to visit the largest concentration of Quiver trees found anywhere on earth. It stands amongst a yellow flower carpet during a good flowering season. It is quite a sight to behold. We then traverse the area and visit the Nieuwoudtville waterfall. This region is renowned for the most beautiful carpets of flowers and is the flower-bulb capital of the world. We enjoy a traditional lunch at the Matjiesfontein-Boereplaas.</p> <p>This sandstone building Dutch Reformed Church in town is a national monument and has an interesting history. After lunch we continue to drive through the region, enjoying the magnificence of its rich flowering splendor. We descend along the Van Rhyns Pass, one of the most spectacular passes in the country. From the top of this pass we are able to see the whole Knersvlakte below – a truly stunning sight. Back down below in Vanrhynsdorp we visit the biggest succulent nursery in the country, where we will be able to view the succulent display and even buy some “bababoutjies” and “krapogies”. We’ll pay a visit to a wine cellar as well.</p>
<b>Day 6: Friday</b>	<p>Although this is our last day ‘up west’, it nevertheless is an interesting one. After breakfast we finally depart from Vredendal for Clanwilliam where we will visit the gravesite of C.Louis Leipoldt in the Pakhuis Mountain Pass which is part of the Cederberg Range. The stunning rock formations is an absolute essential part of any tour-group’s itinerary and once gazed upon one can easily understand why C.L. Leipoldt chose this mountain kingdom for his final resting place.</p> <p>We then return to Cape Town via Citrusdal where we follow the route between the Cederberg Range and the Olifants River, onwards via the N7 over the Piekenierskloof Pass. We’ll enjoy lunch en route. We will continue through the Swartland with its blankets of Canola Flowers bordering the road, past Malmesbury and onto Cape Town where we end our tour exactly where we had started 4 days earlier. We sleep again in a hotel in Cape Town.</p>
<b>Day 7: Saturday</b>	<p>An early breakfast is enjoyed before we depart again at 09:00 from Cape Town station by Premier Classe train. The trip through the Boland and Karoo, with sumptuous meals on board, passes by very quickly. After a last dinner on board we overnight again on the train</p>
<b>Day 8: Sunday</b>	<p>A last breakfast will be enjoyed on the train before arriving in Gauteng late morning. Pretoria passengers will be transferred by bus from JHB to PTA.</p>
	<p><b>Note:</b> Please note that the sequence and contents of the days can change due to various reasons. I.e.: Weather and road conditions, etc.</p>
	<p>Running times are not guaranteed</p>

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