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Dear Sir/Madam

# 2013 OLD MUTUAL TWO OCEANS MARATHON & EASTER WEEKEND TRAIN TOUR

From JHB to CPT
27 Mar – 1 Apr 2013 (6 Days)
13<sup>th</sup> Consecutive year of tours to the Two Oceans

**N.B.** Please note that this is a **revised itinerary\*** of the **2013 Two Oceans marathon & Easter weekend train tour** with substantial less space available than when originally advertised. It is now one day longer and unfortunately the tour price had to be increased slightly as well.

\*The revised itinerary is due to the recent rationalization of trains run by Shosholoza Meyl. There are substantial less space and number of trains available as from the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

JB Train Tours invite you to join the annual train tour to the 2013 Old Mutual Two Oceans marathon over the Easter weekend in Cape Town. 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 and **VERY** price competitive.

Any person who is interested in going to the 2013 Old Mutual Two Oceans or just want to enjoy Cape Town over Easter may join this tour. I.e.: Runners, supporters, family, friends, children and girl friend, from anywhere.

Please note that this is **NOT** a **JB Train Tours** *charter train*, but the normal **Trans Karoo Tourist Class** train. A limited number of carriages have been booked on this train for the use of our passengers. At this stage, there is no other train running to the 2013 Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon, except our **Premier Classe** train tour.

Accommodation over the 'Easter weekend' in Cape Town is very scarce and expensive. We were fortunate to again secure a number of rooms in the **Fountains & Strand Towers Hotels**! This is the same hotels as where we stayed in previous years. This package is real **value for money**. It is an ideal breakaway opportunity over Easter weekend for a family.

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Die Old Mutual Twee Oseane marathon in Kaapstad word deur verskeie mense as 'die mooiste marathon ter wêreld' besing. Kom kyk self hoekom so gesê word.

Name & Number of tour: 2013 Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon & Easter Weekend Train Tour - TO

**Tour date:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 (6 days) Easter weekend

**Departing Times:** Johannesburg 12:30 Platform 16 Day 1 (Wed) Cape Town Platform 24 Day 5 10:00 (Sunday) **Arrival Times:** Cape Town 15:30 Platform 24 Day 2 (Thurs) Johannesburg 12:15 Platform 16 Day 6 (Monday)

The arrival and departure times at the other stations are as per the official running times of the Trans Karoo Tourism train. (See Page 5 of this memo).

You may board the train at any of these stations (as well as some stations in between). Please indicate accordingly on your Reservation Form.

**Tour price:** Price Per Person 4 Passengers/Compartment (On the train)

**R3990 2 Passengers/Room** (In the Hotel)

Price Per Person 3 Passengers/Compartment (On the train)
R4620 2 & 1 Passengers/Room (In the Hotel)

Price Per Person 2 Passengers/Compartment (On the train)

**R5110 2 Passengers/Room** (In the Hotel)

Price Per Person 2 Passengers/Coupe (On the train)
R4190 2 Passengers/Room (In the Hotel)

Price Per Person 1 Passenger/Coupe (On the train)

R5650 1 Passenger/Room (In the Hotel)

Note: All the 2-bed coupe's are fully booked.

**Children:** Children 2 - 9 years of age qualify for a R500pp discount. Children younger

than 2 years of age can travel free of charge if sharing a bed with parent.

**Note:** Compartment = 4-Bed & Coupe = 2-Bed

**Included in the tour price:** Transport on the Trans Karoo Tourist Class train from Jo'burg to **Cape Town** and back; Two nights accommodation on the train (bedding included), certain meals, three nights **B&B** accommodation in **The Fountains** 

or Strand Towers Hotels in CBD of Cape Town; bus transport shuttle between the hotel and V&A Waterfront (for leisure), to the race's start & finish lines and town with

finish lines and tour guide.

**Deposit:** A **R500 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** after the above date.

**Meals:** Five breakfasts and two dinners (on the train) & one dinner in the hotel are included in the tour price.

**Excluded from the tour price:** Entry fees at tourist destinations. I.e.: Table Mountain, Robben Island, etc. personal expenses, meals not mentioned, gratuities and Comprehensive Travel Insurance.

Route: You will travel from Johannesburg to Cape Town via Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Kimberley & Beaufort West to be able to register for the race at the Expo on the Thursday or Friday prior to the race. (No boarding at Krugersdorp).

Passengers may join at any of the official stopping places for the train en route. (See Page 5)

**Accommodation**: It is provided on the train (two nights) and in "**The Hotels**" (in CBD, Cape Town) – 3 nights. The hotel rooms are spacious, the facilities are great and the breakfast tasty and **BIG**. It is in the same hotels as where we stayed the previous years. <a href="http://www.leisurehotels.co.za">http://www.leisurehotels.co.za</a>

Please note that accommodation is very limited during 'Easter weekend' in the Western Cape.

**Bedding:** It is provided - on the train and at the hotel. Bring your own towel for the train.

**Transport in Cape Town:** Bus transport is provided (included in the tour package) between the Hotel, Starting & Finish lines and the V&A Waterfront (Fri & Sat).

Race information: Please read your Old Mutual Two Oceans marathon Information brochure well. <a href="https://www.twooceansmarathon.org.za">www.twooceansmarathon.org.za</a>

**Registration:** Registration for the race is from 2013 done at the Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC). This will be done on the Friday before the race, closing at 19:00. It is within walking distance of the hotel.

#### **BOOK NOW!**

Booking: Please complete the attached Reservation Form and return it (fax or e-mail), with the Bank Deposit slip, to the tour organiser (JB Train Tours). Closing date is when all the beds are taken. (Like all the previous years). We suggest you book now. Group/club bookings welcome.

Travel greetings

Johan Badenhorst & The JB Train Tours Team

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**Last Note:** This will be our 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive **tour** running to the Two Oceans marathon and every year the passengers are getting just better and better! Our first **bus** tour to the Two Oceans marathon ran in 1976!!

#### Running times of the train

#### Johannesburg - Cape Town - Johannesburg

Johannesburg – Cape Town (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays)

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

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## **2013 OLD MUTUAL TWO OCEANS MARATHON**

# & EASTER WEEKEND TRAIN TOUD

27 Mar – 1 April 2013

Provisional

### **PROGRAMME**

Wednesday	27 March
11:45 12:30	Passengers meet at JHB station – Platform 16 entrance (at turnstiles) Train <b>departs</b> from Johannesburg Dinner served on train ( <b>included</b> in the tour price) Travel overnight
Thursday	28 March
15:30	Breakfast served on the train ( <b>included</b> in the tour price) Arrival in Cape Town Walk to and book in at " <b>The Hotel</b> " Evening at leisure – own programme Sleep at Hotel
Friday	29 March
	Breakfast served at the hotel ( <b>included</b> in the tour price) Day at leisure – own programme Sleep at Hotel
Saturday	30 March
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04:30	Race day! Breakfast served at the Hotel ( <b>included</b> in the tour price) Shuttle to Start & from Finish line and to V&A Waterfront Shuttle transport to V&A Waterfront Sleep at Hotel
04:30 <b>Sunday</b>	Breakfast served at the Hotel ( <b>included</b> in the tour price) Shuttle to Start & from Finish line and to V&A Waterfront Shuttle transport to V&A Waterfront
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Sunday	Breakfast served at the Hotel (included in the tour price) Shuttle to Start & from Finish line and to V&A Waterfront Shuttle transport to V&A Waterfront Sleep at Hotel  31 March  Breakfast served at the Hotel (included in the tour price) Book out of "The Hotel" & walk to station Train departs from Cape Town – Platform 24 Dinner served on train (included in the tour price)

Note: Running times of the train are not guaranteed