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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 - ROUTE 62 & BLUE TRAIN MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR

Departing from Johannesburg for PE & Cape Town

7 Days

Only 6 Tours in 2013

N.B. Please note that this is a **revised itinerary*** of the **2013 Route 62 train tour** originally advertised. It is now two days shorter and the tour price **decreased** accordingly.

***The revised itinerary** is due to the recent rationalization of trains run by Shosholoza Meyl. There are substantial less space and less number of trains available as from the 14th January 2013. The JHB to PE train does NOT run on a Wednesday anymore (as per the original programme).

JB Train Tours, invite you to join us on a **Motorbike-on-Train Tour** to **Route 62** in the Eastern & Western Cape to be hosted during 2013 on the Algoa Tourist Class train and return on the luxury and world famous **Blue Train**.



www.bluetrain.co.za

JB Train Tours currently host a variety of Motorbike-on-Train tours, mainly departing from Johannesburg to various destinations in Southern Africa. It includes: Western Cape & Boland; Garden Route; Namibia; Namaqualand Flowers (for both dual purpose and road bikes); Eastern & Western Cape gravel roads (for dual purpose bikes); BMW Bike Fest; Buffalo Rally in Mossel Bay and Lowveld (departing from Cape Town) – all on Tourist Class trains & the **Desert Express** in Namibia.

The **Route 62 tour** is a new venture and it will be the first tour to be hosted on a Tourist Class **and** luxury train. We have negotiated a special deal with the **Blue Train** to make it very **affordable** for everyone. Unfortunately this special offer is **only available** to citizens of Africa. (Or people with RSA resident permits).

Come and ride with us. You will discover **Route 62** and its surroundings at a relaxing pace with interesting and relevant information.



We'll share with you places that are well known, as well as smaller and lesser known villages, towns and sceneries otherwise not to be seen.

The whole route is on tar and the Eastern & Western Cape's roads are normally in a good condition.

This tour will give you **the opportunity to:**

- Ride **Route 62**
- Ride and explore the South Eastern part of our country
- Have a local beer or cold drink at the place where we overnight
- Ride remote but beautiful regions , I.e.: Langkloof, Koo, Tsitsikamma, etc.
- Just ride – we do the organising and worrying
- Sleep every night in a good hotel or guest house (no camping)
- Eat good meals every day
- Ride on tar
- Put your bike with you on the train
- Meet the local people
- Enjoy the luxurious **Blue Train** at a price **NOT** to be repeated soon
- Ride on roads and routes that you are unlikely to **ever** ride again
- Explore **Route 62** in a very **affordable** way
- Mix and mingle with like minded people
- Visit Ronnie's Sex Shop outside Barrydale
- Ride various mountain passes with winding corners and curves galore



This tour is ideal for those bikers who always wanted to ride **Route 62** but have not yet done it; for the experienced and less experienced biker, as well as for those who would like to explore new destinations in a well structured, organised and safe manner. This is the time and (only?) opportunity to do it and to enjoy **Route 62** at its best.

By the way: Route 62 starts just outside Humansdorp in the Eastern Cape and ends in Montagu in the Western Cape.

JB Train Tours, doing the organising, logistics and administration of this tour, have hosted *more than 43* Motorbike-on-Train tours (to date) in Southern Africa since 2007, plus a variety of other Holiday, Sport and Cultural train tours on **Tourist class** & upmarket **Premier Classe trains** as well as on the luxurious **Desert Express** train in Namibia. Many women, non-club bikers, bikers from various countries abroad and families have travelled with us.

The route that we are going to follow will give you ample opportunity to take pictures, to enjoy the scenery and to eat local food.



Some of you reading this Info Doc have been on a tour with us. We would like to take you again on a tour PLUS invite some other bikers and pillions that have not made the 'bold step' in doing so. This tour is going to be **very special**. It is the first of its kind – on the **Blue Train**.

The **Blue Train** management and staff are as excited as we are about this venture. It is going to be good! Each passenger will receive a certificate that you've travelled on the **Blue Train**, plus your motorbike will receive an exclusive **Blue Train** key ring. These key rings were made specifically only for motorbikes travelling **on tour** on the **Blue Train**!



If you are a "big biker" and you've done all the roads and routes in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, KZN, Free State and the "Eastern Transvaal" and you would like to ride **new routes** - please **read on**. (If you have **NOT** done all the above routes, you are also welcome to ride along!)

There are a few differences to this tour, compared to the others we've hosted to date:

- It is hosted on a Tourist Class train as well as on the **Blue Train**
- It is a one-way tour (by bike from PE to CPT) but two train trips
- We depart from Jo'burg but end in Pretoria

The main purpose of this tour is to give bikers the opportunity to ride their bikes in **another and interesting environment**. It is **not** a **race, rally or booze cruise** - though there will be a number of opportunities to use your bike's horsepower to the full - at certain spots. The different daily routes will take you past some breathtaking scenery. We stop regularly for 'body breaks' and something to eat/drink.

The tour is scheduled to take place outside winter time – hence rain should not be a problem, but rather bring your foul weather gear with! During the day the weather is mild to warm, but at night it could be cold.

A back-up vehicle will be on standby in case of emergency or breakdowns. **If utilised, the expenses are for the biker's pocket. Please make sure your bike is 100% roadworthy and in a good condition.**

The group is limited to maximum **9 bikes** per tour – plus one bike for the tour leader. We encourage pillions to travel along. I.e.: Max. **20** passengers (bikers and pillions) per tour. There is no 'resting' day available but we'll not 'over cook' it. Remember, this whole **tour** is a holiday.

Are you tired of planning, phoning, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there. Go and **live & ride** this unique tour!

Who may come along? Any person who is interested in riding **Route 62** and its surroundings, can ride a motorbike, have a relevant & legal driver's licence and would like to travel in a group. By the way, you must bring your own bike! All genders are welcome. It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club or bike association.

Note #1: Do it together. Take your pillion along.

Note #2: This is an unique experience.

Name of tour: 2013 **Route 62** Motorbike-on-Train Tour – departing from Jo'burg

Tour date & Number:

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 19 – 25 Apr 2013 | MB # 13 |
| 30 Aug – 5 Sept 2013* | MB # 11* |
| 6 - 12 Sept 2013* | MB # 12* |
| 27 Sept – 3 Oct 2013 | MB # 14 |
| 8 – 14 Nov 2013 | MB # 15 |
| 17 – 23 Nov 2013 | MB # 16 |

*** Exclusive to Clearwater HOG members**

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| Train departure times: | Johannesburg | 13:15 | Platform 14 | Day 1 |
| | Cape Town | 08:30 | Platform 24 | Day 6 |

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| Train arrival times: | Port Elizabeth | 09:15 | Platform 4 | Day 2 |
| | Pretoria | 12:30 | Platform 4 | Day 7 |

New Tour price: **Compartment/Suite on Train: 2-Bed**

R13900 pp – sharing a compartment & hotel room

R17750 pp - not sharing a compartment or hotel room

The Pillion pays **R12100 pp**

Note: A normal train ticket (one way) for one person on the Blue Train (CPT to PTA) will cost you **R15155** per person during the month of September. You will get this **whole tour package** at the above price! www.bluetrain.co.za

Booking and Deposit: A R3000 per person **non-refundable** deposit will secure your place. The outstanding balance **must** be paid **by latest six weeks before** departure date. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically. Book **NOW**.

Each passenger (biker) must complete the tour's **Booking Form** (See below) as well as **Annexure A & B** of the Blue Train's Motorbike Policy and sent to JB Train Tours when the Booking is done. Annexure C will be completed at the CPT station before departure and Annexure D after arrival at PTA station.

Groups of friends, individuals and social groups are welcome to book.

Note: Passengers **may pay a monthly instalment** and then pay the last payment six weeks before departure date.

Tour cancellation policy: See the attached Q&A Document.

Included in the tour price: Train trip between Jo'burg & Port Elizabeth on the **Tourist Class** train and train trip from Cape Town to Pretoria on the **Blue Train**; 4 nights' accommodation (B&B) in good hotels or guest houses, 6 breakfasts, **transportation of motorbike** on the train & **tour leader**. Some 'freebies' will be made available as well.

Daily route briefings will be done – you won't get lost.

Excluded from the tour price: **Entry fees** at tourist destinations, expenses of a personal nature, fuel, toll gate fees, breakdowns or bike recovering costs & Comprehensive Travel Insurance. Anything else not mentioned in the Information Document.

Meals: Dinner and breakfast on the Algoa Tourist Class train
ALL meals and drinks on the **Blue Train** (excluding French champagne and Russian caviar)
Breakfast at the hotels – daily. Dinner available (own costs) at overnight place, whilst lunch will be available en route.



The trains: You'll travel from Jo'burg to PE on the Algoa Tourist Class train. It consists of sleeper carriages with 24 passengers each, a dining car with tuck shop facilities and communal washing facilities. Only two passengers per 4-bed compartment. The whole train is a smoke-free environment. If you **NEED** to smoke, you can do so at the coupling between two carriages.

The luxurious **Blue Train** is the pride of South Africa and one of the most famous trains in the world. People travel from all over the globe to undertake a once-in-a-lifetime-trip on it. It consists of sleeper carriages, each with 4 x 2-bed suites **with a small en suite bath room**; two lounge cars with bar facilities (in one smoking is allowed); one dining car (for exceptional **GOOD** food); generator car; staff coach and enclosed wagon for the bikes.

The whole train is AirCon. You will be spoilt on board.

We were allowed to book maximum 10 suites per tour on the train.

Bar facilities: In the Tourist Class train the tuck shop sells liquor and soft drinks.

Available on the **Blue Train**. All drinks, excluding French champagne, are included in the tour price.



Train Routes: You will travel on the **Algoa Train** from Jo'burg via Vereeniging, Kroonstad, Bloemfontein, Noupoot, Cradock and Cookhouse to PE.

You will then travel on the **Blue Train** from Cape Town via Worcester, Matjiesfontein (where we'll disembark for a short stop), Beaufort West, De Aar, Kimberley, Klerksdorp, Potchefstroom and Vereeniging to Pretoria (**NOT** via Jo'burg).

Accommodation on the train: Passengers will be accommodated in a **4-bed** compartment (only 2 passengers per compartment) on the Algoa Tourist Class train and in a 2-bed suite on the **Blue Train** with en suite bath room facilities. It has individual AirCon control as well.



Accommodation en route: We'll be sleeping at the following hotels en route

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| Tsitsikamma Village Inn | www.tsitsikammahotel.co.za |
| Turnberry Hotel in Oudtshoorn | www.turnberryhotel.co.za |
| Ceres Inn | www.ceresinn.co.za |
| Strand Towers Hotel in Cape Town | www.strandtowerhotel.co.za |

Loading of the motorbikes: All the bikes must be brought to Platform **14** at Johannesburg Park station **by latest 10:00** on the day of departure. Entry to the Platform is off Harrison Street. (GPS: S 26°11'490" E 28°02'218"). 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.



Note: No bikes longer than **2.70m** can be accommodated on the train. Length from front wheel to tail box or rear mud guard. **No** 3-wheelers allowed either.

The petrol tank must be **less than** half full when transported on the train.

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. You need a tie & jacket for your last dinner on the **Blue Train**.

Luggage: Just take what you need. Don't take the whole wardrobe. It is an informal tour. You need to carry/travel with everything on your bike. There is **no** back-up vehicle travelling along.

Extra luggage: In order for passengers to take **suitable clothing** along for use on the **Blue Train** during the return trip, we've made the following arrangements: When boarding the Tourist Class train in Jo'burg en route to PE you may hand in an **extra suitcase** to the JB Train Tours representative. This suitcase or bag will be send directly to Cape Town to the hotel in Cape Town where you'll be sleeping the night before departure on the **Blue Train**. Please put your name and contact details clearly on this extra suitcase. It will be transported at no extra costs.

Notes: This is a casual holiday train **tour**. It is ideal for individuals & biking families; for those who haven't been on a train holiday or haven't enjoyed the luxury of the **Blue Train** before or always dreamed of riding **Route 62**.

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/couple) and fax or e-mail it to us, along with your Bank Deposit slip. Closing date is when the limited number of places (9 bikes) per tour is sold out.

Groups, friends and mates are welcome.

Visit our website at 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

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Provisional PROGRAMME

2013 - ROUTE 62 & BLUE TRAIN – from Jo’burg



Day 1

- 10:00 Bikers report to Platform 14 to load bikes
Enjoy coffee at station (own costs)
- 13:15 Train departs for PE
Dinner is served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
Sleep on the train

Day 2

- 07:00 Breakfast is served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
- 09:15 Arrival in PE
Off loading of bikes
Depart by bike for Tsitsikamma

- Day 3 – 5** Follow **riding itinerary** (see next page)

Day 6

- From 07:00 Breakfast served in the hotel
- 07:00 Bikes loaded on train (Platform 24)
- 08:50 Train departs for PTA
All meals and drinks on train (included in tour price)
Sleep on train

Day 7

- Breakfast served on the train
- 12:30 Train arrives Pretoria
Off loading of bikes
End of tour

Note: The running times of the trains are NOT guaranteed



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2013 - ROUTE 62 & BLUE TRAIN – from Jo’burg**PROGRAMME – Daily Rides****Day 2**

PE – Van Stadens River **Pass** - Loerie – Loerie **Pass** - Hankey – Patensie –
 Andrieskraal – Humansdorp – N2 - Route 62 starts – Kareedouw – Kareedouw **Pass** -
 N2 – Stormsrivier – Tsitsikamma
 Overnight in Tsitsikamma Village Inn

Total distance for day = **220 km**

Day 3

Tsitsikamma – Kareedouw **Pass** - Kareedouw – Joubertina – Avontuur – Uniondale
Poort - Uniondale – Potjiesberg **Pass** - Speelmanskraal - Oudtshoorn
 Overnight in Turnberry Boutique Hotel

Total distance for day = **306 km**

Optional Route # 1: Oudtshoorn to Meirings**poort** and back = 108 km

Optional Route # 2: Oudtshoorn via Schoemans**poort** to Cango Caves and back = 56 km

Day 4

Oudtshoorn – Calitzdorp – Huis River **Pass** - Ladismith – Barrydale – Montagu –
 Burgers **Pass** – Rooihoogte **Pass** - Matroosberg **Pass** – Theronberg **Pass** - Ceres
 Overnight in Ceres Inn

Total distance for day = **402 km**

Optional Route # 1: Ceres to Gydo **Pass** and back = 38 km

Day 5

Ceres – Michells **Pass** - Bainskloof **Pass** – Wellington – Paarl – Stellenbosch –
 Helshoogte **Pass** – Franschhoek – Franschhoek **Pass** – Theewaterskloof Dam –
 Vyeboom – Viljoens **Pass** – Grabouw – Sir Lowry's **Pass** – Somerset West – Cape
 Town
 Overnight in Cape Town

Total distance for day = **249 km**

Total distance for tour = 1177 km

Optional trips = 156 km

Number of possible mountain passes: 19+

Note: The route could change on short notice due to any unforeseen reason, weather, safety, road closures, etc.

BOOKING FORMPLEASE 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:** **Route 62 – Algoa Tourist Class & Blue Train****Tour dates:** _____ 2013 **Tour No:** MB # _____

Herewith the Reservation for above mentioned tour:

Name and Surname: _____ **Title:** Mr/Mrs/Ms**ID No:** _____**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:** _____ **I have a valid driver's licence:** _____**I want to share the compartment on the train with the following person/people:**

1. _____ Male/Female

Number of people in your compartment: _____Attached is the **deposit of R3000** per person/**full payment** of: **R** _____

(I understand and accept that my deposit is non-refundable, unless the tour is cancelled prior to departure & that the balance must be paid by latest six weeks before departure date)

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:** _____**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**