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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 COMRADES MARATHON

TRAIN TOUR

14th Annual Train Tour

31 May – 3 June 2013

From Johannesburg

JB Train Tours invite you to join the annual train tour to the **2013 Comrades marathon** in KZN. This year the race is run from Durban to finish in Pietermaritzburg. 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 Comrades marathon** may join this tour. I.e.: Runners, supporters, family, friends, children and girl friend, from anywhere.

Accommodation over the 'Comrades weekend' in Durban is very scarce and expensive. We were fortunate to secure a number of rooms in an upmarket hotel in Durban. It is located on the Marine Parade, right on the beach. This package is real **value for money**.

Our company have been fortunate to be involved in this event for many years with thousands of runners and supporters travelling with us. Become part of the 'running train family'.

Die Comrades marathon word deur baie mense as 'die moeilikste ultra-marathon ter wêreld' beskou. Kom kyk self hoekom so gesê word. Ry saam met ons en moenie u bekommer oor akkommodasie, vervoer na die registrasie en vanaf die eindpaal nie. U sal veilig versorg word & ons maak sake so maklik en gerieflik as moontlik vir die hardloper.

Name & Number of tour: 2013 Comrades Marathon Train Tour CMT

Tour date: Friday evening 31st May to Monday 3rd June 2013 (4 days)

Departing Times: Johannesburg 18:30 Platform 16 Day 1 (Friday)
PMB 21:36 Platform 1 Day 3 (Sunday)

Arrival Times: Durban 08:30 Platform 14 Day 2 (Saturday)
Johannesburg 07:45 Platform 16 Day 4 (Monday)

The arrival and departure times at the other stations are as per the official running times of the Trans Natal Tourist Class train.

You may board the train at any of these stations. Please indicate accordingly on your Reservation Form.

Tour price:	Price Per Person	4 Passengers/Compartment (On the train)
	R1850	2 Passengers/Room (In the Hotel)
	Price Per Person	3 Passengers/ Compartment (On the train)
	R2120	2/1 Passengers/Room (In the Hotel)
	Price Per Person	2 Passengers/ Compartment (On the train)
	R2430	2 Passengers/Room (In the Hotel)
	Price Per Person	2 Passengers/Coupe (On the train)
	R2050	2 Passengers/Room (In the Hotel)
	Price Per Person	1 Passenger/ Coupe (On the train)
	R2850	1 Passenger/Room (In the Hotel)

Children: Children **under** 12 years of age, sharing, qualify for a R180pp discount.

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

Included in the tour price: Transport on the Trans Natal Tourist Class train from Jo'burg to **Durban** and back from PMB; Two nights' accommodation on the train, certain meals, one night's **B&B** accommodation in an **upmarket hotel in DBN**; bus transport shuttle between the train & Hotel & Race registration, & back to PMB station 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. I.e.: By 19th April 2013. If this is not done, you'll forfeit your reservation and deposit. **No cancellation** after the above date.

Meals: One breakfast, Continental Breakfast (Bread, toast, tea & coffee) on Race day and a **light supper** after the race are included in the tour price. All other meals are available in Durban or at the Hotel.

Bring your own 'padkos' for the train trip.

Route: You will travel **from Johannesburg** to Durban via Standerton & Newcastle to be able to register in Durban on the Saturday prior to the race.

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

Accommodation: It is provided on the train (two nights) and a **Hotel** (in Durban) – 1 night. The rooms are spacious & the facilities are great.

Bedding: It is provided on the train. However bring along your own blanket as well. It gets very cold on the train in winter.

Transport in Durban: Bus transport is provided (included in the tour package) between the train, hotel, Race registration and Expo, Finish line & PMB station. Like we did in previous years.

Non-running passengers can be transported **by bus** from DBN to PMB on Race Day at an additional fee of R100 per person. To be paid when the tour booking is done. OR they can travel on the train departing from Durban at 19:15 on Race Day – free of charge.

Transport in Pietermaritzburg: Runners walk after the race to the pick-up point in Pietermaritzburg (250 meters from the finish line). From there we'll shuttle you by bus to a school hall where shower facilities are available and a light supper will be served. Your luggage will be at the Hall. A bus will shuttle you later to the PMB station.

Note: Please make sure that you have warm clothing when going to PMB station. It becomes very cold in PMB after dark and shelter is limited at the station.

Race information: Please read your **Comrades marathon Information brochure** well.

Registration: Registration for the race is normally done at the International convention Centre (ICC). This will be done on the Saturday before the race.

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.

NB Deposits will **not be paid back**, but can be transferred/resold to someone else, with the consent of the organisers.

Note: We are hosting a tour by luxury bus from Pretoria and Jo'burg to the Comrades and back. Saturday to Monday at R2300 per person. Contact us for the Information Document.

Travel greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours Team

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Last Note: This will be our 14th train tour running to the Comrades marathon and every year the passengers are getting just better and better!



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PROGRAMME

Friday 31st May

17:30 Passengers meet at Johannesburg station – Platform 15
18:30 Train **departs** Johannesburg
Meals available – **own** pocket
Travel overnight

Saturday 1st June

08:30 Arrival in Durban
Breakfast served (**included** in the tour price)
Book in at Hotel
Registration for Race
Day at leisure
Dinner (**own** pocket)
Sleep at Hotel

Sunday 2nd June

04:00 Continental breakfast served at the Hotel (**included** in the tour price)
04:30 Runners' luggage to bus (for transfer to PMB)
Runners depart for starting line at Durban City Hall
05:30 **Race is on!**
09:00 Non-running passengers travel by bus to PMB – with luggage
17:30 Race over! Walk to bus pick up point (250 meters)
After finishing, runners & passengers gather at **school hall** in Pietermaritzburg
Light supper served at hall (**included** in the tour price)
Buses shuttle to PMB railway station
21:36 Train departs for JHB
Travel overnight

Monday 3rd June

07:45 Arrival in Johannesburg
Go home and rest!