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## 2013 Namaqualand Flower Upmarket train tour package – from JHB 7 days

Travel on  
the **Premier Classe** Train



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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 flowers are normally in abundance, the variety and colours almost unlimited, the 'veld' lush and the weather good. The 2013 flower season promises to be as good.

We are going to take you to places where tour groups normally don't go. Just think about places like Paternoster and Bird Island. You will do some wine tasting 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 reputable hotels and travel by a charter bus before joining the train again.

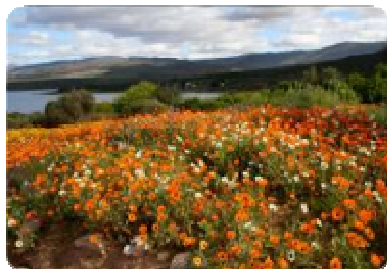
Are you tired of driving, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there. When travelling by train, you don't have to worry about increasing petrol prices, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving back or sitting with stiff legs in your car. It is so much easier, very safe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

About our **Budget** train tours (on the tourist class train): In 2007 all five our train tours and in 2008 all 14, in 2009 all 19, and in 2010 all 19 were fully booked. In 2011 & 2012 we had 12+ tours that were fully booked. This year will be our fourth year when we organise a Namaqualand Flower Train tour on the **Premier Classe train** from JHB to the Flowers – organised on request and by huge demand. Book NOW! Only TWO Namaqualand Flower train tours on the Premier Classe train in 2013!

For the past five years the best flowers were seen in July & August.

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 (sout van die aarde), die natuur is pragtig terwyl die kontreikos besonders is.

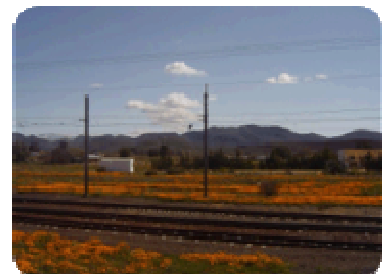
Vanjaar wyk ons so 'n bietjie van die beproefde resep af en besoek 'n klompie minder bekende, en dalk mooier, bestemmings. Moenie dit mis nie. Bring vriende en familie saam. Vertel die kuierklub om saam te reis. Bespreek NOU!



Ramskop Nature Reserve



Namaqualand Daisies galore



Flowers en route to Cape Town

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### ABOUT THE PREMIER CLASSE TRAIN

See the FAQ document attached (what a fabulous train!)

### DATES

Tour No	2013 Dates
P-NF1	Thursday 15 – Wednesday 21 August 2013 (7 days)
P-NF2	Thursday 22 – Wednesday 28 August 2013 (7 days)

<b>Departure Times:</b>	Johannesburg	15:00	Platform 16	Day 1
	Cape Town	09:05	Platform 24	Day 6
<b>Arrival Times:</b>	Cape Town	16:15	Platform 24	Day 2
	Johannesburg	11:03	Platform 16	Day 7

### PRICES

Compartment (2-Bed)	Price pp	Coupe (1-Bed)	Price pp
2 Persons per Compartment & same 2 Persons per Hotel Room	R11 499	1 Person per Coupe & 1 Person per Hotel Room	R12 999

#### Notes:

- Prices may change without prior notice and are subject to availability
- No discount for pensioners or children – we keep our prices affordable for everyone

### INCLUDED IN THE TRAIN TOUR PACKAGE

- Return overnight train trip on the upmarket Premier Classe train
- Accommodation in reputable hotels or lodges
- Two good meals per day (breakfast and dinner) on tour. All meals & high teas are included on the train
- Bus transport
- JB Train Tours tour guide
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary

#### Shuttle to JHB station:

A return shuttle service is available from your house to Johannesburg train station. Please contact us to request a quote.

### HOW TO BOOK

All you need to do now is to complete the attached Booking Form, pay the full amount into the bank account (banking details at bottom of Booking Form) and fax with a copy of your ID to JB Train Tours at 086 694 2475.

### CANCELLATIONS

Deposit is non-refundable. Cancellations allowed up to 2 months prior to departure.

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### TRAVEL INSURANCE

**We strongly urge you to adequately cover for any eventualities with your insurance agent.**

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

Travel greetings

*Jolene Matthysen* & The JB Train Tours team

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

<b>Day 1: Thursday</b>	On arrival at the Premiere Classe lounge at Johannesburg station you'll enjoy some coffee/tea and biscuits. The train manager and JB Train Tours tour guide will welcome you where after you will 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: Friday</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: Saturday</b>	We depart by bus from the hotel. Our journey continues via the Paarl on the N1 which is the main route back to Gauteng! A visit is paid to the Worcester Karoo Park, then on to Slanghoek Valley and historical Tulbagh ('Paddagang'), Porterville, onwards via the N7 over the Piekenierskloof Pass, Citrusdal, Clanwilliam, then the Cederberg mountains 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. From there we continue to our overnight spot in Vredendal. Dinner will be served. Overnight at the hotel for the following two nights.
<b>Day 4: Sunday</b>	<p>We depart for Nieuwoudtville (in the Northern Cape) where we divert to Loeriesfontein direction 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 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. Returning the way we had come, 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". Overnight in the same hotel as the previous night.</p>
<b>Day 5: Monday</b>	After breakfast we depart for Lamberts Bay, Bird Island, Elands Bay, Velddrif, Laaiplek & Paternoster. We continue via Saldanha, Langebaan en route to Cape Town. Overnight at a hotel in Cape Town.
<b>Day 6: Tuesday</b>	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.
<b>Day 7: Wednesday</b>	A last breakfast will be enjoyed on the train before arriving in Gauteng late morning.
	<b>Note:</b> Please note that the sequence, contents of the days and accommodation can change due to various reasons. I.e.: Weather and road conditions or any other factors beyond our control. Running times of the train are <b>not</b> guaranteed

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