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Dear Sir/Madam

BUDGET TOUR by LUXURY COACH to MOZAMBIQUE, SWAZILAND & KRUGER PARK Pretoria, Jo'burg & OR Tambo Airport to Mozambique (Return) 8 Days Best value for money

Mozambique and Maputo, the capital of our neighbouring country, is a hidden gem to be discovered by South African tourists. It has so much to offer with its diverse cultures (with Portuguese influence), historical architecture, beautiful beaches, luke warm water of the Indian Ocean, friendly people, good food (especially sea food & spicy chicken), affordable and interesting local markets, as well as their current economical growth. See a country in re-birth.

Are you old enough to remember the old LM? (Lourenco Marques). Come and see what it looks like nowadays.

The wide streets (Avenues) of Maputo, the many palm trees and the good weather actually makes it a holiday paradise and tourist destiny.

It is a safe country with lots to offer. Come and discover and experience Moz, Swaziland & the KNP with us at a very affordable rate. We'll show you more than just the capital city. Travel North wards with us to well known holiday towns like Macaruene & Bilene. Swim or walk in the warm water of the Indian Ocean, enjoy the white beaches, sit under palms trees and enjoy 2M beer.

Spend some of your well earned Meticals at street vendors and eat local cashew nuts in abundance. Purchase some colourful clothing at a street market or enjoy the local R&R (Rum and Raspberry). The friendliness of the local people will surprise you with great delight.

Apart from staying 4 nights in Mozambique, we'll travel through Swaziland, the Kruger National Park and the Lowveld as well.

In Swaziland we'll travel through the Ezulwini Valley and stop at popular tourist destinations. This small hilly country has got spectacular natural views and mountains to be enjoyed.

The luxury coach departs early Saturday morning from **Pretoria, Jo'burg and OR Tambo airport** to reach Moz via the Lebombo border post near Komatipoort by late afternoon. When crossing the border at the Ressano Garcia border post (Moz side) into Mozambique, one realises immediately that you are in a foreign country: The official language is Portuguese! Though many people in the capital can use English to a certain extent. It is a trip less than two hours by coach from the border post to **Maputo**. The change in scenery from hilly to bushveld to savannah within a few kilometres is amazing.

You'll spend two nights in Maputo in a modern hotel with a beautiful view of the bay and Maputo and another two nights in the **Bilene** area (180 km north of Maputo) next to a lake and close to the sea. This is Africa with palm trees, white beaches and cold beer.

Returning to South Africa you'll exit again at the Ressano Garcia/Lebombo border post and overnight two nights in **Komatipoort**. One day will be spent in the **Kruger National Park** before proceeding to Swaziland where you'll be staying for one night and overnight in a modern Swazi hut.

In Swaziland you'll visit the tourist hub of Ezulwini Valley, the Swazi Candle making factory, a traditional market & drive past the capital of **Mbabane**,

In **Maputo** we would like to introduce you to Catembe, the Iron House, the Maputo Waterfront Restaurant, traditional Costa del Sol restaurant (since 1938 run by the same family), the historical railway station, the nightlife in the capital, the old & new buildings, the beachfront, exclusive Polana Hotel, the sumptuous seafood available, interesting streets and perhaps a trip to Inhaca Island (optional), the street vendors, the local taxis, the ferry over the harbour bay, the new and modern Maputo Shopping Mall, traditional markets (VERY interesting) and MUCH more. The 2 days are actually too short to experience everything.

When travelling further North out of Maputo on the EN 1 main road (in a very good condition) the scenery will again change whilst one will notice the many and variety of street vendors next to the road, as well as the many traffic officers and police being visible and doing duty.

Bilene is a holiday town, previously known as San Martino. There is a variety of lodges available, though some are very small, 'oldish' and in some cases a 4 x 4 vehicle is needed to access it. The town is located next to a lake – about 11 km long and 4 km wide, close to the sea. This is a place to relax, enjoy water activities, lie on the snow white beaches and explore the local village by foot. You'll love this place. We suggest you try some BBQ'd chicken from the fire at a street vendor.

When returning to South Africa we spend one day in the Kruger National Park – one of the most popular tourist destination icons of the world. Our overnight lodge in Komatipoort is close to the KNP! We'll show you the town of Komatipoort as well – a beautiful town to retire in...

Come and travel this coming year by **luxury** bus from Jo'burg and Pretoria to Mozambique and re-discover our neighbouring country. We depart from the **Pretoria Gautrain** station, **Johannesburg Park Railway** station's bus terminal and **OR Tambo airport** in order to give everyone the opportunity to travel safely to the departure point, to travel 'in style' and to have ample parking facilities available!

Note: Passengers can fly in on the morning of departure to OR Tambo and fly out on the evening of return. I.e.: Fly in from CPT, George, PE, EL & DBN.

This is a 'jam packed' tour to allow you to be away from home only for a short period, but still enjoy comfort, safety, service and value for money. Similar packages with **other** companies could cost you R17000+ pp.

Note: We have spent **many** days in Mozambique & Swaziland over the past five years to familiarise ourselves with the country, its customs and practices, to be able to put together a feasible and affordable package with good value for money. The lessons learnt during our 2012 tours to these countries helped us to make a few improvements on the 2013 tours).

There are many ways of travelling to Mozambique & Swaziland (unfortunately not by train!). Another one is by **luxury bus** at an **affordable** price. **No driving**, no tollgate, no punctures, **no petrol increases** and no car breakdowns. Neither any major challenges with customs, border crossings and getting lost in a foreign country. Just sit back and relax. We'll do the work. You have the fun.

Like all our other tours, safety is of utmost importance to us. People from all walk of life, all ages and genders and from afar regularly travel with us – either by train, plane or bus. The tour guide on tour with you will assist and help you to get the maximum benefit out of your tour. This tour is ideal for ANY person who would like to re-discover the old LM (Lourenco Marques) of yesteryear, the new Moz in growing, traditional Swaziland and historical KNP.

Although the tour is carefully planned and we want to share **with** and show **to** you as much as possible in this short period, you will have free and leisure time available as well.

Going to a foreign country could be very challenging. We take all the planning, worries and concerns out of your hands. Just sit back, relax and enjoy the neighbouring country, scenery and new friends. Book NOW!

All passengers **DO** need a valid **passport** to enter Swaziland and Mozambique, though South African citizens do **not** need a visa. Other countries' citizens **DO** need a visa – **NOT** obtainable at the border posts whilst on tour.

Did you know that Maputo is only 545 km from Pretoria? And Mbabane only 372 km from Pretoria? It is shorter than going from Pretoria to Durban! The roads between the three capitals are 'all the way' good quality and in good condition.

See pictures of some of the places to be visited whilst in Swaziland and Mozambique at the bottom of this memo.

Who may go: Any person interested in visiting Mozambique, Swaziland and the Kruger Park. Children and families are very welcome.

Dates & Tour Number: 7 Dates to choose from during 2013

All tours depart on a Saturday morning and arrive back the next Saturday - 8 Days

20 – 27 Apr	Moz # 1	
1 – 8 June	Moz # 2	
6 – 13 Jul	Moz # 3	
17 – 24 Aug	Moz # 4	
21 – 28 Sept	Moz # 5	Fully booked (Stokvel)
17 – 24 Dec*	Moz # 6*	*Tues to Tues
21 – 28 Dec	Moz # 7	

Departure times:	08:00	Pretoria Gautrain station (Parking area)	Day 1
	09:00	Jo'burg Park Railway station (Bus terminal)	Day 1
	10:00	OR Tambo (Bus terminal)	Day 1
Arrival times:	17:00	Maputo	Day 1
	17:00	OR Tambo	Day 8
	18:00	Jo'burg Railway station	Day 8
	19:00	Pretoria Gautrain station	Day 8

Passengers flying in to OR Tambo airport to join the tour should **not arrive later** than **09:00** on Day 1 nor depart back **before 18:00** on Day 8.

Tour price: **R7100 pp sharing** Two persons per room

R9100 pp sharing One person per room

Children older than 2 years of age pay the above price. Younger = No charge

Deposit: A **non-refundable** deposit of R500 per person is to be paid when booking is done. The balance must be paid **by latest** six weeks before departure date. If not done, the booking will be cancelled automatically

Included in the tour price: Return bus trip in a luxury coach, certain meals, seven nights' accommodation (B&B), tour guide, safety and security.

Excluded from the tour price: Entry fees to any sight seeing spots, ferry transfers, excursions not mentioned, expenses of a personal nature, visas, meals not mentioned, car parking, gratuities, flight costs & Comprehensive Travel Insurance.

Our Banking details: See at the bottom of the **Reservation Form**.

Transport: You'll be travelling in a luxury coach with AirCon, reclining seats & PA system. Some coaches will have a Toilet in, but we'll stop enough times for 'body & smoke breaks'. Only companies with good safety track records are used. I.e.: Pro Tours Buses & SB Tours.

En route we'll view various scenic landscapes and interesting tourist spots.

Accommodation: You'll be staying in the following hotels/lodges

Swaziland:

Mantenga Lodge www.mantengalodge.com **OR**
Mountain Inn www.mountaininn.sz **OR**
Mlilwane http://www.biggameparks.org/3parks_mlilwane.html

Mozambique:

Catembe Gallery Hotel www.catembe.net – Maputo **OR**
Cardoso Hotel www.lonrhohotels.com/content/hotel-cardoso - Maputo
Praia do Sol Lodge www.pdsol.co.za – Bilene **OR**
Aquarius Complexo www.aquariusbilene.co.mz – Bilene **OR**

South Africa:

Border Country Inn www.bordercountryinn.co.za - Komatipoort **OR**
Sundown Lodge <http://www.sundownlodge.co.za> - Komatipoort

Or places of similar standard if one of the above venues would not be available for some valid reason.

Note: The rooms in the hotels/lodges are NOT exactly the same. It differs in shape, size, decoration, view, lay out, etc. It could happen that you'll need to share a bath room. Albeit not at the same time! Welcome to Mozambique's rustiness.

Ferry: The ferry between Maputo (main land) and Catembe (other side of the harbour bay) takes between 10 and 60 minutes to cross. (It departs when it is full). One way ticket costs between 5 and 10 Meticals pp (= R1.50 to R3) – one way.

It operates between 05:30 and 23:30 daily. Sundays and Public Holidays could be slightly more expensive.

Meals: Seven breakfasts & six dinners are included in the tour price (2nd night's dinner in Maputo is for your own pocket)

On the bus: Music, AirCon, reclining seats, curtains & PA system.

Smoking on the bus: Not allowed.

Liquor in the bus: Not allowed

Medical: Please take your own medication & Medical Funds Card with you.

Route: From Pretoria, Jo'burg, ORTIA eMalahleni (Witbank), Middelburg, Nelspruit, Komatipoort to Maputo. From Maputo to Bilene back to Maputo and Komatipoort. Then to Mbabane, Oshoek, Carolina to Middelburg, Witbank, ORTIA, Jo'burg station & PTA station.

N.B. The sequence of the itinerary can change without pre-warning.

Embarking: You **may join the tour** at any of the above-mentioned places. Please indicate on your Reservation Form.

Safe parking: Safe parking available at all Gautrain stations.

Departure times: Please note all the departure times carefully. If you stay behind, you have to catch up at your own cost. The coach does **not** wait.

Reservation Form: Please complete the attached Reservation Form in full - **One form per person or couple**. Your e-mail address & cell phone numbers are very handy. Please **attach** your Bank Deposit slip when faxing the Form to us. Write your name and the tour number on the Bank Deposit slip.

Join in: It is a marvellous experience going on a trip like this. It is **not** for moaners or groaners, but for people who'd like to enjoy a good trip in a beautiful area. Discover Moz, Swaziland & KNP the easy way.

Closing dates are when the coach is fully booked. Book **NOW!** (Our inaugural tours in 2012 sold like 'sweets cakes'. Come and see why).

Tour Bookings: Complete the Reservation Form **today** and secure your spot on the tour.

Group and company bookings are welcome. You may book the whole bus. We'll collect you at any place (in Gauteng) at no extra charges. (Ideal for groups, clubs, companies or friends.) We had groups booking out the whole bus and clubs making it a year-function.

Confirmation: Your booking will be confirmed in writing.

Cancellation of the tour: If the tour is to be cancelled prior to departure for whatever reason, your money will be refunded in full. No cancellations will be accepted within the 6 weeks prior to departure.

Passport: You do need a valid passport which is valid for at least another 6 months on day of entry into Mozambique, as well as two clean pages in your passport.

Visas: South African citizens do **not** need a visa to enter Moz or Swaziland. Other countries' citizens should get their visas **before** departure – it is **NOT** available at the border gate whilst on tour. JB Train Tours does **NOT** know which foreign countries' citizens need a Visa. The passenger needs to establish it himself.

Currency: The local currency is Meticals (Pronounced Meti-causch). In September 2012 the exchange rate was roughly 3.3 Mets = 1 ZAR. Some stores in Maputo will accept South African Rands and credit cards are accepted widely at recognised dealers.

There will be sufficient opportunity en route to convert SA Rands to Meticals.

Read this website for more background about Moz: www.moz.net

Malaria: Mozambique is a malaria area. Take your medicines before departure after consulting your doctor or pharmacist. We recommend that you take anti-mosquito repellents, I.e.: Peaceful sleep, etc. with you on tour. Wear long sleeve shirts after dark.

Luggage: Each passenger is allowed to take only **ONE** suitcase or travel bag along. You do not need formal wear on this tour! Just smart casual clothing.

Enquiries: Any questions, please contact us.

Regards

Johan Badenhorst
& JB Train Tours Team

Note # 1: **Please note** that we host 12 x **4-day** tours in 2012 as well, spending some time in Maputo, Mozambique. This tour is an introduction to Moz.

Note # 2: Passengers from places outside Gauteng (I.e.: Durban, PE, Cape Town, George, Windhoek, etc.) may fly to JHB and join the tour at OR Tambo. Passengers flying in to OR Tambo airport to join the tour should **not arrive later** than **09:00** on Day 1 nor depart back **before 19:00** on Day 8.

Note: If the bus runs late due to unforeseen circumstances and a passenger misses his/her return flight any additional arrangements are for the pocket of the passenger.



Cathedral



Inhambane Island



Iron House



Accom. in Swaziland



Sunrise over Maputo



Statue



Fun in the sea



Sea food



Local taxi



Interesting bar



Swazi artwork



Pool at Komatipoort



Jetty at Catembe



Famous land mark



Mozambique flags



Local fishermen



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Provisional

PROGRAM – 2013

8-Day Coach tour to Mozambique, Swaziland & KNP

Day 1 Saturday

07:30 Passengers meet at Pretoria Gautrain station (Parking area)
08:00 Bus departs – from Pretoria Gautrain station
09:00 Bus departs – from Jo'burg Park Railway station (Bus terminal)
10:00 Bus departs – from OR Tambo Airport (Bus terminal – behind Intercontinental Hotel)
Stop en Route
Cross border into Mozambique
Continue by coach to Maputo
Book in at Hotel
19:00 Dinner at Hotel
Afternoon at leisure
Evening at leisure

Day 2 Sunday

From 07:00 Breakfast at Hotel
Day at leisure. Do orientation sight seeing tour of city by bus
Ferry to Catembe (20 Minutes plus waiting time) - optional All excursions are optional. I.e.: Ferry to Inhaca Island (full day excursion), visit markets, mall or CBD, enjoy the beach, etc.
Lunch & Dinner **own account**
Sleep at same Hotel as Day 1

Day 3 Monday

From 07:00 Breakfast at Hotel
Book out of Hotel
10:00 Bus departs for Bilene
Stop en route
15:00 Arrive Bilene
Book into lodge
Rest of day at leisure
Dinner at Lodge
Sleep at Lodge

Day 4 Tuesday

Breakfast at Lodge
 Day at leisure (Swim, tan, boat trip on lagoon, snorkelling, shopping in village, etc.)
 Dinner at Lodge
 Sleep at same Lodge as Day 3

Day 5 Wednesday

07:00 Breakfast at Lodge
 Book out of Lodge
 10:00 Bus departs for Komatipoort via Maputo
 Stop en route
 Cross border into South Africa
 16:00 Arrive Komatipoort
 Book into Lodge
 Rest of evening at leisure
 Dinner at Lodge
 Sleep at Lodge

Day 6 Thursday

Breakfast at Lodge
 08:00 Depart for KNP (Entry fees **included** in tour price)
 17:00 Arrive back in Komatipoort
 Rest of evening at leisure
 Dinner at Lodge
 Sleep at same Lodge as Day 5

Day 7 Friday

Breakfast at Lodge
 09:00 Depart for Swaziland
 Visit Ezulwini Valley & Swazi Candle makers. Optional visit to Swazi Cultural Village
 Book in at Lodge in Swaziland
 19:00 Dinner served at lodge
 Sleep over

Day 8 Saturday

07:00 Breakfast at Lodge
 Book out of Lodge
 08:00 Bus departs for Gauteng
 Visit glass factory
 17:00 Arrive ORTIA
 18:00 Arrive Jo'burg Eailway station
 19:00 Arrive Pretoria Gautrain station
 End of tour

N.B. The sequence of the itinerary can change without pre-warning.

FAX TO: 086 687 7344 or 011 913 0552

Attn: JB Train Tours

BOOKING – Bus tour (8 days) from Gauteng to Mozambique, Swaziland & KNP

(Please complete in full – one form per person or couple)

Tour Date: _____

Tour No: _____

Name & Surname: _____ (M/F) _____

Tel No: _____ (Code) _____ (W) _____ (Code) _____ (H)

Cell: _____ **Fax No:** _____ (Code) _____

E-mail address: _____ (NB!)

Postal address: _____ **Code:** _____

I'd like to share a room with the following person:

Name & Surname

_____ (M/F) _____

Attached deposit/full payment for: **R** _____

Where will you board the bus? _____

If boarding at OR Tambo, your flight details please: _____

Disclosure: I understand and accept that the organisers will not be held responsible for any losses or injuries of any nature, including delays, changes or cancellations that may occur. I've read, understand and agree to the Generic Information Document. (Available on request or on our website at www.jbtours.co.za)

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) **Account:** Cheque

Please attach the Bank Deposit slip