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Dear **Biker/Pillion**

2013 WESTERN & EASTERN CAPE GRAVEL ROADS MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR

From Johannesburg
For dual purpose bikes only
12 – 18 April & 6 – 12 October 2013
7 Days

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on the inaugural **Motorbike-on-Train Tour** to be hosted during 2013 from Johannesburg to the **Western & Eastern Cape's good gravel roads**, and return, travelling on the Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train.

This is our **seventh**-of-a kind* Motorbike-on-Train tour that we host. This tour is ideal for those who live 'up country' and don't often (ever?) get the opportunity to ride in the picturesque mountains and valleys of the Western & Eastern Cape. This tour will take you through well known mountain passes like the Swartberg Pass, Seweweekspoort, Montagu Pass, Seven Passes Road (Between George and Knysna), Prince Alfred Pass, Bosluiskloof Pass, Meiringspoort, Rooinek, Perdepoort, Kareedouw Pass, Grootrivier Pass, Bloukrans Pass and much more....



We need to mention that all these routes and roads are at '**Green**' level and are **pillion friendly** as well. However, you must be willing and able to ride a lot of gravel, dirt and dust

roads. (No sand roads).

Any dual-purpose bike (not scrambler!) is essential. The group will be kept smaller than when travelling only on tarred roads.

It is more suitable for the intermediate experienced biker, as well as for those who would like to explore new destinations in a well structured, organised and safe manner. You'll meet the local people and ride on interesting back roads.

This is the time and opportunity to enjoy this part of the country at its best. Pillions are more than welcome and are actually encouraged to travel along.

Lots of mountain passes, coastal roads, small villages and very scenic roads and routes will be visited and traversed.

Since 2007 when the first Motorbike-on-Train tour has been presented, we have hosted more than 40 similar tours to different destinations. Come and live (and ride) this experience with us.

Visit places and travel roads that you've never seen before (or heard off – places like Flooriskraal Dam, Kruisrivier, Herald, Kamanassie Dam, Karatara, etc.); experience the scenic mountain passes with curves and corners galore; traverse the Knysna Forest roads where your roof will be trees; dine at village restaurants en route; accelerate in remote stretches and enjoy the people from the area.

You'll travel more than 1500 km over the 5 days, all on good roads – the majority of them dirt or gravel.

This is a **safe** and **secure tour** for individuals, bike families and/or groups. (Please note this is a holiday **TOUR**, **NOT** a **booze cruise**, **race or rally**, neither a dull affair). It is a tour with stoppages en route to be able to enjoy the beauty & natural scenery this region can offer.

We have scheduled only two of these tours during the year – before and after rainy season!



This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train (with your bike **on** the train **with** you); enjoying the mountains, valleys, villages and the people of the region; sleeping in, visiting the most popular tourist destinations and just relax. (All this at a **very affordable** rate). We have a few pleasant surprises included in the itinerary as well. There is ample time available for leisure or extra bike trips. (If you still feel like it!)

When travelling by train we make use of the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class** train.

The main purpose of this tour is to give bikers the opportunity to ride their bikes in **another and interesting environment** – with curves and corners almost unlimited. It is not a race, though there will be a number of opportunities to use your horsepower to the full at certain spots. The different daily routes will take you past some **breathtaking** scenery.

The tours are scheduled to take place in autumn and spring time – however rain could be a problem (as the Western Cape is a winter rainfall area), rather bring your foul weather gear with!

All the routes are on good tarred, dirt and gravel roads (not sand). A back-up vehicle will be available 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 a **maximum of 20 motorbikes** per tour - **plus** a pillion per bike (is very welcome). I.e.: Max. 40 passengers per tour. It is not compulsory for the driver or pillion to ride every day. It could be exchanged for shopping and alternative sightseeing! This whole **tour** is a holiday.

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

Why travel by train?

1. To cut out the long straight and boring roads of the Karoo
2. To do something different
3. 'Cause the bike can travel along on the train
4. To start fresh when arriving in the Western Cape
5. To have fun the moment you depart from Johannesburg
6. To meet your fellow bikers on the train and to start to mingle
7. To rest and relax on the way back – in style
8. To enjoy the scenery from a different angle
9. 'Cause it is safe & secure
10. 'Cause travelling by train is 'lekker'
11. To discover new routes, places and people
12. To save and protect your bike from long & unnecessary km's on roads through the Karoo – just in getting there!

Who may come along? Any person who is interested in visiting the Western & Eastern Cape back roads, can ride a big dual-purpose bike (500cc+), have a relevant & legal driver's licence and would like to travel in a group. By the way, you must bring your own bike! If you don't have a bike, a rental one can be arranged at an additional cost. All genders & ages are welcome. It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club or bike association. Friends, individuals, couples, etc. are more than welcome,

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

Note #2: This is an unique experience.

***Note # 3:** We host a similar 6-day tour from Jo'burg to the Garden Route; 7-day tour from Jo'burg to the Western Cape & Boland; and an 8-day tour from CPT to the Mpumalanga Lowveld.

Note #4: We host a 7-day dual purpose bike-on-train tour in Namibia and a 7-day bike-on-train tour from JHB on good gravel roads to the Namaqualand. Flowers in season

Note # 5: We now host a Motorbike-on-Train tour on the **Blue Train** as well.

More details on all the above tours available from us.

Note #6: Just calculate how much you save on wear and tear if NOT riding all the way to the Cape on your bike.

Name of tour: 2013 Western & Eastern Cape Gravel Road
Motorbike-on-Train Tour – from JHB

Tour dates & Number: Thursday to Wednesday (7 days)

12 – 18 April 2013	MB 6
6 - 12 October 2013	MB 7

Departure times:	Johannesburg	Day 1	12:30	Platform 16
	Beaufort West	Day 6	19:50	Platform 1

Arrival times:	Laingsburg	Day 2	08:37	Platform 1
	Johannesburg	Day 7	12:15	Platform 16

Tour price: Compartment on Train: 4-Bed 2 Beds/Room in Hotel

Price per Biker	Persons per 4-Bed Comp'ment	Persons per Hotel Room
R7500	4	2
R8100	3	2 & 1
R8500	2	2

Coupe on Train: 2-Bed 2 Beds/Room in Hotel

Price per Biker	Persons per 2-Bed Coupe	Persons per Hotel Room
R7800	2	2
R9300	1	1

The Pillion pays R2000 per person less.

Note: If 12 or more **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get a R500 refund.
If 16 or more **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get a R700 refund.
If 20 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get a R1000 refund.

Passengers will be informed **on tour** how many bikes have been booked & will be refunded in cash **on** the tour. Good petrol or spending money!

Children: Children pay the above prices. Sorry, no discount.

Deposit: A R1000 per person **non-refundable** deposit will secure your place. The balance **must** be paid **by latest six weeks before** departure date. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically. Book **NOW**.

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

Included in price: Return transport by train to the Western Cape, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, 4 nights' B&B accommodation, **transportation of motorbike** on the train, **safe parking for bikes** at the hotels, **tour guide & sweeper**, as well as certain meals as per the itinerary. Daily route briefings will be done as well.

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

Meals: Dinner & breakfast are included on the train trip from JHB to Laingsburg as well as breakfast where we'll be staying. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and where we will be riding and staying.

Bar facilities: Available on the train.

Train Route: You will travel on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to Laingsburg via Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Kimberley, De Aar & Beaufort West. You may join en route. (Sorry, the train does NOT depart from Pretoria anymore). The return train trip will start at Beaufort West.

Accommodation on the train: Passengers will be accommodated in a **4-bed** compartment or **2-bed** coupe on the train (Trans Karoo Tourist Class train).

Accommodation en route: Passengers will be accommodated on a B&B basis in Oudtshoorn and in the Tsitsikama Forest respectively. The rooms are spacious, with good facilities. Bedding and towels are provided.

Loading of the motorbikes: All the bikes must be brought to Platform **14** at Johannesburg Park station **by latest 09:00** 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 the 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.

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.

Luggage: Just take what you need. Don't take the whole wardrobe. You do need to travel with it on your bike. Though on two days you'll be able to leave it in your chalet or room whilst we ride out. **Please mark each piece of luggage or bag or suitcase clearly with your name on it.**

Notes: This is a casual holiday train **tour**. It is ideal for families; clubs, a group of friends, etc.

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) and fax it to us, along with your Bank Deposit slip. Closing date is when the limited number of places is sold out. Groups, clubs, associations and mates are welcome.

Visit our website at www.jbtours.co.za at Photo Gallery for pictures of recent Motorbike-on-Train tours.

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours team

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Running times of the train

Johannesburg - Cape Town - Johannesburg

Johannesburg – Cape Town

(Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays)

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

Provisional PROGRAMME

2013 WESTERN & EASTERN CAPE GRAVEL ROADS – from JHB **MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR**



Day 1

From 09:00 Passengers with bikes meet at **Johannesburg** station – Platform 14
 12:30 Train departs from Johannesburg – Platform 16
Dinner served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 First briefing session
 Travel overnight

Day 2

08:37 Disembarking at Laingsburg
Breakfast in Laingsburg **OR** on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 Day #1 of Motorbike Tour* (see bike itinerary below)
 Book in at Oudtshoorn
 Dinner for own pocket
 Sleep in Oudtshoorn

Days 3 – 5

Breakfast served (**included** in the tour price)
 All other meals available (own cost)
 Days # 2 - # 4 of Motorbike Tour*
 Sleep in Hotel

Day 6

Breakfast served (**included** in the tour price)
 Book out
 Day # 5 of Motorbike Tour*
 Dinner in Beaufort West Spur (**own** pocket)
 21:30 Loading of bikes on train – Beaufort West station, Platform 1
 10:00 Train departs for JHB
 Travel overnight

Day 7

Breakfast served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 15:20 Arrival at Johannesburg station – Platform 16
 Off loading of bikes
 End of tour

Provisional **PROGRAMME**
The daily programme can change

**2013 JHB to WESTERN & EASTERN CAPE
MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR**



Day 2

Disembark train at Laingsburg

Route: Laingsburg – Flooriskraal Dam – Gamkapoort Dam – Seweweekspoort –
Calitzdorp – Kruisrivier - Oudtshoorn

Today's distance = 279+ km

Day 3

Route: Oudtshoorn – Swartberg Pass – Prince Albert – Swartberg Pass – Dysselsdorp
- Kammanassie dam – Outeniqua Pass – Montagu Pass (up) - Oudtshoorn

Today's distance = 267+ km

Day 4

Route: Oudtshoorn – Montagu Pass (down) – George – 7 Passes Road – Knysna –
Gouna Forest Road – Kruisvallei – Keurboomstrand – Grootrivier Pass –
Bloukrans Pass - Tsitsikamma

Today's distance = 271+ km

Day 5

Route: Tsitsikamma – Kareedouw – Perdeberg - Tsitsikamma

Today's distance = 330+ km

Day 6

Route: Tsitsikamma – Keurboomstrand – Die Vlug – Uniondale – Buffelsdrif –
Dysselsdorp – De Rust – Meiringspoort – Klaarstroom – Beaufort West

Today's distance = 415+ km

Total distance = 1562+ km

This itinerary can change on short notice without notice.

BOOKING FORM

PLEASE 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: 2013 Western & Eastern Cape Gravel Roads (only dual purpose bikes)
Motorbike Train Tour – from JHB

Tour date: _____ **Tour No:** _____

Herewith the Reservation for above mentioned tour:

Name and Surname: _____ **Title:** Mr/Mrs/Ms

ID: _____

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:** _____

4-Bed Compartment _____ **or 2-Bed Coupe** _____

I want to share the compartment/coupe on the train with the following person/people:

- | | | | |
|----------|-------------|--|-------------|
| 1. _____ | Male/Female | 2. _____ | Male/Female |
| | Adult/Child | | Adult/Child |
| 3. _____ | Male/Female | Number of people in your compartment: _____ | |
| | Adult/Child | | |

Attached is the **deposit of R1000** 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 6 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