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Dear Sir/Madam

### 2013 Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour **TRAIN TOUR**

8 to 14 March 2013 **7-Day tour**  
From **Jo'burg** to **Cape Town**  
11<sup>th</sup> Year of hosting tours to the Cycle Tour

**N.B.** Please note that this is a **revised itinerary\*** of the **2013 Argus train tour** with substantial less space available than when originally advertised. **This train tour is already fully booked**, though we have organised **extra bus tours by luxury coach** from **Pretoria** and **Johannesburg** for cyclists and supporters to the Race in Cape Town. The bus tour price is substantially less, but you need to arrange the transport of your bicycle yourself. *Contact us for details of the bus tour (with accommodation in CPT included) if you would prefer to travel by bus.*

**\*The revised itinerary is due to the recent rationalization of trains run by Shosholoza Meyl. There are substantial less space and number of trains available as from the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

**JB Train Tours** invite you to join our annual **train** tour to the **2013 Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour** (hereafter called **the Cycle Tour**) in Cape Town.

Are you tired of driving, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there – just like the past number of years.

When traveling 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. The long road through the Karoo becomes shorter AND you can enjoy a cold beer en route. It is so much easier and **VERY** price competitive.

**Any** person who is interested in going to **the Cycle Tour** may join this tour. I.e.: Cyclists, supporters, family, friends, children and girl friend, from anywhere.

Please note that this tour is on the regular **Trans Karoo Tourist Class** train. (Just like previous years). A limited number of carriages have been booked on this train for the use of the Cycle Tour participants. Apart from this Tourist Class train tour we have a tour on the up market **Premier Classe** train to the Cycle Tour, as well as on luxury coaches. Contact us for details.

Accommodation over **the Cycle Tour** weekend in Cape Town is very scarce and expensive.

We were fortunate to secure again a number of rooms in **The Fountains & Strand Towers** hotels! This package is **real value for money**. We stayed in these hotels since the 2007 race and it has proven to be very popular. (It is very close to the starting line of the race).

This tour is not only about **the Cycle Tour**, but about traveling & staying well and enjoying Cape Town and its amenities. The grapes are sweet, the weather normally good, the sea beautiful and the **mountain** clear. After all, you have to take a number of days leave – so enjoy it!

On this tour you'll have **limited** time to register for the race, visit the Expo and 'tuning your bike' whilst in the Mother City. In fact, we ask you to complete a **Proxy Form** (See **attached**) in order for us to register on your behalf and to collect your goodies.

Please take note that we have **much lesser space available** on the train than previous years.

Die Fietstoer is 'n belewenis. Om onder die Kaapstadse Burgersentrum saam met +-35000 ander fietsryers te staan, die gedruis van stemme te hoor en die adrenalien te laat pomp, is lekker. Hierdie treinrit op die legendariese Trans Karoo Toeristeklas trein, die verblyf in een van die smaakvolle hotelle (naby die wegspring) en die heerlike Kaapse weer(!), maak dit 'n geleentheid en toer wat nie gemis mag word nie.

Neem kennis dat daar in 2013 heelwat minder plek op die toere beskikbaar is as vorige jare.

**Name of tour:** 2013 Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour Train Tour – from JHB

**New Tour date & Number:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (7 days) - Argus Train

<b>Departing Times:</b>	Johannesburg	<b>12:30</b>	Platform 16	Day 1	Friday
	Cape Town	<b>10:00</b>	Platform 24	Day 6	Wednesday
<b>Arrival Times:</b>	Cape Town	15:30	Platform 24	Day 2	Saturday
	Johannesburg	12:15	Platform 16	Day 7	Thursday

N.B. Running times of the train are NOT guaranteed. Trains **often** run late.

The arrival and departure times at the other stations are as per the official running times of the Trans Karoo Tourist Class train. (See below).

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

<b>New Tour prices:</b>	<b>Price Per Person</b> <b>R4700</b>	<b>4 Persons/4-bed <b>Compartment</b></b> (On the train) <b>2 Passengers per Room</b> (In the Hotel)
	<b>Price Per Person</b> <b>R5720</b>	<b>3 Persons/4-bed <b>Compartment</b></b> (On the train) <b>2 &amp; 1 Passenger per 2 Rooms</b> (In the Hotel)
	<b>Price Per Person</b> <b>R5820</b>	<b>2 Persons/4-bed <b>Compartment</b></b> (On the train) <b>2 Passengers per Room</b> (In the Hotel)
	<b>Price Per Person</b> <b>R4900</b>	<b>2 Passengers per <b>2-bed Coupe</b></b> (On the train) <b>2 Passengers per Room</b> (In the Hotel)
	<b>Price Per Person</b> <b>R6450</b>	<b>1 Passenger per <b>2-bed Coupe</b></b> (On the train) <b>1 Passengers per Room</b> (In the Hotel)

**Children:** Children **under** 10 years of age qualify for a **R400** pp discount. Children younger than 2 years of age, sharing a bed with the parent, can travel free of charge.

Please note that we will **not** make available **bus transport** in Cape Town anymore. Passengers have not patronised it in the past couple of years resulting in buses running with zero passengers.

**Included in the tour price:** Transport on the Trans Karoo Tourist Class train to **Cape Town** and back; two nights accommodation on the train (bedding included), four nights **B&B** accommodation in **The Fountains & Strand Towers Hotels** (or similar hotel) in the CBD of Cape Town and **transportation of your bicycle on the train**; certain meals, fun, safety, security & 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.: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013. If this is not done, you'll forfeit your reservation and deposit.

**Meals:** Six breakfasts and two dinners (set meal - on the train) are included in the tour price. You are welcome to take along some 'padkos' and **ice**.

**Excluded from the tour price:** **Entry fees** at tourist destinations, expenses of a personal nature, gratuities & Comprehensive Travel Insurance, transport in CPT and any gratuities. Anything else not mentioned in the Information Document.

**Route:** You will travel **from Johannesburg** to Cape Town via Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Kimberley & Beaufort West. (**No boarding at Krugersdorp**).

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 4 nights in **"The Fountains" & Strand Towers Hotels** (in the CBD). The rooms are spacious, the facilities are great and the breakfast tasty and **BIG**. We have secured a number of rooms **in the hotels**. Both hotels are located close to the race's starting line. Placing in the hotels will be done randomly.

**Websites:** [www.fountainshotel.co.za](http://www.fountainshotel.co.za) & [www.strandtowerhotel.co.za](http://www.strandtowerhotel.co.za)

**Bedding:** It is provided - on the train and in the hotels. Bring your own towel for the train.

**Transport in Cape Town:** Passengers can make use of the public bus system in Cape Town – especially between the hotels and the V&A Waterfront.

**Transportation of bicycles:** It is transported in the Guard's Van on the train. **Included** in the tour package. Please wrap or box it yourself **AND** put your **name and cell phone number** on the box/bicycle.

Bicycles must be at the station **by latest** 90 minutes before departure of the train at Johannesburg station. Loading of bicycles will be at Platform **16**. Safe storage space is available at the hotel. No bicycles in the hotel rooms.

**Race information:** Please read your **Cycle Tour information brochure** well or visit their website at: <http://www.cycletour.co.za>

**Registration:** Registration for the race is done at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) – very close to your hotel.

The number of passengers traveling on the Argus train has grown from year-to-year. Many are regulars (and have become “old friends”).

**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 places are fully booked. (Like all the previous years.) We suggest you book **now**. Group/club bookings are welcome.

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

We are looking forward in taking you to the Mother City again. Hopefully this coming year with less wind on Race Day than in 2009 & 2010 and more like 2011 when the weather was superb.

*Travel greetings*

Johan Badenhorst &  
The JB Train Tours Team

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## 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 the train does **NOT** depart on a Monday anymore.

Provisional  
**PROGRAMME**



## **2013 Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour - Train Tour**

8 to 14 March 2013

7-Day Tour

### **Friday 8 March 2013**

11:00 Load bicycles at Platform **16**  
12:30 Train **departs** Johannesburg – Platform **16**  
Dinner served on train (**included** in the tour price)  
Travel overnight

### **Saturday 9 March 2013**

Breakfast served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
15:30 Arrival in Cape Town – walk with luggage to hotel  
Book in at the **Hotel**  
Collection of race numbers at the hotel  
Sleep in the Hotel

### **Sunday 10 March 2013**

Breakfast served at the hotel (**included** in the tour price)  
**Race day!**  
Evening at Leisure  
Sleep in the Hotel

### **Monday 11 March 2013**

Breakfast served at the hotel (**included** in the tour price)  
Day at leisure – own programme  
Sleep in the hotel

### **Tuesday 12 March 2013**

Breakfast served at the hotel (**included** in the tour price)  
Day at leisure – own programme  
Sleep in the hotel

### **Wednesday 13 March 2013**

Breakfast served at the hotel (**included** in the tour price)  
08:00 Book out of the hotel & loading of bicycles on train  
10:00 Train departs from CPT – Platform 24

### **Thursday 14 March 2013**

Breakfast served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
12:16 Arrival in Johannesburg  
End of tour