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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 NAMIBIA MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR

Departing from Windhoek

For both dual purpose and road bikes – though not daily on the same routes!

12 – 18 August 2013

7 Days

Woema Adventure Trips, in co-operation with JB Train Tours, invite you to join us on the second **Motorbike-on-Train Tour in Namibia** to be hosted during August 2013 on the luxurious **Desert Express Train**.



This was a new initiative by Woema Adventures in 2012 and it has proven to be a winner. The train was fully booked on short notice. Woema is well known for their 'Woema' magazine about motorbikes, accessories, stories, news and articles that makes one tick! The owner and editor of 'Woema', **Theunis Nel**, is a well known TV personality in South Africa renowned for his role as a presenter in the 'Pasella' programme and more recently in 'Woema' on **kykNet TV**. (Channel 144 on Friday afternoons at 17:30).

Some other good (no fabulous!) news is that **Theunis** and his TV crew will again be travelling along taking video footage of the tour. It will be broadcasted later in the year. You will become an instant TV star (without doing an audition!)

Note: The 2012 tour was featured in October 2012 on TV over 2 episodes and all the bikers featured at least once!

Come and ride with us. You will discover Namibia in a different way in a short space of time. If you have ever dreamed of riding in our neighbouring country, this is the opportunity to do so. Hence, this tour is open to anybody who'd like to ride in Namibia – **road bikes** (all makes) and **dual purpose** bikes, although the same daily routes will not be followed.



Come and join us on this adventurous, but very safe, Motorbike-on-Train tour to Namibia. The dual purpose bike routes are all on 'green' level roads BUT it will take you into splendid countryside, back roads, small villages & towns and sceneries otherwise not to be seen.

Riding into **Goanikontes** in the gravel desert will bamboozle your mind!

This tour will give you **the opportunity to:**

- Ride and explore the central part of our neighbouring country - Namibia
- Have a local beer or cold drink at the (in)famous **Joe's Beerhouse** in Windhoek
- Ride remote but beautiful regions (both dual purpose and road bikes)
- Just ride – we do the organising and worrying
- Discover our neighbouring country from a different angle
- Sleep every night in the same bed (on the train)
- Eat every day good meals (on the train)
- Ride on tar and salt roads (both dual purpose and road bikes)
- Put your bike on the train and off load it in "the middle-of-nowhere"
- Ride in the oldest desert in the world (both dual purpose and road bikes)
- Enjoy good quality tar, salt and gravel roads (the latter only dual purpose bikes)
- Meet the local people
- Enjoy the luxurious Desert Express Train at a price **NOT** to be repeated soon
- Ride on roads and routes that you are unlikely to **ever** ride again
- Explore Namibia in a very **affordable** way

This tour is ideal for those bikers who always wanted to ride in Namibia but have not yet done it; for the fairly experienced biker, as well as for those who would like to explore new destinations in a well structured, organised and safe manner. This is the time and (only?) opportunity to do it and to enjoy **Namibia** at its best.

JB Train Tours, doing the organising, logistics and administration of this tour, have hosted

more than 40 Motorbike-on-Train tours in Southern Africa since 2007, plus a variety of other Holiday, Sport and Cultural train tours on **Tourist class** & upmarket **Premier Classe trains** as well as on the world famous luxury **Blue Train**. Many women, non-club bikers, bikers from various countries abroad and families have travelled with us.

Namibia is a vast and BIG country. We will NOT visit all the well known places of our neighbouring country – it will take us too many weeks to do so, BUT you will see very interesting places, routes and tourist spots. It is a glimpse of what the country has to offer.



Many of you reading this Info Doc have been on a tour with us. We would like to take you again on a tour PLUS invite some other bikers and pillions that have not made the 'bold step' in doing so. This tour is going to be very special.

The Namibian Railways (TransNamib) are as excited as we are about this venture. It is going to be good!



Johan & Theunis Nel



If you are a “big biker” and you’ve done all the roads and routes in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, KZN, Free State, the Western Cape and the “Eastern Transvaal” and you would like to ride **new routes** - please **read on**. (If you have **NOT** done all the above routes, you are also welcome to ride along!)

There are a few differences to this tour, compared to the other we’ve hosted to date:

- It is hosted in a different country
- You **DO** need a **passport** to enter Namibia
- You **DO** need all your bike’s paper work
- The locals (in Namibia) like bikes
- You’ll sleep every night **ON** the luxury train

- You'll need to travel to Windhoek from wherever you are (but we have a Plan B (Option # 3) for this – see below)
- You'll pay minor 3rd party insurance for your vehicle in Namibia (and Botswana)

The main purpose of this tour is to give bikers the opportunity to ride their bikes in **another and interesting environment**. It is not a race, rally or booze cruise - though there will be a number of opportunities to use your bike's horsepower to the full - at certain spots. The different daily routes will take you past some breathtaking scenery.

The tour is scheduled to take place in winter time – hence rain should not be a problem (as the Namibia is a summer rainfall area), but rather bring your foul weather gear with! During the day the weather is mild to warm, but at night it could be cold. However, the train's inside is warm. The whole train is AirCon'd.

All the routes are on good roads. Though pebbled and corrugated roads could be experienced. We will not traverse long sandy roads. A back-up vehicle will be on standby 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 **manageable number of motorbikes** per tour - pillions are **very** welcome. I.e.: Max. **40** passengers (bikers and pillions) per tour. (We have booked the whole train). 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!

Who may come along? Any person who is interested in visiting Namibia and surroundings, can ride a big 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 in Windhoek. All genders are welcome. It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club or bike association.

You may even consider flying to Windhoek and rent a bike in Windhoek.

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 dual purpose bike-on-train tour from JHB to the Namaqualand Flowers in season (Aug & Sept) and a 7-day bike-on-train tour from JHB on gravel roads in the Western & Eastern Cape.

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.

Name of tour: 2013 Namibia Motorbike-on-Train Tour – departing from Windhoek

Tour date & Number: Monday to Sunday

12 – 18 Aug 2013 MB # 10

Train departure times: Windhoek 16:00 Platform 1 Day 1

Train arrival times: Windhoek 08:00 Platform 1 Day 7

Tour price: **Compartment on Train: 2-Bed**

R8000 pp – sharing a compartment

R14495 pp - not sharing a compartment

The Pillion pays the same as the biker.

Note: Please note the VERY favourable tour price compared to our South African Motorbike-on-Train tours. This is due to good negotiations with the service providers in Namibia. They WANT you to visit their country.

Deposit: A R2000 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**.

Groups of friends, individuals, clubs and social groups are welcome to book.

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

Included in the tour price: Return train trip between Windhoek & Swakopmund, 6 nights' accommodation and bedding on the luxury train, 6 dinners and breakfasts, **transportation of motorbike** on the train & **tour guide**. Some 'freebies' will be made available as well.

Daily route briefings will be done – you won't get lost.

Excluded from the tour price: **Entry fees** at tourist destinations. I.e.: Levo boat trip (optional), expenses of a personal nature, fuel, toll gate fees, breakdowns or bike recovering costs & Comprehensive Travel Insurance. Anything else not mentioned in the Information Document.

Meals: Dinner & breakfast – daily.



The train: The luxurious **Desert Express** train is the pride of TransNamib. It consists of 4 x sleeper carriages, each with 6 x 2-bed compartments **with a small en suite bath room** per compartment; a lounge car with bar facilities; a bistro; one dining car (for your daily GOOD food); a Star Gazer carriage; generator car, staff coach and wagons for the bikes.

The whole train is AirCon. You will be spoilt on board.

We have booked all 48 the beds on the train.

Bar facilities: Available on the train. You can sign an IOU and pay by the end of the tour.



Train Route: You will travel on the **luxurious Desert Express Train** from Windhoek to Swakopmund via Okahandja, Karibib, Kranzberg & Usakos.

Accommodation on the train: Passengers will be accommodated in a **2-bed** compartment with en suite bath room facilities. It has individual AirCon control as well.



At night



By day

Loading of the motorbikes: All the bikes will be loaded at Windhoek's station. Owners to do loading and fastening of bikes – we'll assist. **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 on a car wagon and will be hauled **with** the passenger train.

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. It is an informal tour. If you ride by bike to Windhoek you need to carry it on your bike.

Notes: This is a casual holiday train **tour**. It is ideal for individuals & biking families; for those who haven't been on a train holiday or haven't visited Namibia before.

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.



Transport from South Africa to Windhoek: You must make your own arrangements to travel from wherever you are in South Africa or abroad **to** and **from** the train in Windhoek. However, for bikers living in the Northern part of our country (Gauteng, Limpopo, KZN, Free State, North West, Northern Cape & Mpumalanga) you are welcome to travel with us (JB Train Tours) by road through Botswana.

Bikers from the Western and Eastern Cape could meet us at the train in Windhoek.

Plan B: There are different options and means of getting to Namibia:

OPTION # 1: You travel on your own **on your bike** in your own time and we'll meet you at the train in Windhoek.

OPTION # 2: You load your bike on a trailer, ride to Windhoek in your own time and we meet you at the train in Windhoek.

OPTION # 3: You load your bike on a trailer (share the trailer with friends or other bikers) and share the costs and ride with us (JB Train Tours) in convoy by road to Windhoek
OR you may ride **on** your bike with our 'bike on trailer' convoy.

More details on **OPTION # 3: (Highly recommended)**

During the 2012 tour 28 of the passengers travelled in our convoy and it worked WELL. Especially when incidents happened en route.

You could enter Botswana either at the **Skilpadshek** (near **Zeerust**)(Open 06:00 to 24:00) or **Ramatlabama** (near **Mahikeng**)(Open 06:00 to 22:00) Border posts.

We'll meet on Sunday morning 11th August 2013 @ 08:00 at the Cumberland Hotel in Lobatse, Botswana. We then travel through Botswana and sleep the evening at **East Gate Rest Camp** at **Buitepos** border gate on the Namibian side (**801 km** from Lobatse).
<http://www.eastgate-namibia.com/>

Costs at Buitepos are +-R140 pp/night in a 2-bed cabin, making use of communal ablution facilities. Breakfast is +-R50 pp and 'potjiekos' dinner is +-R95 pp. You'll pay it directly to the service provider on site in cash or by credit card.

There are sufficient petrol re-filling stations en route, but we'll have a few litres petrol available on the trailer for emergency cases.

You'll pay for your accommodation & meals at the Rest Camp in cash or with a credit card. Your RSA Rands can be used everywhere in Namibia, as well as your RSA credit and

petro/garage cards. Please visit the East Gate Rest Camp website to see other prices & info and indicate on your Reservation Form with us whether you want to go for Option # 3. We'll make a booking on your behalf.

From there it is another **320 km** to Windhoek. You may leave your car and trailer at East Gate Rest camp at Buitepos and ride by bike to Windhoek **OR** continue to Windhoek by car & trailer.

By the way, petrol is less expensive in Botswana and Namibia compared to the current RSA price.

Exchange Rate: One RSA Rand = One Namibia Dollar
One RSA Rand = 0.9 Botswana Pula

Accommodation in Lobatse: Cumberland Hotel. **Tel:** 00267 533 0281 or **E-mail:** enquiries@cumberlandhotel.co.bw **Web:** <http://www.cumberlandhotel.co.bw>

Driving in Namibia:

- Foreign registered vehicles: You Must be in possession of Proof of Ownership of The Vehicle Owner / License / Plus Police Clearance Certificate. The Chassis, Engine Number, Trailer Number, and License Details will be checked by the Police from the country you are leaving and also by the Namibian Police on Entry into Namibia and Departure. If your vehicle / Trailer documents are not in order they will not be allowed to enter Namibia.
- **A Cross Border Entry Fee:** Is payable when entering Namibia

Passenger Cars N\$110 Trailers N\$70

- Insurance: You should consult with your insurers before commencing your journey and ensure that you have adequate insurance cover for your vehicle, loss or theft of belongings and medical health including medi-vac.

Botswana Border Entry Fees

Vehicle Levy: P40-00 per vehicle less than 3.5 Ton. Trailer is P40-00 as well. (Payable every time you enter)

Road Safety: P20-00 per vehicle. Trailer is also P20-00. (This is valid for the calendar year. Jan 1 to Dec 31)

There is a new P50-00 per vehicle 3rd party insurance for all foreign registered vehicles from January 2009.

If you are planning to go through Botswana to Namibia/Zambia and back through Botswana, ask for a Multi entry Permit. It'll save you some money.

This must be paid in Pula. RSA Rands can be exchanged at the border post.

Vehicle Registration Papers

You will need the following:

1. If you are the owner: The original reg. papers. Certified copies are dodgy.
2. If you are not the owner, copy of registration papers and an original letter from owner (the bank), giving you permission to take vehicle into Botswana.

BOOK NOW! Please complete the attached **Reservation Form** (one per biker/couple) and fax or e-mail it to us, along with your Bank Deposit slip. Closing date is when the limited number of places (40) 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.

Click on the link below for pics of last year's Namibian Motorbike-on-Train Tour.
<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151072487322877.437055.638547876&type=3>

Travel & Biker greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours team

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Provisional PROGRAMME

2013 NAMIBIA **MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN** TOUR – from Windhoek

Day A **Sunday** **11th Aug 2013**
(Optional)

08:00 Bikers meet at the Cumberland Hotel in Lobatse
Travel Westwards via Kanye & Jwaneng on the Trans Kalahari Highway
Stop at Kang (half way)
Dinner at East Gate Rest Camp (**own** pocket)
Sleep at East Gate Rest Camp at Buitepos (just inside Namibia) (**own** pocket)

Day 1 **Monday** **12th Aug**
(Optional)

Breakfast at the Rest camp (**own** pocket)
08:00 Depart for Windhoek – stop en route for sight seeing
13:00 All bikes arrive at WHK station and load bikes on train
 (Start of tour)
16:00 Train departs for Karibib & travels overnight
 Welcome & briefing
 Dinner on train
 Sleep on train

Day 2 **Tuesday** **13th Aug**

Train is parked at Karibib station
Breakfast served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Day # 1 of bike excursions – both Dual purpose & Road bikes
Dinner served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Sleep on the train in Karibib

Day 3 **Wednesday** **14th Aug**

Train is parked at Karibib station
Breakfast served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Day # 2 of bike excursions – both Dual purpose & Road bikes
Dinner served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Sleep on the train in Karibib

Day 4 **Thursday** **15th Aug**

Train departs from Karibib station
Breakfast served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Day # 3 of bike excursions – both Dual purpose & Road bikes
Dinner served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Sleep on the train in Swakopmund

Day 5 **Friday** **16th Aug**

Train is parked at Swakopmund station
Breakfast served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)

Day # 4 of bike excursions – both Dual purpose & Road bikes
 Trip with Levo Cruises – optional (with dolphins, seals and pelicans)
 Afternoon quad bike adventures or explore Swakopmund
Dinner enjoyed in a German restaurant (**included** in the tour price)
 Sleep on the train in Swakopmund

Day 6 Saturday 17th Aug

Train is parked at Swakopmund station
Breakfast served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
Day # 5 of bike excursions – both Dual purpose & Road bikes
Dinner served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
 Train departs from Swakopmund station

Day 7 Sunday 18th Aug

Train arrives Windhoek station
Breakfast served on the Train (**included** in the tour price)
 Off loading of bikes
 10:00 End of tour

Optional **Option # 3** group departs for East Gate Rest Camp at Buitepos (340 km)
 Dinner at East Gate Rest Camp (**own** pocket)
 Sleep at East Gate Rest Camp at Buitepos (just inside Namibia) (**own** pocket)

Day B Monday 19th Aug
 (Optional)

Breakfast at the Rest camp (**own** pocket)
 Cross border at Buitepos – Gate opens at 07:00 (06:00 Botswana & RSA time)
 Depart for Lobatse (RSA Border post) – Lobatse gate closes at midnight &
 Ramatlabama Gate closes at 22:00
 After Lobatse – bikers go home

Provisional PROGRAMME

2013 NAMIBIA MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR – from Windhoek**PROGRAMME – Daily Rides****ROAD BIKES****Monday 12th Aug**

Ride to Windhoek to meet train & rest of tour group

Tuesday 13th Aug

Karibib – Otjiwarongo – Omaruru – Karibib = 404 km

Wednesday 14th AugKaribib – Wilhelmstal – Okahandja – Hot water spring – Okapuka - Karibib
= 288 km**Thursday 15th Aug**Swakopmund – Dune 7 – Walvis Bay = 120 km
OR Day at leisure in Swakopmund**Friday 16th Aug**

Swakopmund – Walvis Bay – Swakopmund = 82 km

Saturday 17th Aug

Swakopmund – Henties Bay – Cape Cross - Swakopmund = 208 km salt road

Sunday 18th Aug

10:00 Departure for home. End of tour

Total = 1102 km All on tar except for Swakopmund to Henties Bay on salt road

DUAL PURPOSE BIKES

Monday 12th Aug

Ride to Windhoek to meet train & rest of tour group. Short trip to Ghost House
= 52 km gravel road & 50 km tar road

Tuesday 13th Aug

Karibib – Gravel roads - Omaruru – around Erongo Mountains – Usakos -
Karibib = 151 km gravel & 63 km tar

Wednesday 14th Aug

Karibib – Wilhelmstal – Khomas Hochland (gravel roads) – Bosua Pass -
Karibib = 261 km gravel & 50 km tar

Tuesday 15th Aug

Arandis - Rossing – Moonlandscape – Dune 7 - Swakopmund
= 62 km gravel, 25 salt & 35 km tar

Wednesday 16th Aug

Swakopmund – Walvis Bay - Swakopmund
= 34 km salt & 46 km tar

Thursday 17th Aug

Swakopmund – Henties Bay – Cape Cross – Swakopmund = 208 km salt road

Sunday 18th Aug

10:00 Departure for home. End of tour

Total = 1037 km 244 km on tar and 793 on gravel and salt roads



BOOKING FORMPLEASE 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: Woema Adventures 2013**

Namibia Motorbike-on-Train Tour – from WHK

Tour date: 12 – 18 Aug 2013**Tour No:** MB # 10

Herewith the Reservation for above mentioned tour:

Name and Surname: _____ **Title:** Mr/Mrs/Ms**Passport No:** _____ **Passport Expiry date:** _____**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:** _____**I want to join in on Option # 3:** _____ (Yes or No)**I want to share the compartment on the train with the following person/people:**

1. _____ Male/Female

Number of people in your compartment: _____Attached is the **deposit of R2000** 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 six 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**Please attach the bank deposit slip**