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Dear Sir/Madam

### **GARDEN ROUTE HOLIDAY TRAIN TOUR** Departing from Jo'burg to PE to George & Beaufort West to JHB 3 Tours in 2013 7 Days

**N.B.** Please note that this is a **revised itinerary\*** of the **2013 Garden Route train tour** with substantial less space available than when originally advertised. It is now one day longer and unfortunately the tour price had to be increased slightly as well.

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

**JB Train Tours** invites you to join us on our annual holiday train (& bus) tour to the magnificent **Garden Route** in the Eastern & Southern Cape. The natural beauty of this region has mesmerized many local visitors, as well as those from abroad, for many good reasons.

This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train & bus; enjoying the **Garden Route** at a **very affordable** rate; sleeping in upmarket hotels and lodges; enjoying the fauna & flora, beaches and sea, mountains and valleys and visiting the most popular tourist destinations in the region or just relax. We'll show you a few hidden treasures as well...

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 in your car. It is so much easier and **VERY** price competitive.

**Any person** who is interested in visiting **the Garden Route, Little Karoo** and surroundings, may travel along. This is very suitable for church groups and clubs.

Some of the cities and towns to be visited include Port Elizabeth, Plettenberg Bay, picturesque Knysna & Storms River mouth, George, Oudtshoorn, Mossel Bay (the town in

South Africa with the modest weather by far in the country) and Beaufort West.

We'll pay a visit to the Tsitsikama Forest, watch bungee jumping at Bloukrans River bridge, enjoy a trip on the ferry in Knysna (weather permitting), ride the waves in Mossel Bay (optional), stay one night in the Outeniqua mountains, visit a cave, experience the beautiful Meiringspoort and ride on a railway trolley.

A number of interesting surprises are included in the itinerary – like on many of our other train tours. If you haven't experienced the Garden Route before – do it this easy and comfortable way.

This is a very affordable train trip with options on how many persons you want to be in a compartment, what you would like to do and what to visit. The daily distances traveled by bus are kept as short as possible.

Before this itinerary was put together, we have again spent a lot of time in the area to 'discover' new gems in the region, visit the old and very popular tourist destinations and ensured that you have proper accommodation and festive meals.

You could have visited the Garden Route many times before, but we'll show you a few new places!

**Name of tour:** Garden Route Holiday Train Tour – departing from Johannesburg

**Tour dates & Number:** 3 x 7-Day tours in 2013

17 – 23 February	GR 1
12 – 18 May	GR 2*
20 – 26 October	GR 3

<b>Departure times:</b>	Johannesburg	13:15	Platform 14	Day 1
	B'West	19:50	Platform 1	Day 6
<b>Arrival times:</b>	Port Elizabeth	09:15	Platform 4	Day 2
	Johannesburg	12:15	Platform 16	Day 7

Other stations' departure times – see below.

**The tour prices below are the revised figures for the 7-day tour.**

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

Price per Adult	Price per Child	Persons per Comp'ment	Persons per Hotel Room
<b>R6350</b>	<b>R5200</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>R6830</b>	<b>R5800</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>R7190</b>	<b>R5500</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**2-Bed Coupe on Train & 2-Beds/Room in Hotel**

Price per Adult	Price per Child	Persons per 2-Bed <b>Coupe</b>	Persons per Hotel Room
<b>R6550</b>	<b>R5400</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>R7790</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**\*GR # 2 coupe's fully booked**

**Children:** Children ages 2 – 9 pay the above 'Child' prices. If younger than 2 years, free of charge if sharing a bed **and** seat on bus with a parent.

**Deposit:** A R500 per person **non-refundable** deposit will secure your place. The balance **must** be paid six weeks **before** departure date. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically.

**Included in price:** Train transport from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth (Algoa Tourist Class train) and from Beaufort West to Johannesburg (Trans Karoo Tourist Class train), 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, 4 nights' (D, B&B) accommodation in upmarket hotels & lodges on the Garden Route, bus transport, entry to excursions (as per the itinerary), a **tour guide**, as well as certain meals are included in the tour price.

**Meals:** A daily breakfast and dinner are included in the tour price. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and en route.

**Excluded from the tour price:** Meals & excursions not mentioned, expenses of a personal nature, Comprehensive Travel Insurance & gratuities.

**Route:** You will travel overnight on the **Algoa Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth via Vereeniging, Kroonstad, Bloemfontein and Colesberg. Passengers may embark or dis-embark at any point en route. Please indicate on your Reservation Form.

On the return trip you'll travel on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train** from Worcester via Beaufort West, De Aar, Kimberley & Klerksdorp to Jo'burg.

**Accommodation:** Passengers will be accommodated for two nights on the train whilst travelling & four nights in upmarket hotels and lodges. Two persons to a room unless otherwise requested & booked.

**Notes:** This is a casual holiday train tour. It is ideal for families; those who haven't been on a train holiday or haven't visited the Garden Route before, at a rate not to be repeated.

**BOOK NOW!** Please complete the attached **Reservation Form** and fax it to us, along with your Bank Deposit slip. Closing date is when the limited number of places is sold out.

*Travel greetings*

Johan Badenhorst &  
The JB Train Tours team

## Running times of the trains

### Johannesburg – Port Elizabeth

Town	Arrival	Departure
<b>Johannesburg</b>		<b>13:15</b>
Vereeniging	14:48	14:55
Kroonstad	17:12	17:22
Bloemfontein	20:10	20:30
Noupoort	02:15	02:35
Craddock	04:39	04:44
<b>Port Elizabeth</b>	<b>09:15</b>	

### Beaufort West - 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 Mondays anymore.



## Provisional PROGRAMME

### **GARDEN ROUTE** HOLIDAY TRAIN TOUR – from JHB

#### **Day 1            Sunday**

From 12:30    Passengers assemble at **Johannesburg** station – Platform 14  
13:15          Train departs from Johannesburg  
                **Dinner** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
                Travel overnight

#### **Day 2            Monday**

**Breakfast** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
09:15          Arrival in Port Elizabeth  
                Luxury coach departs & visit Bloukrans Bridge, Paul Sauer Bridge & Big Tree  
                Drive pass Hankey, Humansdorp & Kareedouw  
                Arrival at Tsitsikama & book in at Hotel  
                Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)

#### **Day 3            Tuesday**

07:00          **Breakfast** served at the Hotel (**included** in the tour price)  
                Visit Storms River Mouth  
                Drive via Plettenberg Bay to Knysna  
                Visit to Waterfront  
                Ferry to the Heads (depending on the weather) (**included** in the tour price)  
                Visit Little Church in Belvedere  
                Book in at Hotel  
                Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)  
                Sleep at Hotel outside Knysna

#### **Day 4            Wednesday**

07:00          **Breakfast** served at the Hotel (**included** in the tour price)  
                Visit Little Church in Belvedere  
                Depart for George  
                Travel with Power Van on rails up the Outeniqua mountains  
                Bus departs for Hotel  
                Book in at Eight Bells Mountain Inn  
                Afternoon at leisure  
                Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)  
                Sleep in Inn in Mountains

#### **Day 5            Thursday**

**Breakfast** served at the Inn (**included** in the tour price)  
10:00          Bus departs for Mossel Bay CBD  
                Visit museums, town & Bushmen's cave (**own** pocket)

Return via back roads via Herbertsdale to Hotel  
Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)  
Sleep at same Inn in Mountains

**Day 6      Friday**

08:00      **Breakfast** served at the Inn (**included** in the tour price)  
Bus departs for Cango Caves & ostrich farm (both **included** in tour price)  
Travel through De Rust, Meiringspoort & Klaarstroom  
Arrival at Hotel in Beaufort West  
18:00      Dinner served (**included** in the tour price)  
19:00      Depart for Beaufort West station  
19:50      Train departs  
Travel overnight

**Day 7      Saturday**

12:15      **Breakfast** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
Train arrives in Johannesburg  
End of tour.