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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL **TRAIN** TOUR

Departing from Jo'burg (Return trip)

30th June – 6th July 2013

7 Days

School Holidays

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on our inaugural **train** tour to the 28th **Knysna Oyster Festival** in the Western Cape. We are always looking for new destinations and events to host tours to and the Oyster Festival has been 'in the back of our minds' for quite a time.

This event started almost 3 decades ago when the locals made some plans to get more visitors during winter time into their guest houses, restaurants and shops. Initially it was a sport festival but it has since turned into a much bigger and spectacular event lasting 10 days! Visit the official website: <http://www.oysterfestival.co.za/> and get the latest news of who will be performing at what times, what is happening when and what specials they have on offer.

There are still a variety of sport activities evenly distributed over the ten days, but there are lots of other activities as well, with oysters and wine high on the menu!

The Festival officially runs from Friday 28th June to Sunday 7th July 2013. This tour is right in the middle of that period and our hotel is right in the middle of town – very conveniently located. No shuttle bus would be needed. You walk wherever you want to go or catch a local taxi – fun!

This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train and bus; enjoying Knysna at a **very affordable** rate, sleeping in a top hotel with good facilities; enjoying the Festival, eat oysters and drink wine, visit and attend the music shows, Waterfront, activities or just relax.

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 long hours in your car.

This year you'll be travelling on the **Algoa Tourist class** train from Jo'burg to Port Elizabeth and by bus from PE to Knysna – another 266 km. You'll be staying in the **4-star Log Inn** in

Knysna on a B&B basis for 4 nights. (Visit www.log-inn.co.za)

En route to Knysna you'll enjoy the scenery of the Garden Route and other small towns.

This tour is comfortable, affordable, safe & secure; everything is arranged for you and it is **VERY** price competitive.

Any person who is interested in going to **Knysna** and **enjoy the Oyster Festival** may join us!
I.e. family, friends, children and girl friend, from anywhere!

Name of tour: 2013 Knysna Oyster Festival Train & Bus Tour – 7 Days

Tour dates & Number:

Sunday 30th June – Saturday 6th July 2013 Oys 1

Departure times: Johannesburg 13:15 Sun Platform 16
Port Elizabeth 15:00 Fri Platform 4

Arrival times: Port Elizabeth 09:15 Mon Platform 4
Johannesburg 12:15 Sat Platform 14

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

Price per Adult	Persons per Comp'ment	Persons per Hotel Room
R4450	4	2
R4830	3	2&1
R5290	2	2

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

Price per Adult	Persons per Coupe	Persons per Hotel Room
R4650	2	2
R5590	1	1

Compartment = 4 Bed & **Coupe** = 2-Bed.

Children: Children ages 2 – 9 pay R500 pp less than the above prices. Younger children, sharing a bed with parent, will travel free of charge.

Deposit: A R500 per person **non-refundable** deposit will secure your place. The balance **must** be paid **by latest six weeks** (12 May 2013) **before** departure date. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically.

Included in price: Return transport by train to PE, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, return bus trip between PE & Knysna, 4 nights' B&B accommodation in a top Inn in Knysna, **tour guide**, as well as certain meals on the train are included in the tour price.

Meals: A daily breakfast and two dinners (both on the train) are included in the tour price. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and in Knysna.

Excluded from the tour price: **Entry fees** at tourist destinations, shows or exhibitions.

Note: Bookings for the Featherbed Cruises on the Knysna lagoon can be made at the Waterfront in Knysna.

Route: You will travel on the **Algoa Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to PE via Vereeniging, Kroonstad, Henneman, Bloemfontein, Colesberg & Cradock. Passengers may embark or dis-embark at any point en route. Please indicate accordingly on your Reservation Form. The price remains the same.

The bus journey will be from PE to Knysna via the N2.

Accommodation: Passengers will be accommodated for two nights on the train, as well as four nights in **the Log Inn** in CBD of Knysna. The hotel rooms are spacious, with good facilities and the Inn is well located in town. It is within short walking distance from everything. (Visit www.log-inn.co.za)

Notes: This is a casual holiday train tour. It is for people who'd like to enjoy the Oyster Festival, tour and splendid beauty of the Southern Cape. It is ideal for individuals, friends & groups; those who haven't been on a train holiday or haven't visited Knysna 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 train

Johannesburg – Port Elizabeth
(Friday and Sunday Service)

Station	Class available	Day	Arr.	Dep.
Johannesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1		13:15
Vereeniging	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	14:50	14:55
Kroonstad	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	17:15	17:22
Bloemfontein	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	20:10	20:30
Colesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	01:15	01:20
Cradock	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	04:40	04:44
Port Elizabeth	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	09:15	

Port Elizabeth – Johannesburg
(Friday and Sunday Service)

Station	Class available	Day	Arr.	Dep.
Port Elizabeth	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1		15:00
Cradock	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	19:25	19:32
Colesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	23:17	23:19
BLoemfontein	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	04:25	04:46
Kroonstad	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	07:36	07:52
Vereeniging	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	10:07	10:10
Johannesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	11:35	

Please note that running times are **not** guaranteed. Trains **often** run late.
The train does **NOT** depart on a Monday anymore.

Provisional **PROGRAMME** **30 June – 6 July 2013**

2013 KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL TRAIN TOUR – from Jo'burg



Day 1 Sunday 30 June 2013

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

Day 2 Monday 1 July 2013

07:00 **Breakfast** on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 09:15 Arrival in PE
 Depart by bus for Knysna
 14:00 Book in at Inn
 Rest of day at leisure
 Sleep in Hotel

Days 3 - 5 Tuesday - Thursday 2 - 4 July 2013

07:00 **Breakfast** at the Inn (**included** in the tour price)
 All other meals available in Knysna (own cost)
 Day at leisure – own programme
 Sleep in Inn

Day 6 Friday 5 July 2013

From 07:00 **Breakfast** served at the Inn (**included** in the tour price)
 09:00 Book out of Inn
 10:00 Bus departs for PE
 15:00 Train departs for Jo'burg – Platform 4
 17:00 **Dinner** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 Travel overnight

Day 7 Saturday 6 July 2013

From 07:00 **Breakfast** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 11:35 Train arrives in Jo'burg
 End of tour