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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK & LOWVELD PANORAMA ROUTE TRAIN & BUS TOUR From Cape Town & Western Cape 9-Day tours

N.B. Please note that this is a **revised** Info Doc. This tour had to be moved forward by one day due to the change in running days and departure times of the trains, affected by Shosholoza Meyl as from 14th Jan 2013. The duration of the tour and tour price remain unchanged.

JB Train Tours invite you to join us on one of our annual train tours to the **world famous Kruger National Park (KNP) in the Mpumalanga Lowveld**. The KNP is a living monument for those who envisaged the challenges the globe would experience in future. There is nothing else like this “natural phenomenon in abundance”.

When visiting the KNP it is not only about the Big 5, but about various other animals, birds, the fauna and flora, as well as the tranquillity of the Bushveld. Sleep 3 nights **in** the KNP and experience it to the full.

On this tour we'll share with you the beauty of the Panorama Route, including places like God's Window, Bourke's potholes, Pilgrim's Rest, waterfalls, Graskop and Sabie, Blydepoort Canyon, the Long Tom Pass, as well as the Sudwala Caves.

We are going to take you to places where tour groups normally don't go.

Enjoy tow nights at **Carnival City** in Brakpan and other entertainment offered on site.

You'll travel on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class** train, sleep in top notch hotels, lodges and the KNP and travel by charter bus before joining the train again.

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 with stiff legs in your car. It is so

much easier, very safe and **VERY** price competitive.

Since we've started with the KNP train tours in 2009 from CPT ALL the tours were fully booked. We've started with similar tours from PE in 2011 and both tours were fully booked.

Passengers living in coastal cities in South Africa (I.e.: CPT, George, PE, EL & DBN) may 'fly in' to OR Tambo Airport (ORTIA) in JHB to join the bus tour to the KNP. Contact us for full details.

Die 'Kruger Wildtuin' is vir baie mense **dié** plek om wild in Suid Afrika te kyk. Van kindsbeen af leer en hoor ons van die grootse werk wat daar gedoen word. Ten spyte van veranderinge, het die atmosfeer behoue gebly. Om in die aand op een van die rivierwalle te sit en die wild te sien wei en suip, terwyl die son sak, bly enigmities.

Ons wys ook graag vir u die skoonheid van die Laeveld wanneer ons baie van die bekende toerisme-bakens besoek.

Name of tour: Kruger National Park Train & Bus Tour - from Cape Town in 2013

Tour dates & Number:

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| Friday to Saturday | 3 – 11 May | KNP 1 |
| Friday to Saturday | 14 – 22 June | KNP 2 |
| Friday to Saturday | 2 – 10 August | KNP 3 |
| Friday to Saturday | 18 - 26 October | KNP 4 |

All tours are nine (9) days long.

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|-------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Departure Times: | Cape Town | 10:00 | Platform 24 | Day 1 |
| | Worcester | 13:30 | Platform 1 | Day 1 |
| | Johannesburg | 12:30 | Platform 16 | Day 8 |

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|-----------------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Arrival Times: | Johannesburg | 12:15 | Platform 16 | Day 2 |
| | Worcester | 11:50 | Platform 1 | Day 9 |
| | Cape Town | 15:30 | Platform 24 | Day 9 |

Other stations' departure times: See below. Passengers may join en route. Please report to the station 45 minutes before departure.

Tour price: **Compartment (4-Bed)** **Price per Person**

4 Persons per Compartment R7900
But only 2 Persons per Hotel Room

3 Persons per Compartment R8750
& 2/1 Persons per Hotel Room

2 Persons per Compartment R9020
& same 2 Persons per Hotel Room

Coupe (2-Bed)**Price per Person**

**2 Persons per Coupe
& same 2 Persons per Hotel Room**

R8100

**1 Person per Coupe
& 1 Person per Hotel Room**

R10645

Children 3 - 9 years will pay R700 per child less than the above tour price. Children 0 – 2 years will travel free of charge if sharing a bed **and** seat on bus with parent.

Deposit: A R500 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.

Included in the price: Return train trip, bedding on the train, accommodation in reputable hotels, resorts or lodges, entry to the KNP, certain meals, bus transport, tour guide and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary.

Meals: Two good meals per day (breakfast and dinner) are served and are **included** in the price, unless otherwise indicated. I.e.: Excluded at Carnival City.

Excluded from the tour price: Personal expenses, meals not mentioned, gratuities and Comprehensive Travel Insurance.

Route: The **train** route goes from Cape Town via Bellville, Wellington, Worcester, Beaufort West, De Aar, Kimberley and Potchefstroom to Johannesburg.

The **bus** route goes from Johannesburg via Middelburg, Graskop to the KNP. From the KNP to Middelburg back to Johannesburg. (The route may change without prior notice).

Buses: We only make use of reputable bus companies with good safety records and back-up services in place when needed. Comfortable **luxury** buses are used.

Accommodation: We'll be staying for two nights on the train, one night in the Road Lodge at Carnival City, three nights in chalets in the KNP (normally in the Southern region of the KNP), one night in the Road Lodge at Carnival City and one night in the Graskop Hotel.

We host two persons (or one) per room.

Due to bus capacity constraints, each tour is limited to a maximum of 48 people.

Tour guide: A qualified tour guide will travel with you.

We are looking forward in hosting you on tour.

Note #1: People living in 'other' parts of the country, who can't make use of the train trip, can join the **bus** tour at the Road Lodge at Carnival City, on Day 2 at a reduced tour price. Contact us for the relevant Information Document.

Note #2: The KNP falls within a malaria area. Please visit your doctor or pharmacist for the correct vaccines.

BOOK NOW! *Travel greetings*

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours Team

PS Ons doen ook graag sake in Afrikaans

Running times of the train

Johannesburg - Cape Town - Johannesburg

Johannesburg – Cape Town
(Wednesday, Friday and Sunday Service)

| 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
(Wednesday, Friday and Sunday Service)

| 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** -

Kruger National Park Train & Bus Tour – from Cape Town



Day 1 On arrival at the station you'll be welcomed by the tour guide. Board the train, unpack, make yourself comfortable and start enjoying the trip. The tour guide will visit you in your compartment and you can start preparing for your welcome dinner (**included** in tour price). Other passengers will join us en route. The train travels overnight.

Day 2 We travel across the Great Karoo (never underestimate or ignore the beauty of this vast space) and late afternoon we reach Egoli (Jo'burg). We disembark, board the **bus** and book in at the Road Lodge at the Carnival City Casino Complex. The evening is at leisure and dinner is for your own pocket. Overnight in the Lodge.

Day 3 We depart by bus after breakfast. En route we'll travel to the **Blydepoort Canyon**, visiting **God's Window**, **Bourke's Luck Potholes** and the **Three Rondavels**. Dinner is served (**included** in tour price) at the Hotel where we'll overnight.

Day 4 After breakfast we'll depart for the historical miners' town, **Pilgrim's Rest**. You can eat a pancake, walk the streets, buy a souvenir and take a 'photo in old Victorian clothes'. We then continue to the KNP to reach our overnight camp before dark. Dinner is served (**included** in tour price). We overnight in the KNP.

Days 5 & 6 For the following two days we depart to view game, return to the camp, be at leisure until late afternoon before we go on another short game viewing trip by bus. Dinner is served (**included** in tour price). We normally overnight both nights in the KNP in the same camp as Day 4.

Day 7 We depart again after breakfast for Gauteng, visiting the Sudwala Caves en route. Late afternoon we'll arrive again back on the highveld at the Carnival City Road Lodge. The evening is at leisure and dinner is for your own pocket. Overnight in the Lodge.

Day 8 We are transferred by bus to the Jo'burg station after breakfast. The train departs for Cape Town at 10:30. Dinner is served (**included** in the tour price) on the train and we sleep again on the train.

Day 9 The last breakfast of the tour is enjoyed on the train and passengers disembark at various stations before we arrive in Cape Town at 12:40.

NB Please note that the sequence of the days and route **will change** due to the change in the running days of the train. The contents of the itinerary remain unchanged