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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 GARDEN ROUTE & SOUTHERN CAPE **MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR** From Johannesburg to PE, George & Mossel Bay 3 Tours in 2013

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on the annual **Motorbike-on-Train Tours** to be hosted during 2013 from Johannesburg to **Garden Route & Southern Cape** and return, travelling on the Algoa & Trans Karoo Tourist Class Trains.

This tour is ideal for those who hardly ever use their bikes during the year; for the 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 opportunity to do it and to enjoy the **Garden Route** at its best.

If you are a "big biker" and you've done all the roads and routes in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, KZN, Free State and the Lowveld, and you would like to ride **curving mountain passes**, **1000's of sweeping corners** and **coastal road routes** – all on tarred roads - please **read on**.



Outeniqua pass – George to Oudtshoorn

The **Western Cape** tour was launched in 2007 and the **Garden Route** tour in 2010 and it has since grown in popularity amongst the biking fraternity. Many women, non-club bikers, bikers from various countries abroad and families have travelled with us. 43 Motorbike-on-Train tours have been hosted to various destinations since 2007 until 2012.

Visit places and travel roads that you've never seen before (or heard off); experience the scenic mountain passes with curves and corners galore; traverse the 'Klein Karoo'; dine at interesting restaurants en route; accelerate in remote stretches and enjoy the 'secrets' of the Garden Route.

Yes, we'll traverse again many mountain passes, travel more than 1200km over the 6 days, discover new places and enjoy the scenic back roads (all tarred).

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on a holiday **motorbike-on-train** tour in **2013** to the Garden Route & Southern Cape. This is a **safe** and **secure tour** for individuals, families and/or groups. (Please note this is a holiday **TOUR**, **NOT** a booze cruise, race or rally, neither a dull affair). It is a tour with stoppages en route to be able to enjoy the beauty & natural scenery the Garden Route can offer. Visit PE, Tsitsikama, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Natures Valley, Plet, Oudtshoorn, Meiringspoort and much more. You **WILL** enjoy your bike even more than ever before.

We have scheduled only three tours during the year, but **NOT** during the Southern Cape's rainy season!

This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train (with your bike **on** the train **with** you); enjoying the Garden Route, the scenic Outeniqua mountains, the beautiful Knysna Heads & splendid Oudtshoorn; sleeping in **top class hotels** with a swimming pool and other facilities; enjoying the beach and sea, visiting the most popular tourist destinations and just relax. (All this at a **very affordable** rate). We have a few pleasant surprises included in the itinerary as well. There is ample time available for leisure or extra bike trips.

When travelling by train we make use of the **Algoa & Trans Karoo Tourist** class trains.

The main purpose of this tour is to give bikers the opportunity to ride their bikes in **another and interesting environment** – with corners almost unlimited. It is not a race, though there will be a number of opportunities to use your horsepower to the full at certain spots. The different daily routes will take you past some breathtaking scenery. However, our cruising speed is within the legal limits.

The tours are scheduled to take place in autumn & summer time – hence rain should not be a problem (as the Southern Cape is a winter rainfall area), but rather bring your foul weather gear with!

All the routes are on good tarred 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 - **plus** a pillion per bike (is **very** welcome). It is not compulsory for the driver or pillion to ride every day. It could be exchanged for shopping or 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. Come experience and **live** this unique tour!

Why travel by train?

1. To cut out the long straight and boring roads of the Karoo
2. To do something different

3. 'Cause the bike can travel along on the train
4. To start fresh when arriving in the Eastern Cape
5. To have fun the moment you depart from Johannesburg
6. To rest and relax on the way back – in style
7. To enjoy the scenery from a different angle
8. 'Cause it is safe & secure
9. 'Cause travelling by train is 'lekker'
10. To discover new routes, places and people

Who may come along? Any person who is interested in visiting PE, Knysna, George, Oudtshoorn and surroundings, can ride a big bike (500cc+)(road bike or dual purpose), 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 at additional costs. All genders welcome. It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club or bike association.

Note #1: Do it together. Take your pillion along. (Sorry, no Sheila's provided!)

Note #2: Just calculate how much you save on wear and tear if NOT riding all the way to the Southern Cape on your bike.

Note #3: We host a similar 7-day Motorbike-on-Train tour from Jo'burg to the Western Cape & Boland; a dual purpose bike tour to the Namaqualand Flowers in season; another dual purpose one in the mountain passes of the Southern Cape and Easter Cape, as well as a road & dual purpose bike train tour in Namibia.

Name of tour: 2013 Garden Route Motorbike-on-Train Tour – departing from JHB

Tour dates & Number: Three (3) Tours to choose from during 2013

17 – 23 Feb	MB 3
12 – 18 May*	MB 4*
20 – 26 Oct	MB 5

Departure times:	Johannesburg	13:15	Platform 14	Day 1
	Beaufort West	19:50	Platform 1	Day 6

Arrival times:	Port Elizabeth	09:15	Platform 4	Day 2
	Johannesburg	12:15	Platform 16	Day 7

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

Price per Biker	Persons per 4-Bed Comp'ment	Persons per Hotel Room
R7600	4	2
R8280	3	2 & 1
R8440	2	2

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

Price per Biker	Persons per 2-Bed Coupe	Persons per Hotel Room
R7800	2	2
R9040	1	1

***MB # 4 coupes fully booked**

The Pillion pays R2400 per person less.

Children: Children pay the above prices. Sorry, no discount.

Deposit: A R1000 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**.

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

Included in price: Transport by train from JHB to PE & from B'west to JHB, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, 3 nights' B&B accommodation in top notch hotels en route, **transportation of motorbike** on the train, **safe parking for bikes** at the hotels, **tour guide**, as well as certain meals as per the itinerary.

Daily route briefings will be done as well.

Excluded from the tour price: Bungi jumping, expenses of a personal nature, fuel, toll gate fees, breakdowns or bike recovering costs, transfer of luggage during tour, entry fees at tourist destinations & Comprehensive Travel Insurance. Anything else not mentioned in the Information Document.

Meals: Dinner & breakfast are included on the train trips, as well as breakfast in the hotels. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and where we will be riding.

Bar facilities: Available on the train.

Train Route: You will travel on the **Algoa Tourist class train** from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth via Vereeniging, Kroonstad, Bloemfontein & Colesberg. You may join en route. (Sorry, the train does NOT depart from Pretoria anymore). The return trip is from Beaufort West via De Aar, Kimberley, Klerksdorp & Potchefstroom to Johannesburg on the **Trans Karoo Tourist class train**.

Accommodation on the train: Passengers will be accommodated in a **4-bed** compartment or **2-bed** coupe on the train.

Accommodation in the Southern Cape: Passengers will be accommodated on a B&B basis for three nights at three different upmarket hotels and lodges.



Knysna Lagoon – view from Lodge



Eight Bells Mountain Inn – in Robinson Pass

Loading of the motorbikes: All the bikes must be brought to Platform **14** at Johannesburg Park station **by latest 11:00** on the day of departure. Entry to the Platform is off Harrison Street. (**GPS:** S 26°11'490" E 28°02'218"). Owners to do loading and fastening of bikes. **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 in a “KP” carriage and will be hauled **with** the passenger train. This carriage is totally enclosed and the bikes won’t be exposed to wind and weather.

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. It will be transported by LDV.

Notes: This is a casual holiday train **tour**. It is ideal for individuals and biking families; for those who haven’t been on a train holiday or haven’t visited the Garden Route & done the many mountain passes 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.

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

Travel & Biker greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours team

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Train running times

Johannesburg – Port Elizabeth

Town	Arrival	Departure
Johannesburg		13:15
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
Port Elizabeth	09:15	

Johannesburg - Cape Town - 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 CPT to JHB train does **NOT** run on a Monday anymore.



Bikes in 'KP'



Bike off loaded

Provisional PROGRAMME

GARDEN ROUTE MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR – from JHB**Day 1 Sunday**

11:00 Passengers with bikes meet at **Johannesburg** station – Platform 14
 13:15 Train departs from Johannesburg – Platform 14
Dinner served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 First briefing session
 Travel on train overnight

Day 2 Monday

07:00 **Breakfast** on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 09:15 Disembarking at Port Elizabeth
 Day #1 of Motorbike Tour* (see bike itinerary below)
 Book in at Hotel
Dinner served at the hotel (**own** pocket)
 Evening at leisure – own program
 Sleep in Hotel

Days 3 – 5 Tuesday - Thurs

Breakfast served (**included** in the tour price)
 Days #2 - #4 of Motorbike Tour
Dinner served at the hotel (own pocket)
 Sleep in Hotel

Day 6 Friday

Breakfast served (**included** in the tour price)
 Days #5 of Motorbike Tour
Dinner served in Beaufort West**
 19:00 Loading of bikes on train in Beaufort West – Platform 1
 19:50 Train departs
 Travel on train overnight

Day 7 Saturday

Breakfast served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 12:15 Arrival at Johannesburg station – Platform 16
 Off loading of bikes
 End of tour

** Friday's night dinner in Beaufort West, before the train departs, is served at the Wagon Wheel Motel and is **included** in the tour price.

Provisional PROGRAMME

The daily programme can change

GARDEN ROUTE **MOTORBIKE** TOUR – from PE onwards



Day 2 Monday

Disembark train at PE

Route: Port Elizabeth – Hankey - Storms River Mouth – Tsitsikama

Today's distance = 310 km

Day 3 Tuesday

Route: Tsitsikama - Bloukrans Bridge – Bloukrans Pass – Groot River Pass - Natures Valley – Plettenberg Bay – Knysna Heads – Knysna

Today's distance = 310 km

Day 4 Wednesday

Route: Knysna - Wilderness – George – Trolley – Outeniqua pass - Victoria Bay – Herolds Bay – Groot Brakrivier – Ruitersbos (Eight Bells Mountain Inn)

Today's distance = 294 km

Day 5 Thursday

Route: Ruitersbos – Mossel Bay - Ruitersbos

Today's distance = 110 km

Day 6 Friday

Route: 8 Bells – Robinson Pass – Oudtshoorn – Cango Caves - Dysseldorp - de Rust – Meiringspoort - Klarstroom – Prince Albert – Beaufort West

Today's distance = 317 km

Total distance = 1341 km

This itinerary can change without notice

