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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK & LOWVELD & PANORAMA ROUTE TRAIN & BUS TOUR From Port Elizabeth 9-Days

JB Train Tours invite you to join us on our annual train tours from PE 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, water falls, 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.

You'll travel on the **Algoa 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.

Die 'Kruger Wildtuin' is vir baie mense **dié** plek om wild te kyk in Suid Afrika. 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 enigmaties.

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

*Spoornet has ceased **ALL** charter holiday trains as from 1 January 2007.

Name of tour: Kruger National Park Train & Bus Tour from Port Elizabeth in 2013

Tour dates & Number:

Friday to Saturday	31 May – 8 June	KNP 5
Friday to Saturday	16 – 24 August	KNP-6

These tours are nine (9) days long.

Departure Times:	Port Elizabeth 15:00	Platform 4	Day 1
	Johannesburg 13:15	Platform 14	Day 8

Arrival Times:	Johannesburg 11:35	Platform 14	Day 2
	Port Elizabeth 09:15	Platform 4	Day 9

Other stations' departure times: See below. Passengers may join en route.

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

4 Persons per Compartment R7600
But only 2 Persons per Hotel Room

3 Persons per Compartment R8600
& 2/1 Persons per Hotel Room

2 Persons per Compartment R8440
& same 2 Persons per Hotel Room

Coupe (2-Bed) Price per Person

2 Persons per Coupe R7800
& same 2 Persons per Hotel Room

1 Person per Coupe R10795
1 Person per Hotel Room

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 PE via Cookhouse, Cradock, Noupoot, Colesberg, Springfontein & Bloemfontein 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

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Running times of the train

Port Elizabeth - Johannesburg

Town	Arrival	Departure
Port Elizabeth		15:00
Cradock	19:25	19:32
Noupoort	22:07	22:29
Bloemfontein	04:26	04:46
Kroonstad	07:36	07:52
Vereeniging	10:07	10:10
Johannesburg	11:35	

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
Cradock	04:39	04:44
Port Elizabeth	09:15	

Running times are NOT guaranteed. Trains often run late.

Provisional **PROGRAMME** -

Kruger National Park Train & Bus Tour – from Port Elizabeth

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 at noon 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 PE at 13:15. 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 PE at 09:15.

NB Please note that the sequence of the days and route **may change** due to lack of accommodation availability on required dates.