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HAVE YOU ENTERED OUR COMPETITION?

JB Train Tours has launched a competition during the month of August whereby any person on our database stands the chance to win a **4-day Tour package** on the **Blue Train** to the value of **R27500**. The Entry Form has been e-mailed to everyone on our database last week. You only need to answer two simple questions, refer 3 friends to us and you are in line for this wonderful price.



If you have NOT received the Entry Form by e-mail, [click here](#). The competition closes on the 30th September 2011 and the winner will be announced on the 5th October 2011. All entrees will be informed of who the winner was.

We wish you all good luck in participating!!!

HUISGENOOT SKOUSPEL 2011 – SUN CITY

Dit is lentetyd en dis ook amper weer Huisgenoot Skouspel tyd by Sun City in Noordwes. Kom ry vanaf Pretoria, Centurion, Oos en Wes Rand saam na Sun City op luukse toerbusse wat die toegangskkaartjie na die Skouspel insluit. 8, 9, 15 & 16 Okt 2011. [Meer inligting](#).

4-in-1 TOUR PACKAGE: CRUISE, FLIGHT, BLUE TRAIN & COACH **VERY HOT & EXCLUSIVE!**

JB Train Tours has put together **42** different tour packages whereby clients can enjoy an **affordable trip** on the world famous **Blue Train** (or upmarket **Premier Classe** train), experience a 2- or 3- or 4-day cruise on the Melody or Sinfonia ship from Cape Town, sleep a night or more in the Mother City, be transported by coach to the harbour or airport and fly back to Johannesburg. The duration of the tours vary between 5 and 8 days.

We have negotiated these **exclusive** and **unique** tour packages with all the service providers, starting in November 2011 and continuing until March 2012. Unfortunately we could only secure limited space per trip. Hence, contact us **NOW** at upmarket@jbtours.co.za or click on 4-in-1 tour package for full details. [More info](#)

Note: The tour prices on all these packages are in certain cases **less than** the price of the **normal** Blue Train ticket price between Pretoria and Cape Town! It is ideal for holidays, honeymoons, incentives, anniversaries, engagements and much more. Spoil yourself and use your December bonus on this '**never to be repeated**' special offers. Tick this off your '**Bucket List**' of things you 'still have to do'!



Further **good news** is that we have put together a **Budget 4-in-1** Tour package as well. This package would suit families very well. [Please enquire](#)

Tour prices start at R4500 per person sharing.

INNIBOSVELD MUSIEKFEES GEKANSELLEER

Die inniBosveld Musiekfees wat die afgelope twee jaar in Februarie op Kurt Darren se Bosveldplaas buite Naboomspruit aangebied is, gaan NIE weer in 2012 plaasvind nie. JB Train Tours het by beide geleenthede die busvervoer soontoe gereël.

TRAINS SUSPENDED by SHOSHOLOZA MEYL

On the **16th August 2011**, JB Train Tours were informed by Shosholoza Meyl that all long distance Tourist Class passenger trains in South Africa will only run three times per week. Departing only on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, **effective Monday 22nd August 2011**.

This decision affected 31 of our tours scheduled for the rest of 2011. Some of these tours had to be rescheduled, whilst others had to be cancelled. Passengers had to be informed accordingly and their tour fees had to be refunded in quick time. All the service providers (Hotels, buses, places to be visited, etc.) had to be informed and we had to face (again) the grunt of unhappy customers. The JB Train Tours team worked hard, long and dedicated to make sure that everyone was informed.

On Friday evening **19th August 2011** we (JB Train Tours) were informed that the decision to suspend the trains has been recalled and "everything is back to normal!"

On Monday 22nd August 2011 we were again informed that the suspension of the trains WILL continue "**at a date to be decided upon!**"

In the mean time we have to continue with our business, organize train tours and keep people informed.

However, despite all these uncertainties, all train tours scheduled to depart on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday in 2011 **are going ahead**. [See you soon on tour!](#)

FEEDBACK on TOURS – August 2011

Feedback on Budget Tours:

Namaqualand Flowers train tour: Jo'burg to Namaqualand and West Coast
"The flowers in Namaqualand are the best we've experienced in years". This was regular feedback we've received from many passengers that went on our train tours. All the tours were fully booked and the passengers had a good time.

Namaqualand Flowers train tour: Durban to Namaqualand and West Coast
The KZN people on tour to the daisies realized that even the barren West Coast of South Africa can be beautiful in season.



Durban Budget Holiday train tour: Jo'burg to Durban

The Tshwane West Early Childhood Development Forum undertook a 5-day tour from Pretoria via Johannesburg to Durban. 56 Ladies and 4 children participated in this tour, visiting many of the sight seeing spots and tourist destinations in the Holiday City. Their feedback: "We should have stayed longer. But next year we are going to Cape Town!"



4 Tshwane West EDC Forum members
on Jo'burg's station

Test Rugby train tour: Jo'burg to Durban – Springboks vs Wallabies

The 'Bok train' ran from Jo'burg to Durban and although the spirit was high and the atmosphere good, the Springboks could not produce a win at the Kingspark Stadium. The Wallabies won the Tri Nations match but the spirit was still very high after the match.

Test Rugby train tour: Jo'burg to Port Elizabeth – Springboks vs All Blacks

The 'Bok train' to Port Elizabeth to see the Springboks take on the All Blacks was a "first time ever" to the friendly City. The All Blacks haven't played in PE since 1970. It was the first rugby test in the new Nelson Mandela Bay stadium. The Springboks have beaten the All Blacks and the spirit on tour was even better!

Feedback on Upmarket Tours:

Namibia Train Tours: Gauteng to Namibia

This tour departed from Jo'burg's station after the original departure station (Boksburg East) was declared 'not fit for duty' by the authorities. It allowed the passengers to meet in the Premier Classe lounge at Jo'burg station before departure. Just about all the popular tourist destinations in Namibia were visited. 96 passengers traveled along.

Namibia Train Tours: Namibia to Gauteng

This tour is still in progress and is scheduled to arrive back in Gauteng on the 4th September 2011. 88 passengers are traveling along.

Blue Train Tours: Pretoria to Cape Town

The special tour package on the Blue Train (at a very special discounted price) has become very popular with many people who had it on their 'Bucket list' to do one day. The Cape Tonians are making more use of it as well, traveling from CPT to PTA and flying back to CPT.



Willie & Ena Gibbens
@ Blue Train lounge, Pretoria

Namaqualand Flower Train Tours: Gauteng to Namaqualand & West Coast

All three the Tours to the daisies on the upmarket Premier Classe train went well. The extra night spent in Cape Town gave many passengers the opportunity to explore the Mother City and to enjoy local cuisine.

UPCOMING TRAIN TOURS in 2011

September 2011 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Namaqualand Flowers train tour:

Jo'burg to Namaqualand and West Coast
Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Worcester by train. From there by luxury bus to Saldanha Bay, Paternoster, Velddrift, Lamberts Bay, Vredendal, Quiver Tree Forest, etc. 4 x 7 Day tours in September 2011. Departing every Friday and Sunday.

Namaqualand Flowers train tour:

Durban to Namaqualand and West Coast
Depart from Durban on a flight to Jo'burg and then travel to Worcester by train. From there by luxury bus to Saldanha Bay, Paternoster, Velddrift, Lamberts Bay, Vredendal, Quiver Tree Forest, etc. 4 x 7 Day tours in September 2011. Departing every Friday and Sunday.

Fully booked

Kruger Wildtuin & Laeveld treintoer:

Kaapstad na Mpumalanga

Reis met die trein vanaf die Wes Kaap tot in Jo'burg en reis dan per luukse bus verder tot in die Laeveld. Besoek die Kruger Wildtuin vir 3 dae, asook die Panorama roete in die Laeveld. 1 tot 9 September 2011. Vanaf R6800 pp.

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Port Elizabeth Budget Holiday train tour:

Jo'burg to PE

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Port Elizabeth (the Friendly City) by train. Enjoy the beach, Marine World, the new Nelson Mandela Bay stadium, Board Walk casino, etc. 30 Sept to 3 Oct 2011. From R1990 pp Only 4 places still available. [More info](#)

Motorbike-on-Train tour:

Jo'burg to Western Cape

Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the train, to the Western Cape and Boland. Ride 29 mountain passes and coastal roads, have fun and meet interesting people in the small towns. 18 to 24 Sept 2011. From R6910 pp. The pillion pays less. [More info](#)

Fully booked

Kruger Wildtuin & Laeveld treintoer:

Port Elizabeth na Mpumalanga

Reis met die trein vanaf die Oos Kaap tot in Jo'burg en reis dan per luukse bus verder tot in die Laeveld. Besoek die Kruger Wildtuin vir 3 dae, asook die Panorama roete in die Laeveld. 14 tot 22 September 2011. Vanaf R6400 pp.

2 Plekke beskikbaar.

[Meer Inligting](#)

Durban Budget Holiday train tour:

Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban (the Holiday City) by train. Enjoy the beach, uShaka Marine World, the new Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast casino, etc. 30 Sept to 3 Oct 2011. From R1800 pp Only 6 places still available. [More info](#)

Cape Town Budget Holiday train tour:

Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Cape Town (the Mother City) by train. Enjoy Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point, the Castle, etc. 30 Sept to 6 Oct 2011. From R4150 pp.

Fully booked

Motorbike-on-Train tour:

Jo'burg to Namaqualand Flowers

Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the train, to Worcester. Ride the gravel and dirt roads of Namaqualand, have fun and meet interesting people in the small towns like Wupperthal and Paternoster. 2 to 8 Sept 2011. From R6990 pp. The pillion pays less.

Fully booked

September 2011 TRAIN TOURS

Upmarket Tours:

ALL the tours below are hosted every weekend of every month - subject to availability.

Durban Stylish weekend Train Tour:

JHB - DBN

This 4-day package is perfect for a quick weekend away to get out of the city. We depart every Friday afternoon and return very early Monday morning (still in time for work). Incl: return trip on the Premier Classe train, 1 night B&B in a top notch hotel, transfers.

R3 250 sharing. [Please enquire](#)

Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour:

JHB - CPT

This 4-day package is a great way to visit the Mother City over a weekend. We depart every Thursday afternoon and return on Sunday. Incl: one way trip on the Premier Classe train, 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel, transfers, return flight.

R5 220 pp sharing. [Please enquire](#)

Cape Town Stylish 4-day Honeymoon & Anniversary: JHB - CPT

This 4-day package is a great way to enjoy your honeymoon or celebrate a special occasion. We depart every Thursday afternoon and return on Sunday. Incl: one way trip on the Premier Classe train, 2 nights B&B in 4-star hotel, transfers, return flight. R5 220 pp sharing.

[Please enquire](#)

October 2011 TRAIN TOURS

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Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Cape Town (the Mother City) by train. Enjoy Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point, the Castle, etc. 2 to 8 Oct 2011. From R4150 pp. **Fully booked**

Huisgenoot Skouspel: Gauteng na Sun City

Reis per luukse bus vanaf Pretoria, Centurion, Wes Rand en Oos Rand na die Huisgenoot Skouspel wat in die Superbowl by Sun City aangebied word. Kaartjies vir die vertoning is by die pakket ingesluit. Sien 40+ Afrikaanse sangkunstenaars en 'n groot orkes saam optree. Al die bekende en groot name tree op. Ons maatskappy neem vir die afgelope dekade jaarliks 900 mense per jaar na hierdie Skouspel op 8, 9, 15 & 16 Okt 2011. 6 Vertonings om vanuit te kies. R950 pp.

[Meer inligting](#)

Huisgenoot Skouspel:

Vlieg na Gauteng en reis per bus na Sun City
Vlieg vanaf **Kaapstad, PE, Oos Londen**

Motorbike-on-Train tour:

Jo'burg to Western Cape

Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the

Bloemfontein or **Durban** na Jo'burg, oornag twee nagte in 'n top hotel en reis per luukse bus vanaf die hotel na die Huisgenoot Skouspel wat in die Superbowl by Sun City aangebied word. Kaartjies vir die vertoning is by die pakket ingesluit. Sien 40+ Afrikaanse sangkunstenaars en 'n groot orkes saam optree. Al die bekende en groot name tree op. Ons maatskappy neem jaarliks sowat 160 mense wat invlieg na hierdie Skouspel op 8, 9, 15 & 16 Okt 2011. 2 Toerdatums om vanuit te kies. Toerpryze vanaf R3800 pp. [Meer inligting](#)

Amashova Cycle Race Train tour:
Jo'burg to Durban

Put yourself and your bicycle on the train, have fun en route and in Durban, overnight in the Holiday City and ride the race on Sunday from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. A big part of the race covers the Comrades marathon route. 14 to 17 Oct 2011. R1690 pp. [More info](#)

Durban Budget Holiday train tour:

Jo'burg to Durban
Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban (the Holiday City) by train. Enjoy the beach, uShaka Marine World, the new Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast casino, etc. 21 to 24 Oct 2011. R1800 pp. [More info](#)

train, to the Western Cape and Boland. Ride 29 mountain passes and coastal roads, have fun and meet interesting people in the small towns. 9 to 15 Oct 2011. From R6910 pp. The pillion pays less. [More info](#)

Garden Route Train tour:

Jo'burg to Eastern Cape & Garden Route
Depart by train from Jo'burg to PE, travel by luxury bus and visit places en route like Tsitsikama, Knysna, Oudtshoorn, Mossel Bay & Montagu before returning from Worcester to JHB by train. 19 to 27 Oct 2011. R6100 pp. [More info](#)

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November 2011 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Motorbike-on-Train tour:

Jo'burg to Eastern Cape & Garden Route
Depart from Jo'burg, with your bike on the train, to the Eastern Cape and Garden Route. Start in PE travel via Van Stadens bridge, Patensie, Tsitsikama, Knysna, George, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn and much more. 13 to 19 Nov 2011. From R6910 pp. The pillion pays less. [More info](#)

4-in-1 Budget tours

Train, ship, buss, fly.

From November 2011 onwards until March 2012, JB Train Tours will host various 4-in-1 Tour packages from Pretoria and Jo'burg to Cape Town. Travel on a Tourist Class Train, enjoy a cruise on a luxury Ship, be transported by luxury Bus to the airport and Fly back. [More info](#)

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