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Dear Sir/Madam

### 2013 DURBAN TOP GEAR FESTIVAL **TRAIN TOUR**

From Johannesburg

**14 – 17 June 2013 (Long weekend)**

**4 Days**

**JB Train Tours** invites you to join us on a train tour to Durban in KwaZulu-Natal over the same weekend when the Top Gear Festival will be hosted in the Holiday City. This is a short, **safe** and **secure** tour for **anyone** who'd like to visit and experience the very popular and second **Top Gear Festival and Expo** <http://www.topgearfestival.co.za> to be hosted in Durban and we'd like to give you the opportunity to visit Durban and **enjoy the warm sea waters** of the Indian Ocean. **Children** can enjoy a 'real sea holiday' by train, travelling through the scenic mountain passes and many tunnels en route to Durban. Just like in the olden days!

This tour is scheduled over a long weekend – you can therefore enjoy Durban to the full without taking leave from work. There is time available to have fun, participate in activities, walk with thousands of other car fans ('petrol heads') at the Expo or relax and swim. You can build sand castles, kick balls or just sit and watch the ocean.

In Durban you'll have the opportunity to visit the **Top Gear Festival** and attend: **The Live Stadium Show AND The Street Circuit Show** AND explore the Marine Parade, uShaka Marine World, Mini Town, the beach, craft shops, etc. and/or pay a visit to the Sun Coast casino & spectacular Moses Mabhida stadium. Perhaps you could experience a 'Big Swing' over the stadium!

Your accommodation is in an upmarket hotel in Durban, right on the beach front, on the 'Golden Mile'. If you've never been to Durban or would like to visit the Holiday City again, this is a golden opportunity.

This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train; enjoying Durban (at a **very affordable & budget** rate); sleeping in a top hotel with lots of facilities; enjoying the beach and sea, visiting the most popular tourist destinations and night clubs 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, getting lost, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving back or sitting in your car. It is so

much easier and **VERY** price competitive.

**Any person** who is interested in visiting DBN and surroundings **may travel along**.

This tour is most suitable for those people who'd like to take a quick break from work; for people who has never been to the sea or older people who needs an 'escape' or break from the city's fast life, as well as school groups, churches and clubs.

This tour was launched in 2006 and became very popular in a short space of time.

We host a similar weekend tour package on the upmarket **Premier Classe** train as well. Please enquire with us.

**Note:** The tickets for the Top Gear festival are **NOT** included in the tour package and should be obtained by the passenger him/her self. There are different prices, family packages, etc. and it is available at: <http://www.topgearfestival.co.za/tickets/ticket-prices>  
It is suggested that you purchase a ticket for the Saturday afternoon/evening session or for the Sunday morning session. **NOT** for Saturday morning or Sunday evening.

**Name of tour:** 2013 Durban Budget Holiday Train Tour

**Tour dates & Number:** 14 – 17 Jun (LW) DBN 4

**Friday** afternoon to **Monday** morning **LW** = Long weekend

<b>Departure times:</b>	Johannesburg	18:30	Platform 15	Day 1 (Friday)
	Durban	19:15	Platform 14	Day 3 (Sunday)

<b>Arrival times:</b>	Durban	07:25	Platform 14	Day 2 (Saturday)
	Johannesburg	07:45	Platform 15	Day 4 (Monday)

**Note:** Trains' running times are NOT guaranteed

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

Price per Adult	Persons per Compartment	Persons per Hotel Room
R2100	4	2
R2400	3	2 & 1
R2680	2	2

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

Price per Adult	Persons per 2-Bed Coupe	Persons per Hotel Room
R2300	2	2
R3010	1	1

**Children:** Children ages 2 - 9 years pay **R280pp** less than the above price – sharing accommodation. Younger children sharing a bed with the parent will travel free of charge. ID of children required.

**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 price:** Return trip by Tourist Class train to Durban, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, 1 night's B&B accommodation in an upmarket Hotel in Durban, transport to the hotel & back to the station, **tour guide**, as well as certain meals are included in the tour price.

**Meals:** Two breakfasts and two dinners are included in the tour price. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and in Durban.

**Excluded from the tour price:** **Entry fees** to tourist destinations & meals not mentioned in the itinerary, entry to the Top Gear Festival, expenses of a personal nature, gratuities & Comprehensive Travel Insurance.

**Excursions in Durban:** No formal excursions or other bus transport in Durban are included in the tour package.

**Suggested BUS & taxi services (For private use):**

Durban People Movers [www.durbanpeoplemover.co.za](http://www.durbanpeoplemover.co.za) Tel: 031 309 5942  
Mozzie Cabs [www.mozziecabs.co.za](http://www.mozziecabs.co.za) Tel: 031 303 5787

**Route:** You will travel on the **Trans Natal Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to Durban via Newcastle & back.

**Accommodation:** Passengers will be accommodated for one night in a good **Hotel** on Durban's Marine Parade, right opposite the beach. The rooms are spacious with good facilities.

Life guards are on duty on the beach 7 days per week.

**Notes:** This is a casual holiday train tour. It is ideal for families; those who haven't been on a train holiday or haven't visited Durban, and for those people who'd like to attend the Top Gear Festival 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 Badenhurst &  
The JB Train Tours team

**Running times of Train**

Train Station	Arrival	Departure	Train Station	Arrival	Departure
<b>Johannesburg</b>		18:30 day 1	<b>Durban</b>		19:15 day 3
Germiston	18:45 day 1	19:00 day 1	Pietermaritzburg	21:26 day 3	21:36 day 3
Standerton	21:11 day 1	21:20 day 1	Ladysmith	00:32 day 4	00:41 day 4
Newcastle	23:24 day 1	23:50 day 1	Newcastle	02:35 day 4	02:40 day 4
Ladysmith	01:24 day 2	01:31 day 2	Standerton	04:51 day 4	05:10 day 4
Pietermaritzburg	04:41 day 2	04:58 day 2	Germiston	08:13 day 4	08:23 day 4
<b>Durban</b>	07:21 day 2		<b>Johannesburg</b>	08:44 day 4	

## Provisional PROGRAMME

### 2013 DURBAN BUDGET HOLIDAY **TRAIN** TOURS – from JHB



#### Day 1 Friday

- 17:45 Meet at JHB station – Platform 15
- 18:30 Train departs from JHB
  - Dinner served on the train – (**included** in the tour price)
  - Sleep on the train (Bedding **included** in the tour price)

#### Day 2 Saturday

- Breakfast served (**included** in the tour price)
- 07:25 Arrive Durban station
  - Transport to the hotel (**included** in the tour price)
  - Check in at Hotel (store luggage in store room until rooms are available)
  - Morning at leisure
  - Lunch – **own** pocket
  - Afternoon at leisure OR attend Top Gear Festival
  - Dinner – **own** pocket
  - Evening at leisure
  - Sleep over at Hotel

#### Day 3 Sunday

- Breakfast served at Hotel – (**included** in the tour price)
- Morning at leisure OR attend Top Gear Festival
- 10:00 Book out of hotel but luggage stays in the hotel (in store room)
  - Lunch – **own** pocket
  - Afternoon at leisure
- 17:00 Dinner served in Durban - (**included** in the tour price)
- 18:00 Transport from hotel to Durban station (**included** in the tour price)
- 19:15 Train departs
  - Sleep on the train (Bedding **included** in the tour price)

#### Day 4 Monday

- 08:44 Arrive JHB
- End of tour

Please note that the running times of the trains are **NOT** guaranteed. It **often** runs late.