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Dear **Biker/Pillion**

BMW GS ECO 2013 **MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR**

From Johannesburg to East London
For BMW GS Dual purpose bikes
16 to 21 October 2013
Wednesday to Monday
6 Days

JB Train Tours, in co-operation with the **BMW GS Eco 2013** organisers, invites you to join us on this **Motorbike-on-Train Tour** to be hosted during October 2013 from Johannesburg to the venue outside East London (and return), travelling on the Amatola Tourist Class Train.

We host a variety of Motorbike-on-Train Tours (see below). This tour is ideal for those who would like to enjoy the BMW GS Eco 2013 but does not want to ride the **980 km** from Pretoria to East London (and back again). It is suitable for the any BMW GS biker, as well as for those who would like to enjoy the train trip and have fun en route.



You and friends sit back and relax on the train, sleep and dine on board, talk bikes and beers, enjoy the scenery en route and see the country side from a different angle. You will arrive **well rested and safe** – both directions.

The **official dates** of the BMW GS Eco 2013 are from Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning: 17 – 20 October 2013. The dates of this tour cover the whole event.

Pillions are more than welcome and are actually encouraged to travel along.

Please visit the official BMW GS Eco website at www.gseco.co.za for more detailed information about the event.

Since 2007 when the first Motorbike-on-Train tour has been organised, we have hosted more than 45 similar tours to different destinations. Come and live (and ride) this experience with us. Earlier this year a number of bikers & pillions travelled with us from Jo'burg to the **BMW BikeFest** in Goudini outside Worcester in the Western Cape.

This is a **safe** and **secure tour** for individuals, bike families and/or groups. (Please note this is a holiday **TOUR, NOT a booze cruise, race or rally**, neither a dull affair).

The tour is limited to a **maximum of 22 motorbikes - plus** a pillion per bike (is very welcome). I.e.: Max. 44 passengers per tour and event.

Are you tired of phoning, looking for accommodation en route and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there. Go and **live** this unique tour & event!

Why travel by train?

1. To cut out the longs 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
11. To save and protect your bike from long & unnecessary km's on roads through the Karoo



Who may come along? Any person who is interested in attending the BMW GS Eco 2013. By the way, you must bring your own **BMW GS** bike! All genders & ages are welcome. It is **NOT** a pre-requisite that you have to belong to any club or bike association. Friends, individuals, couples, etc. are more than welcome, BUT you **MUST** ride a BMW GS – no other bikes allowed.

Note #1: Do it together. Take your pillion along.

Note #2: This is an unique experience.

***Note # 3:** We host 6 & 7-day tour from Jo'burg to the Garden Route; Namaqualand Flowers; Namibia; Western & Eastern Cape Gravel Roads; Cape Town and the Boland, Route 62 on the **Blue Train**, as well as a Lowveld tour departing from Cape Town.

More details on all the above tours available from us.

Note #4: Just calculate how much you save on wear and tear if NOT riding all the way to the Eastern Cape on your bike.

Name of tour: BMW GS Eco 2013 Motorbike-on-Train Tour – from JHB

Tour dates & Number: Wednesday to Monday (6 days)

16 – 21 October 2013

MB Eco

Departure times:	Johannesburg	Day 1	14:20	Platform 16
	East London	Day 5	14:15	Platform 1

Arrival times:	East London	Day 2	10:20	Platform 1
	Johannesburg	Day 6	10:50	Platform 16

Tour price: Compartment on Train: 4-Bed

Price per Person	Persons per 4-Bed Comp'ment
R1999	4
R2259	3
R2779	2

Coupe on Train: 2-Bed

Price per Person	Persons per 2-Bed Coupe
R2199	2
R2979	1

PLUS R2600 per bike for both train trips

Discount: If 12 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get **NO** refund.
 If 13 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R300 refund*.
 If 14 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R400 refund.
 If 15 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R500 refund.
 If 16 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R600 refund.
 If 17 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R700 refund.
 If 18 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R800 refund.
 If 19 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R900 refund.
 If 20 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R1000 refund.
 If 21 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R1050 refund.
 If 22 **bikes** go on tour, each biker will get R1100 refund.

In practice it means that if 22 bikers go on tour, each biker will pay only R1500 per bike for the transport of his/her bike (return trip).

* Please note that **pillions** won't be refunded!

Passengers will be informed (will actually see) **on tour** how many bikes have been booked & will be refunded in cash **on** the tour. Good petrol or spending money!

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. I.e.: By 3rd July 2013. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically. Book **NOW**.

Closing date: It is when all the available spaces are sold out.

Included in tour price: Return transport by Tourist Class train to the Eastern Cape, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, as well as certain meals as per the itinerary.

Excluded from the tour price: **Entry fees** at BMW Eco Challenge, accommodation at BMW Eco Challenge, expenses of a personal nature, fuel, toll gate fees, **transportation of motorbike** on the train (see above price list), breakdowns or bike recovering costs & Comprehensive Travel Insurance. Anything else not mentioned in the Information Document.

Meals: Dinner & breakfast are included on the return train trip from JHB to East London. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train.

Bar facilities: Available on the train.

Train Route: You will travel on the **Amatola Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to East London via Vereeniging, Kroonstad, Hennenman, Bloemfontein, Springfontein & Queenstown. You may join en route. (Sorry, the train does NOT depart from Pretoria anymore).

Accommodation on the train: Passengers will be accommodated in a **4-bed** compartment or **2-bed** coupe on the train. The number of coupes on the train is very limited.

Accommodation at the BMW GS Eco 2013 venue: Please visit the website at www.gseco.co.za to book your accommodation.

Venue for BMW GS Eco 2013: This year the venue is at the **Areena Riverside Resort**, +- 30 km to the North East of East London. Their website: www.areenaresort.com

Entry to the BMW GS Eco 2013: Please visit the website at www.gseco.co.za to enter. Entries have opened on the 25th June 2013 and is restricted to a maximum of 600 bikes.

Loading of the motorbikes: All the bikes must be brought to Platform **14** at Johannesburg Park station **by latest at 10:00** 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 the loading and fastening of bikes. **Please bring your own tie-downs**. Four tie-downs are more than enough. (Preferably ratchet). You are welcome to **bring your own** blankets or cloth for your bike.

Petrol tanks to be **not** more than half full.

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. Don’t take the whole wardrobe. On arrival in East London you have to transport your own luggage to the venue (+- 30 km).
Please mark each piece of luggage or bag clearly with your name on it.

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. To date (19th May 2013) we’ve hosted 45 Motorbike-on-Train Tours in Southern Africa since 2007.

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.

Click on this link to see more pictures of the **Tourist Class** train:

<http://www.jbtours.co.za/photo-gallery.php#TrainTouristClass/1>

Travel & Biker greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours team

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Running times of the train

Johannesburg – East London
(Wednesday, Friday and Sunday Service)

Station	Class available	Day	Arr.	Dep.
Johannesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1		14:20
Vereeniging	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	15:52	16:00
Kroonstad	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	18:17	18:32
Bloemfontein	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	21:15	21:35
Burgersdorp	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	02:50	03:05
Queenstown	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	05:55	06:10
East London	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	10:20	

East London – Johannesburg
(Wednesday, Friday and Sunday Service)

Station	Class available	Day	Arr.	Dep.
East London	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1		14:15
Queenstown	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	18:40	19:00
Burgersdorp	Sleeper / Sitter	Day1	21:36	21:56
Bloemfontein	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	03:41	04:01
Kroonstad	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	06:52	07:08
Vereeniging	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	09:25	09:29
Johannesburg	Sleeper / Sitter	Day2	10:50	

Please note that running times are **not** guaranteed. Trains **often** run late.

Provisional PROGRAMME

**BMW GS Eco 2013 – from JHB
MOTORBIKE-on-TRAIN TOUR****Day 1 Wednesday 16 Oct**

10:00 Passengers with bikes meet at **Johannesburg** station – Platform 14
 Loading of bikes
 14:20 Train departs Johannesburg – Platform 16
 Dinner served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 Travel overnight

Day 2 Thursday 17 Oct

07:00 **Breakfast** on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 10:20 Train arrives East London
 Off loading of bikes
 Departure for BMW GS Eco (+- 30 km)
 Register at event
 Participate in BMW GS Eco activities up to Sunday morning 20th Oct 2013

Day 5 Sunday 20 Oct

 Depart for East London station
 12:00 Loading of bikes on train – East London station, Platform 1
 14:15 Train departs for JHB
 Dinner served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 Travel overnight

Day 6 Monday 21 Oct

Breakfast served on the train (**included** in the tour price)
 10:50 Arrival at Johannesburg station – Platform 16
 Off loading of bikes
 End of tour

BOOKING FORMPLEASE WRITE WITH A **BLACK PEN** AND IN **BOLD LETTERS**Complete in **full**. **One form** per bike**FAX TO:** 086 687 7344 or 011 913 0552**Attention: JB Train Tours****Train Tour Name:** BMW GS Eco 2013 Motorbike Train Tour – from JHB to EL**Tour dates:** 14 to 20 October 2013 **Tour No:** MB Eco**Name and Surname:** _____ **Title:** Mr/Mrs/Ms**ID:** _____**Tel No:** _____ (Code) _____ (W) _____ (Code) _____ (H)**Cell phone:** _____ **Fax No:** _____ (Code) _____**E-mail address:** _____ (NB!)**Postal address:** __________ **Code:** _____**Name & surname of your pillion:** _____**Where will you board the train?** _____**4-Bed Compartment** _____ **or 2-Bed Coupe** _____**I want to share the compartment/coupe on the train with the following person/people:**

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| 1. _____ | Male/Female | 2. _____ | Male/Female |
| | Adult/Child | | Adult/Child |
| 3. _____ | Male/Female | Number of people in your compartment: _____ | |
| | Adult/Child | | |

Your bike's details: (Type, Model, Size) _____**Registration Number:** _____ **I have a valid driver's licence:** _____Attached is the **deposit of R1000** per person/**full payment** of: **R** _____

(I understand and accept that my deposit is non-refundable, unless the tour is cancelled prior to departure & that the balance must be paid by latest 6 weeks before departure date)

Indemnity: I understand and accept that the organisers will not be held liable for any losses of any kind, injuries, inconvenience, cancellations or delays that may occur. See www.jbtours.co.za**Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____**Next of kin Name:** (for emergencies): _____**Tel No:** _____ (Code) _____ **Cell:** _____

Banking details:	Account Name: JB Tours	Bank:	ABSA
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