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Dear Sir/Madam

2013 WEEKEND BUDGET TOUR in a LUXURY COACH to MAPUTO in MOZAMBIQUE Pretoria, Johannesburg & OR Tambo Airport to Maputo (Return) 4 Days

Mozambique and Maputo, the capital of our neighbouring country, is a hidden gem to be discovered by South African tourists. It has so much to offer with its diverse cultures, historical architecture (with Portuguese influence), beautiful beaches, luke warm water of the Indian Ocean, friendly people, good food (especially sea food & chicken), affordable and interesting local markets, as well as their current economical growth. Go and see a country in re-birth.

The wide streets (Avenues) of Maputo, the many palm trees and the good weather actually makes it a holiday paradise and tourist destiny.

It is a safe country with lots to offer. Come and discover and experience Maputo with us at a very affordable rate. We'll give you a brief introduction to this country and wet your appetite in four (4) days to such a level that you'll soon want to do the 8-day tour to Mozambique & Swaziland with us!

This tour was launched in 2011 and hosted for the first time in 2012. It became one of our **success stories of 2012** in a very short space of time. To such an extend that on some dates we had to book two coaches per tour to take everyone to Maputo! Eight (8) of the scheduled tours were fully booked – some of them long in advance.

It became a 'yuppie thing' as well. Not being to Maputo or Moz with no passport stamp of that country and you are lacking something!

The luxury coach normally departs on a Friday morning from Gauteng to reach Komatipoort in the Lowveld in the early afternoon before crossing the border at the Lebombo border post into Mozambique. (Ressano Garcia = Mozambique border post). One soon realises that you are in a foreign country: The official language is Portuguese! Though many people in the capital can use English to a certain extent. It is a trip less than two hours by coach from the border post to

Maputo. (Did you know that Maputo is only 545 km from Pretoria? Closer than Durban from PTA!)

All passengers **DO** need a valid **passport** to enter Mozambique, though South African citizens do **not** need a visa. Other countries' citizens **DO** need a visa – **NOT** obtainable at the border whilst on tour.

We would like to introduce you to Catembe, the Iron House, the Maputo Waterfront restaurant, traditional Costa del Sol restaurant (since 1938 run by the same family), the historical railway station, the nightlife in the capital, the old & new buildings, the beachfront, exclusive Polana Hotel, the sumptuous seafood available, the Saturday Bazar, interesting streets and perhaps a trip to Inhaca Island (optional), the street vendors, the local taxis, the ferry over the harbour bay, the new and modern Maputo Shopping Mall, traditional markets (VERY interesting) and MUCH more. The 4 days are actually too short....

Come and travel this coming year by luxury bus from Jo'burg and Pretoria to Maputo. We depart from the **Pretoria Gautrain station, Jo'burg Park Railway station (Bus terminal) and OR Tambo airport** in order to give everyone the opportunity to travel safely to the departure point, have ample parking space available and to travel 'in style'! People from outside Gauteng can fly in on the morning of departure and fly out on Day 4 of returning back.

This is a 'jam packed' tour to allow you to be away from home only for a short period, but still enjoy comfort, safety, service and value for money. Similar packages with **other** companies will cost you R5500+ pp.

(**Note:** We have spent **many** days in Mozambique over the past five years to familiarise ourselves with the country, its customs and practices, to be able to put together a feasible and affordable package with good value for money. The lessons learnt during our 2012 tours to Maputo helped us to make a few improvements on the 2013 tours).

There are many ways of travelling to Maputo. Another one is by **luxury bus** at an **affordable** price. (We would love to take you there by train, but it is currently not possible). **No driving**, no tollgate, no punctures, **no petrol increases** and no car breakdowns. Neither any major challenges with customs, border crossings and getting lost in a foreign country. Just sit back and relax. We'll do the work. You have the fun.

Like all our other tours, safety is of utmost importance to us. People from all walks of life, all ages and genders and from afar **regularly** travel with us – either by train, plane or bus. The tour guide on tour with you will assist and help you to get the maximum benefit out of your tour. This tour is ideal for ANY person who would like to re-discover the old LM (Lourenco Marques) of yesteryear.

Although the tour was carefully planned and we want to share **with** and show **to** you as much as possible in this short period, you will have free and leisure time available as well.

Going to a foreign Africa country could be VERY challenging. We take all the planning, worries and concerns out of your hands. Just sit back, relax and enjoy the neighbouring country, scenery and new friends. Book NOW!

The roads between the two capitals (Pretoria and Maputo) are 'all the way' good quality and in a good condition and become very scenic closer to the Lowveld and the sea.

See pictures of some of the places to be visited whilst in Maputo at the bottom of this memo.

What else can you expect to see and experience?

- Ox driven ploughs
- Liquor sales by street vendors
- Jacaranda trees
- 2M & Laurentina beer
- Friendly people & fun
- 1000's of street vendors and informal shops
- Tuc-Tuc taxis & heavily loaded 'bakkies'
- Beautiful sunrises
- Hot and humid weather in the summer
- Night life

Who may go: Any person interested in visiting this city and country. Children and families are very welcome.

Dates & Tour Number: 12 Tour dates to choose from during 2013

8 - 11 February	Map # 1	Fri - Mon
21 - 24 Mar (Long weekend)	Map # 2	Thurs - Sun
29 Mar - 1 Apr (Easter weekend)	Map # 3	Fri - Mon
24 - 27 May	Map # 4	Fri - Mon
14 - 17 Jun	Map # 5	Fri - Mon
26 - 29 Jul	Map # 6	Fri - Mon
9 - 12 Aug	Map # 7	Fri - Mon
21 - 24 Sept (Long weekend)	Map # 8	Sat - Tues
25 - 28 Oct	Map # 9	Fri - Mon
8 - 11 Nov	Map # 10	Fri - Mon
15 - 18 Dec (Long weekend)	Map # 11	Sun - Wed
27 - 30 Dec 2013 (Year end)	Map # 12	Fri - Mon

Departure times:

08:00	Pretoria Gautrain station (Parking area)	Day 1
09:00	Jo'burg Eailway station (Bus terminal)	Day 1
10:00	OR Tambo (Bus terminal - at Intercontinental Hotel)	Day 1
08:00	Maputo	Day 4

Arrival times:

18:00	Maputo	Day 1
18:00	OR Tambo	Day 4
19:00	Jo'burg station	Day 4
20:00	Pretoria Gautrain station	Day 4

Passengers flying in to OR Tambo airport to join the tour should **not arrive later** than **09:00** on Day 1 nor depart back **before 19:00** on Day 4.

Note: If the bus runs late due to unforeseen circumstances and a passenger misses his/her return flight any additional arrangements are for the pocket of the passenger.

En route we'll view various scenic landscapes and interesting tourist spots.

Tour price: **R3400 per person sharing** Two persons per room in the hotel

R4300 per person single One person per room in the hotel

Children older than 2 years of age pay the above price. Younger = No charge

Deposit: A **non-refundable** deposit of R500 per person is to be paid when booking is done. The balance must be paid **by latest six weeks** before departure date. If not done, the booking will be cancelled automatically

Included in the tour price: Return bus trip in a luxury coach, certain meals, three nights accommodation (B&B), tour guide, safety and security.

Meals: Three breakfasts & one dinner are included in the tour price.

Excluded from the tour price: Entry fees to any sight seeing spots, ferry transfers, excursions not mentioned, expenses of a personal nature, meals not mentioned, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, flight costs, car parking & gratuities.

Our Banking details: See at the bottom of the **Reservation Form**.

Transport: You'll be travelling to Maputo in a luxury coach with AirCon, reclining seats, TV and PA system. Some coaches will have a Toilet in, but we'll stop enough times for 'body & smoke breaks'. Only companies with good safety track records are used. I.e.: Pro Tours Buses.

On the bus: Music, AirCon, reclining seats, curtains & PA system.

Smoking on the bus: Not allowed.

Liquor in the bus: Not allowed

Accommodation: You'll be staying in the well-located 4 star **Cardoso Hotel** in Maputo overlooking the sea and Catembe. www.lonrhohotels.com/content/hotel-cardoso

Note: The rooms in the hotels are NOT exactly the same. It differs in shape, size, decoration, view, lay out, etc.

Ferry: The ferry between Maputo (main land) and Catembe (other side of the harbour bay) takes between 10 and 60 minutes to cross. (It departs when it is full). One way ticket costs between 5 and 10 Meticals pp (= R1.50 to R3).

It operates between 05:30 and 23:30 daily. Sundays and Public Holidays could be slightly more expensive.

The ferry between Maputo and Inhaca Island take about 2 hours and 30 minutes (one way) and cost about R500 pp. On arrival at Inhaca island an additional 200Mt (+R70) must be paid to the authorities. This is an optional trip and NOT included in the tour price.

- Medical:** Please take your own medication & Medical Funds Card with you.
- Route:** From Pretoria, Jo'burg & ORTIA via eMalahleni (Witbank), Middelburg, Belfast, Machadodorp, Nelspruit (by pass), Komatipoort, Matola to Maputo & return.
- Embarking:** You **may join the tour** at any of the above-mentioned places. Please indicate on your Reservation Form.
- Safe parking:** Safe parking available at all Gautrain stations. For your own account.
- Departure times:** Please note all the departure times carefully. If you stay behind, you have to catch up at your own cost. The coach does **not** wait.
- Reservation Form:** Please complete the attached Reservation Form in full - **One form per person or couple**. (We need this for insurance purposes). Your e-mail address & cell phone numbers are very handy. Please **attach** your Bank Deposit slip when faxing the Form to us. Write your name and the tour number on the Bank Deposit slip.
- Join in:** It is a marvellous experience going on a trip like this. It is **not** for moaners or groaners, but for people who'd like to enjoy a good trip in a beautiful area. Discover Maputo the easy way.
- Closing dates** are when the coach is fully booked. Book **NOW!**
- Tour Bookings:** Complete the Reservation Form **today** and secure your spot on the tour.
- Group and company bookings** are welcome. You may book the whole bus. We'll collect you at any place (in Gauteng) at no extra charges. (Ideal for group or company break-away).
- Confirmation:** Your booking will be confirmed in writing once your deposit reflects in our bank account.
- Cancellation of the tour:** If the tour is to be cancelled prior to departure for whatever reason, your money will be refunded **in full**. No cancellations will be accepted within the 6 weeks prior to departure. A transfer of your booking to another new passenger is allowed – with the consent of the tour operator.
- Passport:** You do need a passport which is valid for at least another 6 months on day of entry into Mozambique, as well as two clean pages in your passport.
- Visas:** South African citizens do **not** need a visa to enter Moz. Other countries' citizens should get their visas **before** departure – it is **NOT** available at the border gate whilst on tour. JB Train Tours does **NOT** know which foreign countries' citizens need a Visa. The passenger needs to establish it himself.
- Currency:** The local currency is Meticals (Pronounced Meti-causch). In September 2012 the exchange rate was roughly 3.3 Mets = 1 ZAR. Some stores in Maputo will accept South African Rands and credit cards are accepted widely at recognised dealers.

There will be sufficient opportunity en route to convert SA Rands to Meticals.

Read this website for more background about Moz: www.moz.net

Malaria: Mozambique is a malaria area. Take your medicines before departure after consulting your doctor or pharmacist. We recommend that you take anti-mosquito repellents, I.e.: “Peaceful sleep”, etc. and *rubs* with you on tour. Wear long sleeve shirts after dark.

Luggage: Each passenger is allowed to take only **ONE** suitcase or travel bag along. You do **not** need formal wear on this tour! Just smart casual clothing.

Enquiries: Any questions, please contact us.

Regards

Johan Badenhorst
& JB Train Tours Team

Please note that we host 6 x **8-day** tours in 2012 as well, spending more time in Mozambique and travel northwards to places like Bilene, Macia, Manhica and Maracuenne. En route we visit Swaziland and the Kruger National Park briefly as well during the 8-day tour.



Cathedral



Beach & vegetation



Iron House



Sunrise over Maputo



Statue of Pres. Samora Machel



Fun in the sea



"Check our passports!"



Cardoso Hotel in Maputo



Where to now?



Sea food



Local taxi



Inhambane Island arrival



Inhaca Island ferry



Catembe ferry



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Provisional

PROGRAM – 2013

Weekend Coach tour to Maputo, Mozambique

Day 1

08:00 Bus departs – Pretoria Gautrain station (Parking area)
09:00 Bus departs – Jo'burg Railway station (Bus terminal)
10:00 Bus departs – OR Tambo Airport (Bus terminal - Behind Intercontinental Hotel)
Stop en Route
Cross border near Komatipoort
Book in at Hotel in Maputo
Dinner in Maputo (**Included** in the tour price)
Sleep in Hotel

Day 2

From 07:00 Breakfast in Hotel (**Included** in the tour price)
09:00 Depart by bus for orientation & sight seeing tour of city
Lunch & Dinner – **own** account
Ferry to Catembe & back (optional) **OR** Inhaca Island (optional)
Afternoon at leisure
Evening own programme
Sleep in Hotel

Day 3

From 07:00 Breakfast at Hotel (**Included** in the tour price)
Day at leisure. All excursions are optional. I.e.: Ferry to Inhaca Island (full day excursion), visit Bazar & CBD' go to the beach, etc.
Lunch & Dinner own account
Evening – own programme
Sleep at Hotel

Day 4

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel (**Included** in the tour price)
Book out of Hotel
08:00 Bus departs for RSA
Stop en route
18:00 Arrive OR Tambo
19:00 Arrive Jo'burg Eailway station
20:00 Arrive Pretoria Gautrain station
End of tour

FAX TO: 086 687 7344 or 011 913 0552

Attn: JB Train Tours

BOOKING – Bus tour from Gauteng to [Maputo, Mozambique](#)

(Please complete in full – one form per person or couple)

Tour Date: _____

Tour No: _____

Name & Surname: _____ (M/F) _____

Tel No: _____ (Code) _____ (W) _____ (Code) _____ (H)

Cell: _____ **Fax No:** _____ (Code) _____

E-mail address: _____ (NB!)

Postal address: _____ **Code:** _____

I'd like to share a room with the following person:

Name & Surname

_____ (M/F) _____

Attached deposit/full payment for: **R** _____

Where will you board the bus? _____

If flying in to OR Tambo, **your flight details:**

Time of arrival: _____ **Flight Number:** _____ **Date:** _____

Time of departure: _____ **Flight Number:** _____ **Date:** _____

Disclosure: I understand and accept that the organisers will not be held responsible for any losses or injuries of any nature, including delays or cancellations that may occur. I've read, understand and agree to the Generic Information Document. (Available on request or on our website at www.jbtours.co.za)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Next of kin Name: (for emergencies): _____

Tel No: _____ (Code) _____ **Cell:** _____

Banking details: **Account Name:** JB Tours **Bank:** ABSA

Account No: 405 307 1777 **Branch:** Boksburg (632005) **Account:** Cheque

Please attach the Bank Deposit slip