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Dear Sir/Madam

SWAKOPMUND (Namibia) HOLIDAY **TRAIN** TOUR

During peak season in December 2013

Departs Windhoek & ends in Windhoek

(Link up from Cape Town, Johannesburg & other cities by air, bus or car)
8 Days & 7 Nights

This new tour and tour price is offered at a discounted price: Almost two for the price of one! Plus a child can travel for a fraction of the price.

JB Train Tours annually hosts 3 x 10-day tours and 9 x 7-day train tours in Namibia, visiting this beautiful country and doing excursions off the train by bus.

Due to public demand and to address the travel needs of many old Namibians as well as locals and people from South Africa, we have decided to host **three extra** train tours during the peak holiday season in December 2013 from Windhoek to Swakopmund (return).

Many people would say that 'you are mad to travel in December by train in Namibia', but we say *'No, we only travel in the **air conditioned** train from Windhoek to Swakopmund, without excursions en route, to be able to stay a week in the mild temperature of the holiday town of Swakopmund during the peak holiday season!'*



Swakopmund is always a quant little busy town during the year with good facilities, a nice beach and quality restaurants and stores. However, annually during December and January 'everyone' goes to Swakopmund for their holiday and it becomes a buzzing, bubbling and vibe town! The temperature varies between 15 and 22 degrees Celcius during December.

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on these inaugural train tours in our **beautiful** neighbouring country, Namibia. It is a country of contrast, endless horizons and soft natural colours. It is a big country with long distances to be covered. On this tour you will spend most of your time in Swakopmund – like going on a sea holiday in Margate. We'll travel during the day and night to allow you sufficient time to enjoy the scenery en route, but to sleep on the train whilst travelling as well. You will spend five full days in Swakopmund.

This well priced tour is the ideal opportunity for a quick break away for couples, friends, companies (group bookings are welcome), clubs or families. A child **under 13 years** of age on the day of departure, sharing a compartment with adults, will pay substantially less.

The train will serve as your means of transport from Windhoek to Swakopmund and back AND you will sleep on the train for 7 nights. Certain meals are provided on the train as well.

Please take note that we do **NOT** host any excursions on this tour, neither do we provide transport in Swakopmund. Everything is within walking distance of the train and you decide your own daily programme. See summary of available excursions below.

The train is parked at Swakopmund's station. It is 1.07km from the main beach. The CBD of the town, with restaurants, shops and activities that lies in between.



The tour starts in Windhoek and passengers can fly in from Johannesburg, Cape Town or abroad to Windhoek. Local people, Namibians, are more than welcome to travel along as well. We'll collect passengers at Windhoek's Hosea Kutako airport and transfer you to the station (included in the price). Some people can **drive** to Windhoek to join the tour **OR** you can travel with Intercape bus www.intercape.co.za from just about anywhere in South Africa. The Intercape bus terminal is **right at** the Windhoek Railway station.

There is safe car parking in Windhoek available. It is right at the station, at Trans Namib's head office and **free of charge** to our passengers. The parking is **shaded** as well.

We travel on the **Namibian Desert Express** train – a **luxury** train. This tour can accommodate only 48 passengers at a time. Be part of it. It is a locally based train and belongs to the Namibian government.

More pictures of the train: www.jbtours.co.za/photo-gallery.php#TrainDesertExpressLuxurious/1



Are you tired of driving, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? Travelling in a foreign country can be challenging. We'll make it easier for you. When travelling by train, you don't have to worry about increasing petrol prices, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving or getting lost and we show you the places you did not know exist! It is so much easier and **VERY** price competitive.

Any person who is interested in going to Swakopmund may join us! I.e.: Family, friends & groups from anywhere! It is ideal for companies for incentives as well. There are only **three** of these **7-day** train tours to be hosted during December 2013 and it is limited to a maximum of 46 passengers per tour.

Please **make sure** that your passport still has got **two empty pages** for customs' stamps and it is still valid for another six months when entering the country. No visa is needed for SA Citizens. (Please do not punch any holes in your passport for any reason.)

Remember when travelling by train you unpack only once.

This tour is hosted in conjunction with Desert Express – the on board services provider.

Note: We have hosted Namibian train tours for the past decade departing from South Africa. Due to logistical challenges we have decided to depart in future from Windhoek, allowing passengers from across South Africa and abroad to join the tour in the Namibian capital.

Use your Voyager miles or other discounted miles to fly to Windhoek.

Note: In 2014 we'll again be hosting 3 x 10-day and 10 x 7-day tours to Namibia.

Important Notice: We are a **Foreign Tour Operator** registered under the Namibian Tourism Board Act, 2000 (Act No. 21 of 2000) Section 24 with Registration Number: **FOR00125**.

The original legal Certificate of Registration for Regulated Business (in Namibia) is **on display** at our offices (as requested by law).

Dit bly maar altyd lekker om deur ons buurland te reis. Die mense is vriendelik, die natuur asemrowend, die wild volop, die besoekpunte interessant en die stede en dorpe skoon.

Kom hou saam vakansie in Swakopmund, die Namibiese vakansiedorp, gedurende Desember. Hierdie toer is vir alle ouderdomme en kwale geskik! 'n Mens moet net LUS wees om te kuier – dan hoort jy op hierdie toer!

Ons ry met die luukse Desert Express trein. 'n Verdere bonus is dat die toer in Windhoek begin en eindig en dat u vanaf/na Johannesburg of Kaapstad of Frankfurt kan **vlieg**. Die lang

treinrit tussen Suid-Afrika & Namibië word dan uitgeskakel en ons het meer tyd beskikbaar om in Namibië te kuier.

Namibiese inwoners wat graag in Swakopmund wil gaan vakansiehou, is welkom om in Windhoek by die toer aan te sluit.

Name of tour: 2013 Swakopmund Train Tour – 8 Days & 7 Nights

Tour dates & Number: Monday to Monday

16 – 23 December 2013 Nam # 14

23 – 30 December 2013 Nam # 15

30 Dec 2013 – 6 Jan 2014 Nam # 16

Reporting time in Windhoek: 16:00 Day 1

Departure station: The train departs from **Windhoek** main station in Namibia

Tour price: **Suite (2-Bed)**

Persons/Suite (Twin beds)

R15000 per Couple 2

R13600 per Person (Single) 1

A child **sharing** a 3-bed compartment with **two** full paying passengers will pay **R3400 pp**. Child = 12 years of age and younger.

Note: The **normal** rate is R14000 per person sharing. This special is available at **R15000 per couple**.

Deposit: A **R3000 per person non-refundable deposit** is needed when a booking is done. The balance is due **by latest** six weeks before departure date. If this is not done, you'll forfeit your reservation and deposit. **No cancellation** within the six weeks period. The R3000 deposit forms part of your tour price.

Bookings have opened for these tours. You may book two consecutive tours as well if you would prefer to stay longer.

If you would like us to do your flight booking as well, an additional **non-refundable** deposit of **R3200 per person** is needed. If the flight is more expensive you'll have to pay the outstanding balance to us.

Insurance: As a rule we **highly recommend** our passengers to arrange **comprehensive travel insurance** once booked for a tour to cover all possible losses, injuries, cancellations, etc.* (Contact your local Travel Insurance company).

* JB Train Tours shall not be held responsible for damage to, or loss or theft of personal luggage and belongings, nor can we be liable for personal injury, accident, illness or death. JB Train Tours will also not be responsible for instances where circumstances beyond its control lead to an interruption, earlier termination, or cancellation of any particular trip. Such circumstances shall include, but not be limited to instances of vis major/force majeure and/or casus fortuitus (acts of God such as floods and other natural disasters, fortuitous and unforeseen events, etc.). We strongly urge you to adequately cover for any eventualities with your insurance agent. We recommend

that you also purchase a "trip cancellation" protection insurance to cover yourself in the unlikely event of a late cancellation or loss.

Meals: 7 x quality Breakfasts and 4 x superb Dinners are included in the tour price.

Train route: The **train** route goes from Windhoek via Karibib to Swakopmund & back to Windhoek.

Bus Transport & Excursions: No excursions or bus transport in Swakopmund are included in the tour price.

Luggage: You are limited to one suitcase, max 20 kg and one piece of hand luggage, max. 7 kg. (This is in accordance with your flight limitations as well).

Dress: We are in Africa. You **don't** need to dress up for meals. Take casual clothing, a hat and comfortable walking shoes. It is after all a holiday at the sea.

On the train: Sleeping carriages, a dining car, bistro, lounge car with bar facilities, star gazer carriage, smoking area, **friendly staff and good food.**

Suite on the train: A suite (sleeping area) consists of three single beds (two on ground floor level) and a bunker bed for smaller children; a **small** en-suite shower/toilet bathroom, individual AirCon control, music channel, big windows on both sides and a small safe. Hanging space for clothing is minimal & limited. (Many passengers use the 3rd bed as a packing area).

During day times the beds are made up and are folded away. Three comfortable chairs are available.

All 24 suites on the train are exactly the same – but mirror images of one another.



Compartment during the day...



... and during the night

You'll overnight all the nights on the train.

Dining Car: Passengers will enjoy their meals in the dining car.

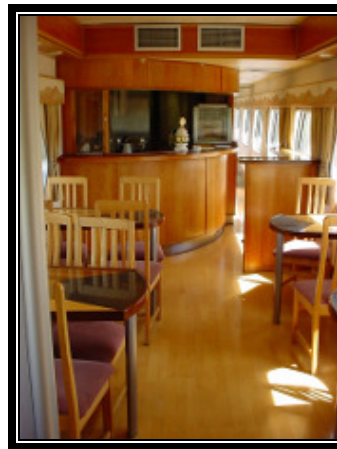


Dining car

Lounge car: A bar facility and comfortable chairs and sofas are available in the lounge car. This is the hub-of-activity on the train where people meet and mingle freely.



Lounge car



Bistro

The whole train is air conditioned.



Cocktails and ...



something to nibble on.

Laundry facilities: There is no laundry facilities on the train. However, there are facilities close by in Swakopmund.

Go once and you'll come back for more.

We are looking forward to take you there. No one is too old or too young or too fragile! Just bring your smiles along and leave the 'whining and pains' at home! The weather in Swakopmund is normally good during December – not too hot like the rest of the country.

Note # 1: The flights **to** and **from** Windhoek is **NOT** included in the tour price. **We will gladly do your booking on your behalf.** Current flight price is +-R3200 per person – return airfare in Economy Class. **ANY** changes to your flight ticket, for whatever reason, would be for your own expense. If you have Voyager Miles or any other way of getting a discount, I.e.: Certain Medical Health Schemes have such benefits, please do the booking yourself **BUT** please **inform us** of your flight details.

Please ensure that you do **not** arrive later than 16:00 in Windhoek on day of departure or book on any flight departing from Windhoek before 12:00 (Namibian time) on the last day of the tour. The flight takes +- 2 hours from Jo'burg & Cape Town.

Recommended Air carriers:

Air Namibia	www.airnamibia.co.na	Tel: 011-390 2876 / 021-422 3224
Kulula.com	www.kulula.com	Tel: 011 921 0111
SAA	www.flysaa.com	Tel: 011 978 1100
British Air	www.britishairways.com	

There is safe car parking available (covered) at the OR Tambo Airport. The parking area on the **Southern** side of the airport (**ex Griffiths Road** on the R21) charges only R45 per car per night! (This is highly recommendable). There is a free bus service from the airport to the parking area (after the return flight).

The same applies to parking at the Cape Town airport.

Transport from Windhoek airport to Windhoek station and vice versa: We provide this transport free of charge to passengers, but **only on** Days # 1 and # 8 of the tour AND if we know your flight arrival and departure details.

You are welcome to travel a day earlier or later than the official arrival and departure dates of the train. There is a suitable hotel close to the Windhoek Station: **Protea Thuringerhof Hotel** in Bahnhof Street. **Tel:** 00264 61 226 031 **E-mail:** gm-thuringerhof@proteahotels.com.na

Other transport to Windhoek: You can travel by overnight **bus** from Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, Kimberley and Pretoria and Johannesburg. The **Intercape Buses** runs **daily** to Windhoek and it arrives on the morning of the train's departure in Windhoek. It departs as well again late afternoon on the last day of the train tour. The bus tickets are substantially lower compared to flight costs.

The bus's drop-off point in Windhoek is in Bahnhof street in Windhoek, **very close** to the railway station.

Visit Intercape Buses website at <http://www.intercape.co.za> to get quotes or to do a booking.

OR You can drive by **car** to Windhoek and link up with the train tour.

Malaria: Namibia, and the area we visit, is not malaria infected.

We urge passengers to drink lots of water regularly. A face moisturiser for ladies & sun tan lotion are highly recommended.

Currency: In Namibia the Namibian Dollar (N\$) is used. It is linked directly to the South African Rand. I.e.: 1 Rand = 1 Namibian Dollar. You can use South African notes in Namibia (not coins). You may use your credit card as well.

Purchases on the train: All purchases made on the train (I.e.: Drinks at the bar, mineral water, memorabilia, etc.) can be paid at the end of the tour by credit card.

Last note: With the huge increase in fuel costs (petrol & diesel) in recent times and the **major** increases in accommodation prices in Namibia over the past five years, this is by far **the most affordable way** of travelling and staying in Swakopmund during the peak holiday season.

Travel greetings

Johan Badenhorst &
The JB Train Tours Team

PS Ons doen ook graag sake in Afrikaans

PS We host various other scheduled train & bus tours like Holiday: Namibia, Namaqualand Flowers, Cape Town, KZN, 7 Provinces, Motorbike-on-Train tour to: (The Western Cape and Boland, Namibia, Garden Route, South & Eastern Cape), Garden Route Holiday, Kruger National Park, Mozambique (by luxury bus), Maputo, etc. Sport: Comrades- & Two Oceans Marathons, Argus Cycle Race, Rugby Tests, etc. Art & Music Festivals: KKNK (Oudtshoorn), 'Innibos' (Nelspruit), 'Huisgenoot Skouspel', Cape Town Jazz Festival, Cherry Festival, etc

AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS in SWAKOPMUND & WALVIS BAY

Note: Full details of costs, bookings, means of transport and contact details of the service providers will be available on the train. The JB Train Tours Train Administrator on the train will assist with advice and bookings.

Swakopmund Tourism website: www.namibiatourism.org/place/swakopmund
 Walvis Bay Tourism website: www.namibiatourism.com.na/swakopmund-and-walvis-bay/
 Henties Bay Tourism website: www.hentiesbaytourism.com
 More info about Swakopmund: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swakopmund>

1. Coffee shops – Swakopmund
2. Seal and Dolphin boat excursions – Walvis Bay
3. Visit Goanikontes, Moon landscape & Welwitchia Mirabelis – outside Swakopmund
4. Quad bikes – Swakopmund
5. Beach angling – Swakopmund and Henties Bay
6. Deep sea angling – Walvis Bay
7. Movie house/cinema – Swakopmund
8. Restaurants – Swakopmund
9. Beach – Swakopmund
10. Kristall Galerie – Swakopmund
11. Leather shop – Swakopmund
12. Dune 7 – Walvis Bay
13. Weaver factory – Swakopmund
14. Flights to Sossusvlei, Skeleton Coast, etc.
15. Sky diving – Swakopmund
16. Go Karts – Swakopmund
17. Squash & Tennis – Swakopmund
18. Indoor swimming pool – Swakopmund
19. Casino – Swakopmund
20. Bicycles to hire – Swakopmund
21. Scooters to hire – Swakopmund
22. Motorbikes to hire – Swakopmund
23. Avis – Rent a Car – Swakopmund
24. Visit to Toppenaars in the Namib desert – Walvis Bay
25. Namib discovery – Swakopmund
26. Kayak paddling – Walvis Bay
27. Yachting – Walvis Bay
28. Sand-skiing – Swakopmund
29. Sand-boarding – Swakopmund
30. Para-sailing – Swakopmund
31. Walking & strolling – Swakopmund
32. Entertainment park during the holiday season – Swakopmund
33. Concerts – Swakopmund
34. Salt pans – Walvis Bay
35. Flamingo's – Walvis Bay
36. Deep sea harbour – Walvis Bay
37. Long beach/ Langstrand
38. Windsurfing – Walvis Bay
39. Kite boarding – Walvis Bay
40. Museums – Swakopmund
41. Book stores – Swakopmund
42. Woerman House – Swakopmund, etc.

SWAKOPMUND TRAIN TOUR

December 2013



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Monday WELCOME

Arrive at Windhoek's **Hosea Kutako** International Airport and be transferred to the historical Windhoek Railway station on this day. Your tour guide will welcome you while you enjoy a cup of coffee or cold drink. Meet at the train at 16:00 and settle in.

Enjoy your first dinner on tour at the famous Joe's Beerhouse in Windhoek. (**Included** in the tour price). We'll take you there by bus. After dinner you return to the train before departing for Swakopmund early the next morning.

DAY 2 Tuesday TRAIN DEPARTURE

We depart early morning from Windhoek. Enjoy the first breakfast on the train whilst observing the landscape passing by.

The train will arrive in the afternoon in Swakopmund – still in time to do your first 'recce' of the town and to enjoy a local brew.

Dinner is served on the train & the train remains stationery in Swakopmund for the week.

DAYS 3 to 7 Wednesday to Sunday HOLIDAY in SWAKOPMUND

Breakfast is served daily on the train, as well as one more dinner whilst stationed in Swakopmund. Passengers overnight every night on the train. The other three dinners will be for your own pocket and arrangement in town.

Your personal daily programme is determined by yourself.

The train departs at 19:00 on Sunday for Windhoek and travels overnight.

Dinner is served on the train.

DAY 8 Monday TRANSFER DAY

A breakfast will be served on board the train. All passengers to vacate the train by 09:00.

If guests are transferring to a hotel, this will be take place in the morning. If guests are flying from Windhoek International Airport, their flights may only be from 12:00 onwards.

Transfers to the airport & hotel is included in the tour package.

Fly home.

End of tour.

BOOKING FORM **FAX TO:** 086 687 7344 or 011 913 0552 **Att: JB Train Tours**

PLEASE WRITE WITH A **BLACK PEN** AND IN **BOLD LETTERS**

Complete **fully**. **One form** per person

Train Tour Name: Swakopmund **8-Night** Train Tour – December 2013

Tour dates: _____ **Tour No:** _____

Herewith the Reservation for above mentioned tour:

Name and Surname: _____

(As on your passport)

Passport Expiry Date: _____ **Male/Female:** _____

Passport No: _____ **and ID No:** _____

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

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

E-mail address: _____ (NB!)

Postal address: _____ **Code:** _____

I want to share my suite with the following persons:

1. _____ Male/Female

2. _____ Child under 13

Attached is the deposit of **R3000 per person** or **full payment** of R _____
(I understand and accept that my deposit is non-refundable but transferable). Balance is to be paid **latest** 6 weeks before departure date. Your booking will be confirmed in writing.

Flight No: _____ **Date & Time of arrival:** _____

Flight No: _____ **Date & Time of departure:** _____

Would you like us to book your place on a flight on your behalf? _____ If 'yes', the deposit is an additional R3200 pp

Indemnity: I understand and accept that the organisers will not be held liable for any losses of any kind, injuries, inconvenience, delays or cancellations that may occur. More details available on our website: www.jbtours.co.za

Dietary requirements: _____

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) **Type of Account:** Cheque

Please attach the bank deposit slip