

APRIL 2012 - NEWSLETTER / NUUSBRIEF

Comfortable, Affordable, Safe, Secure & Enjoyable Train Tours - in Southern Africa

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DID SHOSHOLOZA MEYL DELIVER the GOODS?

In our March 2012 Newsletter we've asked the question whether Shosholoza Meyl, the only public rail service provider in South Africa and a parastatal of the country, would be able to render the promised services as from the 1st April 2012.

To date **no announcement** has been made to this effect BUT it was announced that train ticket prices will **increase by 30%** effective 1st April 2012! It does not state whether there will be better or more services. Our revised train tour package prices for 2012 will **NOT** increase by 30% – it will be substantially less: About 2.3% on **only 4** of our Tourist Class train tours. All the revised prices, as from 1st April 2012, are available from us and are on our website as well.

When JB Train Tours challenged Shosholoza Meyl about the **heavy increase** they've replied by stating that they "had no price increase for three years!" If it was the case, why did we (JB Train Tours) pay every year more than the previous year for the tickets we've bought from them? Even up to 21.9% in 2011. We are still waiting for feedback from the authorities.



Trans Karoo train in Jo'burg

JB Train Tours have stated publicly on various occasions and on different platforms that we are committed to Rail Tourism in South Africa and that we would like to continue growing this very special and unique way of going on holiday - however we do not want to be priced out of the travel market. This recent ticket price increase will unfortunately have a negative effect on some of our Tour package prices.

GOOD NEWS: Passengers who have **booked and paid** by 1st April 2012 on **any** upcoming tour in 2012 will still travel on the advertised price. We'll absorb the costs of the difference in price on your behalf.

LAST MINUTE SPECIAL OFFER – VERY HOT!

B Train Tours has received **very good** last minute **special offer** train tour packages from **Shongololo Express** (a privately owned Rail Tourism operator predominantly serving the **overseas** market) to avail to our clients.

The details are not on our website yet. Please enquire for full details from us by sending an e-mail to info@jbtours.co.za

Summary of the tours:

Option # 1: Do the whole 13-day tour:

JHB via DBN to CPT - South Bound

Dates: Wednesday 25th April to Monday 7th May 2012

Route: Johannesburg to Nelspruit to Swaziland to Hluhluwe to Durban to Drakensberg to Bloemfontein

to Kimberley to Hermanus to Winelands to Cape Town

OR

CPT via DBN to JHB - North Bound Dates: Monday 14 to Friday 25 May 2012

Route: Cape Town to Winelands to Hermanus to Kimberley to Bloemfontein to Drakensberg to Durban to

Hluhluwe to Swaziland to Nelspruit to Johannesburg

Included: Daily bus excursions en route, two meals per day, en suite bathroom facilities and tour

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Price: R9870 per person sharing. Normal price: R40228 pp sharing

Option # 2: Do only Jo'burg ro Durban Or DBN to JHB

JHB to DBN - half tour (or return)

Dates: 25th Apr to 1st May OR 14th to 19th May 2012 @ R5660 pp sharing

Option # 3: Do only Durban to Cape Town Or CPT to DBN

DBN to CPT - half tour (or return)

Dates: 1st to 7th May OR 19th to 25th May 2012 @ R6320 pp sharing

These offers are ONLY applicable to RSA citizens

DUTCH TOUR to NAMAQUALAND FLOWERS

JB Train Tours has put together a 14-day luxury bus and train tour from Jo'burg to the South African West Coast, Namaqualand Flowers and Cape Town for a group of Dutch speaking visitors from the Netherlands. The tour runs from 2 to 15 August 2012 and will end in Jo'burg as well. This tour is open to anybody from anywhere in the world to join BUT passengers must be able to understand the Dutch language. The tour price is R13900 pp sharing. Contact us at info@jbtours.co.za

OTHER NAMAQUALAND FLOWER TRAIN TOURS

The annual train tours from **Jo'burg** and **Durban** respectively to the Namaqualand Flowers in season have become **very popular** over the years. This year we'll be hosting again **14** train tours to the daisies and like previous years they all promise to be fully booked soon. One tour (2 – 8 Sept) is already **fully booked**.



This year there will be a Durban to JHB to Namaqualand tour as well.

Tours departing from Jo'burg – <u>More info</u> Tours departing from Durban – <u>More info</u>

Tours departing from Durban to Jo'burg - More info

VISIT US at the AFRICA BIKE WEEK in MARGATE



This is what our stall will look like

The "Africa Bike Week" www.africabikeweek.com in Margate (KZN) is to be hosted for the 6th time as in many years and is a prestigious and up-market event taking place annually on the KZN South Coast. Everything about the magnificent Harley Davidson motorbikes will be on display and the roar of the mass ride (1000's of Harley's on one go) on the Saturday (28th April 2012) will bring the South Coast to a standstill!

It is hosted under the auspices of Harley Davidson – South Africa and in 2011 not less than 180 000 people and more than 20 000 motorbikes from all over South Africa visited the Expo. This year it will be hosted from Thursday 26th April to Monday 30th April 2012, falling over the extended long weekend. Everyone is welcome.

JB Train Tours will be hosting **a stall** as well, right opposite the **'Mugg & Bean'** restaurant in the main street (close to the Wimpy on the beach front), promoting our upmarket train tours and Motorbike-on-Train tours. If in the area, please pay us a visit and say 'hello'.

TWO COMPETITIONS: RESULTS

The winner of the **Motorbike-on-Train** tour package competition held by **JB Train Tours** at the **'All Things Bike'** Expo held at the Gallagher Convention Centre in February 2012 where we have hosted a stall is **Mr. Jurgen du Preez** from **Centurion** just outside Pretoria..





Jurgen du Preez from Centurion

The winner of the **Durban weekend by Train tour** hosted by **JB Train Tours** in January & February 2012 was **Ms. Tudu Tihalatsi** from **Mahikeng** in North West.



Tudu Tlhalatsi from Mafikeng

Congratulations to both winners. We are looking forward in taking you on tour.

Thanks to everyone who participated –

we are looking forward in taking you on tour as well.

TRIATHLON TEAM



Reinhardt, Lean & Marcus

On Sunday 25th March 2012 a JB Train Tours triathlon relay team took part in the event hosted at Emerald Casino in Vanderbijlpark in the Vaal Triangle. The event consisted on a 600 m swim, 20 km off-road cycle race and 5 km cross country run.

On the left, the team members just before the start of the race:

Addicted2Adventure April event: 22 April 2012

For all you speed demons out there, this one's for you!!!

You will be geared up as a pillion (a pillion is when someone sits on the back of a bike driven by a professional driver) on a race spec Honda Fireblade 2-seater motorbike. Dressed in a (sexy!) full leather suite, helmet and gloves, a professional SA Biking Academy driver will take you for your mind-blowing 2 laps (4 200 meters/lap) at the Kyalami race track. Your first will be a sighting lap to get an overview of the layout of the track. The next lap will be a faaaaaaaast lap, with speeds reaching in excess of 200km/h - just under race speed. Only R299pp (usual price R500pp). Have a look at what you will experience: Click Here

Interested to book? Contact Jolene at jolene@addicted2adventure.co.za

OLDER NEWS

EASTER WEEKEND to MAPUTO (Mozambique)

If you have not yet decided **what to do** or **where to go** during the coming **Easter** weekend, then we can help you make up your mind: Go to **Maputo** in Mozambique with our bus tour. **Only 3 spaces left.**

This specially arranged tour by luxury bus departs Good Friday morning, 6th April 2012 from Jo'burg and Pretoria and you'll spend 3 nights in an upmarket hotel in the capital of Moz before arriving back on Easter Monday, 9th April 2012, late afternoon. Remember that you **do** need a passport. Come and be introduced to this neighbouring country of South Africa, as well as its friendly people and good food.

More info

ANDRE RIEU in JO'BURG



The 'master of music' (Andre Rieu) and his band will be performing in South Africa in August 2012. We have secured good tickets for the once-off show in Johannesburg and have arranged again buses to transport music lovers from Pretoria, Centurion and East Rand to the venue on Friday 17th August 2012. The tour package includes the return bus trip, entry to the show, some snacks and a small gift.

More info

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HUISGENOOT SKOUSPEL by SUN CITY

Die nuwe treintoere vanaf Kaapstad en Port Elizabeth na die 2012 Huisgenoot Skouspel by Sun City is baie gewild en oortref reeds ons verwagtinge. Die kombinasie van treinry en terugvlieg blyk 'n wenner te wees. Vanaf vanjaar bied ons nou ook 'n 6-dag **trein**toerpakket vanaf **die Moederstad** en **PE** na die Skouspel toe aan. Daar kan ook langs die treinroete by die treintoer aangesluit word.

Tydens hierdie treintoere kan die mense van die **Wes Kaap** & **Oos Kaap** die Skouspel bywoon, maar hulle bring ook besoek aan die baie gewilde **'World of Beer'** <u>www.worldofbeer.co.za</u> museum in Jo'burg, **Gold Reef City** <u>www.goldreefcity.co.za</u> en twee casino's.

Die jaarlikse Huisgenoot Skouspel in Oktober 2012 lê nog sowat 6 maande vorentoe in die jaar, maar sommige van ons reispakkette verkoop reeds goed. Hierdie groot musiekfees by Sun City in Noordwes word elke jaar deur mense van heinde en verre bygewoon. Vroeër jare het ons net 1-dag **bus**ritte vanaf Pretoria, Centurion, die Oos en Wes Rand aangebied. Later jare het 3-dag **vlieg**toerpakkette vanaf Kaapstad gevolg en kort daarna ook vanaf Durban.

Bustoere vanuit Gauteng – <u>Meer inligting</u> Kaapstad Vliegtoerpakket – <u>Meer inligting</u> Durban Vliegtoerpakket – <u>Meer inligting</u> Wes Kaap Treintoer – <u>Meer inligting</u> Oos Kaap Treintoer – <u>Meer inligting</u>

ARE YOU A STOKVEL MEMBER?

If you are a **Stokvel** member or member of a Burial Society, Pensioners Group, etc. you may qualify for a discount on the tour price when traveling in a group. Many Stokvel groups from all over South Africa regularly travel with us to various destinations, though the Jo'burg to Cape Town, Jo'burg to Port Elizabeth and Jo'burg to Durban tours are the most popular.

Contact our offices at info@jbtours.co.za to get more information on how you and your Stokvel can benefit when traveling with JB Train Tours.

STILL SPACE on DESERT EXPRESS TRAIN in NAMIBIA

There is still limited space available (only 2 x 2-bed cabins) on the 10-day Desert Express train tour during the June/July 2012 school holidays through Namibia. The tour runs from 22nd June to 1st July 2012. Tour price: R18500 pp

All cabins are en suite with bath rooms and places to be visited include the 'Vingerklip', Kolmanskoppe, Luderitz, Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest, Etosha Pans and game park, Swakopmund, Omraruru, Walvis Bay and much more. More info







Lounge car on train



Sleeper carriage

TWO EXTRA NAMIBIAN TRAIN TOURS



Road sign to well know dune

Our Namibian train tours are as popular as ever. We have arranged for space on two tours on the Shongololo Express train in July and August 2012. Both tours are 12 days long – the one departs in Jo'burg and ends in Windhoek, whilst the second tours starts in Windhoek and ends in Jo'burg. Tour dates: 17 – 28 July (West Bound) and 1 – 12 August 2012 (East bound).

Tour price: R20670 pp sharing. This price is **ONLY** applicable to SA citizens. All cabins are en suite with bath rooms.

Places to be visited include Kolmanskoppe, Luderitz, Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest, Etosha Pans and game park, Swakopmund, Omraruru, Walvis Bay and much more.

WANT to be UPDATED with LAST MINUTE SPECIALS or NEW TOURS?

In our previous monthly newsletter (match) we've introduced our Facebook to all our readers. Close to 400 people have 'liked' it and we encourage more readers to do so. You will be the first to hear about special offers, huge discounts, new tours or fresh news.

Some 'members' have already benefited from our Facebook news when we've announced that we had tickets available for the sold-out Cape Town Jazz Festival. The tickets 'went like hot cake'.

Just click on this like sign below and you are part of the "train family".



SPRINGBOK TEST RUGBY - 2012

Have you ever been on a rugby train tour? Supporting the Springboks? Dressed in green & gold? Do it this year.

The Springboks will be playing a number of rugby tests during the period June to October 2012. Some of them will be hosted in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. JB Train Tours will again be hosting these very popular **Bok-train** tours from Jo'burg to the coastal cities. **Both** the train tours in June 2012 to the Durban (9th June) & PE (23rd June) Tests, **Springboks** against **England** still have only **8 spaces** per tour **available**.



<u>More info</u> - Durban Tour <u>More info</u> - PE Tour

SEND US YOUR PICTURES



Many of our passengers take splendid pictures when on our train tours. Please **forward some of it to us** with the name of the venue of where it was taken, which tour you were on and names of people appearing in it. We'd love to place it in our monthly Newsletters.

This month's picture was received from Lenie Badenhorst in Gauteng. The picture was taken in the Outeniqua Mountains between George and Oudtshoorn.

HONEYMOON SPECIAL in 2012

Are you (or your child or friend) **getting married** in 2012? Can you **NOT** afford a holiday to an exotic island or destination abroad? Would you like to go on a **honeymoon** tour package at only **R4999 per person**? If you answered **'Yes'** on all 3 questions we can help you to fulfill your dream.

The 4-day tour package includes: One way trip on the luxurious **Premier Classe** train (JHB to CPT or vice versa); all meals on board; two nights' B&B in a 4-star hotel in Cape Town or Jo'burg; a dinner in a restaurant; one day ticket on the Topless sight seeing bus in CPT; transfer to the airport and flight back to departure city! PLUS some extras. **R5799 pp** sharing More info



Lounge car with bar on Premier Classe train

For only R1000 per person more (R5999 per person) you can extend your holiday with 3 extra nights. I.e.: Depart on the Sunday from JHB on the Premier Classe train; all meals on board; stay five nights B&B in a 4-star hotel in Cape Town, transfer to the airport and fly back to Jo'burg on the Saturday. (We believe that this new 7-day tour package will be VERY popular with newly weds). R7599 pp sharing More info

The only pre-conditions for this special offer: The trip must take place within 2 months after your wedding date and you have to submit a copy of your wedding invitation or marriage certificate to us.

This offer is valid for the whole of 2012.

FEEDBACK on TOURS - March 2012

Budget tours

4-in-1 Budget tours

The last group of passengers departed by train for Cape Town, enjoyed the cruise and flew back to Jo'burg.

Durban Weekend # 1:

Jo'burg to Durban. A small group of passengers enjoyed the Holiday City, sun & beaches.

Super 15 Rugby:

Jo'burg to Durban. The Sharks and the Lions had a tough encounter at Kings Park and we were there.

Argus Cycle Race Train #1:

Jo'burg to Cape Town. Close to 150 cyclists and supporters traveled along on the bike train to participate in this grand event in the Mother City. The sun was HOT, the spirits high and the experience awesome.







On the starting line

Buffalo Rally:

Jo'burg to Beaufort West (to Mossel Bay) 30 Bikers and pillions with 20 bikes departed from Jo'burg for the 2012 Buff in Mossel Bay. They came from all over Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and North West provinces and had a 'ball of a time'!







On Beaufort West's station

More pics: www.facebook.com/pages/JB-Train-Tours

PF Weekend:

Jo'burg to Port Elizabeth. This tour to the Eastern cape and 'Friendly City' is still growing in popularity.

Cape Town Budget Holiday:

Jo'burg to Cape Town. Our first tour to CPT in 2012 - lots of fun, sun and smiles.

Cape Town Jazz Festival - Train:

Jo'burg to Cape Town. This tour is fully booked and currently in progress.

Cape Town Jazz Festival - Flight:

Jo'burg to Cape Town. This tour is fully booked and currently in progress.

Cape Town Jazz Festival - Luxury bus:

Jo'burg to Cape Town. This tour is fully booked and currently in progress.

KKNK # 1 in Oudtshoorn:

Jo'burg na Oudtshoorn Hierdie toer is op die oomblik nog aan die gang.

Upmarket Tours:

4-in-1 holiday packages

This special is now coming to an end in March. We had honeymooners, corporates and groups of friends who enjoyed this special. Look out for the same packages starting again in November 2012

UPCOMING TRAIN TOURS in 2012

April 2012 TRAIN TOURS Budget Tours:

Maputo weekend: Gauteng to Maputo in Mozambique

Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by luxury coach (bus) to the capital of our neighbouring country. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, 2M Beer and experience a country rebuilding. This is a new tour and suitable for anyone. 6 - 9 Apr 2012. (Easter weekend) From R2999 pp sharing. Only 3 spaces still available. More info

KKNK # 2 in Oudtshoorn: Jo'burg na Oudtshoorn

Vertrek vanaf Johannesburg en reis per trein tot op Beaufort Wes. Reis dan verder per bus tot in Oudtshoorn. Geniet die KKNK se opvoerings, musiek, stalletjies, heerlike kos en atmosfeer. Oornag 4 nagte in die plaaslike hoërskool se netjiese koshuis. 1 - 7 Apr 2012 (7 Dae). Vanaf R3300 pp wat deel. Nog net een kompartement beskikbaar. Meer inligting

Two Oceans marathon Train: Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to CPT by train. Participate in one of the races or support, stay three nights in a hotel and have fun in the Mother City. 4 - 9 Apr 2012. From R3800 pp sharing. Fully booked

Durban Weekend # 2: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban by train. Enjoy the weekend on the beach, at uShaka Marine World, a night club or at the casino. 6 – 9 Apr 2012. (Easter weekend) From **R2245 pp** sharing. More info

Durban Weekend # 3: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban by train. Enjoy the weekend on the beach, at uShaka Marine World, a night club or at the casino. 27 – 30 Apr 2012. (Long weekend) From **R1995 pp** sharing. **Fully booked**

Motorbike-on-Train: Jo'burg to Western Cape & Boland

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Worcester by train. Enjoy riding at least 26 mountain passes, beautiful coastal roads and through small hamlets and towns. This is a tour – not a race or rally. Bike travels along on the same train. 15 – 21 Apr 2012. **R6995 pp** sharing Pillion pays R2000 less. **Fully booked**

Super 15 Rugby: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to DBN by train. Watch the rugby at Kingspark between the **Sharks** and the **Chiefs** and have fun in the Holiday City. 20 – 23 Apr 2012. From **R2050 pp** sharing. More info

Harley Davidson-on-Train: Cape Town to Jo'burg

Depart from CPT by train and travel to JHB en route to visit other HOG's in Gauteng and continue their journey to the Lowveld & KZN to the Africa Bike week in Margate. This is a private tour for **members** only. 20 & 21 April 2012

Cape Town Budget Holiday: Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to CPT by train. Enjoy the V&A Waterfront, Table Mountain, Robben Island, Cape Point and much more. Stay four nights in a hotel and have fun in the Mother City. Bus transport in CPT included. 22 – 28 Apr 2012 (7 Days). From **R4450 pp** sharing. **Fully booked**

Mozambique: Gauteng to Mozambique

Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by luxury coach (bus) to two of our neighbouring countries: Swaziland and Mozambique. Pay a brief visit to the Kruger National Park as well. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, city as well as country areas, 2M Beer and experience something different. This 8-day tour is suitable for anyone. 14 - 21 Apr 2012. From **R6700 pp** sharing. More info **Note**: One of these tours (in August 2012) has been sold and booked out by one group!

Maputo weekend: Gauteng to Maputo in Mozambique

Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by luxury coach (bus) to the capital of our neighbouring country. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, 2M Beer and experience a country rebuilding. This is a new tour and suitable for anyone. 26 – 29 Apr 2012. (Long weekend) From R2999 pp sharing. More info

Upmarket Tours:

All these up-market tours are hosted on a monthly basis. Please contact us for details or click on the link.

Durban Stylish weekend Train Tour: JHB - DBN

Travel from Egoli to the Holiday City on a 3 night break-away weekend. Enjoy the luxury on the **Premier Classe** train for two nights (return trip) and sleep one night in a hotel in Durban. Contact Upmarket2@jbtours.co.za

Cape Town Stylish weekend Train Tour: JHB - CPT

Travel on the **Premier Classe** train from Jo'burg to the Mother City on a Thursday afternoon, sleep two nights in an upmarket hotel in Cape Town and fly back on a Sunday afternoon. It is value for money, good food is served, fun in CPT and a different way of spending a 3-night weekend break. **R5860 pp sharing** More info

Cape Town Stylish 4-day or 7-day Honeymoon Train Tour: JHB - CPT

This special offer is available to anybody getting married in 2012. R4999 pp 4-day Tour R5999 pp 7-day Tour

Blue Train 4-Day packages: Pretoria to Cape Town OR Cape Town to Pretoria

For many South Africans a trip on the luxurious Blue Train is a life-long dream. We make it happen with a **very special** tour package offer to people living in Africa. I.e.: Africa citizens only. Board the train travel in luxury (all meals included), stay two nights in an upmarket hotel and fly back. All transfers included. All this at a price **less than** the normal train ticket.

Since introduction of this tour package in April 2011, many South Africans went on this tour to fulfill a dream. From Pretoria or Cape Town: **R9250 pp** sharing. Contact Upmarket2@jbtours.co.za

May 2012 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Cape Town to Jo'burg

Depart from CPT by **train** and travel to JHB and onwards to the KNP & Lowveld. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 4 – 12 May 2012. From **R7700 pp.** More info

Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Port Elizabeth to Jo'burg

Depart from PE or DBN by **train** and travel to JHB and onwards to the KNP & Lowveld. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 4 – 12 May 2012. From **R7500 pp.** More info

Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Durban to Jo'burg

Depart from PE or DBN by **train** and travel to JHB and onwards to the KNP & Lowveld. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 4 – 12 May 2012. From **R7500 pp.** More info

Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Jo'burg to KNP

Depart from JHB & PTA by **luxury bus**. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 5 – 10 May 2012. From **R5600 pp**. More info

Garden Route: Jo'burg to PE to Knysna

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Port Elizabeth by train. Continue by luxury bus to Plet, Knsyna, Wildernis, Tsitsikama, George, Oudtshoorn and Meiringspoort before joining the train again in Beaufort West. 20 - 26 May 2012. From **R5300 pp** sharing. More info

Motorbike-on-Train to Garden Route:

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Port Elizabeth by train. Enjoy riding on the Garden Route and through small hamlets and towns. This is a tour - not a race or rally. Bike travels along on the same train. 13 - 19 May 2012. **R7100 pp** sharing Pillion pays R2000 less More info

Super 15 Rugby: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to DBN by train. Watch the rugby at Kingspark between the: **Sharks** and the **Highlanders** 4 - 7 May 2012, **Sharks** and the **Force** 11 - 14 May 2012, & **Sharks** and the **Stormers** 25 - 28 May 2012. From **R2050 pp** sharing. More info

Super 15 Rugby: Jo'burg to Cape Town

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to CPT by train. Watch the rugby at Newlands between the **Stormers** and the **Cheetahs** 11 – 15 May 2012, **Stormers** and the **Waratahs** 18 – 21 May 2012, **&** stay one night in a hotel and have fun in the Mother City. Rugby ticket included. From **R2700 pp** sharing. More info

Mozambique 8 days: Gauteng to Mozambique

Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by **luxury coach (bus)** to two of our neighbouring countries: Swaziland and Mozambique. Pay a brief visit to the Kruger National Park as well. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, city as well as country areas, 2M Beer and experience something different. This 8-day tour is suitable for anyone. 5 - 12 May 2012. From **R6700 pp** sharing. More info

Maputo weekend: Gauteng to Maputo in Mozambique

Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by **luxury coach (bus)** to the capital of our neighbouring country. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, 2M Beer and experience a country rebuilding. This is a new tour and suitable for anyone. 24 – 27 May 2012. From **R2999 pp** sharing. More info

Upmarket Tours:

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June 2012 TRAIN TOURS

Budget Tours:

Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Cape Town to Jo'burg

Depart from CPT by **train** and travel to JHB and onwards to the KNP & Lowveld. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 1 – 9 June & 22 – 30 Jun* 2012. From **R7700 pp.** * = School holidays.

More info

Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Port Elizabeth to Jo'burg

Depart from PE or DBN by **train** and travel to JHB and onwards to the KNP & Lowveld. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 1 - 9 June & 22 - 30 Jun 2012. From **R7500 pp.** * = School holidays. More info

Kruger National Park and Lowveld:

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Kruger National Park and Lowveld: Jo'burg to KNP

Depart from JHB & PTA by **luxury bus**. Enjoy the Panorama Route (including Bourke's Potholes, the Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon, Mac Mac falls, etc.) and visit historical Pilgrims Rest and much more. Sleep 3 nights in Skukuza camp in the KNP. 2 - 7 June & 23 - 28 Jun 2012. From **R5600 pp.** * = School holidays. More info

Comrades marathon: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban by train. We take you to registration & hotel in Durban, the start of the race in Pietermaritzburg and back to Jo'burg 1 - 4 June 2012. From R1700 pp sharing More info (This tour is almost fully booked)

Mozambique: Gauteng to Mozambique

Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by luxury coach (bus) to two of our neighbouring countries: Swaziland and Mozambique. Pay a brief visit to the Kruger National Park as well. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, city as well as country areas, 2M Beer and experience something different. This 8-day tour is suitable for anyone. 2 -9 June 2012. From **R6700 pp** sharing. More info

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Depart from Pretoria's Gauteng station and travel by luxury coach (bus) to the capital of our neighbouring country. Go enjoy the Portuguese food, night life, 2M Beer and experience a country rebuilding. This is a new tour and suitable for anyone. 14 – 17 Jun 2012. From **R2999 pp** sharing. More info

Test Rugby: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban on the famous 'Bok' train. See the **Springboks** take on the **Roses** from England in the **first** of a 3-match test series. 8 - 11 June 2012. From **R2450 pp** sharing. More info

Test Rugby: Jo'burg to Port Elizabeth

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to PE on the famous 'Bok' train. See the **Springboks** take on the **Roses** from England in the **third** of a 3-match test series. 22 - 25 June 2012. From **R2850 pp** sharing. More info

Durban Weekend: Jo'burg to Durban

Depart from Jo'burg and travel to Durban by train. Enjoy the weekend on the beach, at uShaka Marine World, a night club or at the casino. 15 – 18 June 2012. From **R2245 pp** sharing. More info

Hoërskool Wesvalia: Klerksdorp na Kaapstad

Die skoolgroep besoek Kaapstad tydens 'n 7-dag treintoer vanaf 24 tot 30 Junie 2012.

Super 15 Rugby:

Jo'burg to Cape Town Depart from Jo'burg and travel to CPT by train. Watch the rugby at Newlands between the Stormers and the Lions 29 June - 2 July 2012 & stay one night in a hotel and have fun in the Mother City. Rugby ticket included. From R2700 pp sharing More info

Upmarket Tours:

All the above up-market tours (See April 2012) are hosted on a monthly basis.

Please contact us for details or click on the link.

Namibia

Travel on the Namibian luxurious Desert Express train and visit all the famous and well known landmarks in our neighbouring country. During this 10-day tour you will visit places like the Fish River Canyon, Kolmanskoppe (the ghost town), Luderitz, the Quiver Tree Forest and Giants' Playground, Vingerklip, Etosha Pans, Swakopmund and much more. 22 Jun – 1 Jul 2012. From **R18500** pp sharing. More info

Note: More info on our 12-day Namibian train tours in July and August 2012 on the Dune Express train tours.

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DAY TRAIN TRIPS

There are only two companies in Gauteng, one in KZN & one in Cape Town hosting **day trips** by train. This is ideal for families, companies, churches, clubs, etc. and especially for children who have never been on a train trip. Both these companies haul the train with a **steam locomotive** engine!

Pretoria area: Friends of the Rail

Contact Mr. Arno Victor at Tel: 082 293 4616 or sales@friendsoftherail.com or visit their website at <a href="mailto:sww.friendsoftherail.com

They travel mostly from Pretoria to Irene and a circular route around Pretoria..

KZN (Durban & PMB) area: Umgeni Steam Rail

Contact Mr. Rob McGregor at Tel: 031–303 3003; 082–353 6003 or 087–808 7715 or robbie@umgenisteamrailway.co.za or visit their website at www.umgenisteamrailway.co.za.

They travel mostly from Inchanga, Kloof & PMB.

Cape Town area: Atlantic Rail

Contact them at Tel: (021) 556-1012 or info@atlanticrail.co.za or visit their website at www.atlanticrail.co.za

They travel mostly from Cape Town station to close by destinations in the Peninsula and Boland.

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