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Dear Sir/Madam

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2019 **NAMAQUALAND FLOWERS** & **BOLAND TRAIN & FLIGHT TOUR**

Departing from **Johannesburg**

Train, Bus & Flight – 6 Days

Tours in season

17th Season of hosting train tours to the flowers

JB Train Tours invite you to join us on our annual train & flight tours to the **beautiful Namaqualand & Boland**. It is at the end of the rainy season and the flowers will be in its splendid beauty. There is nothing else like this natural phenomenon.

The previous five flower seasons, but one, were of the very best in recent years. The flowers were in abundance, the variety and colours almost unlimited, the 'veld' lush and the weather good. The 2019 flower season promises to be as good as well.

We are going to take you to places where tour groups normally don't go. Just think about places like the Worcester Karoo Park, Tulbagh ('Paddagang'), Quiver Tree Forest, Matjiesfontein Padstal, Paternoster and Bird Island.

Do some wine tasting and take pictures of a magnificent waterfall. Walk in the 'veld' with flowers from horizon to horizon. Bend your knees and discover small and tiny flowers. Enjoy the grace of God.

This year we'll travel again on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class** train, sleep in top notch hotels or lodges and travel by luxury charter bus before returning by flight.

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, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving back or sitting with stiff legs in your car. It is so much easier, very safe and **VERY** price competitive.



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In 2003 we've hosted **two** train tours to the daisies. In 2018 we'll be hosting **8** tours to the 'daisies', departing from Jo'burg. Every year the numbers are growing and all the tours are fully booked. We'll again keep the groups small hence it is limited to 48 passengers per tour. Book **NOW!**

This year we'll be hosting again an 8-day train tour from Jo'burg on the upmarket **Premier Classe** train to the flowers. The inaugural tour was hosted in 2010 and it was a huge success. One 7-day **Motorbike-on-Train** tour to the Flowers will be hosted again as well as a 6-day flight tour package. Contact us for details if you're interested. You may travel to Jo'burg to join any of these tours. Enquire with us for details about these tours.

Note: We used to run several train tours departing from Durban, but the DBN to CPT train was suspended ad infinitum in 2011.

For the past four years the best flowers were seen during late July & early August. Many people think that the 'Namaqualand Flower' is a Spring flower! However, the earlier the better!

NAME OFF TOUR

Namaqualand Flowers & Boland Train Tour – from JHB: 6-Days

TOUR DATES & NUMBERS

8 Tour dates to choose from in 2019

Sunday - Friday	28 Jul – 2 Aug	NF # 2	Beneficiary: 'Beeld Kinderfonds'
Sunday - Friday	4 - 9 Aug	NF # 3/4	
Sunday - Friday	18 – 23 Aug	NF # 5	
Wednesday - Monday	21 – 26 Aug	NF # 6	(Radio Kragbron – open to public)
Sunday - Friday	25 – 30 Aug	NF # 7	(Radio Kragbron – Fully Booked)
Wednesday - Monday	28 Aug – 2 Sept	NF # 8	(Radio Kragbron – Fully Booked)
Wednesday - Monday	4 – 9 Sept	NF # 9	(Fully Booked)

All these tours are six days long.

NOTE

Tour # 2 (28 Jul – 2 Aug 2019) is hosted in collaboration with the 'Beeld Kinderfonds'. Proceeds of this tour will go towards the Kinderfonds. This is one of four tours we annually host to benefit the Kinderfonds.



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TRAIN DEPARTURE TIME

Johannesburg	12:30	Platform 16	Day 1
Cape Town	12:45	CPT Airport	Day 6

TRAIN ARRIVAL TIME

Worcester	11:50	Platform 1	Day 2
Johannesburg	14:45	JHB Airport	Day 6

Please report to the station 45 minutes before departure. Other stations' departure times: See Page 5 below.

We suggest you make use of the Gautrain from Pretoria to join the tour at Johannesburg station OR contact us for assistance to arrange a shuttle.

TOUR PRICE

4-Bed Compartment on Train & 2-Beds/Room in Hotel

Price per Adult	Persons per Comp'ment	Persons per Hotel Room
R9700	4	2
R10270	3	2&1
R10420	2	2

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

Price per Adult	Persons per Coupe	Persons per Hotel Room
R10000	2	2
R11390	1	1

Compartment = 4 Bed & **Coupe** = 2-Bed.

DEPOSIT

A R1500 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.



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INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Train trip, flight, accommodation in reputable hotels or lodges, meals, luxury bus transport, tour guide and entry to excursions as mentioned in the itinerary.

MEALS

Two good meals per day (breakfast and dinner) are served and are **included** in the tour price.

ACCOMMODATION

We stay for two nights at **Club Mykonos** or a similar Hotel and another two nights at the **Piekenierskloof Mountain Lodge** or similar facility. One night is spent on the train.

All rooms will have en-suite bath rooms and it could include sharing a two-bedroom chalet/kaliva at Club Mykonos BUT still with own room and en suite facilities.

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 limited.

EXCLUDED FROM THE TOUR PRICE

Entry fees at tourist destinations not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses, meals not mentioned, Comprehensive Travel Insurance and gratuities (tips).



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ROUTE

The **train** route goes from Johannesburg via Krugersdorp, Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp to Kimberley, Beaufort West and Laingsburg to Worcester.

The **bus** route goes from Worcester via Tulbagh to Langebaan, Velddrif, Lamberts Bay, Clanwilliam, Van Rhynsdorp, Nieuwoudtville, Citrusdal to Worcester. (The sequence may & will change without notice).

The flight is from CPT to JHB.

PARKING

We suggest that you park your vehicle at OR Tambo Airport (long term parking) before departure of the tour, take the Gautrain from the airport to Johannesburg station and join the train tour. After the tour your car will be conveniently waiting for you at the airport.

Alternatively travel to the JHB station by Gautrain and again by Gautrain from the airport to your place after the tour.

BUS TRANSPORT ON TOUR

We make use of a charter bus, exclusive for our group.

NOTE

This is a casual holiday train & flight tour. It is ideal for families; those who haven't been on a train & flight holiday or haven't visited Namaqualand before, at a rate not to be repeated.

Travel greetings

Lean Badenhorst
& the JB Train Tours Team



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Provisional **PROGRAMME** - 6 Days

2019 Namaqualand Flowers & Boland Train & Flight Tour from Jo'burg

Day 1

11:45 Passengers meet at Platform 16 entrance, Jo'burg station, at the turnstiles. On arrival at the station your tour guide will meet you. Board the train, unpack, make yourself comfortable and start enjoying the trip. The train departs at 12:30. The tour guide will visit you in your compartment and you can start preparing for your welcome dinner in the dining car. The train travels overnight.

Day 2

Enjoy breakfast on the train whilst we travel across the Great Karoo (never underestimate or ignore the beauty of this vast space) and late morning we reach Worcester (+- 12:00). We disembark, board the **bus** and visit the Worcester Karoo Park, Tulbagh and then onto Club Mykonos at Langebaan. A 'small' dinner is served at "Boesmanland Plaaskombuis". Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3

After breakfast we depart by bus for Tietiesbaai, Cape Columbine & Saldanha where the panoramic view from "Hoedjieskop" will be enjoyed. This harbour town is well known for its Military Academy, Steel Plant and terminal for the iron ore railway line from Sishen in the Northern Cape. Enjoy tea at the famous Paternoster Hotel. Some of the best flowers are seen in this area. We'll find it. Tonight we dine again at the "**Boesmanland Plaaskombuis**", close to Club Mykonos. We overnight in the **same venue** as Day 2.

Day 4

We book out of the hotel after breakfast and depart by bus for Veldrif, Laaiplek, Dwarskersbos, Elands Bay, Leipoldville, Lamberts Bay (Bird Island), via Graafwater to Citrusdal. Time permitting we'll visit the Cederberg Mountains & Clanwilliam today. We overnight at Piekenierskloof Mountain Lodge just outside Citrusdal. Dinner is served at the lodge.

"Our aim at JB Train Tours is to show you interesting destinations no one would know of"



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Day 5

After breakfast we depart for Van Rhynsdorp where the Kokerboom Nursery is visited briefly. From here we cross the spectacular Van Rhyn's Pass (ascending 800 metres within 6 kilometres), to reach Nieuwoudtville (the "Ball Plant capital of the world"). This area is known as one of the world's most exciting flower areas. A lunch is served (local food) at a very reasonable price. The spectacular Nieuwoudtville waterfall and Quiver Tree Forest are visited. En route to our hotel we do some wine tasting. We sleep again in the **same hotel** as Day 4 after dinner was served.

Day 6

We book out of the hotel and after breakfast we'll depart for Cape Town airport before we join the flight for Jo'burg. Time permitting we'll have a brief stop at Darling at 'Evita se Perron'. The flight departs at 12:45 to arrive two hours later in JHB.

End of tour.

Note: Please note that the sequence and contents of the days **can** change due to various reasons. Please do NOT arrange personal appointments en route