



A PLEASANT TRAIN TOUR!

2019 | TRANSKAROO



3 September until 8 September 2019

INTRODUCTION



A train journey is one of the most enjoyable journeys anyone can undertake, and if the train is taking you to the Cape, it is even better! We were so overwhelmed by the inquiries and requests that we decided to plan a train tour during 2019. In the Cape we will enjoy a wine tour, eat fish and chips in Hout Bay, attend a concert at Die Boer theatre and spend a lovely time next to the Waterfront, to name but a few of the highlights.



IMPORTANT

Activities and days might swop in case of unforeseen circumstances, e.g. the weather.
Come what may, you will have the time of your life!

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRAIN:

- Compartments will be shared by four people. Pack lightly or book your own personal compartment.
- There is a basin in the compartment, however, space is limited.
- **Communal** ablutions.
- Linen and blankets are available @ R60/person.
- Cape Town's weather is unpredictable, bring something warm, but most of all - a warm spirit!



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DAY 1: Tuesday 3 September

Meeting point: IRENE VILLAGE MALL (McDonald's & K.F.C.'s parking)
cnr Nellmapius & Van Ryneveld, Centurion
(GPS coordinates: S25°51.683' E28°15.044')

The Mega Couch Bus will be waiting in McDonald's & K.F.C.'s parking from **09h00**.

DON'T BE LATE!

The bus departs promptly at 09h45 for Park Station, Johannesburg.

Tonight, we sleep on the train, but before retiring to bed, we are going to party until the early hours of the morning!

Once we board the train, take your time and explore the carriages: the dining area, bar, lounges, ablutions, etc. While leaving Johannesburg, relax in the bar, or your compartment. Once Gauteng is out of sight, make sure to look out for Kimberley's famous flamingos.

Snacks and a light lunch will be served in two different lounges.

A mouth-watering dinner, prepared by hand-picked chefs, awaits you later in the dining carriage.

And then, dear friends, prepare yourselves for a festivity of note! Entertainment by several artists, singers, plus a few surprises!

PS. Feel free to pack a bottle of wine and snacks and thereby save some money. The wine list on the train is no great shakes, plus they might run out of stock... (By the way, who's sponsoring the Jägermeister?)

DAY 2: Wednesday 4 September

A special treat! Our train stops in the historical **Matjiesfontein** for sightseeing. (**Usually only granted to Blue Train- & Rovos Rail-passengers paying much more than us!**)

Filled with Matjiesfontein's history and beauty, we get back on the train for the final leg of the journey and arrive late afternoon (**hopefully on time!**) in Cape Town and head straight for our hotel to freshen up.

Dinner at the hotel (unless the train was not on time ...), followed by a get together with a surprise or two.



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DAY 3: Thursday 5 September

Cape Town, here we come!

We explore the **city centre** and visit the **Castle**.

Lunch: **fresh** fish and “slap” chips, drenched in vinegar (optional!), at **Hout Bay**.

Then off to an exhilarating cable car trip to the top of **Table Mountain**, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Afterwards, we head for the picturesque **Bo-Kaap**, with its colourful houses and rich history and end the day off at a unique local restaurant.



DAY 4: Friday 6 September

We kick-start the day with a wine tasting at **Groot Constantia**, the oldest winery in South Africa, which even stocked Napoleon's cellar back in the days.

Afterwards, we visit the **V&A Waterfront**, with its highly recommended **Two Oceans Aquarium**. Here you are free to explore on your own for a while. If you're lucky, you might even experience the penguins being fed at a certain time.

Sometime today, you'll be spoiled with a unique coffee experience, learning everything about coffee. Later you will undertake a trip to **Charlie's Cupcake Factory**.

The bus departs from the hotel at 18:00 for **Durbanville Hills Winery** for a delicious dinner, wine tasting and a **special show** by a legend in the Afrikaans music industry.



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DAY 5: Saturday 7 September

Prepare yourself for a long day, but without a doubt - one of the highlights of the tour.

We drive through **Stellenbosch**, heading for **Franschhoek** and pay a visit to the **Afrikaans Language Monument** with all its symbolism, in Paarl. (One of Gerrie's all-time favourite sites.)

In **Franschhoek** you will get time to explore on your own and pop in at all the curio shops for retail therapy.

Cheese and wine tasting await us at **Fairview**, plus a **braai** at the well-known **Middelvlei Winery**.

Tonight, we are attending a show at Dowwe Dolla's famous **Die Boer Theatre** and their signature dish, sweet potato-chicken, is on the menu for dinner.



DAY 6: Sunday 8 September

Sadly, the time has come to head back home and we leave early in the morning for Cape Town Airport.

A bus awaits us at O.R. Tambo Airport to take us back to Irene Village Mall.



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WHAT TO DO NOW?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the TransKaroo tour:

- Step 1:** Let us know you want to join us on this exciting tour by sending us your email address and cell number to bookings@gerriepretorius.co.za. We will send you the booking form, which you need to complete and return to us with a copy of your passport and proof of payment for your deposit.
- Step 2:** We will send you a detailed Itinerary with tips on the destinations and things to plan for.
- Step 3:** Get really excited and look forward to the most idyllic holiday of your life!
- NB: No cancellations will be accepted.
 - We strongly advise you to get comprehensive insurance cover for cancellations, as well as personal cover in the event of death, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and evacuation expenses in case of emergencies. We also advise that you get insurance covering you for any personal liability, plus loss of personal property.

Price

R15 500* per person sharing

Include all costs, flights, excursions, wine farms & entertainment.

Exclude beverages, tips where needed and souvenirs.

R21 500* per person in a single room.

- Please note that the number of single supplement spaces are limited, and in some cases it will not be possible to book in a single room.
- Book your own compartment at an additional R1500 per couple or R2250 should you wish to have the whole compartment to yourself. Please note this arrangement is only for the train & does not form part of the single supplement should it be required. Please inform us accordingly.
- Tour prices are calculated on sharing tariffs as a baseline.
- A non-refundable deposit of R5 000 per person is required to confirm your booking. The outstanding balance is strictly payable 60 days prior to the date of departure.
- Deposit reference number: **Trein2019: Name & Surname**, paid to: GJ Pretorius, ABSA, Mosselbaai branch: 632 005, Account No: 2078183449
- Send proof of payment to: bookings@gerriepretorius.co.za





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