2019 Namaqualand Flowers

Upmarket Train & Flight tour package
from JHB

8 days

Travel on the Premier Classe Train

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JB TRAIN TOURS (Since 1975)
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JB Train Tours invite you to join us on our inaugural upmarket Premier Classe Train & Flight tour package to the beautiful Namaqualand on the South African west coast. This tour is an edition to the Tourist Class; Flights; and Bus tour packages that we host annually to the flowers.

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 flowers are normally in abundance, the variety and colours almost unlimited, the ‘veld’ lush and the weather good. The flower season promises to be good. During this tour we’ll travel wide and far, not only to see the daisies but to experience the region, the people, the small towns and the villages.

We are going to take you to places where tour groups normally don’t go. Just think about places like Paternoster and Darling. You will 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.

We’ll travel on the luxurious Premier Classe train, sleep in reputable hotels and travel by a charter bus before returning by flight. In practice it means that we’ll be two days longer in Namaqualand compared to previous train-only tours.

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.

About our Budget Tourist Class train tours: In 2007 all five our train tours and in 2008 all 14, in 2009 all 19, and in 2010 all 19 were fully booked. In 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 we had 12+ tours that were all fully booked. This year will be our 12th successive year of organising a Namaqualand Flower Train tour on the Premier Classe train from JHB to the Flowers – organised on request and by huge demand. Book NOW! THREE Namaqualand Flower train tours on the Premier Classe train in 2019! For the past five years the best flowers were seen in August.

Baie mense sê al baie jare dat hulle graag na die blomme in Namakwaland wil gaan kyk. DOEN dit nou met die opgegradeerde Premier Classe trein! Dit bly ’n heerlike voorreg om deur hierdie geweste van die land te ry. Die mense is spesiaal (sout van die aarde), die natuur is pragtig terwyl die kontreikos besonders is.

Vanjaar wyk ons so ’n bietjie van die beproeefde resep af en besoek ’n klompie minder bekende, en dalk mooier, bestemmings. Moenie dit mis nie. Bring vriende en familie saam. Vertel die kuierklub om saam te reis. Bespreek NOU!
See the FAQ document attached (what a fabulous train!)

### Dates

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<td>P-NF1</td>
<td>Thurs, 25 July to Thurs 01 Aug 2019 (8 days)</td>
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<td>Cape Town 14:00</td>
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<td>P-NF2</td>
<td>Thurs, 22 Aug to Thurs, 29 Aug 2019 (8 days)</td>
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Please report to the Premier Classe lounge at JHB station at 09:30 on Day 1.

### Prices

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<td>2 Persons per Compartment &amp; same 2 Persons per Hotel Room</td>
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<td>1 Person per Coupe &amp; 1 Person per Hotel Room</td>
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**Notes:**
- Prices may change without prior notice and are subject to availability
- No discount for pensioners or children – we keep our prices affordable for everyone
INCLUDED IN THE TRAIN TOUR PACKAGE

- One overnight train trip on the upmarket Premier Classe train: JHB to CPT
- One way flight in Economy Class: CPT to JHB
- Accommodation in reputable hotels or lodges
- Two good meals per day (breakfast and dinner) on tour. All meals & high teas are included on the train
- Bus transport
- JB Train Tours tour guide
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary

EXCLUDED FROM THE TRAIN TOUR PACKAGE

- Comprehensive Travel insurance: We strongly urge you to adequately cover yourself for any eventualities with your insurance agent. The Automobile Association (AA), through Regent Insurance, renders a ‘Local Cover’ Insurance package at a very affordable rate. I.e.: +-R75 pp for a 7-day tour. Click here for more info or call them at 0861 900 801.
- Meals not mentioned
- Lunches are for your own account
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Gratuities
- Parking at JHB station or JHB Airport

HOW TO BOOK

All you need to do now is to complete the attached Booking Form, pay the non-refundable deposit of R6000pp (your booking may be transferred to another person should you not be able to attend the tour - with the consent of JB Train Tours) or the full amount (due latest 2 months prior to tour) into the bank account (banking details at bottom of Booking Form OR pay by using your credit card with SnapScan below) and send with a copy of your ID to upmarket@jbtours.co.za or fax to 086 687 7344. If the tour is booked within the two months period, the full amount needs to be paid.

You can pay by Snapscan:

Click here to read more about Snapscan

BUS TRANSPORT

We only make use of reputable bus companies with good safety records and back-up services in place when needed. Comfortable luxury buses are used.

The bus will NOT have an on board toilet, but we stop a sufficient number of times for smoke breaks and toilet stops.
ACCOMMODATION

We’ll be staying for one night on the train, one night at the **Letsatsi Mountain Lodge** in Vanrhynsdorp, two nights at the **Okiep Country Hotel** in Springbok OR **Klawer Hotel** in Klawer, another two nights at **Melkboomdrift Lodge** outside Lutzville and one night at **Windtown Lagoon Hotel** in Langebaan.

We host two persons (or one) per room in hotels or chalets (as booked)

All rooms will have en-suite bath rooms and it could include sharing a chalet BUT still with own room and en-suite facilities.

Due to bus capacity constraints, each tour is limited to a maximum of 46 people.

![Letsatsi Mountain Lodge](image1.png) ![Melkboomdrift Hotel](image2.png)

LUGGAGE

Please note that your luggage is limited to one suitcase and one piece of hand luggage as per flight requirements.

DRESS

You do not need to dress up. This is a casual tour with no formal dinners. Walking shoes, a jacket or jersey and a hat are recommended for the daily excursions.

TOURIST GUIDE

A qualified tour guide will travel with you.

CANCELLATIONS

Deposit is non-refundable. Cancellations allowed up to 6 weeks prior to departure.
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, **change in mode of transport**, etc.*

**NB**

- 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 refunds for instances where circumstances beyond its control lead to an interruption, earlier termination, change in transport mode, late running 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.) nor strikes. 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.

- Furthermore, if any **mode of transport changes** during or before the course of the tour due to reasons beyond the control of JB Train Tours, the operator will endeavour to continue with the tour with alternative means. This does NOT warrant booked passengers to withdraw from the tour and allow or permit them to claim fees or expenses from the operator.

JB Train Tours is looking forward to host you on this train tour and share our beautiful country with you.

Travel greetings

Lean Badenhorst
& the JB Train Tours Team

| Day 1: Thursday | On arrival at the Premiere Classe lounge at Johannesburg station you’ll enjoy some coffee/tea and biscuits. The train manager and JB Train Tours representative will welcome you where after you will board the train, unpack, make yourself comfortable and start enjoying the trip. The train is scheduled to depart at 10:30. You can start preparing for your welcome lunch & dinner. The train travels overnight via Klerksdorp, Kimberley, Beaufort West and Laingsburg to Worcester. |
| Day 2: Friday | We travel across the Great Karoo (never underestimate or ignore the beauty of this vast space) and after breakfast (mid-morning) we reach Worcester & disembark. Passengers board the luxury bus and travel via Tulbagh, Gouda and Porterville to Letsatsi Mountain Lodge Vanrhynsdorp. Dinner is served. Overnight at the lodge. Distance travelled by bus today: 180 km |
| Day 3: Saturday | We depart by bus from the lodge. Our journey continues via Clanwilliam, Vanrhynsdorp, Bitterfontein and Garies on the N7 which is the main route to Springbok and Namibia! En route we’ll stop for sightseeing of the flowers in all its beauty. Tonight we sleep in Okiep Country Hotel after enjoying dinner. Distance travelled by bus today: 402 km |
**Day 4: Sunday**

Shortly after breakfast we depart to spend some time in the district not only to enjoy the daisies but to ‘discover’ the region as well. We’ll be back at the hotel in Springbok early afternoon. Dinner is served and we overnight in the same hotel.

Distance travelled by bus today: 205 km

**Day 5: Monday**

The bus departs on its return journey on the N7 towards Vredendal and our overnight venue at Melkboomdrift Lodge just outside Lutzville OR Klawer Hotel in Klawer (depending on which tour you’re booked on). En route more flowers will be seen and around Vredendal and on the banks of the Olifants River the vineyards of the region will impress. Dinner is served and we overnight at the lodge.

Distance travelled by bus today: 320 km

**Day 6: Tuesday**

We depart for Nieuwoudtville (in the Northern Cape) where we divert to Loeriesfontein direction to visit the largest concentration of Quiver trees found anywhere on earth. It stands amongst a yellow flower carpet during a good flowering season. It is quite a sight to behold. We then traverse the area and visit the Nieuwoudtville waterfall. This region is renowned for the most beautiful carpets of flowers and is the flower-bulb capital of the world. We enjoy lunch at Matjiesfontein-Boereplaas.

This sandstone building Dutch Reformed Church in town is a national monument and has an interesting history. After lunch we continue to drive through the region, enjoying the magnificence of its rich flowering splendor.

Returning the way we had come, we descend along the Vanrhyns Pass, one of the most spectacular passes in the country. From the top of this pass we are able to see the whole Knersvlakte below – a truly stunning sight. Back down below in Vanrhynsdorp we visit the succulent nursery in the country, where we will be able to view the succulent display and even buy some “bababoutjies” and “krapogies”. Overnight in the same lodge as the previous night.

Distance travelled by bus today: 380 km

**Day 7: Wednesday**

After breakfast we depart for the Cederberg mountains where we will visit the gravesite of C.Louis Leipoldt in the Pakhuis Mountain Pass which is part of the Cederberg Range. The stunning rock formations is an absolute essential part of any tour-group’s itinerary and once gazed upon one can easily understand why C.L. Leipoldt chose this mountain kingdom for his final resting place. Then on to Clanwilliam, Piketberg, Velddrif & Paternoster. We continue via Saldanha to Langebaan and overnight at a hotel in Langebaan. Dinner is served and we overnight.

Distance travelled by bus today: 380 km

**Day 8: Thursday**

Although it is the last day of the tour you’ll still have some sightseeing to do in Darling and en route before arriving at the Cape Town airport for the flight home early afternoon. The flight takes about two hours from CPT to JHB.

End of tour

Distance travelled by bus today: 135 km

**Note:** Please note that the sequence, contents of the days and accommodation can change due to various reasons. I.e.: Weather and road conditions or any other factors beyond our control. Running times of the train cannot be guaranteed by PRASA.