



# STEAM TOURS

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# Cape Xplorer

**14. November—05. Dezember 2015**



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# INTRODUCTION

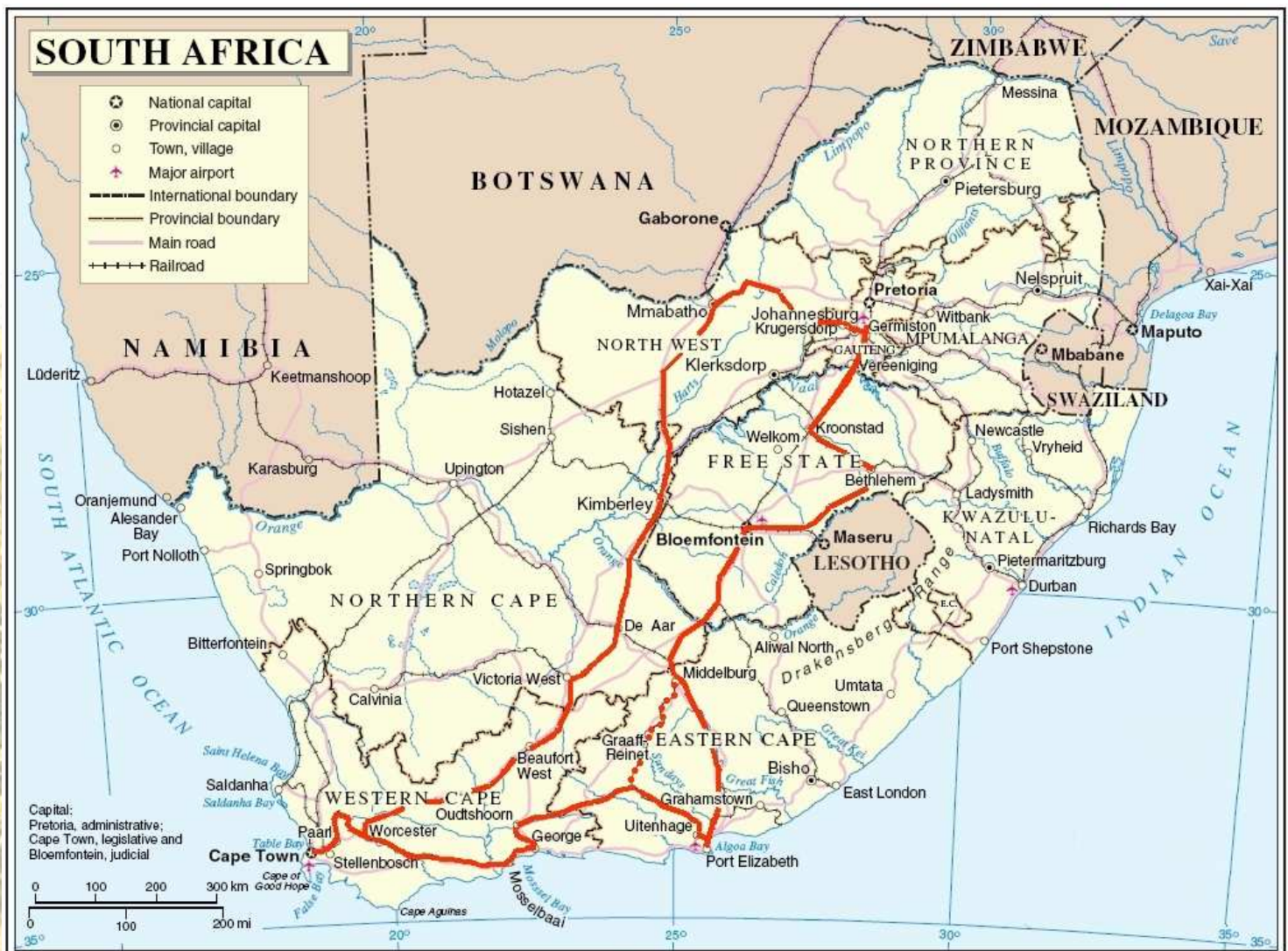
On the morning of the 14th November 2015, we will welcome you to Johannesburg at O.R. Tambo International Airport. After a short trip with the bus to Germiston, the base of Reefsteamers Association (NPC), we will invite you to our welcome buffet and hand out the detailed train and tour information.

You will board the train and be shown to your compartments which will be your home during the entire tour.

14. November 2015 departure from Germiston in the direction of Bethlehem at 13:30

## THE TOUR PLANING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TRAIN ROUTE:

Germiston - Kroonstad - Bethlehem - Ficksburg - Modderpoort - Bloemfontein - Noupoot - (*Middleburg - Lootsberg Pass - Klipplaat - Port Elizabeth*) Addo - Port Elizabeth - Klipplaat - Oudtshoorn - George - Mosselbaai - Robertson - Worcester - Cape Town - (Simons Town) - Stellenbosch - Cape Town - Baufort West - De Aar - Kimberly - Mago-gong - Mafikeng - Magaliesburg - Krugersdorp - Johannesburg Park Station - Germis-ton (total length: about 6400Km)



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# PROVISIONAL TOUR PROGRAM

**1. DAY:** Bus transfer from O.R.Tambo International Airport to the steam depot in Germiston, welcome buffet and boarding. Departure at 13:00. The journey will lead us, with electric units to Bethlehem. Stay over at Bethlehem.

**2. DAY:** Steaming Day! We operate 2 different steam trains: Freight & Passenger. Our route today will take us from Bethlehem to Ficksburg and finally to Modderpoort.

**3. DAY:** For all who like to take early morning photos: the train will leave Modderpoort before sunrise to be in place for the sunrise in Marseilles. Parallel departure of the passenger and freight train. For your perfect line-side photos, a bus will take you to the photo spots along the line. Both trains operate to Bethlehem. Overnight stay.

**4. DAY:** Early morning departure from Bethlehem to Bloemfontein. Today we have a photo session day with different photo stops and run-pasts. Again, we have a minibus service set up.

**5. DAY: (1)** Today we run from Bloemfontein via Noupoot to Addo, where we stay over.

**6. DAY: (1)** Visit of the Addo Elephant National Park. In the afternoon our train heads down to Port Elizabeth.

**7. DAY: (1)** Enjoy a free day and explore the Friendly City or come with us on a special excursion and see the beautiful landscape of the Eastern Cape from a different angle.

**8. DAY:** A long day with breath-taking landscapes! We leave Port Elizabeth straight into the rising sun, along the sea. Our way will lead us from Port Elizabeth via Klipplaat to Oudtshoorn, in the heart of the Great Karoo.

**9. DAY:** Today we will visit the famous Cango Caves and one of the well-known ostrich farms. Enjoy and relax!

**10. DAY:** Today we climb the Montagu Pass and we hope the weather will be sunny. From Oudtshoorn, we travel to George where we visit the Transport Museum. After an interesting visit and lunch, we will continue to Mosselbaai.

**11. DAY:** You can let your mind wander during our way to Robertson. At Robertson we plan to tour through South Africa's well known Klipdrift Brandy distillery.

**(1)** Depending on the route we will be allowed to operate: If the Lootsberg Pass is open for traffic again, we will prefer this unique route and skip the Addo visit on day 6. In this case we will organize a Addo tour from Port Elizabeth on day 7 (if a minimum participation is reached.)

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- 12. DAY:** Departure from Robertson/Worcester to Cape Town. Arrival at about 13.00. Free afternoon to explore the beautiful city.
- 13. DAY:** Bus transfer to Franschhoek. Here we will enjoy the great Wine Tram and visit two or three wineries for wine tasting and a lunch. The sunset, we will enjoy on Table Mountain with a glass of sparkling wine.
- 14. DAY:** A day excursion to the Cape of Good Hope and the botanical garden in Kirstenbosch.
- 15. DAY:** Enjoy a day out with a special steam train operated by Atlantic Rail.
- 16. DAY:** Today we leave Cape Town behind us. Our route will head us to Matjiesfontein. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful ensemble of the Hotel complex, dinner at the hotel is planned. Afterwards we will continue to Beaufort West, where we will arrive at approximately 01.00.
- 17. DAY:** From Beaufort West, we will head to De Aar. We will arrive in De Aar in the afternoon. This Karoo region is known for its fast growing solar panel farms.
- 18. DAY:** The line between Belmont and Kimberley was finished in 1885. We plan to operate, in cooperation with Transnet, some steam specials on the line between De Aar and Kimberley for the 130 year celebration of the line.
- 19. DAY:** Planned steam specials on the Kimberley - De Aar line.
- 20. DAY:** At sunrise we leave Kimberley and will head to Mafikeng - Zeerust. Relaxing train travel. Overnight stay.
- 21. DAY:** From Zeerust, we will continue our journey to Magaliesburg. In the afternoon we will transfer by bus to the Pilanesberg National Park. In this beautiful game park you can find the Big 5. Dinner is served at the game park.
- 22. DAY:** Unfortunately already our last day. From Magaliesburg we will steam to Germiston, where we will serve you a rich brunch. Have a look around our depot and the workshops. Take a shower and pack your items with no rush. Later in the afternoon, our bus will take you to O.R.Tambo International Airport. You will have enough time to check in and organize some needed items in the Duty Free section.

**HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? NO PROBLEM! CONTACT US:**

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Please note: this program is provisional, but it does reflect the routes and the excursions we are planning. Changes can happen at any time but will not affect the dates and the duration and value of the planned tour.

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## PLANNED LOCOMOTIVES AND TRAIN SETS:

Reefsteamers 12AR No. 1535 "Susan"

Reefsteamers 15F No. 3046 "Janine"

Reefsteamers 25NC No. 3472 "Elize"

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Atlantic Rail Class 24 No. 3655 "Jenny"

Or

Atlantic Rail 16DA No. 879 "Katie"

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Transnet: diesel and electric locos of different classes. Exact details can be provided at the start of the tour

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On different sections we plan to operate both sorts of trains:

Freight and passenger

Reefsteamers sleeper train will be the passenger train set

Freight and service wagons will build up the freight train set



# PRICE SHEET

The listed prices are per person

## OPTION 1 22 DAY TOUR

<u>Economy Class:</u>	£5160	\$8910	€6450	CHF7750
<u>Silver Class:</u>	£5330	\$9190	€6666	CHF7999
<u>Gold Class:</u>	£5500	\$9480	€6870	CHF8250

Single compartments are available in Economy and Silver Class

## OPTION 2 11 / 12 DAY TOUR

- 12 Days from Johannesburg to Cape Town (limited places)
- 11 Days from Cape Town to Johannesburg (limited places)

<u>Economy Class:</u>	£3130	\$5400	€3916	CHF4700
<u>Silver Class:</u>	£3230	\$5570	€4040	CHF4850
<u>Gold Class:</u>	----	----	----	-----

Single compartments are available in Economy and Silver Class

### **THE ABOVE-LISTED PRICES INCLUDE:**

All accomodation on the train, mineral water for the night, all meals and accompanying mineral water, fruit buffet, tea and coffee, bus transfers, admission fees, excursions and the breath-taking landscapes.

### **NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE-LISTED PRICES:**

The flights to and from Johannesburg, private insurance, alcoholic drinks, beverages, private shopping and souvenirs, all tour parts you have privately organized and are not part of our tour program.

### **WE RECOMMEND:**

A private travel insurance, or at least a cancellation insurance.

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## BOOKING INFORMATION

Please let us know which class you would like to book (Gold / Silver double / Silver single/ Economy compartment / Economy coupé).

You will receive a reservation confirmation and the invoice.

Please transfer the amount as soon as possible! The bookings are made on a first paid basis, not on a first booked basis. After we have received your transfer, we will send you the booking confirmation. This confirmation is also your ticket for the tour.

For booking and future information, please contact:

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Bank details:

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## BOOKING CONDITIONS A

**With your payment**, you agree to the following conditions:

**All information** on the tour is assembled based on quotations of the various rail operators, and other travel agencies.

**Agenda items** are subject to change with or without prior notice. SAR Steam Tours cannot held accountable for changes to the tour programme.

**All information** of the tour are subject to change, please make sure you allow enough time to reach your home flight (we recommend a day) and your travel insurance covers such contingencies (shifting flight).

**For the duration** of the tour, you are responsible for the appropriate travel insurance. SAR Steam Tours cannot be held liable for any medical problems, injury, loss or damage during the tour.

**All tour participants** must have a valid passport that has at least (from date of entry) six months validity. The passport holder is responsible for the possible acquisition of a visa for the destination country. Please also check possible visa restrictions.

**The tour participants** will need to have good health, SAR Steam Tours is not responsible for participants who attend weakened or sick with the tour. For safety reason, SAR Steam Tours reserves the right to exclude participants on departure from the trip.





## BOOKING CONDITIONS B

**Prices are based** on the exchange rate at the time of planning. We reserve the right, in the unlikely event of deterioration of the exchange rate, to adjust prices accordingly. With a larger change in the exchange rate, in favour of the participants, SAR Steam Tours reserves the right to grant an appropriate refund to the participants.

**SAR Steam Tours** is not liable for any damage or inconvenience which may arise due to delays or cancellation. SAR Steam Tours reserves the right to offer alternative modes of transport prior to transfer, in the event that it is not available.

**In case of a cancellation** made by you, SAR Steam Tours will charge the following administration fees:

120-60 days = 5% of the total price, 59-31 days = 20% of the total price, 30-22 days = 40% of the total price, 21-15 days = 60% of the tour price, 14 days or less (or no show) = total cost of the holiday.

**The price** in Swiss Francs is always authoritative.

**If the trip should** be cancelled by SAR Steam Tours, all monies received will be returned in full.

**SAR Steam Tours** reserves the right to exclude participants from certain sections of the tour or to cancel their stay on the train due to poor behaviour or conduct unbecoming.



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