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Dear Sir/Madam

### 2018 'WACKY WINE WEEKEND' FESTIVAL **TRAIN & FLIGHT TOUR**

Departing from Jo'burg (Return trip) to Robertson Wine Valley (Western Cape)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

5 Days

“A Good Wine Festival”

JB Train Tours invites you to join us on our inaugural **train & flight** tour to the 15<sup>th</sup> **Wacky Wine Weekend (WWW)** in the Robertson Wine Valley in the Western Cape. We are always looking for new destinations and events to host tours to and the **WWW** has been ‘in the back of our minds’ for quite a time.

This event started almost two decades ago when the local farmers realised that they need to do something extra to promote their wines and region. The Wacky Wine Weekend festival was the initiative of the members of Robertson Wine Valley and the first festival was held in 2002. (for more information on Robertson Wine Valley and its member, visit [www.robertsonwinevalley.com](http://www.robertsonwinevalley.com)). The main objective was to draw feet into in the valley during the quieter winter months.

This festival is not hosted at one venue in one town, but at the 30+ Wine estates in the region participating in the Festival. Every estate has its own festive program, activities, food, performers and wine – to taste & buy. This is REAL “platteland” hospitality at its best.



Part of your tour package is the **WWW pass** allowing you free entry to all the estates (excluding special shows) AND the pass includes 6 x wine tasting coupons **per wine estate** or cellar!

The Festival officially runs from Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. The tour is overlapping this period and every day we'll be visiting different estates, cellars and towns by local bus. No self-driving would be needed.

Your accommodation is at the Avalon Springs resort just outside the town of Montagu. Meaning that after a day of good wine and good food you can relax in a healthy warm pool. Dinner is available at the resort.



This tour is a combination of: Travelling by train, bus & flight; enjoying the Robertson Wine Valley and **WWW** at a **very affordable** rate, sleeping in a top hotel with good facilities; enjoying the Festival, eat local food and drink good quality wine, visit various cellars and exhibitions, see new towns or just relax.

Are you tired of driving, looking for accommodation and worrying about the logistics? We'll take you there. When travelling by train & flight, you don't have to worry about increasing petrol prices, tollgate fees, heavy traffic, driving back or sitting long hours in your car.

This year you'll be travelling on the **Trans Karoo Tourist class** train from Jo'burg to Worcester and by bus from Worcester to Montagu – another 75 km.

En route to Montagu you'll visit the 'Pampoen' and/or 'Affie plaas' road stalls and travel through the towns of Robertson and Ashton. Time permitting we'll be visiting the first cellar for the weekend en route.

This tour is comfortable, affordable, safe & secure; everything is arranged for you and it is **VERY** price competitive. **Go and enjoy the Boland's culture.**

**Any** person who is interested in going to the WWW and **enjoy the WWW Festival** may join us! I.e. family, friends, children and girlfriend, from anywhere!

**Note:** This 5-day Train & Flight tour replaces our previous 6-day Train tour – at the same price! Your time spent in the Boland will still be the same - no change.

**Tour dates & Number:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018      WWW #1

**Departure times:**      Johannesburg      12:30      Wed      Platform 16  
    Cape Town      17:10      Sun      CPT Airport

**Arrival times:**      Worcester      11:50      Thurs      Platform 1  
    Johannesburg      19:10      Sun      JHB Airport

**Tour price:**      **4-Bed Compartment on Train & 2-Beds/Room in Hotel**

<b>Price per Adult</b>	<b>Persons per Comp'ment</b>	<b>Persons per Hotel Room</b>
<b>R6200</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>R7090</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2 &amp; 1</b>
<b>R6870</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

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

<b>Price per Adult</b>	<b>Persons per Coupe</b>	<b>Persons per Hotel Room</b>
<b>R6500</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>R8870</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

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

**Children:**      Children ages 2 – 9 pay R300 pp less than the above prices. Younger children, sharing a bed with parent, will travel free of charge.

**Deposit:**      A R1000 per person **non-refundable** deposit will secure your place. The balance **must** be paid **by latest six weeks before** departure date. I.e.: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. If NOT paid, your place will be cancelled automatically.

**Included in price:**      Return transport by train to Worcester, 2 nights' accommodation and bedding on the train, return bus trip between Worcester & Montagu and transport into the region the other two days, WWW Pass, 3 nights' B&B accommodation in a top resort in Montagu, **tour guide**, as well as certain meals on the train are included in the tour price.

**Meals:**      Five daily breakfasts and two dinners (on the train) are included in the tour price. All other (tasty) meals are available at very reasonable prices on the train and at the places we'll be visiting.

**Excluded from the tour price:**      **Entry fees** at tourist destinations, shows or exhibitions not mentioned in the program.

**Route:**      You will travel on the **Trans Karoo Tourist Class Train** from Johannesburg to Worcester via Krugersdorp, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Christiana, Warrenton, Kimberley, De Aar & Beaufort West. Passengers may embark or dis-embark at any point en route. Please indicate accordingly on your Reservation Form. The price remains the same.

The bus journey (76 km) will be from Worcester to Montagu via the R60 & R62.

The flight is from CPT to JHB.

**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.

**Accommodation:** Passengers will be accommodated for two nights on the train, as well as three nights at Avalon Springs Resort outside Montagu. The hotel rooms are spacious with good facilities. I.e.: Hot water pools.

Visit <http://www.avalonsprings.co.za/>

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

**Notes:** This is a casual holiday train tour. It is for people who'd like to enjoy the WWW Festival, tour and splendid beauty of the Boland. It is ideal for individuals, friends & groups; those who haven't been on a train holiday or haven't visited The Robertson Wine Valley before, at a rate not to be repeated. AND you must have a love for wine!

**BOOK NOW!** Please complete the attached **Reservation Form** and fax or e-mail it to us, along with your Bank Deposit slip. Closing date is when the limited number of places is sold out.

*Travel greetings*



Johan Badenhorst  
& The JB Train Tours team

**Note:** Other places to be visited in region if time permits:

Sheilam succulent nursery at Klaasvoogds - closed on Sundays

'Rooibrug' outside Bonnievale & Arty places in McGregor

KOO factory in Ashton

Station shops in Robertson & Ashton

Cheese factory outside Bonnievale & 'Timjan' in Bonnievale

'Eseltjiesrus' donkey sanctuary outside McGregor

**Tractor and trailer ride** up the Langeberg mountain range – outside Montagu

## Running times of the train

**2018 TOURIST CLASS TRAIN RUNNING TIMES****JNB » CPT » JNB**

<b>Johannesburg » Cape Town</b>					
<b>Train Station</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Departure</b>			
<b>Johannesburg to...</b>		12:30 day 1			
Krugersdorp	13:09 day 1	13:14 day 1			
Potchefstroom	15:16 day 1	15:29 day 1			
Klerksdorp	16:09 day 1	16:25 day 1			
Christiana	19:11 day 1	19:16 day 1			
Warrenton	19:49 day 1	19:55 day 1			
Kimberley	20:54 day 1	21:20 day 1			
De Aar	01:18 day 2	01:35 day 1			
Hutchinson	03:30 day 2	03:35 day 2			
Beaufort West	05:30 day 2	06:00 day 2			
Prince Albert	07:35 day 2	07:42 day 2			
Laingsburg	09:05 day 2	09:15 day 2			
Matjiesfontein	09:38 day 2	09:43 day 2			
<b>Worcester</b>	<b>11:50 day 2</b>	<b>12:05 day 2</b>			
Wellington	13:50 day 2	13:54 day 2			
Huguenot	14:05 day 2	14:09 day 2			
Bellville	14:50 day 2	15:00 day 2			
<b>Cape Town</b>	15:30 day 2				

Please note that running times are **not** guaranteed. Trains **often** run **VERY** late.

## Provisional **PROGRAMME**

### **2018 WACKY WINE WEEKEND FESTIVAL TRAIN & FLIGHT TOUR** – from Jo'burg



#### **Day 1            Wednesday            30<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

From 11:45    Passengers meet at **Johannesburg** station – entrance to Platform 16  
12:30        Train departs from Johannesburg for Worcester  
**Dinner** served on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
Travel overnight

#### **Day 2            Thursday            31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

07:00        **Breakfast** on the train (**included** in the tour price)  
11:50        Arrival in Worcester  
              Depart by bus for Montagu  
              Stop en route at 'Pampoen padstal' & Wine cellar (Time permitting)  
17:00        Book in at Avalon Resort  
              Dinner at resort – own account  
              Overnight in resort

#### **Day 3            Friday            1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

07:00        **Breakfast** at the resort (**included** in the tour price)  
10:00        Bus departs for Bonnievale, Ashton & wine cellars  
              All other meals available en route (own cost)  
17:00        Return to Avalon Resort  
              Dinner at resort – own account  
              Overnight in resort

#### **Day 4            Saturday            2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**

07:00        **Breakfast** at the resort (**included** in the tour price)  
10:00        Bus departs for Robertson & McGregor & wine cellars  
              All other meals available en route (own cost)  
17:00        Return to Avalon Resort  
              Dinner at resort – own account  
              Overnight in resort

#### **Day 5            Sunday            3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

From 07:00    **Breakfast** served at the resort (**included** in the tour price)  
09:00        Book out of Resort  
10:00        Bus departs for Cape Town  
              Last visits en route  
17:10        Flight departs for Jo'burg – CPT Airport  
19:10        Flight arrives JHB  
              End of tour

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