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Take a train to the sea

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A new tourist train is due to start operating between Germiston in Gauteng and Port Shepstone on the KZN South Coast. The train, which will be operated by Germiston based steam locomotive operator, will travel overnight to Port Shepstone.



This new tourist route presents itself as one of the few remaining railway lines in the country on which there are no tourist trains.

This route offers tourists an opportunity to travel along a unique, scenic route, it being the only railway line internationally which runs next to a beach for over 100km. The destination of this train is one of the prime holiday destinations in the country offering many tourist attractions.

Three classes of accommodation are offered, gold, silver and economy. All coaches have hot and cold running water and electricity. Multiple course buffet breakfasts and dinners will be served on board in a dining car from its fully equipped kitchen. The train also has a licensed bar and lounge coach.

Passengers sleep on the train when it reaches its destination at Port Shepstone where all passengers will have a 180 degree seaview from their compartments. Day trips to local attractions such as Oribi Gorge, the Wild Coast Sun, and Lake Eland Game Reserve etc. will be on offer.

The train will be under 24/7 security surveillance by a private security company whilst parked at Port Shepstone station. The first trip to the KZN South Coast is planned for 26 December 2011, returning to Germiston on 2 January 2012.

Ticket prices include all meals (seven breakfasts, six dinners and one lunch). The cost of day excursions at its destination is for the account of passengers.

When compared to the cost of travelling to the South Coast by road and the cost of peak season accommodation, together with the safety and convenience of rail travel, such a train journey offers tourists a cost effective and novel new holiday experience.

For more information visit <http://www.reefsteamers.com/New-Year-Train.html>

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