





# steam in action



# The Free State Explorer

## **Trip Information**

The Free State Explorer steam hauled passenger train will run from Johannesburg to Ficksburg and return from the 9th to the 13th April 2008.

Passengers will embark the train at Boksburg East Station at 17h00 on the 9th of April for an early morning departure on the 10th April. Dinner will be served on the train on the evening of the 9th.

There is adequate parking at Boksburg East Station with 24 hour security for the duration of the trip.

Arrival at Ficksburg will be at 18h00 on the 10th April where the train will staged for the duration of the tour. Breakfast will be served each day and dinner will be catered for at Sandstone Estates on the 10th, 11th and 12th. Lunch will be an own account option while the train is at Ficksburg but light meals will be catered for at Sandstone each day.

The train will depart for Boksburg East at 04h00 on Sunday 13th April, arriving at 18h00.

An optional trip from Ficksburg to Bethlehem will be offered on Friday 11th April when the two locomotives journey to Bethlehem to pick up two Class 25NC locomotives which will be brought to the Sandstone facility at Ficksburg for preservation and safe keeping. As passengers are not allowed when locomotives are dead hauled in a train, all participants will be returned to Ficksburg by vintage bus. For logistical reasons only 40 passengers can be accommodated on this trip.

#### Pricing

South African residents R4600.00 per person sharing including all meals and accommodation on the train.

Children under 12 will be charged R2000.00 and must be accompanied by an adult.

Limited single occupancy will be offered at R6900.00 per person.

Overseas Bookings GBP365.00 per person sharing including all meals and accommodation on the train.

Children under 12 will be charged GBP170.00 and must be accompanied by an adult.

Limited single occupancy will be offered at GBP547.50 per person.

The tour price includes entry to the Sandstone Steam and Cosmos Festival and transport to and from Sandstone Estates by vintage bus.

An additional cost of R200 per person will be charged for the Bethlehem option on Friday 11th April payable on the day.

## Bookings

#### South Africa.

Bookings will be taken through Reefsteamers, Mr. Les Smith on e-mail, <u>bookings@reefsteamers.co.za</u>

#### Overseas.

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