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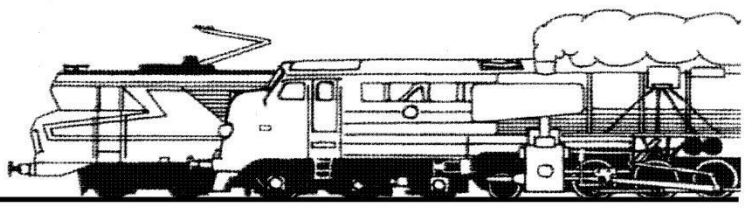

Circular 3– January 2017

LCGB SOUTH AFRICA TOURS 2017 - UPDATE

These will fall into two parts which can either be booked together or separately.

Tour 01A/17 Stars of Sandstone Festival

It is expected that it will be necessary to leave the UK on the evening Tuesday 28th March 2017. Travel will be then made to the Stars of Sandstone festival which starts on Thursday 30th March. Sandstone Estates are currently preparing a bespoke programme for our group which we will share shortly. We are attaching a copy of the 2014 programme which will provide an indication of what can be on offer at Sandstone. Where very early starts are mentioned a later alternative will be arranged. A £100 deposit is required for this part of the tour. Return on Saturday 8th April.

This part was full but one place now available due to a cancellation.

Tour 01B/17 Saturday 8th April to Monday 24th April 2017 – exclusive LCGB Tour

Saturday 8th April Transfer from Johannesburg Airport or from Sandstone tour
Stay Protea Hotel Centurion

Sunday 9th April Coach transfer to Pretoria for steam train 08.00 Hermanstad - Cullinan - Hermanstad (one way via Pretoria) *Steam hauled by either 24 3664 or 15F 3052*.
Coach transfer to Protea Hotel Centurion

Monday 10th April Visit Reefsteamers then charter steam train circular travel Germiston –Elsburg-Wadeville [loop]-Union-Elsburg-Jupiter-Booysens-New Canada [run round] [or at Midway!]-Langlaagte-Johannesburg-Germiston Steam hauled by either 15F or 12AR.

Program now "Visit Reefsteamers depot. 2 locos in steam IF possible. Steam tour with 12AR No 1535 [preferred] or 15F 3046. Load approx. 5 vehicles.

09.00 tender first Germiston loco-Elsburg [run round] Elsburg-Germiston Lake-Jupiter-Crown-Westbury-Millsite depot

Allow 90 mins to turn loco/pax visit dump. Millsite depot-Westbury-Langlaate-Denver-Germiston loco [15.00]" Coach transfer to Protea Hotel Centurion

Tuesday 11th April Rovos Rail Depot Visit 0800 to 1200 with 19D in steam for internal ride.

Program now "Morning visit of LCGB to Capital Park with 6th class 1200 lunch train on a Pretoria circuit for 2 hours hauled by 19D"

Visit Millsite depot then drive to Kimberley, Stay Roadlodge Kimberley (views of Kamfersdam Railway Junction) *Evening meal stop on route at "Why Not" restaurant Bloemhof price not included.*

Wednesday 12th April Visit Kimberley Transport Museum/Big Hole/Steamnet 2000- 25NC 3437 in steam. Then charter on Kimberley Tram. Visit Hoffe Park Locomotive Park Bar Sundowner. Stay Roadlodge Kimberley

Thursday 13th April Spare time Kimberley - Dep 12.00 latest drive to Bulwer Mountain Park Hotel.

We now leave earlier and visit Bloemfontein and the SSR workshops.

Friday 14th April Drive to Creighton - One a.m. & one p.m. return charter trips Creighton – Riverside with different consists and runpasts. Loco class GMA and doublehead with loco 2669 on one trip Stay Bulwer Mountain Park Hotel

Saturday 15th April Drive to Allwoodburn NGG16/NGG11 charter a.m. Allwoodburn to Stainton one loco follows the other. Avonside 2038 & UVE2 in steam lunchtime. P.m. charter NGG11 & NGG16 Allwoodburn to Stainton. Stay Premier Inn Pinetown.

Easter Sunday 16th April Drive to Inchanga early charter ex Inchanga (x2 trips) or 08.30 approx. ex Kloof (x2 trips) (party booking) Umgeni Steam Railway "Running Day" *19D 2685*
Stay Premier Inn Pinetown

Monday 17th April Drive to Port Elizabeth. Visit Apple Express depot if arrive in time. Stay Protea Marine Hotel, P.E. *We will be using the City Lodge Hotel instead of the Marine*

Tuesday 18th April Visit Apple Express depot 08.00 to 10.30, Drive to George visit Transport Museum. Stay Protea Hotel George. *It may be possible to have a loco in steam at P.E. -more to follow. Additional visit to Knysna also under negotiation.*

Wednesday 19th April Visit Voorbaai depot. Drive to Cape Town, Stay Breakwater Lodge Hotel.

Thursday 20th April Ceres Railway Company Charters Cape Town - Windermere-Stellenbosch – Wolseley, Wolseley - Prince Alfred Hamlet - Ceres *19B/D 3321/1412. Route to be confirmed.* Stay Hotel Cumberland Worcester.

Friday 21st April Ceres Railway Charter Ceres - Wolseley - Worcester - Goodwood – Cape Town *19B/D. Route be confirmed.* Stay Breakwater Lodge Hotel (Note 20 / 21 April charters awaiting approval alternative double headed charters Wolseley - Price Alfred Hamlet) Stay Breakwater Lodge Hotel

Saturday 22nd April CWRPT / Baysteamers site visits, Franschoek tram or Atlantic Rail suburban line charter *16DA*. Stay Breakwater Lodge Hotel

Sunday 23rd April Atlantic Rail Running Day Cape Town- Simonstown – Cape Town *16DA 879* - or Stellenbosch Stay Breakwater Lodge Hotel

Monday 24th April Drive to Cape Town Airport

Plinth visits will be added where the schedule permits

Hi-Viz vests will be required for visits to Transnet facilities. *We also need a jpeg scan of your passport details page.*

The cost will be £2850 on a shared basis from Johannesburg to Cape Town. Participants will be requested to book their own flights. We can provide guidance as required including recommended flights with the group. A £200 deposit is required for this part of the tour.

Single rooms are available at a supplement of £550 for the 16 nights.

This includes all travel, accommodation on a B&B basis, visits and the provision of a local guide.

Deposits / final payments for this tour can be made directly to LCGB 82-13-03, A/c 20346642 with advice to the organiser. You can still pay by cheque.

A minimum of 25 will be required to run this tour, with a maximum of 40 participants. *(As at 27th December 32 places from the 40 sold)*

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