

# Enthusiast

## African Steam 2012

20 May to 11 June 2012

### Big steam on the Cape Gauge

Southern Africa offers great scenery and impressive steam. Big locomotives like the 25NC 4-8-4 and the GMAM 4-8-2+2-8-4 Garratt in South Africa, hard working industrials in Botswana and three Garratt types in Zimbabwe are all included in this outstanding tour. The cool mornings and clear skies of May and June are the best time to join some of Africa's most experienced rail photographers as they plan unforgettable runpasts. Four countries, one quality steam experience.

#### South Africa

*Big steam on Cape Gauge*  
20 to 30 May 2012

*Our southern African season starts in South Africa. The Reefsteamers train will take us to the scenic Bethlehem to Bloemfontein line with their two biggest locomotives for three days of action. This will be followed by three days in the hills of Kwazulu Natal and some impressive steam action in Gauteng.*

#### Bethlehem - Ficksburg

25NC 4-8-4 and 15F 4-8-2

#### Creighton - Ncalu

GMAM 4-8-2+2-8-4 Garratt

#### Creighton - Riverside

Class 19D 4-8-2

#### Carisbrooke - Ixopo

Class NGG11 2-6-2+2-6-2 Garratt

#### Capital Park - Rooiwal

Class 24 2-8-4

Numerous runpasts planned by experienced local photographers

All accommodation and most meals included

Quality air conditioned road transport

Private steam charters every day - no other passengers will ride on the trains

Hosted by Geoff Cooke and local enthusiasts

#### Botswana

*Hard working industrial steam*  
30 May to 02 June 2012

*The BCL Mine at Selebi Phikwe runs some of Africa's last steam industrials. Conveniently located between Johannesburg and Bulawayo, a journey to see them is an ideal link between our South African and Zimbabwe tours.*

Two days with hard working 4-8-2's

Admission into the mine complex

Transfer from Johannesburg to Selebi Phikwe

Transfer to Bulawayo or back to Johannesburg

Accommodation included

Hosted by Geoff Cooke

#### Zimbabwe

*The land of Garratts*  
02 to 11 June 2012

*We continue our journey across Africa with Garratts from Bulawayo to Livingstone in Zambia. Geoff Cooke has run steam trains over this route since 1986, and is without question the regional specialist. Railway management remains committed to our tours, but there can be no guarantee these unique, large and costly machines will be retained in working order beyond this year.*

#### Bulawayo - Plumtree

Class 16A 2-8-2+2-8-2 Garratt

#### Bulawayo - Cement

Class 14A 2-6-2+2-6-2 Garratt

#### Bulawayo - Victoria Falls

Class 15A 4-6-4+4-6-4 Garratt

#### Victoria Falls - Livingstone

Class 14A Garratt and 12th Class 4-8-2

#### Hwange Colliery

Class 15A Garratts

Numerous runpasts

Hotel and on-train accommodation options

Most meals included

Air conditioned road transport

Private steam charters with dining car and bar attached - no other passengers will ride on the trains

Historically authentic trains

Admission to Hwange Colliery

Tourist options available, some free

Hosted by Geoff Cooke and a dedicated local team

Steam across the Victoria Falls Bridge to Zambia

Small group sizes and exclusive steam charters make photography a pleasure

Book just one country or the full four nation tour

#### Prices

*Ground only. Flights not included*

#### South Africa

£2,845 sharing

£85 single supplement

**Reefsteamers supplements**

£400 Per suite Gold Class upgrade

£100 Per person Silver Class upgrade

**Extra nights in Johannesburg**

Legacy Grand Airport Hotel

£64 per night sharing

£46 single supplement

**Transfer to Airport on 30 May**

£20 Per person

#### Botswana

£480 sharing

£120 single supplement

#### Zimbabwe

From £2,577 sharing

£424 single supplement

**Bulawayo extra night**

£44 sharing

£44 single supplement

**Victoria Falls extra night**

£61 sharing

£44 single supplement

Combine two or more countries for a 5% discount

For detailed itineraries, more information and to book:

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