

Media Release

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HOLIDAY-MAKERS CAN NOW TRAVEL TO DURBAN CAPE TOWN BY TRAIN FOR LESS THAN A R1000

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) is excited to announce that its division, the Mainline Passenger Services (MLPS), has resumed of the Johannesburg to Durban and Cape Town services on the Shosholozza Meyl. The services, both suspended in 2021 due to operational and network infrastructure challenges, are set to resume just in time for the December holiday period.

These services resume as cash-strapped consumers are battling with the costs of long-distance travel. For just less than a R1000 for a single trip, PRASA is inviting passengers to a unique experience to their destinations far from the hassles of traffic congestion and escalating travelling costs. The trips are more than just reaching one's destination; it promises a unique and unforgettable experience for families and friends alike.

Furthermore, PRASA is also pleased to announce that, for added convenience, Shosholozza Meyl will be offering an affordable private car transportation service at an additional cost for passengers travelling to Durban. This service is also open to the general public, providing a convenient option for those who wish to transport their vehicles.

PRASA is making significant strides in rebuilding and recovering the rail infrastructure, with 27 commuter rail lines restored to date. The business is also working on restoring long-distance passenger rail services, with Shosholozza Meyl currently transporting people from Johannesburg to Queenstown and Musina. The resumption of the Johannesburg to Durban and Cape Town services mark another milestone in the revival of long-distance passenger rail services.

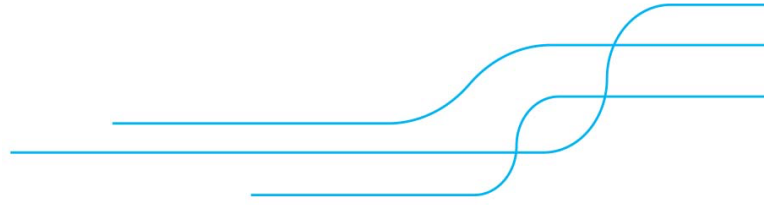
Resuming the long-distance passenger rail services is our commitment to offering an alternative mode of transportation, connecting people with to families and friends, and offering holiday-makers an affordable and convenient means to reach their destinations.

Customers are reminded that limited seats and space are available, and it is recommended to

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make a booking and finalize travel arrangements well in advance by calling the call center on 011 013 0231/ 2 /3, Alternatively: 012 748 7362 or 015 299 606 or visiting the nearest Shosholozza Meyl Ticket office.

Customers are requested to arrive at least one hour prior to departure. Refreshments and bedding will be available at an additional cost.

Train Fares: Cape Town

Johannesburg Park Station – Durban Station (per person single)

Economy Class (Sitter) – R 430.00

Tourist Class (Sleeper) – R 690.00

**First train departs on the 6th of December 2023

Train Fares: Durban

Johannesburg Park Station – Durban Station (per person single)

Economy Class (Sitter) – R 170.00

Tourist Class (Sleeper) – R 360.00

**First train departs on the 8th of December 2023

Car Transportation

4 X 4 (Prices available on request)

We thank all our customers for their continued loyalty and support and are looking forward to welcoming everyone on board.

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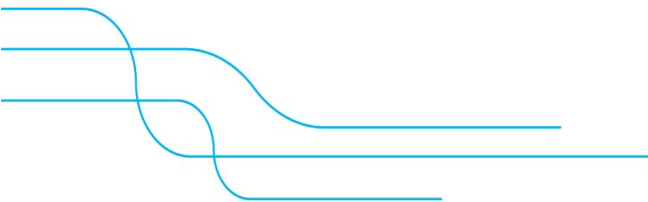
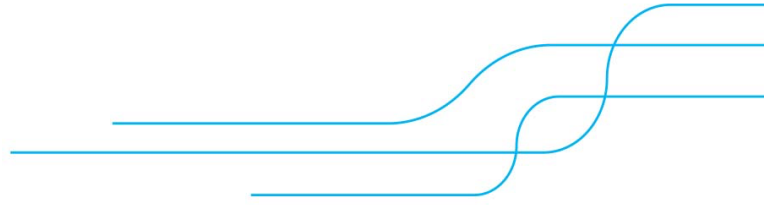
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