

The Outeniqua Choo Tjoe in Mossel Bay

GEORGE - MOSSEL BAY - GEORGE: THE MUSEUM-TO-MUSEUM TOUR

The Outeniqua Choo Tjoe is one of Africa's great experiences - it's an awesome trip. Start with a long stroll around the Outeniqua Transport Museum in George and explore rarities like the train in which President Paul Kruger conducted the affairs of the Transvaal Republic at the end of the South African War; look at the vintage cars and unusual trucks and the White Train (in which the British Royal Family toured South Africa in the early 50s). Then board the train (first class only) and, with a toot on the whistle you're off. Enjoy the bridge crossings at the Malgate and Gwaiing Rivers, the farmlands outside George with the Outeniqua Mountains in the background and then that amazing vista over Glentana and the Indian Ocean. Through a tunnel (the only one on the line) and out again to a sweeping view all the way across Mossel Bay to the Cape St Blaize Lighthouse. And keep your eyes on the water, looking for whales and dolphins. Across the Great and Little Brak River Lagoons, through a fynbos reserve and past Hartenbos and then through the eerie, deeply atmospheric Voorbaai Yards, the largest steam locomotive maintenance workshop in the country, great rusting hulks and fading carriages aching with stories and the dramas of an almost forgotten time.

Pass Mossel Bay's Langeberg Mall and enjoy the final run into town with steam billowing and whistle blowing, the sea and the beaches and Mossel Bay's famous caravan parks to the left as you roll to a gentle stop at the Dias Museum Station.

Now explore the Dias Museum Complex's Maritime Museum with its replica of Bartholomew Dias' Caravel, visit the Shell Museum and the Braille Trail and the famous Post Office Tree itself, and, of course, nip into the CBD for a quick bite to eat before your departure for George at 2:15.

DAYS OF OPERATION

- 2 April 2007 To 31 August 2007 - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
- 3 September 2007 To 30 April 2008 - Daily except Sundays & Christmas Day
- NOTE: Diesel may replace Steam Locomotives on days of high fire risk

STATIONS

GEORGE: Trains arrive & depart from the Outeniqua Transport Museum, 2 Mission Street (off Knysna Road), George

MOSSEL BAY: Trains arrive & depart from the Dias Museum, Santos Beach

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TIMETABLE

It's essential to book at least 24 hours in advance

April 2007 To August 2007 - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
September 2007 To April 2008 - Daily except Sundays & Christmas Day

GEORGE / MOSSEL BAY / GEORGE

	ARRIVE	DEPART
George		10h00
Groot Brak		11h13
Klein Brak		11h34 (no stop)
Hartenbos	11h45	11h47
Mossel Bay	12h00	

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Mossel Bay		14h15
Hartenbos	14h30	14h33
Klein Brak		14h47 (No Stop)
Groot Brak		15h07
George	16h35	

Additional Service 15 Dec 2007 To 12 Jan 2008
(Daily excluding Sundays & 25 Dec)

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	ARRIVE	DEPART
Mossel Bay		10h10
Hartenbos	10h25	10h28
Klein Brak		10h42 (no stop)
Groot Brak		11h02
George	12h30	

	ARRIVE	DEPART
George		14h00
Groot Brak		15h06
Klein Brak		15h37 (no stop)
Hartenbos	15h50	15h52
Mossel Bay	16h15	

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MORE INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

Mossel Bay Tourism

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OTHER ATTRACTIONS

VISIT THE OUTENIQUA TRANSPORT MUSEUM IN GEORGE

Various steam locomotives, vintage railway coaches, vintage cars and other transport-related items on display. 2 Mission Street, George - +27(0)44 801 8202

VISIT THE VOORBAAI STEAM MAINTENANCE DEPOT

See how steam locomotives are maintained, phone for a guided tour - +27(0)44 604 6280.

FARES

FARES - 1 April 2007 - 31 March 2008

Outeniqua Choo Tjoe - Fares: 1 April 2008 to 31 August 2008					
		Adults		Children 6 - 15	Children 3 - 12
FROM	TO	SINGLE	RETURN	SINGLE	RETURN
George	Groot Brak	95.00	110.00	55.00	65.00
	Hartenbos	95.00	110.00	55.00	65.00
	Mossel Bay	95.00	110.00	55.00	65.00
Mossel Bay	Hartenbos **	60.00	70.00	25.00	35.00
	Groot Brak	95.00	110.00	55.00	65.00
	George	95.00	110.00	55.00	65.00
	** No pre booking - subject to seat availability				
School Groups		3 - 15 Years		16 to under 18	
George	Groot Brak	50.00	60.00	65.00	75.00
	Hartenbos	50.00	60.00	65.00	75.00
	Mossel Bay	50.00	60.00	65.00	75.00
Tour guides / leaders - free of charge Entrance to The Dias Museum Complex & The Outeniqua Transport Museum is included in the above rates Entrance Fee - Museum Visitors Only: Adults R 10.00; Children 3 - 12 R 5.00					

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Outeniqua Choo Tjoe - Fares: 1 September 2008 To 31 March 2009					
		Adults		Children 6 - 15	Children 3 - 12
FROM	TO	SINGLE	RETURN	SINGLE	RETURN
George	Groot Brak	110.00	140.00	60.00	70.00
	Hartenbos	110.00	140.00	60.00	70.00
	Mossel Bay	110.00	140.00	60.00	70.00
Mossel Bay	Hartenbos **	70.00	90.00	40.00	50.00
	Groot Brak	110.00	140.00	60.00	70.00
	George	110.00	140.00	60.00	70.00
	** No pre booking - subject to seat availability				
School Groups		3 - 15 Years		16 to under 18	
George	Groot Brak	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00
	Hartenbos	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00
	Mossel Bay	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00
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Outeniqua Choo Tjoe - Fares: 1 April 2009 To 31 August 2009					
		Adults		Children 6 - 15	Children 3 - 12
FROM	TO	SINGLE	RETURN	SINGLE	RETURN
George	Groot Brak	140.00	180.00	70.00	90.00
	Hartenbos	140.00	180.00	70.00	90.00
	Mossel Bay	140.00	180.00	70.00	90.00
Mossel Bay	Hartenbos **	80.00	100.00	50.00	60.00
	Groot Brak	140.00	180.00	70.00	90.00
	George	140.00	180.00	70.00	90.00
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George	Groot Brak	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00
	Hartenbos	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00
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DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

The Outeniqua Choo Tjoe may be forced to operate with diesel locomotives from time to time. This is because the line runs through an ecologically sensitive area in which there is considerable risk of veld (bush) fires. For this reason, the Transnet Heritage Foundation has agreed with the authorities (Local Disaster Management, Cape Nature Conservation, South African National Parks and MTO [a conservation and forestry organisation]) that steam traction will be replaced with vintage diesel locomotives on days when the fire danger index (FDI) exceeds 52 (the FDI depends on factors like wind and rainfall recorded over the preceding days. Forecasts of rain are not taken into account - and thus it might happen that the train will run with diesel in the pouring rain - specially after a long dry spell).

Also note that steam locomotives can pull a maximum of 5 coaches on this line and on rare occasions (when demand requires that an additional coach be added to the train), diesel locomotives may have to be used.

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