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Narrow Gauge Steam Gala

Sandstone Estates – Eastern Free State
9-16 April 2011



COLIN TYSON

SANDSTONE ESTATES and Steam in Action are planning an outstanding heritage festival in April 2011 – providing the perfect opportunity to discover for yourself this centre of preservation excellence, whether for the first time or for a repeat visit.

Sandstone is an oasis of steam and vintage preservation across all disciplines. With plenty of rare machinery to view in action and sheds packed full of interesting survivors, a visit to Sandstone is a must!

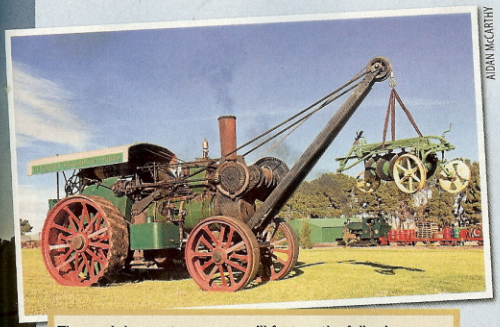
To make things hassle-free for international visitors, Sandstone has commissioned UK-based tour company Geoff's Trains to offer a facility to international visitors.

Proprietor Geoff Cooke has produced a package covering the period of 8-17 April that will include travel from Johannesburg to Sandstone and accommodation while there. A coach will then be used for transfers and for day trips for the ladies and a visit to the Bloemfontein works to meet Lukas Nel and find out about the restoration of NGG11 and other narrow gauge locomotives. Geoff has also added a special photographic event in Pretoria with Friends of the Rail before you head home.

Geoff Cooke will host the tour. He has run a number of special events at Sandstone, and his knowledge of Sandstone and his relationship with the Gala team will ensure that you get the very best out of this exciting event.



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Prices

Starting in Johannesburg on 8 April and ending in Johannesburg on the afternoon of 16 April 2011.

£1336 Per person sharing a twin room

£303 Single room supplement

Single travellers can request to share a twin room, subject to availability. Prices subject to adjustment if input costs rise or exchange rates vary.

Your tour includes: Nine nights accommodation. Three meals each day, transfers and coach transport. Participation in the Sandstone steam event described in the programme. The services of Geoff Cooke as tour manager.

Your tour does not include: Air travel, gratuities, personal items such as drinks, phone calls. For the extra night at Pretoria, ending at the OR Tambo Airport on the afternoon of 17 April 2011.

£284 Per person sharing a twin room.

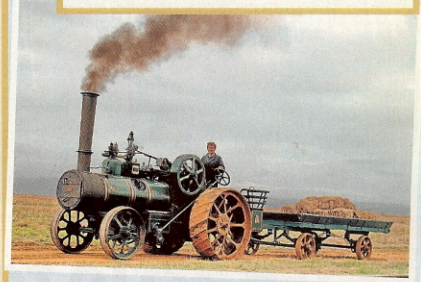
£43 Single room supplement

Geoff's Trains, 69 Pitt Street, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 2UN. **Tel:** 01562 632000, **Mobile:** 07752 143657 www.geoffs-trains.com/SouthAfrica/SandstoneGala2011.html

For more information on the Sandstone Estates collection visit www.sandstone-estates.com

The week-long extravaganza will feature the following:

- A total of 22 narrow gauge locomotives will operate throughout the week – hauling period consists drawn from the 200-strong narrow gauge carriage and wagon collection at Sandstone Estates. McLaren compound traction engine debut.
- Double-double header. For the first time ever we will place all four Sandstone Garratts to work hauling one train. The numbers are NGG13 No 49, NGG16 No 153, NGG16 No 88, and NGG16 No 113.
- Sandstone's collection of traction engines, historic agricultural machinery, military vehicles, classic cars, buses and commercial vehicles (with many rare breeds) will all be accessible to visitors and will be mobilised on a daily basis to enhance the trackside photographic possibilities.
- Special programmes for dedicated photographers will be run with early morning and evening run-pasts being co-ordinated on a daily basis. Some of the world's top railway photographers will be working to co-ordinate the best combinations of locomotives, wagons, freight loads etc. in the best locations to take advantage of the outstanding light and scenery options.
- For those interested, Geoff's Tours will dedicate a day during the week for an organised tour of the Bloemfontein rebuild facility in the old SAR&H steam sheds at Bloemfontein (approx 90 mins drive from Sandstone) followed by an in-depth evaluation of the restoration of NGG11 No. 52, as well as a number of smaller O&K's – together with other locomotives currently being rebuilt.



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PLEASE NOTE: In order for this experience to be of the highest quality, no more than 200 people will be signed up for the entire week. Some flexibility does exist for partial week participation but this depends on how many people book for the entire week. The tour is not suitable for those unable to walk some distance unassisted.