

- **THERE ARE FIVE OPTIONAL EXTRA TOUR CHOICES:**

* **SHORT TRIPS TO IZOTSHA (2-1/2 hrs)**

**BOARDING BY 09h55 FOR 10h00
(SUNDAYS BY 10h25 FOR 10h30)**

Travel 40 minutes, first along the coast then inland, winding back and forth to gain altitude before stopping for 1 1/4 hrs at *Izotsha*.

1. **ZAKHELE CRAFT SCHOOL**

Browse and buy at *Zakhele Hand Creations* - a rural training and development project - entry free!

2. **AYTON MANOR COUNTRY HOUSE**

Having visited *Zakhele Hand Creations* take a two minute walk from Izotsha station to the tranquil garden of *Ayton Manor*. Relax for an hour or so with a cream scone and refreshing drinks, and don't forget your cozies for a dip in the *swimming pool!*

- **Cost:** R17 per person

3. **PURE VENOM SNAKE PARK**

Having visited *Zakhele Hand Creations* a minibus will take you to *Pure Venom Snake & Reptile Farm*, only about 700 metres from the station. A spine-tingling display of *indigenous snakes and exotic reptiles*, with *souvenir photo opportunities*, is presented by *Terence Whittle* and his team of experts. A wide range of refreshments are available.

- **Cost:** Adults R22 per person, Children R11 per person (includes transfer and entrance to Pure Venom)

* **LONG TRIPS VIA IZOTSHA (6 hrs)**

4. **ORIBI GORGE and LAKE ELAND GAME RESERVE**

After your visit to *Zakhele Hand Creations*, enjoy a minibus tour through scenic *Oribi Gorge* to the world-famous *viewsides* at the *Oribi Gorge Hotel*. You will also visit the magnificent *Lake Eland Game Reserve* with its variety of antelope and giraffe.

- **Cost:** R320 per Adult, Children (2-12) half price, includes lunch, guide, minibus transport and entrance fees to the views sites and game park. (Tour needs a minimum of four adult fares to run)
- **Scheduled return:** about 16:00

5. **TOWNSHIP TOURS**

A minibus meets your train at Izotsha Station for a conducted tour to the *Gamatlache Township*.

Experience the real South African "*kasie vibe*", sip beer at a local *shebeen* and consult with a genuine *Sangoma*. The tour includes a lunch of truly delicious *African cuisine*. Beautifully hand worked *traditional craft items* can be purchased on this tour.

- **Cost:** R220 per Adult, Children (2-12) half price, includes lunch, guide and the minibus transport. (Tour needs a minimum of four adult fares to run)
- **Scheduled return:** about 16h00

The ***BANANA EXPRESS*** is operated by the ***PATON'S COUNTRY NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY*** - a Section 21 Company (not for gain) This service is run independently of Spoonet.

For another wonderful steam railway experiences we strongly recommend the following trains:-

The ***PATON EXPRESS (IXOPO)*** - a magical ride along the narrow gauge line which runs between Ixopo and Ncalu (near Umzimkulu) through the beautiful Midlands countryside immortalised by Alan Paton in "Cry the Beloved Country."

Runs every Sunday from Ixopo Allwoodburn Station at 10:30, returning at approximately 13:30. Special trips available for groups of six or more, any day, any time.

Cost: Adults R80, Children R50

The ***ESHAYAMOYA EXPRESS (CREIGHTON)***

- A standard gauge train trip running through beautiful scenery in rural Africa. Runs once a month from Creighton Station with a range of different destinations.

Enquiries and Reservations for the Ixopo and Creighton Trips.

Please phone 082 374 1417 or (083 273 8037

Website: www.futurenet.co.za/pcnrg (for all three railways)

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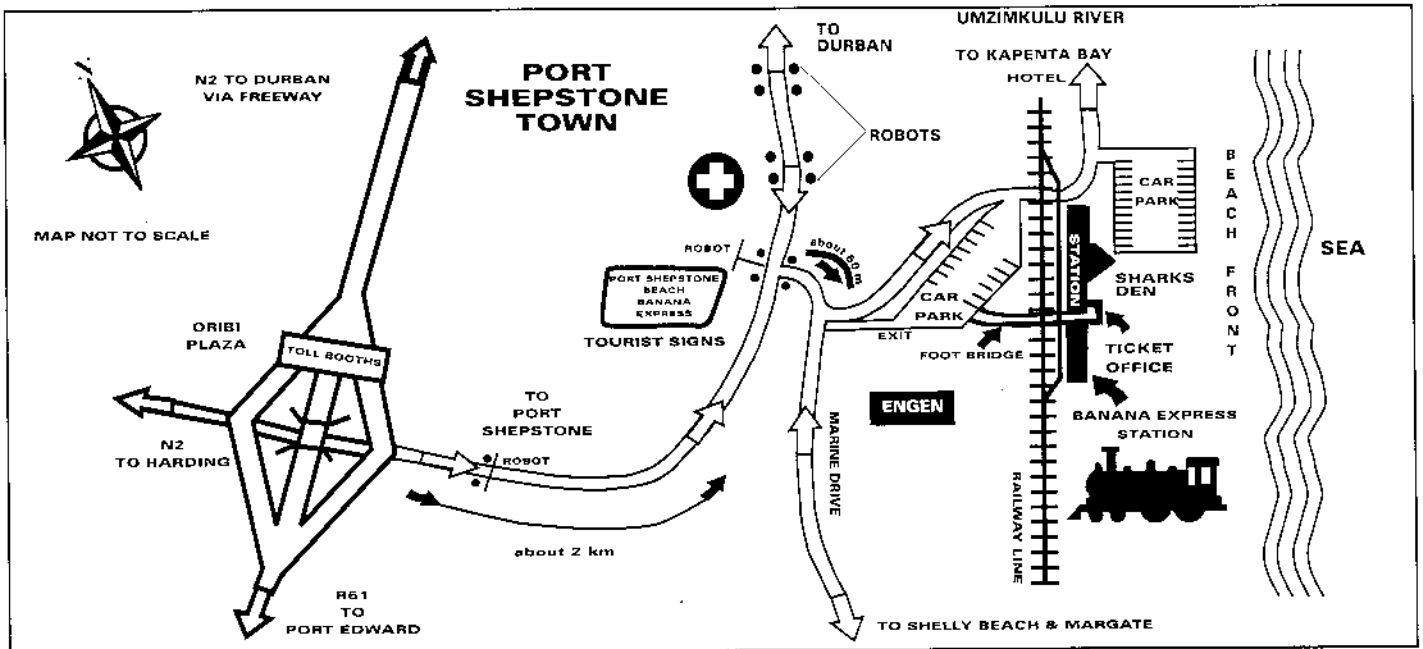
BANANA EXPRESS TIMETABLE: APRIL 2006 - JULY 2006

	APRIL				MAY				JUNE				JULY					
MON			10	17	1									3	10			
TUE		4	11									27		4	11			
WED		5	12									28		5	12			
THU		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
FRI		7	14										30		7	14		
SAT	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
SUN		9	16			7				4			25	2	9			

On the dates shown Izotsha trains are scheduled to depart at 10:00 and return at about 12:35 (Sundays 10:30, returning about 13.05)

The BANANA EXPRESS is operated by the Paton's Country Narrow Gauge Railway, P.O. Box 87, Ixopo 3276

TRAIN FARES: CLOSED COACH R80pp, OPEN COACH (No Windows) R60pp,
CHILDREN 2-12: Half Price, INFANTS ON LAP (under 2) No Charge
 Subject to change - Please book in advance.



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BOOK IN ADVANCE

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OUTLETS:

PORT SHEPSTONE

- *Banana Express Station*, subject to availability opens one hour before departure time.

- *The Sharks Den Restaurant*, Port Shepstone beachfront 039-682 3208

SHELLY BEACH

- *Tourist Centre*, in the Shelly Centre (opposite the cinemas) 039 315-7063

ENQUIRIES

Please ring 039 682 4821 or 082 374 1417

- **DEPARTURE POINT:** the *Banana Express Station*, adjacent to *THE SHARK'S DEN Family Restaurant*. Enhance your trip by having breakfast, lunch or dinner, before or after your trip, at this popular meeting place on the Port Shepstone Beachfront.

NB: Tickets are on sale here when the station kiosk is closed.