

## Media Release

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### SHOSHOLOZA MEYL TO RUN MONTHLY JOHANNESBURG TO EAST LONDON SERVICE

Following the successful trip from Johannesburg to Queenstown during the Easter break, PRASA Rail, a division of PRASA, is pleased to announce that Shosholoza Meyl will now run a monthly Johannesburg to East London service. The service will be available on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 with the train departing from Park Station. Several trial runs have been conducted to ensure that we provide a service that meets passenger expectations.

PRASA Rail is confident that the East London service will be a success given the operational preparedness that has gone into launching the service. All areas that required improvement have been addressed to ensure that passenger expectations are met and where possible, exceeded. The Johannesburg to East London route is one of the busiest lines with a high passenger demand, and great care has been taken to ensure its success.

PRASA Rail looks forward to welcoming passengers on the reintroduced service to the coastal city of East London via Queenstown.

#### **Return of the Comrades Marathon Charter service**

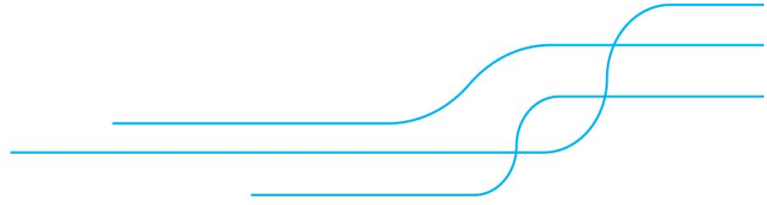
Following the success of two Comrades Marathon Charter train services that ran in 2022 and 2023, PRASA Rail will offer a special charter train service for the 2024 Comrades Marathon.

The Premier Classe and Shoholoza Meyl special service will depart Johannesburg for Durban on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, returning on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2024. Customers have a choice of budget and luxury packages. The service is available to athletes as well as those who would like to travel to Durban during this iconic ultra-marathon.

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Shosholoza Meyl, through the special charter service, is making available safe, and affordable long-distance travel, saving travelers on their travel and accommodation costs. Long-distance train travel offers passengers the adventure of a lifetime.

From R1660 p/person sharing, passengers can enjoy the beautiful scenic route of KwaZulu Natal by train, a comfortable bed, bar service, and entertainment. Meals and refreshments are included on the premium packages.

Customers are reminded that limited accommodation is available, and are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

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For more information on the East London service timetable please visit: [www.shosholozameyl.co.za](http://www.shosholozameyl.co.za) or contact: 011 013 0231/2/3.

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