

Golden Arrow Bus Services (Pty) Ltd

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FARES INCREASE: 31 DECEMBER 2018

The contract between Golden Arrow Bus Services (GABS) and the Western Cape Provincial Department of Transport & Public Works makes provision for adjustments to bus fares to offset the effect of increased operational expenses.

Golden Arrow Bus Services will therefore regrettably be increasing its passenger fares by an average of 9.5% as of 31 December 2018.

The adjustment was primarily necessitated by relentless fuel price increases, which despite the recent respite, have nonetheless increased by approximately 34% in the last 18 months.

The Company has implemented rigorous cost absorption measures and continues to focus on improved efficiencies but total operational costs have still increased significantly.

In addition to the sky-rocketing cost of fuel, nationally determined wages increased by 9% and these two cost items make up approximately 74% of Golden Arrow's total costs. A fares adjustment is therefore unavoidable.

Passengers can postpone paying the increased fares until 13 January 2019 in the case of 10-ride Gold Card packages (which are valid for 14 days) bought on Sunday 30 December 2018 and until 5 February 2019 in the case of monthly Gold Card packages (valid for 37 days) bought on the same date.

Golden Arrow continues to strive to provide the highest quality service possible to its passengers, and despite the increase, bus travel remains a viable public transport alternative to travelling by private vehicle.

A schedule with details of selected fares is attached, alternatively the new fares can be obtained from the Transport Information Centre on 0800 65 64 63.

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ROUTE	Cash (per trip)		Weekly (per trip)		Monthly (per trip)	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Atlantis to Cape Town	31.80	35.00	23.15	25.35	21.23	23.23
Atlantis to Koeberg Power Station/Melkbos	24.70	27.50	12.50	13.70	11.46	12.56
Bellville to Cape Town	21.20	26.50	12.50	13.70	11.46	12.56
Bellville to Hanover Park	24.20	26.50	13.30	14.45	12.19	13.33
Bellville to Welgemoed	10.00	11.50	7.75	8.50	7.10	7.79
Blue Downs to Claremont/Rondebosch	25.30	28.00	14.45	15.80	13.25	14.48
Blue Downs to Cape Town	27.30	30.00	15.30	16.75	14.00	15.35
Blue Downs to Wynberg	25.30	28.00	14.45	15.80	13.25	14.48
Bothasig to Cape Town	21.20	23.50	12.30	13.45	11.37	12.33
Cape Town to Heideveld	17.60	19.50	12.50	13.70	11.46	12.56
Cape Town to Langa	19.10	21.00	12.30	13.45	11.37	12.33
Cape Town to Mitchell's Plain	27.30	30.00	14.45	15.80	13.25	14.48
Cape Town to Strandfontein	25.30	28.00	13.60	14.90	12.46	13.67
Cape Town to Wynberg	17.60	19.50	11.30	12.35	10.35	11.31
Darling to Cape Town	55.20	60.50	25.50	27.45	22.96	25.17
Dassenberg to Atlantis	20.50	22.50	13.60	14.90	12.46	13.67
Durbanville to Cape Town	27.30	30.00	13.60	14.90	12.46	13.67
Elsies River to Century City / Montague Gnds	16.60	18.50	12.50	13.70	11.46	12.56
Elsies River to Tygerberg Hospital	11.40	12.50	8.20	9.00	7.52	8.25
Hanover Park to Maitland	20.60	23.00	12.30	13.45	11.37	12.33
Khayelitsha to Cape Town	27.30	30.00	14.45	15.80	13.25	14.48
Pensioner	nil	nil	5.55	6.10	nil	nil