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At the end of 2017, Bombela implemented a pilot programme for using contactless bank cards on the Gautrain and linked services. The programme aimed to test the viability of using bank cards with the Gautrain stations' NFC readers instead of dedicated Gautrain cards to pay for trips. This removes the need to carry a Gautrain card, as users can simply tap their bank card on the service's card readers. Gautrain commuters were able to apply to help test the service, and were required to sign up by submitting their personal details, bank card type, and a hashed authorisation token based on their bank card number. There was no guarantee that applications would be accepted, and commuters who used the Gautrain regularly stood a better chance of being admitted to the pilot project. Working on rollout Earlier this week, members of the Gautrain contactless pilot programme received an email stating that their unique discounts would no longer apply from 1 July 2019. Pilot project members previously received a discount for one-way trips between Sandton and OR Tambo - priced at R75. "We want to take this opportunity to thank you for signing up to be a piluser on the Gautrain Contactless Bank Card project," the email read. "To date, we have gathered valuable input and suggestions from the pilot group and we therefore thank you for your support." "We are currently preparing to launch the service to all Gautrain passengers and will be sure to inform you of the details pertaining to the official launch," it added. Pilot programme members will continue to be able to use their bank card to pay for trips after 1 July 2019, but the R75 promotion will no longer apply. Official launch MyBroadband spoke to Bombela about the expected launch date for the service, and the company said it had not yet confirmed when contactless card payments would roll out to the general public. "The launch date is yet to be confirmed. As soon as more information is available, we will notify passengers and the media." Bombela said. "In due course, contactless bank card transactions will be available to all customers who are in possession of a contactless bank card." "We will have a marketing and communication launch to inform both passengers and the media," the company said. Now read: Gautrain vs Uber - The cheapest way to beat traffic To access the Gautrain train or bus service, each passenger is required to possess a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R38 loaded onto it. Alternatively, you may use your Contactless bank card to travel on the Gautrain, bus and parking included. Rail-users enjoy discounted fares on the Gautrain bus and parking services. To qualify, passengers must: Tag onto a Gautrain bus within 1 hour of exiting the station; or Tag into a station within 1 hour of tagging onto a Gautrain bus; or Exit the parking within 1 hour of using the train. Non-rail users will be charged standard parking fares. Pay-as-you-go is ideal for the occasional traveler. Simply load your preferred pay-as-you-go value onto your Gautrain Card and the correct fare will be automatically deducted from your Gautrain Card when tagging out. Any applicable discounts will also be automatically applied. A Train Product is best suited to the commuter who travels daily between the same two stations. A Train Product includes train trips only. Please ensure that sufficient pay-as-you-go value is loaded onto your Gautrain Card to pay for bus trips and parking stays. Train Products may not be loaded to Contactless bank cards. Four Train Product options are available: A Single Trip Product offers one train trip between two pre-selected stations. The product caters for a one-way journey and is based on peak fares. The product must be used within three years from date of purchase, thereafter it will expire. Expired Products are non-refundable. A Return Trip Product provides a return train journey between two pre-selected stations and is based on peak fares. The product must be activated (first used) within 7 days of purchase. Once activated the trips must be used within 31 days, thereafter the remaining trip will expire and become non-refundable. A Weekly Product offers 10 single train trips between two pre-selected stations. The Product must be activated (first used) within 7 days of purchase. Once activated all trips must be used within 10 days, thereafter any remaining trips will expire. Unused trips will not be refunded. A Monthly Product offers 44 single train trips between two pre-selected stations. The Product must be activated (first used) within 7 days of purchase. Once activated all trips must be used within 44 days, thereafter any remaining trips will expire. Unused trips will not be refunded Product Search Category Search Country Search {{#select.selected.item.title}} thumb up GSA Galaxy helps you search faster and find more accurate results. Start typing the name of the listing, city or web reference to bring up the results you are looking for. {{#select.selected.title}} Know what you are looking for, but not who you are looking for? Use the category search to jump to a directory list. {{#select.selected.title}} Our comprehensive Country Guides contain everything from Visa Information to Tour Operators. Start planning your international holiday by typing the country that you are looking for. The Gautrain System is an integrated transport system, linking 3 metropolitan areas - Johannesburg, Pretoria and Ekurhuleni. It provides passengers with fast, efficient and safe transportation. Gautrain's train, bus and parking services are all fully integrated and may be used separately or jointly by transferring from one to another. These services are all accessed by means of a contactless smart card: your Gautrain Gold Card. You can access the station parking facilities without a Gautrain Gold Card if you're a first time user (you'll be issued with a paper ticket), but you will need a valid Gautrain Gold Card to use either the trains or the buses or to exit the parking. Please note that cash is not accepted on either the trains or the buses or at parking exit gates. Your Gautrain Gold Card enables you to load a variety of different journey products, ranging from single 'Pay As You Go' trips, seven day passes and to 35-day passes, onto the same card and to re-use this card over and over again. You also have the opportunity to register your card with us, which will enable us to blacklist your should it be lost or stolen. Any unutilised value in the pay-as-you-go section on the lost card can then be transferred to a new card for you. Please note that there is a refund handling fee of R40 © 2025 | All rights reserved The GSA - Travel Search & Travel Trade Network The Gautrain is perfectly safe with good security however not very convenient with luggage and so although more expensive using Uber the better option purely because of the luggage. If you had less luggage would certainly recommend the Gautrain as it is the cheapest fastest and most convenient way to travel. Is it safe to use the Gautrain? Although strict, the list of Gautrain don't's have ensured that the train maintains a reputation of a high standard, limits on-board theft and ensures that commuters are kept safe and happy. Is the Gauting train safe? The Gautrain is very safe. Why can I not eat or drink on the Gautrain system? Eating and drinking is not permitted on the train. The entire Gautrain system has been designated non-smoking. The carrying of any dangerous weapons including firearms is prohibited. The carrying of flammable, explosive and poisonous items is prohibited. Is the Gautrain operating today? Trains now operate at 10-min intervals in peak periods (06h00 - 08h30 & 16h00 - 18h30) and at 20-min intervals in off-peak periods (08h30 - 16h00 & 18h30 - 20h30). The weekday Gautrain bus service timetable has been amended to accommodate the changes made to the weekday train service. Are kids allowed in Gautrain? Children under the age of three years travel free on the Gautrain System and children under the age of twelve need to be accompanied by an adult at all times. Car parking will be charged per operating day and if you use both the Train service and the car parks you will enjoy the discounted parking fee. How Fast Is Gautrain? Passengers wait to board the Gautrain, Africa's first high-speed train, in Johannesburg, South Africa, Aug. 2, 2011. The train travels at speeds of up to 100 mph and makes commuting much easier for South Africans accustomed to congested roads and traffic jams. Does Gautrain use electricity? The overhead line voltage is 25 kV alternating current (AC) as is standard in many countries. Although increased flexibility could be obtained by keeping the system interoperable with the South African railway system, a strong case exists for keeping Gautrain separate from the existing network. Is Sandton Gautrain station safe? Quite Safe and convenient to travel by Gautrain - change stations at Sandton - and then get a taxi at Rosebank station to your hotel - will be cheaper than taxi to Rosebank but after R150 but you will have luggage to consider - OK in train but a bit of a sleep at the stations. Why is Gautrain famous? The Gautrain has made a major impact on those needing to travel across Johannesburg and between the City of Gold and Pretoria. It was built to relieve the traffic congestion in the Johannesburg-Pretoria traffic corridor and offer commuters a viable alternative to road transport. What are the disadvantages of Gautrain? Operating hours are limited: The first and last trains from O.R. Tambo usually leave at 05:19 and 20:28 respectively. During off-peak time, there is a train at any station every 20 minutes, as opposed to every 10 minutes during peak time. Can I use Gautrain without a card? To access the Gautrain train or bus service, each passenger is required to possess a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R30 loaded onto it. Alternatively, you may use your Contactless bank card to travel on the Gautrain, bus and parking included. What passengers should not do on a train? 5 things you should never do on the train - or risk some serious Put your bag on the seat next to you. Excuse me, did you buy an extra ticket for your bag? Sit in the aisle seat when both are free. Make people climb across you. Not put your suitcase in the rack. Not keep left in stations. Where does the Gautrain stop? The Gautrain Hatfield Station is a terminal station where the North - South train service will commence and terminate. The station is located within the Hatfield Business Node east of the Pretoria CBD. Does the Gautrain go to Midrand? Gautrain's Midrand station is located on the Old Pretoria-Johannesburg Road (K101) next to Grand Central Airport. How do I get from Gautrain to OR Tambo? For the comming. From the OR Tambo station you travel until you reach the Marlboro station. At the Marlboro Station you get off the train, and take the next train to Pretoria (make sure it is the North-South Commuter) and travel until you reach the Hatfield Station after Pretoria Station. Does a 4 year old pay Gautrain? Kiddies 12 years and under travel FREE to and from OR Tambo International Airport on the Gautrain. Accompanying parents and guardians will pay fares as per normal and must tag in with a valid Gautrain card. Can I pay cash for Gautrain? Gautrain Cards can be purchased at any Gautrain station using either the Ticket Vending Machines (TVM) or the Ticket Office. The TVMs are similar to an ATM bank terminal and accept cash and bank cards. Does the Gautrain go to OR Tambo? Gautrain station at OR Tambo Airport. A part of the Gauteng Provincial Government's Blue IQ Project, Gautrain has made provision for a rapid rail link, running north to south, between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and west to east between Sandton and the OR Tambo International Airport. Which is the fastest train in Africa? Al Boraq trains operate over a dedicated high speed line reaching speeds of up to 320 km/h on the 186 km sector between Tangier and Kenitra. Al-Boraq Line length 323 km (201 mi) Track gauge 1,435 mm (4 ft 8 1/2 in) standard gauge Electrification 25 kV 50 Hz 3 kV Operating speed 320 km/h (200 mph). Who funded the Gautrain? There has been strong political support from the government, and the project was funded through: The federal Division of Revenue Act, 2008 (DoRA), the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link Grant being set out in Part 4. The provincial Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF). What is the fastest train in the world 2020? World's fastest high-speed trains in commercial operation in 2020 Morocco - Al Boraq - 320 km/h (198.8 mph) France - TGV - 320 km/h (198.8 mph) Japan - E5, E6, H5 Series Shinkansen - 320 km/h (198.8 mph) China - CR400AF / CR400BF - 350 km/h (217.5 mph) China - Shanghai Transrapid - 431 km/h (268 mph). To access the Gautrain train service each passenger is required to possess a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R34 loaded onto it. Alternatively, you may use your Contactless bank card to travel on Gautrain train, bus and parking included. To use the bus service, a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R32 loaded onto it, or a Contactless bank card is required. No cash is accepted on trains, buses or at the station parking exit booms. To access the Gautrain train or bus service, each passenger is required to possess a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R32 loaded onto it or to possess their own Contactless bank card. Gautrain Cards may be re-used by simply loading value as and when needed. The minimum available value on a Gautrain Card is R34. The maximum Pay-As-You-Go value that can be loaded onto a Gautrain Card is R3200. Simply load your preferred Pay-As-You-Go value onto your Gautrain Card and the correct fare will be automatically deducted from your Card when tagging out. Each Gautrain passenger is required to possess their own Contactless bank card or Gautrain card. More than one passenger may not travel using a single card, even if there is sufficient value on the card. How To Use The Train ServiceFirst time users, purchase and load your Gautrain Card at the station or you may use a Contactless bank card.A contactless bank card or Gautrain Card with a minimum of R34 Pay-As-You-Go value or a valid Train Product is required to enter the Fare Gates. You can use Samsung Pay and Apple Pay at Gautrain. What companies run services between OR Tambo Shuttle Terminal, South Africa and Gautrain Sandton Station, South Africa? Gautrain operates a train from OR Tambo Airport to Sandton every 20 minutes. Tickets cost R 40 - R 210 and the journey takes 14 min. Failing to use the same card will result in a penalty fee on each card. Gautrain Cards expire 3 years from the date of last use and any remaining value on the Card will be forfeited. To ensure that your Gautrain Card does not expire, please be sure to make use of it at least once in a 3 year period. You may use your Contactless bank card to travel on Gautrain, train, buses and parking included. Contactless bank cards that are accepted include: Debit Cards. Credit Cards. To access the Gautrain train or bus service, each passenger is required to possess a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R32 loaded onto it. Alternatively, you may use your Contactless bank card to travel on the Gautrain, bus and parking included. Keep your hand luggage with you at all times. Do not leave any luggage, handbags or parcels unattended. Report any unauthorised luggage or suspicious looking packages to security or the police. Please refer all complaints/ queries/ compliments to Gautrain's Contact Centre at 0800 428 87246. The Gautrain provides a high-speed, safe connection between OR Tambo International Airport and Sandton, whisking passengers between the two points in less than 15 minutes. Gautrain's network comprises two main links - one between Pretoria and Johannesburg and the second being the airport link. The current, free Gautrain app, which is available for Apple, Android, BlackBerry and Windows Phone, has the following functions: timetables, a bus tracker and a fare calculator. Peak Periods are between 06h00 - 08h30 and 16h00 - 18h30. Off-Peak Periods are between opening times and 06h00, between 08h30 - 16h00, and between 18h30 - 20h30. Gautrain Swift Cards are available for purchase at all Gautrain stations at a cost of R19 each. Passengers are required to tag in and out using the same card to avoid penalty fees. Ppeople should ride on the Gautrain once in their lives, it is such an efficient and safe way to travel for business and pleasure in Gauteng and it gets you around the city effortlessly. Security cameras are operational and security guards patrol all the stations and parking areas. Gautrain operates a train from Pretoria to Sandton every 20 minutes. Tickets cost R 60 - R 90 and the journey takes 27 min. The Sandton Gautrain station is a short five-minute walk away from Sandton City. That means your exhilarating shopping experience can be topped off with relaxing first class transport to and from the centre. In the age of the car and plane, the train has become almost a tourist novelty - most notably the five-star luxury Blue Train. Access. Integrated with the new Central Terminal Building at the airport, this elevated station has platforms situated on a viaduct structure overlooking the airport precinct. The station concourse is directly linked to the departures level of the new Central Terminal Building, one level below. Commuters can now make use of the Tap & Go convenience of Samsung Pay as they travel using a Galaxy device or watch. There will be no need to preload a Gautrain card when you use the Samsung Pay system. Transfer your physical travel card to your iPhone or your iPhone, open the Wallet app. Tap Travel Card. Choose a card from the list or search by location or card name. Tap Continue. Contactless cards let you tap or wave your card over the card reader—no swiping required. Most smartphones are also equipped with contactless payment technology, so you don't need to rummage around for your wallet at all. Want to give your brand videos a cinematic edge? Join our visual experts and special guests for an info-packed hour of insights to elevate your next video project. Tune in on June 24 at 11am ET.Register NowEnjoy sharper detail, more accurate color, lifelike lighting, believable backgrounds, and more with our new model update. Your generated images will be more polished than ever.See What's NewExplore how consumers want to see climate stories told today, and what that means for your visuals.Download Our Latest VisualGPS ReportWant to give your brand videos a cinematic edge? Join our visual experts and special guests for an info-packed hour of insights to elevate your next video project. 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Contactless payment systems are found in credit cards, debit cards, key fobs, smart cards, or other devices, including smartphones and other mobile devices and are part of technology that enables one to make secure payments using radio-frequency identification (RFID) or near field communication (NFC). Most mobile devices (Samsung Pay, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Fihbit Pay, or any bank mobile application that supports contactless technology) and major South African banks have introduced this technology. The embedded chip and antenna enable consumers to wave their card or handheld device over a reader at the point of sale terminal in order to complete a transaction - often without requiring a pin. The amount limit for contactless payments is often quite low to safeguard against misuse of the technology should the card fall into the wrong hands. As a safety mechanism, contactless devices and cards also occasionally require the user to enter the card pin to complete the transaction. "Whether you choose to use a contactless bank card or not, please take care to avoid card clash as of 31 October 2019 by tagging in and out with the card that you choose to travel with (either your Gautrain card or your contactless bank card) and not with your wallet or purse," advises Gautrain in a statement. "Tagging in by touching your wallet or purse to a fare gate may result in card clash as the fare gate reader is unable to determine which card you intend to travel with. As a result, your fare may be charged to the card you did not intend to travel with, or, more than one of the cards contained in your wallet or purse may be charged. To avoid card clash, remove the card you intend to pay with from your wallet or purse and tag in and out with that same card," explains the Gautrain. Tagging in and out with two different contactless bank cards will result in a penalty fee of R200 being charged to each contactless bank card. To ensure the security and privacy of your bank card, Gautrain stresses that they do not store bank card numbers. Instead, bank card numbers are converted to a token which is then saved. If you would like to use your contactless bank card on the Gautrain service and receive important updates and information pertaining to your travel, please submit your unique token and contact details here. For your convenience, a dedicated person will be available at each Gautrain station from October 17 to December 13, 2019, to assist with the above-mentioned registration process and to answer any questions that you may have with regard to using your contactless bank card at Gautrain. For more news your way, download The Citizen's app for iOS and Android. The Gautrain is a popular and efficient public transport system in Gauteng, South Africa. It offers a safe and reliable mode of transportation with social, economic, spatial, and environmental benefits. To ensure safety, passengers should maintain social distancing at stations and onboard trains, buses, and midi-buses. To maintain safety, travelers should wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.The Gautrain has world-class safety features, including CCTV camera surveillance on trains and in stations. Ground rules are enforced among travellers and ticket holders to ensure passenger safety. The trains are similar to the British underground line trains and have great security personnel.However, Marlboro, located in a sketchy area, may not be as safe as other parts of the Gautrain system. The train runs from Johannesburg airport to Sandton station, and passengers should be cautious when walking across the road to the hotel. Most people who use the Gautrain also carry laptops and other items.Passengers should stand clear of closing doors and avoid alcohol consumption anywhere. The train is built to the highest European safety standard and follows a strict safety management regime, resulting in the lowest safety incident rates. In terms of safety, the Gautrain is a smart mobility mode of transport that provides a clean, safe, and integrated public transport service with social, economic, spatial, and environmental benefits. However, the Gautrain's safety depends on the time of arrival and the location of the train and station. How to Travel SouthAfrica Safely with Gautrain (sandton to pretoria)Best way of travelling in SouthAfrica, u will be surprised how quick and safe it is. These days travelling can be a risk if u use some ...What are the disadvantages of using Gautrain?The Gautrain is a popular train service that travels from Johannesburg's Park Station to Hatfield in Pretoria, stopping at stations such as Rosebank, Sandton, Marlboro, Midrand, Centurion, and Pretoria. However, it is expensive, especially for families, and the journey may be difficult if there is no bus stop nearby. Additionally, there are no toilets on the train, despite the presence of toilets at stations. The North-South line also runs from O. R. Tambo International Airport to Sandton via Rhodesfield and Marlboro.Is Hatfield Gautrain station safe?The Gautrain from Hatfield to OR is considered one of the safest trains in the world for tourists. However, it is important to be cautious of the station surrounding the train station for parking and other issues. Hatfield is well-policed, and the train is well-maintained. As a tourist, it is safe to use the Gautrain from Hatfield to OR on a weekend. The train is well-maintained, and the station surrounds are well-maintained. The previous owners of the train include a VW Transporter T5. 1. Bush-Bus, and a Pajero 3. 2 DDC GLS.Read also: Do Mega Yacht Have Jet Skis In Them?Is the train in Johannesburg safe?Violent attacks have occurred on commuter and metro trains between Johannesburg and Pretoria, as well as in Cape Town. Traveling by train, especially second or third class, is advised. Tourists can use the Gautrain, Blue Train, and Rovos Rail. Taxis are not available on the street, so travelers should arrange transportation from their hotel and ensure they sit in the rear of the vehicle, keep windows open, lock doors, keep valuables out of sight, and negotiate fares in advance.(Image Source: Pixabay.com)Is Johannesburg safe for white tourists?Johannesburg is a relatively safe city for tourists, with its numerous fine dining restaurants, trendy bars, art galleries, and vibrant nightlife. However, petty theft is the biggest risk, similar to Cape Town. To stay safe, be aware of your surroundings and take necessary precautions. When traveling to South Africa, keep in mind the following safety tips:Be aware of your surroundings and stay alert to potential dangers.Be aware of your surroundings and take necessary precautions to avoid accidents.3Where to avoid in Joburg?Johannesburg is a popular destination for tourists, with its townships and squatter camps being particularly vulnerable to muggings and armed robbery. The Joburg CBD is a hotspot for these crimes, and it is advised not to wear precious ornaments or carry valuables, including cellphones, as they are often loaded with pickpockets.Hillbrow, a residential neighborhood in Joburg, is known for its high population density, unemployment, poverty, prostitution, and crime. Alexandria, the most menacing neighborhood in South Africa, is known for its frequent ugly gang wars. Berea, another township, is also known for vehicle thefts, muggings, and robbery.Safety tips include being vigilant about your belongings and valuables in public, not leaving them unattended, and keeping your bags close when dining out. Being aware of your surroundings is crucial in crowded areas, as markets, concerts, and busy airports or train stations are shared spaces for petty crimes. Joburgers are friendly and represent polite cultural etiquettes towards strangers, but visiting a bar or taking a taxi on a stranger's recommendation might not be wise as they might have malicious intentions.In low-lit areas of Joburg, acting smart and not nervous and lost is the best bet. Pretend to be a local who knows their way out, stay calm, and keep your valuables, jewelry, cash/cards, and documents sealed and safe. "Stash it, Don't Flash it" is the key here.To avoid ATM scams, carry out card transactions discreetly, avoid help from a stranger, and never hand your card over to anyone. Reliable agencies like Uber and Gautrain offer safe taxi services, while the Joburg Red Bus provides tours and offers tours around the city safely.White Johannesburg is a must-see destination, visitors should keep their eyes and ears alert, follow basic instincts, and follow their basic instincts to make the most of the city.Can I use Gautrain without a card?In order to utilize the Gautrain train or bus service, passengers are required to possess a Gautrain Card with a minimum value of R36 or utilize a contactless bank card. Those who utilize the rail service are eligible for a reduction in fares for bus and parking services. It is recommended that passengers alight from the train and proceed directly to the bus, which is situated within one hour of exiting the station.Read also: Do I Need A Wet Suit And Snorkeling Belt?(Image Source: Pixabay.com)Which is the safest train in South Africa?Shosholza Meyl long-distance passenger trains offer comfortable and affordable travel options from Johannesburg to Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth, and East London. These trains are safe and highly recommended by travelers. The Cape Town to Johannesburg train is priced at 690 Rand (€33 or \$50) and includes a bed in a 2-berth or 4-berth sleeper. Durban to Johannesburg is even cheaper. Shosholza Meyl's Tourist Class trains have modernized sleeping-cars and a restaurant car, making them an alternative to flying or being stuck in a bus seat for days and nights.Premier Classe trains offer luxury on a budget, linking Cape Town and Johannesburg weekly for R3, 120 (€189 or \$235) including exclusive use of a private sleeper and all meals and afternoon tea in the elegant restaurant car. The Blue Train, Cape Town to Pretoria, is a world-famous luxury train from Cape Town to Pretoria once or twice a week, costing from 10, 120 Rand (€95 or \$1, 300) one-way.Are tourists safe in Johannesburg?Johannesburg is a popular tourist destination with a high crime rate, making it advisable to ask local guides or hotel staff for specific areas to avoid. If you encounter crime, it's likely theft, so keep your belongings secure and be aware of your surroundings. It's also important to plan your route before leaving to avoid checking your phone in the street. When stopping at red lights, especially in quiet areas or at night, be cautious and avoid driving after dark. Outside major cities, it's generally safer, but still take precautions. Some of the best South Africa tours include wildlife viewing, safaris, hotels in Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Durban.Is Hatfield safe for students?Hatfield, a charming town in Hertfordshire, England, is known for its aviation and aeronautics history. As a student town, it offers a safe environment and a vibrant student community. The University of Hertfordshire, one of the best universities in the area, attracts international students. Hatfield offers various amenities such as accommodation, markets, restaurants, bars, and hospitals. The monthly cost of living in Hatfield is around £1, 100, excluding tuition fees, which include rent, food, transportation, and other expenses.Is Gautrain safe for tourists?The Gautrain is a convenient and safe mode of transportation in Gauteng, offering efficient and effortless travel for both business and leisure. With operational security cameras and guards at all stations and parking areas, it is a popular choice for travelers from various African countries, Asia Pacific countries, and Europe, including France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.(Image Source: Pixabay.com)Can I take luggage on Gautrain?The Gautrain website provides information on information collection and handling practices, as well as the responsibilities and obligations of all users. It is important to keep hand luggage with you at all times and report any suspicious packages or unauthorised luggage to security or the police. Complaints, queries, or compliments should be directed to Gautrain's Contact Centre at 0800 428 87246. The terms and conditions of use define the person to whom personal information relates, and cognate expressions bear corresponding meanings. How To Travel South Africa Safe and Fast- Pretoria to Centurion in 7minutes (unbelievable)Many would ask how do I travel safe and fast in South Africa. There is a way and at a very reasonable price. Gautrain. This mode ... (Image Source: Pixabay.com) Ever heard of Gautrain in South Africa? Maybe not. It's one of the most amazing gifts by the government to commuters in Gauteng, Johannesburg and Pretoria. This high-speed rail was commissioned for operation in 2010 to ease traffic in these major cities and surrounding areas. It connects Johannesburg to other major cities and locations. Although peak hours across major Mzansi cities still experience nasty moments in traffic snarl-ups, those who choose the rail are always on time. Why is the Gautrain Famous? The Gautrain is popular for being the premier rapid transit railway transport system with an integrated bus transit system in South Africa boasting efficiency and reliability. Started in 2010, this 80km rail system links major economic centres in Gauteng Province such as Johannesburg, Pretoria, Ekurhuleni and O.R Tambo International Airport Station (O.R. It's high-speed rail is famous for the convenience it gives commuters moving to and from Johannesburg to Pretoria or Gauteng. Moreover, Gautrain has a reputation for being on time, clean, and with added security systems to meet the needs of the daily commuters and tourists. It shortens the time between major centres. For instance, getting from the Oliver Tambo International Airport to Sandton takes 15 minutes at most. Other transport structures you find with this South African high-speed rail include the following: Wi-Fi Air conditioning Comfort seats Surveillance cameras High-speed South African commuter rail, the Gautrain. Photo/Wikipedia/Which Cities Does Gautrain Operate? Gautrain operates across the following popular places in South Africa. Johannesburg Gauteng Midrand Pretoria O.R Tambo International Airport Sandton The entire rail system covers 80 kilometres, end-to-end. While rail is the most known among travellers, the system includes a complementary bus service. Buses provide a connection to all the 10 train stations along the network. Passengers conveniently and seamlessly catch their train rides from different destinations. Gautrain Schedule The Gautrain maintains a seamless schedule of operations. Here's a general overview of the schedule: Weekdays First Train: Serves Park Station in Johannesburg and leaves at about 0514 hrs. Last Train: Leaves at around 2130 hrs from Park Station. Frequency: Services are frequently running for 12 to 15 minutes during peak time. This is from 0600 hrs to 0900 hrs and from 1700 hrs to 2000 hrs and every 30 minutes during off-peak hours Weekends First Train: This train departs Park Station at around 0530 hrs. Last Train: The train departs at about 2100 hrs from Park Station. Frequency: Schedules for trains are after every 30 minutes. Public Holidays As with the weekends, trains arrive every 30 minutes from 0530 hrs to 2100 hrs. Here's a summary of the train schedule. Day First train ride Frequency between rides Last ride Weekday 0514 hrs 15 minutes (peak) 30 minutes (off-peak) 2000 hrs Weekend 0530 hrs 30 minutes 2100 hrs Public holiday 0530 hrs 30 minutes 2100 hrs All train rides arrive or depart from 10 major stations along the route. They include the following: Park Station (Johannesburg) Sandton Station Midrand Station Rhodesbank Station (Johannesburg) Centurion Station Hatfield Station Marlboro Station Rhodesfield Station OR Tambo International Airport Station The Gautrain at Park Station in Johannesburg. Photo/Good Things Guy What is the Gautrain Speed? The Gautrain has received much attention for its high-speed speeds that are up to 160 km/h (99 mph) on the principal routes. This quick transportation relieves traffic congestion and allows shorter time travelling time between major centres like Johannesburg, Pretoria, and O.R Tambo International Airport among others. For example, it takes only 15 min from Sandton Station to O. R Tambo International Airport Station and 35 minutes from Pretoria Station to Johannesburg Park Station. This high-speed service is a crucial part of Gauteng's transport system which operates to reduce traffic congestion and encourage efficient urban mobility. Gautrain Routes and Prices Johannesburg-Pretoria-Midrand-O.R Tambo is the main Gautrain route. Ticket prices come in different packages and costs depending on your station of choice. Expect to pay the following on the minimum: Peak single trip ticket - R36 - R106 (\$1.90 - \$5.59) Off-peak single trip ticket - R29 - R85 (\$1.53 - \$4.48) Return trip ticket product - R74 - R248 (\$3.90 - \$13.08) Weekly trip product (10 trips per week) - R333 - R981 (\$17.57 - \$51.76) 44 trips per month - R1,347 - R3,965 (\$71.11 - \$209.32) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Can you take a Gautrain without a card? You can't board the train without a card. How much is a Gautrain card? The cost of the card depends on how many trips you want to pay for. That is weekly or monthly trips which range from \$17.57 to \$209.32. Which 3 services does Gautrain offer? Gautrain offers train service, parking service and bus service.