

Golden Arrow Bus Services (Pty) Ltd

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FARES INCREASE: 28 DECEMBER 2020

The conditions of Golden Arrow's interim operating contract with provincial government require an annual adjustment to fares in order to mitigate the effects of significant operational cost increases throughout the year.

This year the contractually calculated permissible increase amount was 16.5%. However, having taken into consideration the current state of the economy and the difficult position our passengers find themselves in, Golden Arrow will be limiting this increase to 4%.

The pandemic has brought with it a number of unbudgeted for cost items which include Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitising products and dedicated COVID-19 marshalls. In a bid to offset these costs, Golden Arrow strengthened its robust and innovative cost saving measures across our operations, but these have unfortunately not been enough to avoid the fare increase.

Weekly and monthly products will increase by an average of 4%. Off peak cash fares and pensioners products will not be increased. Peak cash fares under R30 will be increased by an average of 4% and the minimum cash fare will remain at R10.50. GABS Gold Cards will cost R35.

Passengers can postpone paying the increased fares until 26 January 2021 in the case of 10-ride multi-journey products (which are valid for 30 days) bought on 27 December 2020 and until 27 March 2021 in the case of monthly multi-journey products (valid for 90 days) bought on the same date.

To make the most of our product offerings and access the greatest savings we would advise that passengers purchase a GABS Gold Card (R35 once off) and load weekly or monthly products instead of paying cash. Weekly and monthly products are sold at up to a 45% discount.

Golden Arrow remains committed to providing our passengers with safe and reliable services, 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.

Fares increase 28 DECEMBER 2020 FOR 2021

ROUTE	Clipcard (per trip)		Cash (per trip)		Monthly (per trip)	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Atlantis to Cape Town	27,10	28,20	37,50	37,50	24,83	25,85
Atlantis to Koeberg Power Station/Melkbos	14,65	15,25	29,50	30,00	13,44	13,98
Bellville to Cape Town	14,65	15,26	28,50	29,50	13,44	13,98
Bellville to Hanover Park	15,55	16,15	28,50	29,50	14,25	14,81
Bellville to Welgemoed	9,10	9,45	12,50	13,00	8,33	8,67
Blue Downs to Claremont/Rondebosch	16,90	17,60	30,00	30,00	15,50	16,13
Blue Downs to Cape Town	17,90	18,60	32,00	32,00	16,42	17,04
Blue Downs to Wynberg	16,90	17,60	30,00	30,00	15,50	16,13
Bothasig to Cape Town	14,40	15,00	25,00	26,00	13,21	13,75
Cape Town to Heideveld	14,65	15,25	21,00	22,00	13,44	13,98
Cape Town to Langa	14,40	15,00	22,50	23,50	13,21	13,75
Cape Town to Mitchell's Plain	16,90	17,60	32,00	32,00	15,50	16,13
Cape Town to Strandfontein	15,95	16,60	30,00	30,00	14,63	15,21
Cape Town to Wynberg	13,20	13,75	21,00	22,00	12,10	12,60
Darling to Cape Town	29,35	30,50	60,50	60,50	26,90	27,96
Dassenberg to Atlantis	15,95	16,60	24,00	25,00	14,63	15,21
Durbanville to Cape Town	15,95	16,60	32,00	32,00	14,63	15,21
Elsies River to Century City / Montague Gnds	14,65	15,25	20,00	21,00	13,44	13,98
Elsies River to Tygerberg Hospital	9,65	10,05	13,50	14,00	8,85	9,21
Hanover Park to Maitland	14,40	15,00	24,50	25,50	13,21	13,75
Khayelitsha to Cape Town	16,90	17,60	32,00	32,00	15,50	16,13
Pensioner	6,10	6,10	nil	nil	nil	nil

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