

Golden Arrow Bus Services (Pty) Ltd

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FARES INCREASE: 27 DECEMBER 2021

The conditions of Golden Arrow's interim operating contract with provincial government makes provision for an annual adjustment to fares to offset the effects of operational cost increases throughout the year.

Unfortunately, diesel, the Company's second largest expense after wages, has increased by an unprecedented 45% between December 2020 and December 2021. This alone has made an increase unavoidable. Wages, spare parts and other input costs have also increased.

As such, Golden Arrow will be implementing a 7% average across the board increase on all cash and multi-journey products (formerly known as clipcards). GABS Gold Cards, a once-off purchase, will however remain at R35.

In order to shield our passengers from the full effect of these increases, Golden Arrow has continued to focus on holistic and innovative cost saving measures across our operations. In the coming year we will strive to identify further efficiencies. Golden Arrow understands the difficult economic climate in which South Africans find themselves and we empathise with our passengers who will be affected by the increase.

Passengers can postpone paying the increased fares until 25 January 2022 in the case of 10-ride multi-journey products (which are valid for 30 days) bought on 26 December 2021 and until 25 March 2022 in the case of 48-ride 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 and load weekly or monthly products instead of paying cash. Weekly and monthly products are sold at a discount of up to 45%.

Golden Arrow remains committed to providing our passengers with safe and reliable services, and despite the increase, bus travel remains a viable public transport option.

Sound clips are attached for your convenience. Below please find a schedule with details of selected fares. All new fares can be obtained from the Transport Information Centre on 0800 65 64 63.

Fares increase 27 DECEMBER 2021 FOR 2022						
ROUTE	Cash (per trip)		Weekly (per trip)		Monthly (per trip)	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Atlantis to Cape Town	37.50	40.00	28.20	30.15	25.85	27.65
Atlantis to Koeberg Power Station/Melkbos	30.00	32.00	15.25	16.30	13.98	14.94
Bellville to Cape Town	29.50	31.50	15.26	16.30	13.98	14.94
Bellville to Hanover Park	29.50	31.50	16.15	17.30	14.81	15.84
Bellville to Welgemoed	13.00	14.00	9.45	10.10	8.67	9.25
Blue Downs to Claremont/Rondebosch	30.00	32.00	17.60	18.85	16.13	17.27
Blue Downs to Cape Town	32.00	34.00	18.60	19.90	17.04	18.25
Blue Downs to Wynberg	30.00	32.00	17.60	18.85	16.13	17.27
Bothasig to Cape Town	26.00	28.00	15.00	16.05	13.75	14.70
Cape Town to Heideveld	22.00	23.50	15.25	16.30	13.98	14.94
Cape Town to Langa	23.50	25.00	15.00	16.05	13.75	14.70
Cape Town to Mitchell's Plain	32.00	34.00	17.60	18.85	16.13	17.27
Cape Town to Strandfontein	30.00	32.00	16.60	17.75	15.21	16.27
Cape Town to Wynberg	22.00	23.50	13.75	14.70	12.60	13.48
Darling to Cape Town	60.50	64.50	30.50	32.65	27.96	29.94
Dassenberg to Atlantis	25.00	27.00	16.60	17.75	15.21	16.27
Durbanville to Cape Town	32.00	34.00	16.60	17.75	15.21	16.27
Elsies River to Century City / Montague Gnds	21.00	22.50	15.25	16.30	13.98	14.94
Elsies River to Tygerberg Hospital	14.00	15.00	10.05	10.75	9.21	9.85
Hanover Park to Maitland	25.50	27.50	15.00	16.05	13.75	14.70
Khayelitsha to Cape Town	32.00	34.00	17.60	18.85	16.13	17.27
Pensioner	nil	nil	6.10	6.55	nil	nil

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