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# AFRICAN COLLAGE

CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA



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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Luxury Train Travel Company.

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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the UK's leading, independent and family owned luxury train tour specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

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## 12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS - 3,100 km

This panoramic sojourn winds its way from Cape Town to Pretoria. Highlights include a game drive in Kruger Park, guests travel through eSwatini to Hluhluwe for game viewing and along the coast to Durban for a city tour. Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Spionkop Lodge, the perfect base for exploring the mountains, bush, birds and battlefields of the region. Continue to Port Elizabeth\* for a game drive at Addo Elephant Park then on to the natural paradise of Knysna for an overnight stay at Fancourt. Transfer through the Outeniqua Mountains to the impressive Cango Caves and an ostrich farm for a visit. Traverse the Karoo and the spectacular winelands and Cape mountains before this magnificent expedition ends.

- Addo Elephant Park game drive
- Cape Town
- Journey through the Cape Winelands
- Clarens Town Visit
- Play the African Collage courses
- Drakensberg Mountains
- Durban tour
- Durban Botanic Gardens tour
- Travel along the Garden Route
- Golden Gate National Park Drive
- Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park game drive
- Traverse the Karoo
- Boat cruise on the Knysna lagoon
- Kruger Park game drive
- Mantenga Cultural Village visit
- Oudtshoorn ostrich farm tour
- Traverse the Outeniqua Mountains
- Outeniqua Transport Museum (optional)
- Port Elizabeth tour (northbound only)
- Pretoria
- Sandstone Estate Heritage Trust
- Hear the historic tale of Spionkop
- Spionkop Reserve game drive
- Traverse eSwatini
- Swazi Candles visit
- Valley of a 1000 Hills

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# DETAILED ITINERARY

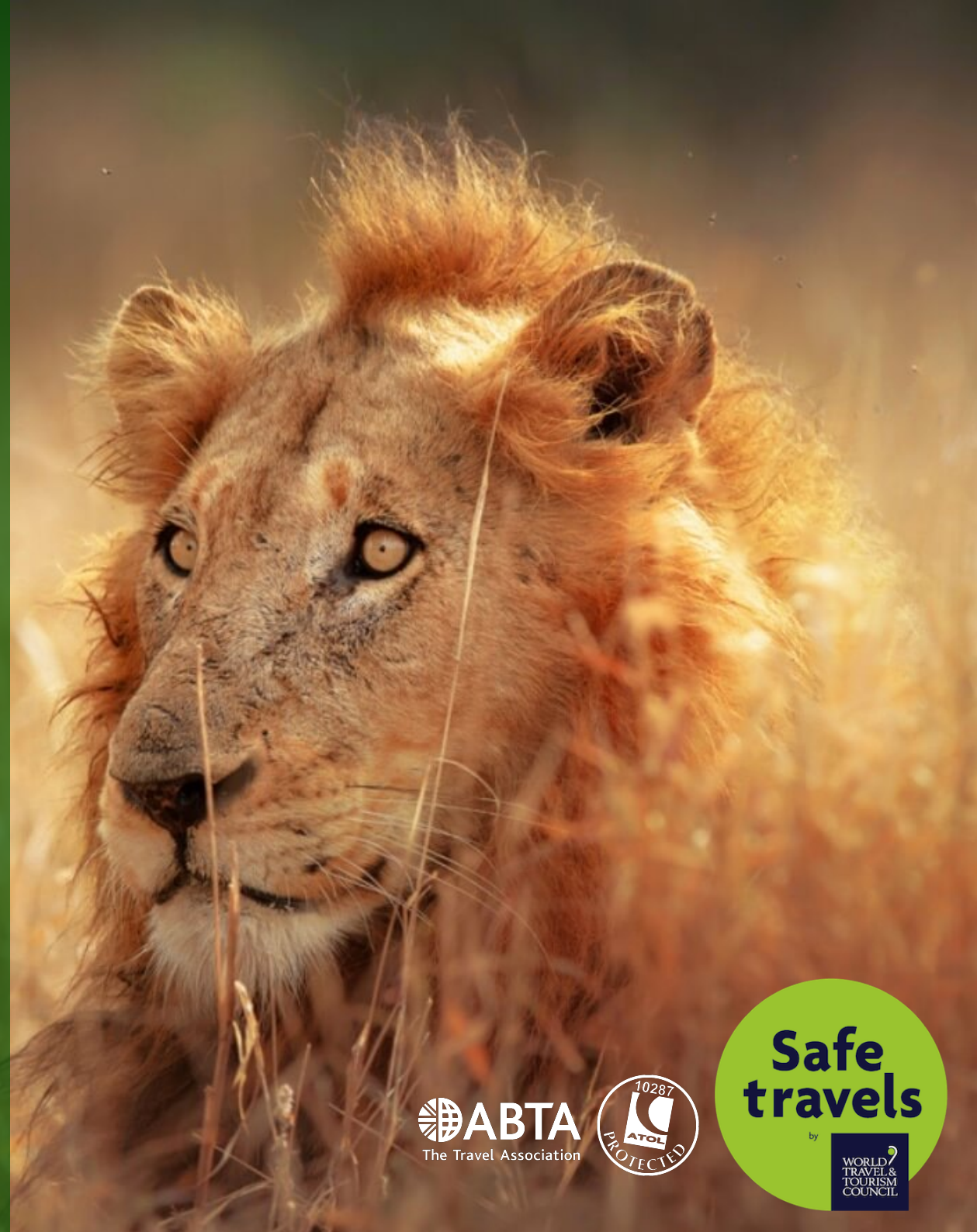
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*"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all  
the pre planning you helped us with.*

*It was a trip of a lifetime experienced by few.  
Personally I feel privileged to have experienced  
this part of the world.*

*Thanks again for all you did for us."*

**Gail & Cathy Schuneman**



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 1

DATE TBC

### CAPE TOWN

#### JOIN THE TRAIN IN CAPE TOWN

**16:30** - Check-in at Rovos Rail Lounge, 1 Adderley Street, Cape Town.

**18:00** - Depart from Cape Town Station. The train travels towards the Hex River Valley.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

 **Meals Included:** Dinner.

#### BOOKING PRE-TOUR SERVICES

This trip starts on departure from the station but please note we can book hotel nights, flights and transfers prior to this tour. Please just let us know your requirements. In Cape Town we recommend The Cape Grace or St James's Manor.

## OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

DATE TBC

### MATJIESFONTEIN

#### THROUGH THE WINE LANDS TO MATJIESFONTEIN

**07:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Trundle through the Hex River Valley and Cape Wine lands. The train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The last tunnel is 13.5km long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.

The train arrives in Matjiesfontein where you can enjoy a stroll through the historic village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages next to the Lord Milner Hotel.

**13:00** - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train departs for Prince Albert Rd Station.

**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 3

DATE TBC

### OUDTSHOORN

#### OVERNIGHT IN THIS DESERT & MOUNTAIN REGION

Please pack an overnight bag for your stay at Fancourt. Tog bags have been placed in your suites for your convenience.

**06:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

**08:30** - Transfer ( $\pm 150$  min) to the Cango Caves for a visit. Transfer ( $\pm 30$  min) to Oudtshoorn for lunch followed by a visit to an ostrich farm. Enjoy the scenic drive ( $\pm 60$  min) over the spectacular Outeniquas to Fancourt for check-in.

**19:00** - Dinner at Fancourt. Dress: Smart Casual

This semi-desert region is situated at the foot of the majestic Swartberg mountain range where many rivers, streams and falls have their origins. The great natural wonder of the Cango Caves has colourful underground chambers with breathtaking limestone formations. Oudtshoorn is regarded as the centre of the Klein Karoo and is famous for feathering the world in the time of the boa and grand hats. The ostrich boom of the early 20th century turned out many millionaires who, in turn, created elaborate lifestyles in this remote part of Africa.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

### FANCOURT



Set on 613 hectares of countryside, this upscale resort includes 3 golf courses, a spa, indoor and outdoor pools and fitness centre.



\*Hotel shown for guidance only with exact hotels not finalised until 6 weeks before the trip start date.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

CAPE TOWN



CAPE TOWN



FANCOURT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 4

DATE TBC

### KNYSNA

#### FOLLOW THE GARDEN ROUTE TO KNYSNA

You may call Reception to collect your bag or take it to check-out on departure.

**06:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

**08.30** - Transfer (±60 min) along the coast to Knysna and enjoy a ferry ride on the lagoon with lunch.

**14:00** - Transfer the 90 minutes from Knysna to Oudebosch.

**15:30** - Enjoy a refreshment stop at Oudebosch.

**16:00** - Transfer the 90 minutes to the train in Port Elizabeth.

**19.30** - Dinner is served. Dress: Smart Casual

The Garden Route is a narrow coastal terrace lying between the deep-set coastal cliffs rising sheer out of the sea and the mountains a short distance inland – a topology that facilitates for heavy rainfall, hence the name as it is always lush and green. George and Knysna sit between the majestic Outeniqua Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The Knysna Heads – two sandstone cliffs guarding the mouth of the lagoon connecting the estuary with the sea – is a dramatic viewpoint.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 5

DATE TBC

### ADDO ELEPHANT PARK

#### PORT ELIZABETH & ELEPHANT VIEWING

**06:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:00.

**10:00** - Enjoy a tour of Port Elizabeth.

**12:30** - Depart for Coerney. The observation car will be at the front of the train until tomorrow evening – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.

**13:00** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**14:30** - Game drive in Addo Elephant Park, South Africa's third largest national reserve stretching from the semi-arid Karoo, over the Zuurberg Mountains and down through the Sundays River valley to the coast. The park is home to one of the densest African Elephant populations on earth – roughly 600.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 6

DATE TBC

### BLOEMFONTEIN

#### VISIT BLOEMFONTEIN & CROSS THE KAROO DESERT

**06:30** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:30.

**12:00** - Early lunch is served in the dining cars. Afternoon tour of Bloemfontein including the Women's Memorial and Anglo Boer War Museum.

**15:00** - Traverse the Karoo, a vast and beautiful semi-desert stretching across the great South African plateau inland from the Cape coast with scattered towns and villages. Ascend the Great Escarpment and cross the dry southeastern region with its variety of grasses, hardy shrubs, tumbleweeds and succulents.

**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars en route to Kroonstad where the train is turned.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Bethlehem. Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual.

Bloemfontein is the seat of the South African judicial system. At the end of the 19th century it was also the capital of the old Boer Republic of The Orange Free State. Bloemfontein is capital of the Free State Province and also known as the Rose City. Loch Logan Waterfront is next to the city's newly renovated stadium, which was one of the venues during the 2010 Soccer World Cup. The Women's Memorial at the Anglo Boer War Museum is a reminder of life in the concentration camps and commemorates the 27 000 women and children who died in these camps. The Museum itself is a graphic depiction of the hardship endured by all during the war and relates the history of South Africa from 1652.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 7

DATE TBC

### CLARENS

#### CLARENS & GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK

**06:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

**08:00** - Transfer (±75 min) to the Sandstone Heritage Trust, a large agricultural estate that houses an impressive collection of heritage trains, tractors, busses, cars and military vehicles.

**12:00** - Transfer (±60 min) to the small and picturesque town of Clarens situated in the foothills of the Maluti Mountains. Enjoy lunch (own account).

**15:00** - Take a drive through the Golden Gate Highlands National Park. The park's most notable features are its golden ochre and orange-hued deeply eroded sandstone cliffs and outcrops, especially the Brandwag Rock.

**18:00** - Return to the train at Harrismith and depart for Ladysmith.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 8

DATE TBC

### SPIONKOP

#### VISIT HISTORIC SPIONKOP LODGE & GAME DRIVE

**06:00** - Breakfast is served until departure.

**09:00** - Transfer (±30 min) to Spionkop Lodge to hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop and walk in the footsteps of Churchill and Gandhi.

**12:45** - Enjoy lunch at the lodge.

**14:00** - Afternoon game drive in the 11 000-acre reserve OR relax at the lodge.

**16:00** - Return to the train. Depart for Estcourt.

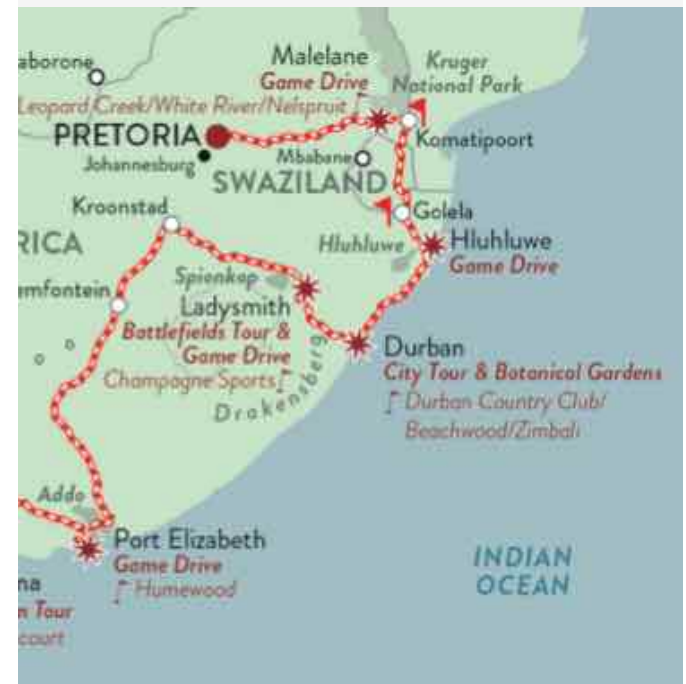
**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

The Drakensberg Mountains were first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon's back, hence the name 'Dragon Mountain' or Drakensberg in Afrikaans.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 9

DATE TBC

### DURBAN

#### VISIT THE VIBRANT PORT CITY OF DURBAN

**06:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

**09:00** - Enjoy a Durban city tour, a visit to the botanical gardens and lunch at Umhlanga's beachfront with an afternoon at leisure. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.

**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





## YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 10

DATE TBC

## HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK

### SEE THE “BIG FIVE” IN THIS PARK

**05:00** - Continental breakfast is served until departure.

**06:00** - Transfer (±30 min) to Hluhluwe for a game drive. As the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe encompasses 960km<sup>2</sup> of hilly topography in central Zululand and is known for its rich wildlife and conservation efforts. It is the only state-run park in KwaZulu-Natal with all the Big Five game animals and is also a prime birding destination.

**12:00** - Early lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards eSwatini. Border formalities take place.

**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars en route to Mpaka.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

### OVERNIGHT





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 11

DATE TBC

### ESWATINI

#### VISIT THIS TINY MOUNTAIN KINGDOM

**06:30** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

**08:30** - Transfer 90 minutes to Swazi Candles and Mantenga Cultural Village for a visit with lunch.

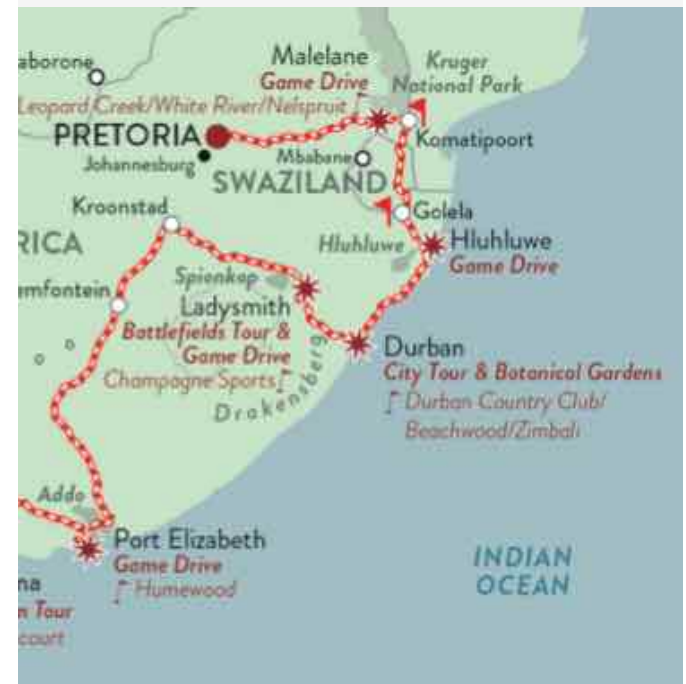
**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

**19:30** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal Border formalities take place.

The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 17 000km<sup>2</sup>, most of which is mountainous. For such a small country, it is surprising that it sustains two capital cities: Mbabane is the administrative capital and Lobamba is the royal and legislative capital. In April 2018, Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning “place of the Swazi”) and is an absolute monarchy. It is landlocked and borders South Africa and Mozambique. At Swazi Candles, guests are invited to interact with the artisans as they make a variety of candles. Woodcarvings, colourful textiles and superb basketwork are also on display. Mantenga Lodge is nestled in the mountains overlooking ‘Execution Rock’. The village is a living museum of old traditions that represents a classic Swazi lifestyle during the 1800s.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

MONTAGU PASS



KAROO DESERT



PRETORIA





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 12

DATE TBC

### KRUGER PARK

#### GAME DRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST FAMOUS PARK

**05:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

**06:30** - Game drive in the Kruger National Park with tea, lunch and an opportunity for curio shopping.

**15:00** - Return to the train.

**16:30** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars. The train travels west across the Drakensberg Mountains.

**19:30** - Dinner is served. Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual

The famous Kruger Park (2-million hectares) is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and home to an impressive number of species, e.g. 336 species of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 species of amphibians, 114 species of reptiles, 507 species of birds and 147 species of mammals including the Big Five.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT





### DAY 13

DATE TBC

## END OF TOUR

### ARRIVE IN PRETORIA & THE END OF THE TRIP

Please ensure luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.

**07:00** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

**13:00** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**18:00** - Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

### BOOKING POST-TOUR SERVICES

This trip finishes on arrival at the station in Pretoria but please note we can book hotel nights, flights and transfers after this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.

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### ROVOS RAIL AFRICAN COLLAGE - CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN ZAR SOUTH AFRICAN RAND\*

Starts in Cape Town on the 31st October 2024 & finishes in Pretoria on the 12th November 2024

SUITE	PULLMAN	DELUXE	ROYAL
TWIN	ZAR 138,000	ZAR 192,000	ZAR 248,000
SINGLE	ZAR 2207,000	ZAR 288,000	ZAR POA

\* The published prices for this tour are in ZAR South African Rand. However, we can quote and accept payment in GB Pounds, US Dollars, Euros, Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. [Contact us](#) for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

## 2025

### ROVOS RAIL AFRICAN COLLAGE - CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN ZAR SOUTH AFRICAN RAND\*

Starts in Cape Town on the 5th November 2025 & finishes in Pretoria on the 17th November 2025

SUITE	PULLMAN	DELUXE	ROYAL
TWIN	ZAR 150,000	ZAR 208,000	ZAR 269,000
SINGLE	ZAR 225,000	ZAR 312,000	ZAR POA

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## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

### INCLUDED:

- ✓ Accommodation as specified.
- ✓ All meals as specified.
- ✓ All beverages on board.
- ✓ Room service.
- ✓ Limited laundry.
- ✓ Excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable).
- ✓ Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- ✓ On-board historian.
- ✓ Hairstylist and doctor.
- ✓ Government tax.
- ✓ Off-train accommodation during the rail trip includes an overnight bag; meals, water, tea/coffee and breakfast juices; snacks and drinks on sunset cruise.

### EXCLUDED:

- ✗ International sparkling wine.
- ✗ Gratuities.
- ✗ Personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre- and post-tour accommodation, flights and transfers.
- ✗ Off-train accommodation during the rail trip excludes all other beverages; meals at unspecified venues; laundry; personal expenses.
- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of the trip.
- ✗ Visas - we can advise and partner with VisaCentral.
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Maximum Train Capacity is 36 suites / 72 guests. We reserve the right to alter this capacity as circumstances require.
- We regret that due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a non-refundable deposit of 25% plus any international flights we are booking for you. Full payment is required 90 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, beverages not included, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.

### • Cancellation Terms:

Up to 61 days prior to departure: deposit plus any flights we book.

60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price.

60 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total price.

Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.



## WHY BOOK THROUGH US ?

### EXPERIENCE ✓

We have been arranging luxury train tours since 2008 and have long relationships with key providers.

### PRICE PROMISE ✓

In most cases we will offer to match any bona fide, like for like quote for your trip from another agent or operator.

### INDEPENDENT ADVICE ✓

We give open and impartial advice and it is important to us that you book the right rail trip for you.

### PEACE OF MIND ✓

We are members of ABTA and most trips are protected by our IPP cover and ATOL bonding.



*"I just wanted to say thank you for organising our wonderful holiday. All went smoothly and we were well taken care of. Thank you for the seamless organisation."*

**Kristopher Forbes**



*"The trip was great. Everything was smooth. This was very important to me as a solo female traveller. I felt safe and secure at all times. It was a well-balanced and organised trip. I really appreciated the effort that went into the trip."*

**Sarah Orozco**



*"You are amazing! Thank you so much for the fast response to my initial email, and the rapid answer to any questions I had, no matter how stupid they were! Your organisation was a great choice for me... I would highly recommend it."*

**Rachael Klein**



*"The booking process was very efficient. We appreciate you answered all our questions and presented a good plan. The trip itself was a wonderful old world Africa experience on the train – loved it."*

**Paige & Hugh Christensen**



*"It was the best trip we've ever taken! It was amazing! I cannot say enough about it. The ease of train travel, and guides were all pleasant surprises."*

**Lawrence & Conner Dudley**



*"We appreciated how easy it was to talk with you on the phone, person-to-person. This was very helpful. It's nice to meet people with similar interests and goals. We thank you and your company for everything you did to create a memorable train experience."*

**Bethany Leblanc**



*"You made booking flights and everything else very simple. You always provided excellent service, and responded to our inquiries promptly. Thanks for your attention to detail towards your customers."*

**Tania & Arthur Lindsey**



*"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with. Thanks again for all you did for us."*

**Gail & Cathy**



# ABOUT THE ROVOS RAIL LUXURY TRAIN

Recapture the romance of a bygone era when travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion. The classic wood-panelled coaches are the epitome of comfort with period features combining with modern technology.





# ABOUT THE ROVOS RAIL TRAIN

## FOOD & DRINK

The service is discreet and friendly with an enthusiastic team of chefs ensuring guests' every need is catered for. There is an accent on fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes are a specialty. Every morning there is a full breakfast with dishes cooked to order. Meals are served in one sitting only and are complemented by fine South African wines.

## CLICK FOR AN INTERACTIVE VIEW OF THE DINING CAR

## DRESS ON BOARD

The dress on board the train is casual during the day but evening attire is required for dinner (jacket and tie for men and dress for women). In maintaining the atmosphere there are no radios or television sets on board and the use of technology that has the ability to disturb other guests is confined to the privacy of the cabins.

## CLICK FOR AN INTERACTIVE VIEW OF THE LOUNGE CAR

## CABIN FEATURES

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars, a lounge car ( $\pm 36$  seats), small gift shop, smoking lounge ( $\pm 8$  seats) and observation car ( $\pm 32$  seats) with open-air balcony.

The cabins are refined and spacious offering guests privacy and comfort with double or twin beds and fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.

All have en-suite bathrooms with shower, toilet and basin, tea-and-coffee facilities (Royal Suite Emeralds Deluxe only), safes, air conditioning, linen and amenities and are serviced daily. There is adequate storage and small cupboards with hangers and shelves.





# ROYAL SUITE

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## ROYAL SUITES

$\pm 16m^2$   
 $\pm 172ft^2$

BED DIMENSIONS: LxW in CM

Double: 200x189

Split Twin: 200x75



*Double Lengthways*



*Split Twin*

*Minibar, air conditioning, writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, toilet and basin.*





## DELUXE

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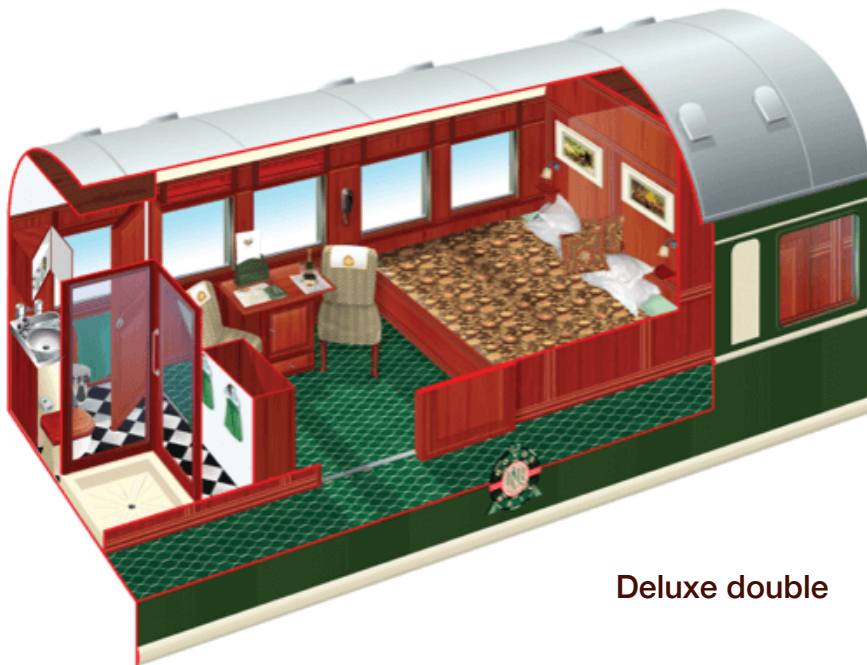
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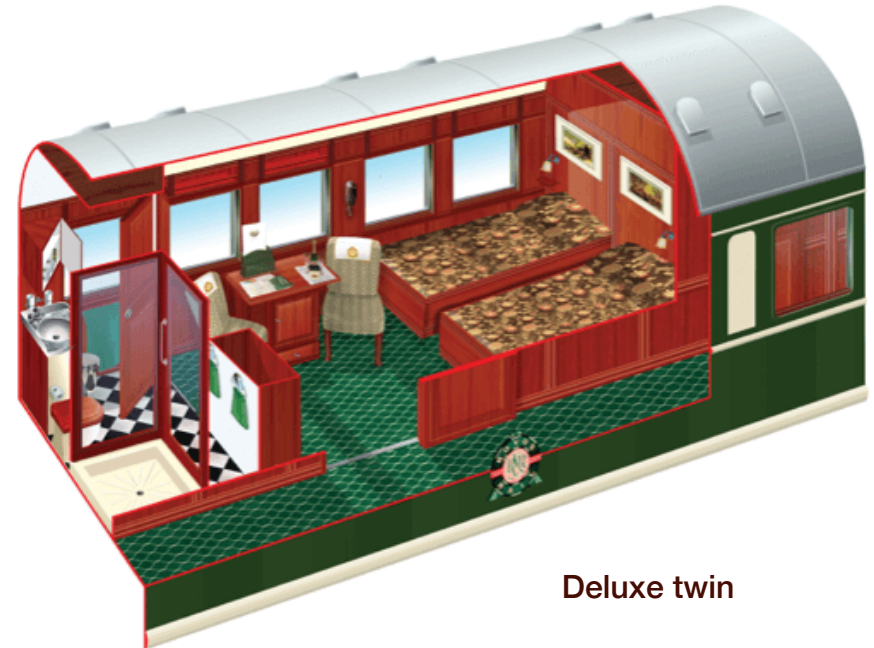
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The ±10m<sup>2</sup> Deluxe Suites accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds and have their own lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily. A bar fridge is filled with the on-board beverages of the passengers' choice.

- Double or twin beds • En-suite with shower, toilet and basin • Small lounge area • Writing desk • Luggage shelf • Cupboards • Safe • Air conditioning • Fridge • Tea facilities • Bespoke amenities • Robes and slippers • Hairdryer (fixed or plug-in) • Shaver plugs (2-pin) • USB ports • Safety glasses • Emergency torch • Fire extinguisher • Laundry bag • Shoe bag • Internal telephone system • Room service.



Deluxe double



Deluxe twin



# PULLMAN

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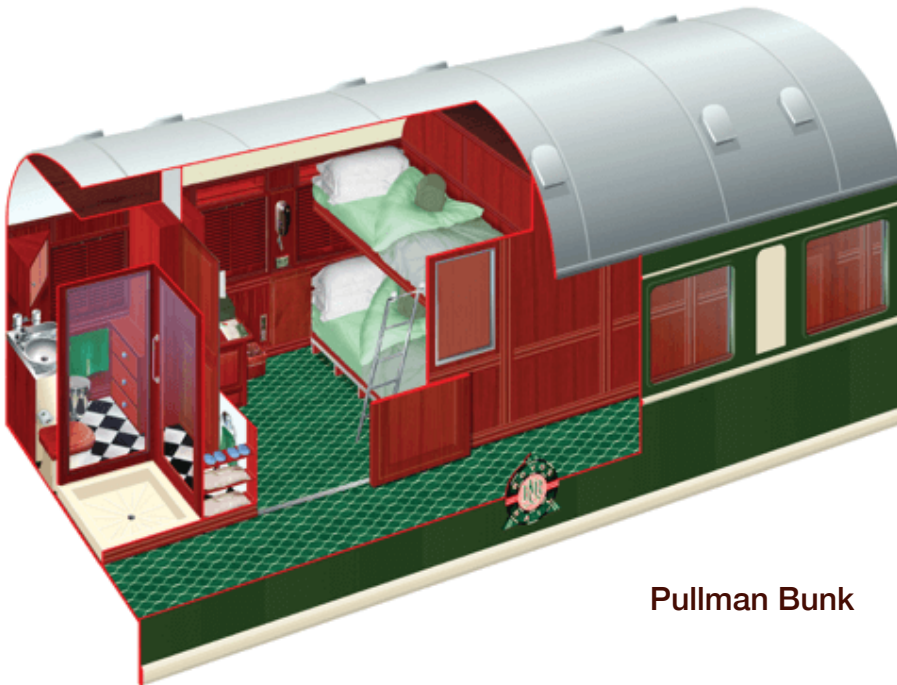
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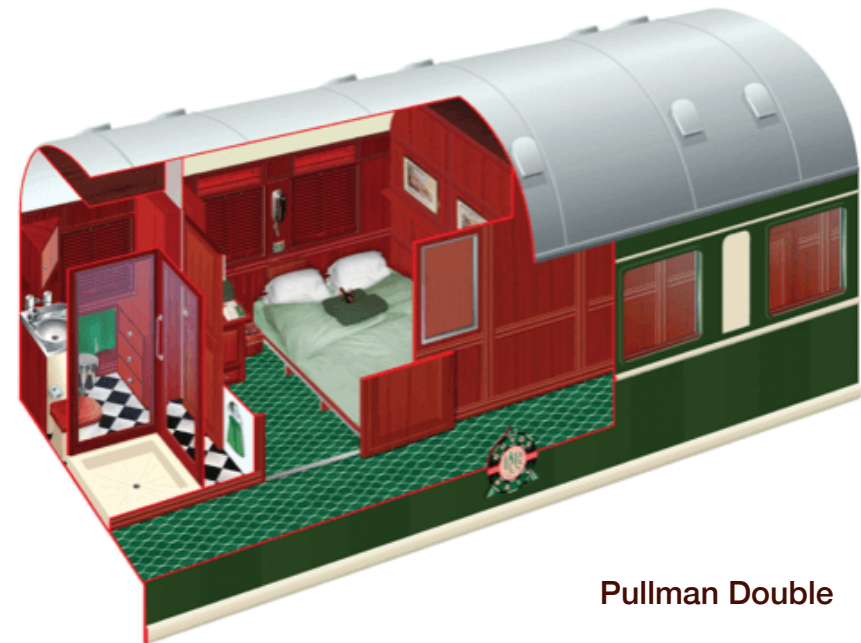
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The ±7m<sup>2</sup> Pullmans, used on our short journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day, the suites have a comfortable sofa-seat with a conversion to double or twin beds (side-by-side or upper and lower bunks) for the evening. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily. Please note in the animation that we indicate a bar fridge, however, these have been removed from the Pullmans.

- Double or twin beds • Upper and/or lower bunk • Daytime sofa setting • En-suite with shower, toilet and basin • Fold-up writing desk • Luggage shelf • Cupboards • Safe • Air conditioning • Tea facilities • Bespoke amenities • Robes and slippers • Hairdryer (fixed or plug-in) • Shaver plugs (2-pin) • USB ports • Safety glasses • Emergency torch • Fire extinguisher • Laundry bag • Shoe bag • Internal telephone system • Room service.

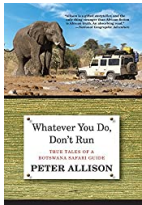


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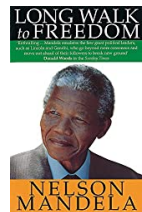
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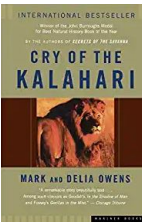
## WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T RUN PETER ALLISON

This is a great read for anyone going on a safari. It shows how hard but funny the life of a safari guide in the African bush can be. It's very easy reading, with lots of interesting facts, and somewhat educational.



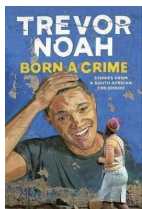
## LONG WALK TO FREEDOM NELSON MANDELA

No trip to South Africa is complete without having read the autobiography of one of the country's greatest political leaders, Nelson Mandela.



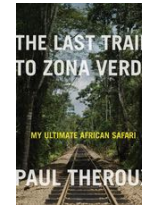
## CRY OF THE KALAHARI MARK OWENS & DELIA OWENS

In the 1970s Mark and Delia Owens, two budding zoologists, set off into the desolate and unforgiving Kalahari Desert in Botswana to study wildlife. Deception Valley became their base and home for the next seven years. They lived alone in the wild, studying lions, brown hyenas, jackals, and other desert predators.



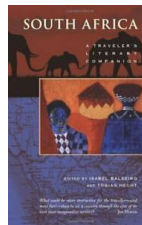
## BORN A CRIME TREVOR NOAH

With unflinching honesty and humour, Noah recounts his life as a 'crime' – a coloured (South Africa's term for anyone of mixed race) baby born to a Black Xhosa mother and a white Swiss father – under Apartheid.



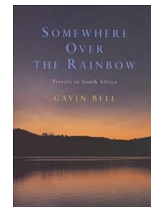
## THE LAST TRAIN TO ZONA VERDE PAUL THEROUX

Following the success of the acclaimed Ghost Train to the Eastern Star and The Great Railway Bazaar, The Last Train to Zona Verde is an ode to the last African journey of the world's most celebrated travel writer.



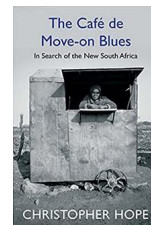
## SOUTH AFRICA: A LITERARY COMPANION ISABEL BALSEIRO

Including short stories from some of South Africa's best and most renowned writers (Nadine Gordimer, J.M. Coetzee, and Alan Paton, to name only a few), this collection accompanies readers to a recent, but altogether different South Africa, reflecting perspectives of both the oppressed and the oppressors.



## SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW GAVIN BELL

In his travels Bell found a country at odds with itself, swinging between hope and despair, buoyed by a sense of freedom and haunted by a fear of violent crime. It is a compelling portrait of a country in search of an identity.



## THE CAFE DE MOVE-ON BLUES CHRISTOPHER HOPE

Framed as a travelogue, this is a darkly comic, powerful and moving portrait of South Africa - an elegy to a living nation, which is still mad and absurd.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK ?

This train tour is an exclusive trip with very limited departures through the year. Consequently we strongly advise our clients to book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. This particularly applies to the higher level cabins which there is strong demand for.

## CAN YOU OBTAIN & ADVISE ON THE VISAS FOR US ?

Visas (if required) can be quite complex so we recommend using a specialist visa agent and have an arrangement with [CIBT Visa Central](#) who offer a reliable service for all the visas you will need for your trip. Of course, we provide all the necessary documentation which must accompany your application. Note that the onus is upon the client to ensure passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure for Africa. Passports must have at least five blank visa pages and must be valid for at least six months from your return-home date.

On the various journeys we travel: South Africa, eSwatini, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, DRC and Angola. Some nationalities are eligible to purchase port-of-entry visas. Immigration forms will be available on board. Please ensure you have a minimum of US\$200 in cash with you. Angolan and DRC visas must be obtained prior to travel. We request that Tanzanian visas are obtained prior to travel when possible.

## ARE YOUR TOURS FINANCIALLY PROTECTED ?

Yes! All our trips come with financial protection either through our ATOL if the trip includes a flight or insurances which comply with the UK package travel regulations for any trip that does not include a flight. In addition our ABTA membership means we must adhere to their strict code of conduct.

## CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR US ?

Absolutely! Our ATOL license means that we can book international or indeed internal flights. We get particularly good access to the best deals on British Airways as we are an appointed operator.

## CAN YOU BOOK FURTHER TRAVEL FOR US ?

Yes! We can offer extensions to further explore the destinations at either end of the trip. Just ask us for details.

## SCHEDULING TIMES, ROUTES & EXCURSIONS

Rovos Rail is solely reliant on the traction and railway services provided by the countries through which we travel. Our hands are regrettably tied when these services fail, be they due to locomotives, signals, overhead power-cable damage and/or theft, vandalism, electricity outages, railway tracks or issues with drivers etc. Delays can occur due to our reliance on these national organisations. Rovos Rail is not responsible and cannot be held liable for any delays or changes in tour arrangements that may be caused by natural or other factors beyond the control of Rovos Rail. Rovos Rail reserves the right to cancel or amend our routing, any excursions and the tour departure dates provided we can offer the passenger alternative excursions or departure dates. Rovos Rail cannot guarantee excursions or departure and arrival times. Our obligation to transport guests from departure to arrival points on schedule will override any commitment to excursions although we will endeavour to carry out all of the off-train experiences. We strongly caution against same-day air travel on departure/arrival days due to possible delays with flights.

## POSTAGE

Stamps are available for sale from the Gift Shop. Postcards may be handed to the Administration Deputy for posting.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## GUEST INDEMNITY

Although certain limited insurances have been arranged, neither Rovos Rail Tours (Pty) Ltd and/or Shongololo Express (herein being collectively referred to as 'Rovos Rail'), nor its servants, agents or employees, shall be liable for any loss or damage to passengers' luggage or effects. Insofar as one of the tours may include a visit to a game reserve and whilst attacks by wild animals are extremely rare, similarly neither Rovos Rail, nor its servants, agents or employees, accept any liability whatsoever for any injury or incidents to passengers or their belongings. The passenger hereby waives any claim which he/she may have against Rovos Rail, its servants, agents, employees or sub-contractors for any injury and/or loss of any nature whatsoever (including, without limiting the generality of the a-foregoing, consequential loss) arising for any reason of any nature whatever directly or indirectly out of any aspect of the tour including, without limiting the generality of the a-foregoing, any form of transport used for the purpose of the tour. This waiver shall be binding on the passenger's executors, heirs, trustees and dependants. The passenger records that all the services and facilities provided to the passenger are accepted voluntarily and with full knowledge that they may expose the passenger to injury, danger or loss. The passenger further records that any statement, representation or information given to him/her by Rovos Rail shall, unless given in writing, not prejudice this waiver in any manner whatsoever. The passenger indemnifies Rovos Rail in respect of any claim that may be made by any third party against it arising out of any claim in respect of which the passenger gives the aforementioned waiver. This agreement shall be governed solely by laws of the Republic of South Africa.

ON CONFIRMATION OF A RESERVATION, OUR T&C WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Rovos Rail reserves the right without notice to make use of any photography/film taken by our staff on the tour for general publicity purposes without payment or permission.

## CHILDREN

Rovos Rail and Shongololo Express do accommodate children but we kindly ask parents to be sensitive to the adult nature and atmosphere of the train by keeping them respectful and quiet. There are no child-minding facilities or activities available for children on board. Long journeys are not recommended for under 13s. Children between 0-2 years old are not permitted to travel. Children under five are not permitted in the dining and lounge cars. Room service is available. The chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We allow a maximum of two guests sharing per suite/cabin. Should there be a child under the age of five, he/she will be allowed to share with two adults (in a Deluxe, Royal or Emerald category only). However, should there be a child over the age of five, he/she should have his/her own suite/cabin (conditional). Should parents not feel comfortable with this option, one of the parents could then share with the child. Children 3-9 years pays 75% of the adult per person sharing rate and 10 years+ pay full rate.

## ROVOS RAIL STATION TOUR & MUSEUM

A highlight for guests is a visit to the private station headquarters in Capital Park, Pretoria, where over 400 employees work assiduously to ensure the locomotives and trains are maintained to the highest standard. This is the busy hub of a provisioning operation that is world-class in terms of efficiency and attention to detail. The tour will show you the nuts and bolts of the company. We also have a museum showing a historical collection of train paraphernalia.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## CHECK-IN

Please check-in a minimum of one hour before departure. Should you wish to visit our museum or do a site tour at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria, we suggest arriving two hours prior to departure. If Pretoria is your arrival point, we suggest delaying your pick-up so you can enjoy the site tour. Passports are required at check-in. No vouchers are required. Luggage will be tagged and placed in your suite on board the train where you will find a full itinerary pack.

## AMENITIES

Rovos Rail provides a complete amenity bag with the following South African products: soap (25g), tissues, shampoo (30ml), conditioner (30ml), bath and shower gel (30ml), hand and body lotion (30ml), lip balm (4.8g), sun cream SPF50 (8ml), insect repellent gel (8ml), cotton-wool pads, ear buds, a shoe mit, nail file, small sewing kit, ear plugs and a shower cap. Plug-in hairdryers – in addition to your bathroom unit (if applicable) – are available on board.

## PETS

We do not allow any pets or emotional-support animals on board.

## CURRENCY

South Africa – Rands only. We accept all major credit cards on the train. Outside of South Africa – Rands are accepted in Namibia and eSwatini. US Dollars are accepted in Zimbabwe, Tanzania (Dar es Salaam only), DRC and Angola. Cash is highly recommended. Hotels and major dealers accept credit cards. US Dollars printed before year 2013 or that look worn will not be accepted. Low denominations recommended for shopping/gratuities. Larger denominations recommended for exchanging money to local currency (especially in Tanzania) as you get a better rate.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We cater for food allergies provided a detailed request has been made at that time of your reservation. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We regret we are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

## DINING

Meals on board are served in one sitting only in the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. Breakfast: 07:00-10:00 • Lunch: 13:00 • Tea: 16:30 • Formal Dinner: 19:30. Bar service is from 07:00-±01:00. All meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated in the timetable. A gong heralds lunch and dinner.

## ELECTRICITY

220V AC 50Hz 3-point round-pronged wall plugs and 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers and chargers. USB ports are in each suite. International adaptors available. A generator supplies power. Please be aware that certain breaks in power are necessary when servicing is required.

## GRATUITIES

Gratuities for the staff are at your discretion. If you wish to show your appreciation in this manner, there will be a suitably marked envelope in your suite that you can hand directly to the Train Manager who will distribute any amounts on a pro-rata basis (share) among the staff on board. An amount between ZAR100-300 (± US\$10-20) per person per night is suggested, depending on the length of your journey. At the game lodges, it is customary to tip guides and lodge staff an estimated ZAR150 (± US\$10) per guest per day.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## DRESS CODE

Days on board are smart casual: Neat, conventional yet relatively informal in style combining casual and formal clothing pieces.

Evening attire is more formal: For gentlemen a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement while for ladies we suggest cocktail/evening dresses or suits. On long journeys we enjoy themed evenings where guests can dress up accordingly or opt for smart casual:

- Golf Safari, African Collage, Dar es Salaam and Lobito Journeys: 1 x “AFRICA” evening and 1 x “1920s” evening. See itineraries.
- Namibia Safari: 1 x “AFRICA” evening. See itineraries.

Off- train excursions: We recommend comfortable walking shoes, sun lotion and hats. If required, blankets and rain capes are available.

Game drives are on open vehicles so please dress accordingly: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Please see average temperatures as a guide.

## DRESSING GOWNS

We provide a comfortable one-size-fits-all gown plus slippers for each guest for use on board the train. If you wish to take one home, they are available to purchase from the Gift Shop.

## GIFT SHOP / ADMINISTRATION

There is a small gift shop on the train and at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Due to the varying exchange rates, credit cards are preferred. The Administration Deputy on duty has a basic First Aid Kit and personal essentials(toothbrushes, razors, earplugs etc.). He/she will also fulfil any administrative requirements and check your onward arrangements.

## LANGUAGES

The staff on board mainly speak English and local languages. For most of the long journeys and dependent on the language, translated itineraries and on-board information will be provided.

## LAUNDRY

There is a LIMITED laundry service (10 items/day) on board comprising household washers, dryers and steam irons. The turnaround is 48 hours so we are unable to handle a week's worth of laundry. There are no dry-cleaning facilities en route or on board. Please note that while this a complimentary service we cannot be held responsible for items that may be damaged or lost in the process.

## LOCOMOTION

Use of steam has become increasingly difficult over the years as more and more water and coaling facilities have been scrapped. Diesel or electric locomotives are used while steam is used in and around the area of Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria only.

## LUGGAGE

It is possible to store luggage in your suite under the bed or above the door on a luggage rack, which provides ample space for storage. There are no luggage restrictions on board although we do not recommend more than two large suitcases. On selected long journeys, guests are provided with a Rovos Rail tog bag that can be used for overnight trips or hand luggage on aircraft. A soft bag is preferable on plane transfers with a luggage weight restriction of 15kg.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## MEDICAL

All guests are solely responsible for ensuring they are capable of undertaking the tours and activities.

- Please inform us at the time of your reservation if you have any medical conditions, physical disabilities or allergies.
- We have a doctor on board on the 15-day Dar es Salaam and Lobito journeys.
- Anti-malarial precautions are recommended. Malaria areas: eSwatini, Kruger Park, Northern Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Etosha, Tanzania, DRC and Angola.
- Recommended immunisations (not required): Hepatitis A + B, Polio, Tetanus, Cholera (low risk).
- Ebola is confined to the northeast of DRC. We traverse the very southern tip of the country thousands of miles away on the Lobito journeys.
- A Yellow Fever/Medical Exemption Certificate is essential if travelling to/from DRC and Angola. Although all countries travelled through don't require this, countries guests return to after the trip often require them.
- Please consult your clinic or doctor. TRAVEL DOCTOR AFRICA local 0861 300 911 or international +27 (0) 11 214 9030.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Each train is equipped with a standard medical kit, oxygen, automated external and a wheelchair. For emergencies there are private healthcare hospitals available. Outside of South Africa, private hospitals are not guaranteed. We can organise evacuation either by road or air to a medical facility should this be required (own account). All our Train Managers have completed First Aid up to Level 3 and are trained in emergency situations. We do, however, strongly recommend that you explain your concerns to your travel insurance company so they can provide you with the necessary cover to meet and exceed such an eventuality.

## MOBILITY

We are able to accommodate guests with walking difficulties although we recommend an able-bodied passenger accompany them. We regret that the train is not suitable for wheelchair-bound passengers. Should you have mobility impairments/restrictions or special requirements, we urge you to inform your travel agent or Rovos Rail at the time of booking. See Mobility Info on [rovos.com](http://rovos.com).

## SECURITY

An electronic safe is provided in the cupboard in each suite. When on board we encourage guests to close shutters or preferably shutters and windows when not in your suites. Please be particularly mindful when passing through stations. The train doors in the passages are all locked from the inside. Your suite door can also lock from the inside.

## THE TRACK

The track over which we travel is inconsistently maintained. If you wake at night imagining the train is travelling at high speed, be assured it is the state of the track below creating that impression. We restrict the train to 60km/h (37mph) and over bad sections reduce speed to as little as 20km/h (12mph). If you find it noisy, earplugs are available in your amenities bag and at the Gift Shop.

## WATER

The water used on the train is carried in tanks under each coach. These tanks are filled every day but they cannot be topped up while the train is travelling. Please assist us by using water responsibly. Water inside the suites has been filtered and chlorinated; it is safe for bathing and brushing teeth only. Please use the bottled water provided for drinking.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## MAGAZINES, MAPS & GAMES

There are board games, cards, a card table (dependent), books and magazines available for your use in the lounge and observation cars while on board. In your suite is a map, itinerary and the Journeys magazine featuring articles of interest related to your route. If the map supplied is not comprehensive enough you may purchase a more detailed map from the Gift Shop.

## MOBILE DEVICES & INTERNET

In maintaining the spirit of train travel there are no radios or television sets on board. The use of mobile phones, laptops and essentially anything that has the ability to disturb other guests is confined to the privacy of your suites only. The reception is poor while the train is moving. It is advised to contact your service provider to ensure the correct settings for network services are activated. Wi-Fi is available at our lounges in Cape Town and Pretoria and at most off-train accommodation (although not always guaranteed).

## SERVICE

A dedicated host/ess is available 24 hours a day. They can be called from the telephone in your suite. Your suite is cleaned daily and there is a nightly turndown service. The Train Manager and Deputy Train Manager are on hand throughout the journey to help with any queries. The Administration Deputy is available for an administrative requirements and is based at the Gift Shop.

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Please note at the time of your reservation if you are celebrating an occasion as we'd like to share it with you.

## TEMPERATURE & TIME ZONES

All public cars are fitted with gas-filled air-conditioning systems. Each suite has an individual air conditioner with temperature controls that can also be set to heat mode. Windows should be closed while operating the air-conditioning unit. Electric under-blankets are fitted on the bed.

## SMOKING

On board the train, smoking is allowed in the smoking Club Lounge only. HOWEVER, please be mindful of other guests who do not smoke, that the train is generally made up of wood and DO NOT throw flammable items such as cigarette or cigar butts off the train. Bush fires in Africa are a constant and dangerous hazard. Please note at the time of your reservation if you are smoking or non-smoking so that the appropriate room might be requested at the hotels/lodges.

## SUITES & COACHES

Measurements in centimetres (cm) = Length x Width.

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars, a lounge car (±26 seats), small gift shop, smoking lounge (±11 seats) and observation car (±32 seats) with open-air balcony. The suites are elegant and spacious offering passengers privacy and comfort with double or twin beds and fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.

All have en-suites with shower, toilet, basin and bath (Royal only), tea facilities, safes, air conditioning, linen and amenities and are serviced daily. There is adequate storage and small cupboards with hangers and shelves.