



THE DAR ES SALAAM

DAR TO CAPE TOWN



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ROVOS RAIL | THE DAR ES SALAAM | DAR TO CAPE TOWN

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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ROVOS RAIL | THE DAR ES SALAAM | DAR TO CAPE TOWN

15 NIGHTS / 16 DAYS

5,800 KM / 3,600 Miles

This epic train journey starts from bustling Dar es Salaam on the coast of Tanzania travelling through Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana into South Africa to finish at Cape Town.

From Dar Es Salaam it traverses the Selous Game Reserve – the largest on the continent and a vision of timeless Africa – before climbing into the Great Rift Valley negotiating the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the spectacular escarpment to the Tanzania border.

The train joins the Tazara line in Zambia and continues to Chisimba Falls where guests enjoy a bush walk.

Continue through Zambia crossing the mighty Zambezi River and into Zimbabwe where guests overnight at the Victoria Falls Hotel.

A few days safari at Madikwe National Park before the diamond mines of Kimberley, the historic village of Matjiesfontein before finishing in stunning Cape Town. Available in reverse.



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DETAILED ITINERARY

This epic train journey travels through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania and is one of the most famous in the world. The sojourn begins in Cape Town taking guests to the historic village of Matjiesfontein, the diamond town of Kimberley and the capital city of Pretoria for short tours followed by two nights in the Madikwe Game Reserve. Continue through Botswana into Zimbabwe where guests overnight at the Victoria Falls Hotel.

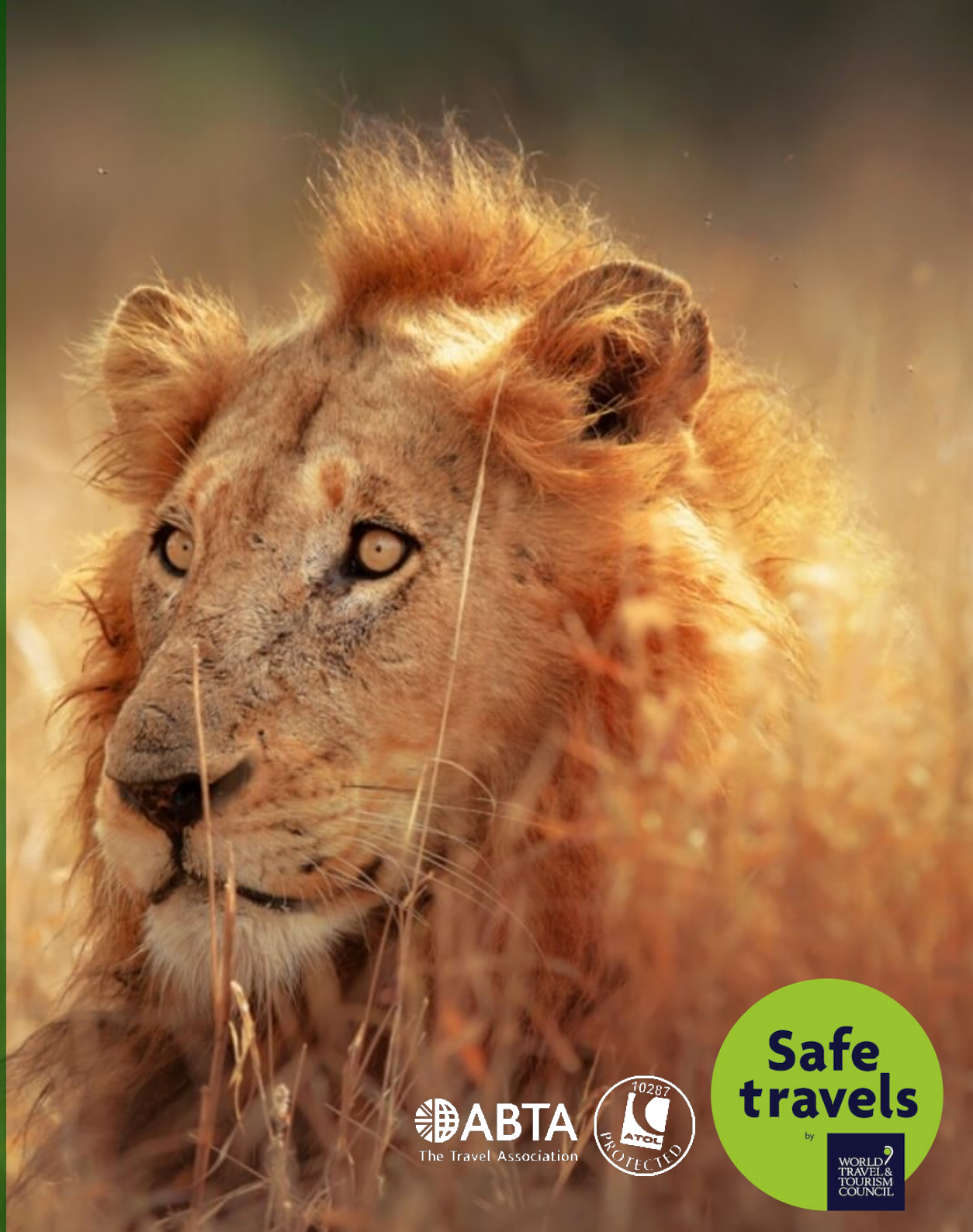
After crossing the mighty Zambezi River, the train joins the Tazara line in Zambia and continues to Chisimba Falls where guests enjoy a bush walk. The train climbs to the Tanzanian border then descends into the Great Rift Valley negotiating the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the spectacular escarpment. Climbing again, it traverses the Selous Game Reserve – the largest on the continent and a vision of timeless Africa – before the bustling arrival in Dar es Salaam the following day.

"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

TANZANIA

YOUR RAIL JOURNEY BEGINS IN DAR ES SALAAM

09:30 - Check-in reception at the Kivukoni Room, Serena Hotel, Ohio Street, Dar es Salaam. Transfer to Tazara Station.

12:00 - Depart from Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car and observation car, which will be at the front of the train for the first 72 hours – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy. Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of passport. Lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheets for details.

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels the fertile lands of Tanzania towards the Selous. 16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Fuga Halt for overnight. Dress: Formal

 **Meals Included:** Lunch & 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 Dar Es Salaam we recommend Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel or Hyatt Regency – The Kilimanjaro Hotel.

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

DATE TBC

TANZANIA

VISIT THE VAST SELOUS GAME RESERVE

05:30 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 07:00.

07:00 - Enjoy a game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa at 55,000km² (time permitting).

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards the jungled Udzungwa Mountains and negotiates the dramatic switchbacks, viaducts and tunnels of the escarpment.

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

19:30 - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mlimba for overnight. Dress: Formal

Victoria Falls: It is a good idea to familiarise yourself with the list of activities available: Tour of Victoria Falls; helicopter over Victoria Falls; whitewater rafting; bungee-jumping; golf etc. You may book these excursions yourself at the hotel OR beforehand on the train with the on-board historian – today between 17:00-18:30. Cash accepted.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

DATE TBC

TANZANIA

MAKAMBAKO

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

09:00 - Arrive at Makambako and enjoy a stroll through the town (time permitting).

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train passes baobab forests and ascends the Rift Valley to the border, almost exactly the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes. 16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

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

PLEASE TURN YOUR WATCHES BACK BY ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE EVENING.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 4

DATE TBC

TANZANIA & ZAMBIA

CHISIMBA FALLS BORDER: TUNDUMA, TANZANIA / NAKONDE, ZAMBIA

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place.

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels the TAZARA railway line, an engineering tour de force and one of Africa's best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.

14:30 - Enjoy a visit to Chisimba Falls where guests can take a pleasant walk down to the rock pools at the base of the falls or admire them from various viewpoints. Return to the train by 18:00.

Chisimba Falls is a series of three waterfalls named Mutumuna, Kaela and Chishimba (Chisimba), which are separated over 300m along the Luombe River. According to Bemba tradition, the nature spirit "Chishimba" lives in a cave behind the falls therefore no bad behaviour (including fights, insults and arrogance) is allowed in this area. Though the Bemba people arrived here in the 17th century, they weren't the first as the land surrounding the falls is dotted with evidence of Iron Age activities including kilns, smelting pipes and iron ore deposits.

19:30 - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mpika for overnight. Dress: Formal

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

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

TANZANIA



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 5

DATE TBC

ZAMBIA

AT LEISURE ON BOARD THROUGH ZAMBIA

Victoria Falls: If you have decided to book activities through the on-board historian, please ensure you have done so before dinner. Cash accepted.

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

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train is turned at Kapiri Mposhi.

16:30 - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

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

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6

DATE TBC

ZAMBIA

AT LEISURE ON BOARD THROUGH ZAMBIA

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train departs Lusaka, capital of Zambia. After breakfast the train crosses the Kafue Railway Bridge – a 477-metre long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 metres supported on concrete piers.

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels to Zimbabwe.

16:30 - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

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

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 7

DATE TBC

ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

STOP & OVERNIGHT AT THE MAJESTIC VICTORIA FALLS

Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay at Victoria Falls Hotel. See below for inclusions/exclusions. Meals are taken at the Victoria Falls Hotel. Currency exchange is available at the hotel (passports not required); there is a business centre and WiFi available throughout. If you are crossing the border into Zambia during your stay, please obtain your passport from the Train Manager or Administration Deputy.

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place. Cross the Victoria Falls Bridge. 11:00 Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with an overnight bag and walk across to the hotel.

12:00 - Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with an overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome address on the lawn followed by lunch at Jungle Junction. Luggage will be delivered to the rooms.

15:45 WINTER / 16:15 SUMMER - Meet in the hotel foyer before departure for the sunset cruise on the Zambezi.

19:30 - Dinner at the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel. Dress: Smart Casual (strictly no safari-wear, shorts, sandals or sneakers)

Plunging over the lip of the Victoria Falls is the largest body of falling water on earth. The mighty Zambezi, fourth longest river in Africa, is about 2kms wide above the falls and cascades dramatically over a precipice 1.6km in length and 108m at its deepest, compressing the vast volume of water into a chasm 50m wide. The sound can be deafening, the aspect magnificent and the memory indelible. In autumn, the spray is so great it inhibits photography while in spring the seasonal flow considerably reduces leaving large slabs of brown basalt exposed on the lip.

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

OVERNIGHT

VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL



Overlooking Victoria Falls, this upscale, Edwardian-style hotel has a bar with an old world vibe, an outdoor pool with a poolside bar, gym & spa.



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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

VICTORIA FALLS



MADIKWE NATIONAL PARK



MADIKWE NATIONAL PARK



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 8

DATE TBC

ZIMBABWE

DAY AT VICTORIA FALLS

Check-out time is normally at 10:00 (to be advised). If you have organised morning activities, please ensure you have checked out. Luggage storage at reception is complimentary until afternoon departure. Please call the front desk and they will send a porter to collect your luggage.

06:30 - Breakfast is served at the Jungle Junction Restaurant until 10:00. Day at leisure in the Victoria Falls.

12:00 - Lunch at Jungle Junction Restaurant, Victoria Falls Hotel.

16:00 - Meet on station platform.

17:00 - Depart Victoria Falls. Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of passport.

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

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 9

DATE TBC

ZIMBABWE & BOTSWANA

CROSS FROM ZIMBABWE TO BOTSWANA

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place.

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and the eastern edge of the Kalahari Basin. Known as 'Kgalagadi' in Botswana, the Kalahari (which extends to 900 000km² and covers much of Botswana, parts of Namibia and South Africa) is not a true desert as it does experience small amounts of rain, with some areas enjoying up to 250mm. The surrounding basin covers over 2 500 000km² extending farther into Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and encroaching into parts of Angola, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It is part desert, part plateau. The only constant river, the Okavango, flows into a delta in the northwest forming marshes that are rich in wildlife.

16:30 - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car. 19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 10

DATE TBC

BOTSWANA & SOUTH AFRICA

CROSS FROM BOTSWANA TO SOUTH AFRICA & MADIKWE GAME RESERVE

Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Madikwe. See below for inclusions/exclusions. Spa facilities available (own account). Payment in ZAR or by credit card only. Times of meals and activities confirmed on arrival.

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:30.

10:00 - Transfer (± 90 min) to a lodge in Madikwe for a two-night stay. Border formalities will take place en route and guests are required to present themselves to officials (luggage may be searched). Lunch is served upon arrival. Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).

19:00 - Dinner at the lodge. Dress: Casual

Madikwe is a prime malaria-free Big 5 wildlife reserve bordering Botswana. It lies within a transition zone between the North West Province bushveld and Kalahari thornveld with enormous volcanic intrusions, wide open plains and the riverine environment along the Marico River. As a result, the region is host to an incredible diversity of species from both ecosystems with a rich assortment of vegetation and more than 300 resident and migrant bird species.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 11

DATE TBC

SOUTH AFRICA

MADIKWE NATIONAL PARK & RESERVE

Early morning game drive (approximately 3 hours).

07:00 - Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09:30.

12:30 - Lunch at the lodge.

Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).

19:00 - Dinner at the lodge. Dress: Casual

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

OVERNIGHT

MADIKWE NATIONAL PARK

A range of different lodges are used to house guests in Madikwe as capacity of each lodge is limited.



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 12

DATE TBC

SOUTH AFRICA

MADIKWE NATIONAL PARK & RESERVE

Early morning game drive (approximately 2 hours).

07:00 - Breakfast is served until 09:30. Please ensure that your bags are ready for collection by 10:30 and proceed to check out.

11:00 - Depart the lodge and transfer to the train at Zeerust.

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

16:30 - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

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

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

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

CAPE TOWN



KIMBERLEY



PRETORIA



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 13

DATE TBC

SOUTH AFRICA

PRETORIA & TOUR SOUTH AFRICA'S CAPITAL

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train travels through the goldfields.

08:30 - Transfer (±60 min) to Pretoria for a city tour followed by lunch on the Rovos Rail Station platform. Enjoy a walking

tour of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting). Return (±60 min) to the train.

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 14

DATE TBC

SOUTH AFRICA

KIMBERLEY & THE DIAMOND MINES

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

Enjoy a tour of Kimberley's Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole. Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871.

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. Travel through the Karoo, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system.

16:30 - Tea is served 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 15

DATE TBC

SOUTH AFRICA

THROUGH MATJIESFONTEIN

07:00 - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. During breakfast, there is a chance for guests to disembark the train at Whitehill Siding and walk the 5km into Matjiesfontein. A member of staff will accompany the group.

Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through the historic village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.

About an hour after Matjiesfontein, the train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The first tunnel is 13.5km long so

guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.

13:00 - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train climbs $\pm 750\text{m}$ down the escarpment through the Hex River Valley. 16:30 Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

19:30 - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 16

DATE TBC

END OF TOUR

FINISH IN CAPE TOWN

Please ensure that your 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 09:30.

10:00 - The train arrives at journey's end at Cape Town Station.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

BOOKING POST-TOUR SERVICES

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

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ROVOS RAIL THE DAR ES SALAAM - DAR TO CAPE TOWN - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN USD *

Starts in Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) on the 30th January 2024 & finishes in Cape Town on the 14th February 2024

Starts in Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) on the 12th March 2024 & finishes in Cape Town on the 27th March 2024

Starts in Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) on the 1st October 2024 & finishes in Cape Town on the 16th October 2024

SUITE	PULLMAN	DELUXE	ROYAL
TWIN	\$ 13,600	\$ 17,995	\$ 23,600
SINGLE	\$ 19,650	\$ 25,820	\$ POA

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

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ROVOS RAIL THE DAR ES SALAAM - DAR TO CAPE TOWN - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN USD *

Starts in Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) on the 28th January 2025 - Finishes in Cape Town on the 12th February 2025

Starts in Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) on the 11th October 2025 - Finishes in Cape Town on the 26th October 2025

SUITE	PULLMAN	DELUXE	ROYAL
TWIN	\$ 14,950	\$ 19,800	\$ 25,950
SINGLE	\$ 21,600	\$ 28,400	\$ POA

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ROVOS RAIL TOUR DATES & PRICES

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

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.

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EXPERIENCE ✓

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PRICE PROMISE ✓

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"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 (±36 seats), small gift shop, smoking lounge (±8 seats) and observation car (±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

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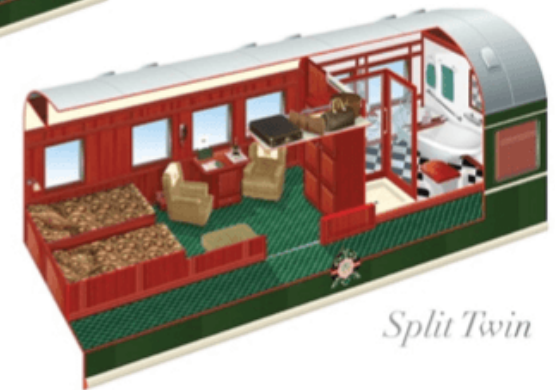
BED DIMENSIONS: LxW in CM

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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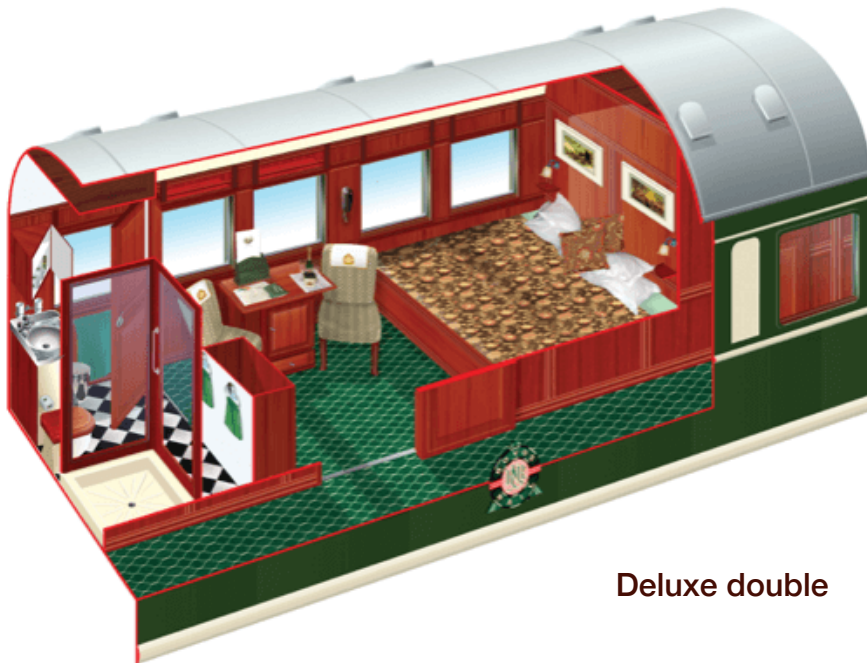
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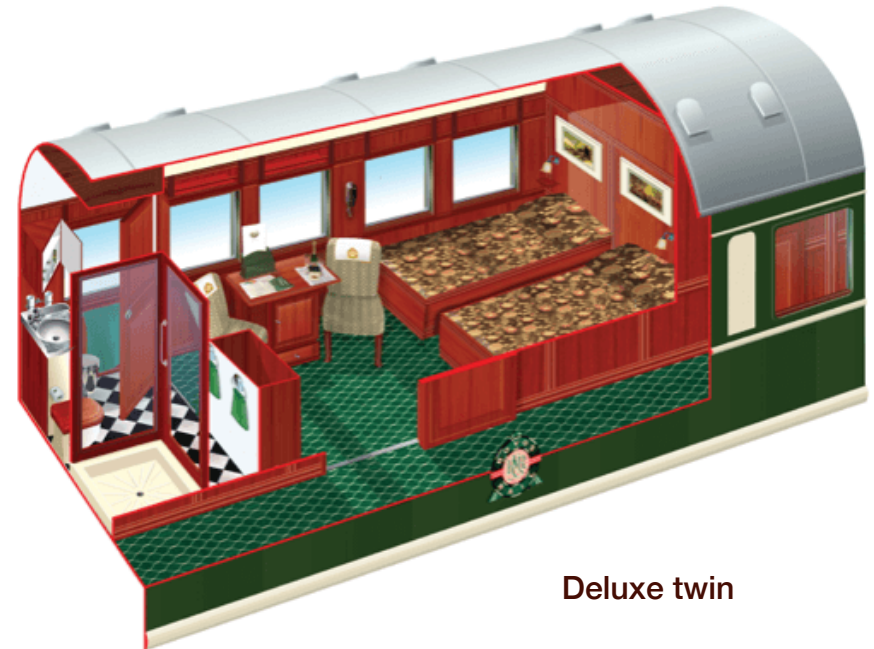
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The ±10m² Deluxe Suites accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds and have their own lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily. A bar 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 GOLD

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The Pullman Golds, used on our long journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin.

During the day, the suites are setup with split twin beds configured as sofa-seats (optional) with a conversion to split twin or double beds for the evening.

A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.

- Double or twin beds • 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.

PULLMAN GOLD SUITES

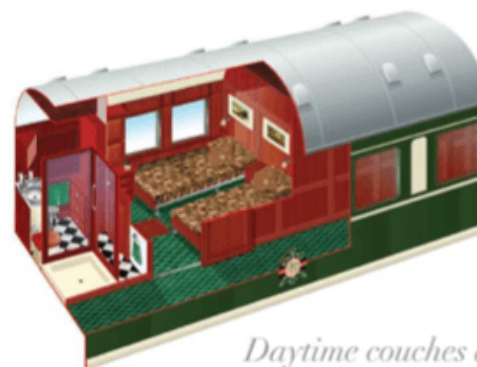
±7m²
±76ft²

BED DIMENSIONS:

LxW in CM

Double: 189x189

Split Twin: 189x75

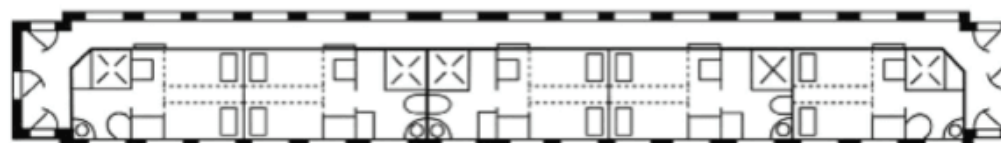


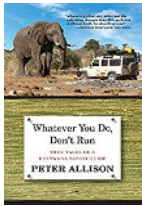
*Daytime couches and
night-time split twin*



*Night-time
double bed*

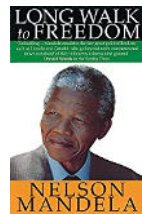
*Tea drawer, air conditioning, fold-out writing desk, luggage shelf,
cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin.*





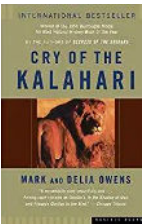
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T RUN PETER ALLISON

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.



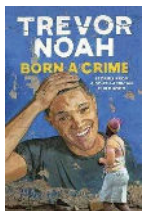
LONG WALK TO FREEDOM NELSON MANDELA

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



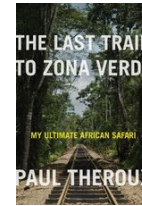
CRY OF THE KALAHARI MARK OWENS & DELIA OWENS

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.



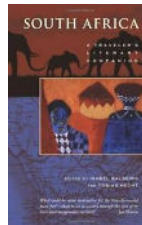
BORN A CRIME TREVOR NOAH

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.



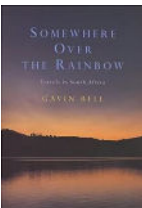
THE LAST TRAIN TO ZONA VERDE PAUL THEROUX

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.



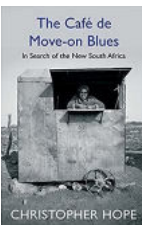
SOUTH AFRICA: A LITERARY COMPANION ISABEL BALSEIRO

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.

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.