



ROVOS RAIL ITINERARY

Starting in Pretoria, descend the spectacular escarpment to the world-famous Kruger Park for a game drive. Explore the Kingdom of eSwatini followed by a game drive in Hluhluwe wildlife reserve and a tour of Durban and its botanical gardens. Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills and the imposing Drakensberg Mountains to visit the 1870s mining village of Kimberley, centre of one of the world's notorious diamond rushes. Continue through the semi-desert region of the Karoo to Upington and the Fish River Canyon, second in size to the Grand Canyon. Cross the untamed beauty of the Kalahari Desert to see the Quiver trees at Garas Park, home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy. Take a short flight to Sossusvlei for a lodge stay surrounded by the dramatic dunes of the Namib-Naukluft Park. Enjoy desert drives, a bush dinner and breakfast near Deadvlei where camel-thorn trees contrast against the white-clay pan floor. Visit Namibia's lively capital, Windhoek, and a cheetah conservation project before overnighting in the game-rich Etosha National Park. Leave the vast stillness of the Namib Desert for the wild Atlantic coast and journey's end, Walvis Bay.



AFRICAN TRILOGY: PRETORIA TO WALVISBAY (15 Nights)

DAY 1: PRETORIA

16h00 DEPARTURE IN OCTOBER

18h00 DEPARTURE IN FEBRUARY

Depart from Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Guests may freshen up in their cabins before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car or observation car. **Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. It will be returned to you before the end of the trip.**

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Malelane. *Dress: Smart Casual*

DAY 2: AT LEISURE ON BOARD

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars. Traverse the Drakensberg Mountains.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

05h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

06h30 Game drive in the Kruger National Park with tea and lunch. Rejoin the train at Malelane.

The famous Kruger Park has 2-million hectares of an unrivalled diversity of life forms. It 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.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to eSwatini. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 4: ESWATINI

BORDER: MALELANE, SOUTH AFRICA / MPAKA, ESWATINI

06h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Border formalities with eSwatini.

08h30 Disembark at Mpaka. Visit Swazi Candles and Mantenga Cultural Village with lunch at Mantenga Lodge.

The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 17 000km², 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 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 1850s.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. Border formalities with South Africa. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 5: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK

BORDER: MPAKA, ESWATINI / GOLELA, SOUTH AFRICA

05h00 Continental breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

06h00 Transfer (30min) to Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park for a game drive.

10h30 Return to the train.

12h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. Travel towards Empangeni.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Durban. *Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual*

DAY 6: DURBAN

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

09h00 Enjoy a tour of Durban and the botanical gardens.

12h00 Transfer (30min) to Umhlanga for lunch.

14h15 Return to train. Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills towards Ladysmith.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 7: AT LEISURE ON BOARD

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars. Traverse the Drakensberg Mountains, 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. Pass some of the highest peaks at 3450m.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 8: KIMBERLEY

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

08h45 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.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. The observation car will be leading the train until after tea. 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.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the front of the train.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 9: UPINGTON

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00.

09h00 The train travels into Upington on the Orange River (activity TBC on the day).

The Orange River is the longest river in South Africa (2432km/1511mi). It rises in the Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho and flows westwards through South Africa to the Atlantic Ocean. It forms part of the borders between South Africa and Lesotho and South Africa and Namibia. Except for Upington, it does not pass through any major cities. Attorney General of the Cape, Sir Thomas Upington was principally responsible for liquidating the business activities of all the Orange River pirates and capturing their leader, Klaas Lucas. When the desperadoes were finally chased away in 1884, the town was founded on the banks of the Orange River and named in his honour.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. Border formalities with Namibia.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Holoog. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 10: FISH RIVER CANYON & GARAS PARK

Please wear comfortable non-slip walking shoes for the excursion today.

06h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

08h00 Board vehicles for the one-hour drive to the Fish River Canyon.

The Fish River rises in the centre of the country before flowing south into the Orange River on Namibia's border with South Africa. It has formed the great Fish River Canyon – the largest canyon in the southern hemisphere and probably only second to Arizona's Grand Canyon in terms of size. The vast rocky landscape breaks up into a series of spectacular cliffs. Its size is impressive: 161km long, up to 27km wide and almost 550m at its deepest.

11h00 Return to the train.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels along the southern reaches of the Kalahari Basin.

15h15 Visit Garas Park (Quiver Trees), home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. The train travels north through the Kalahari to Mariental. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 11: SOSSUSVLEI

Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Sossusvlei. Tog bags have been placed in your cabin for your convenience.

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00.

10h30 Transfer to the airstrip. Depart in a light aircraft for a one-hour flight to Sossusvlei.

The dunes of the Namib Desert were created by sand carried by the wind from the coast of Namibia. The sand here is over five million years old and is red in colour due to its iron-oxide content. As the light changes during the day so does the appearance of the dunes' characteristic colour allowing for interesting photographs at any time. The wind in the Sossusvlei area blows from all directions causing the sand to form a star shape with multiple arms, hence the name "star dunes".

12h00 After check-in, enjoy lunch at the lodge.

16h30 Afternoon desert drive and a bush dinner after sunset. Overnight at the lodge. *Dress: Casual*

DAY 12: SOSSUSVLEI & WINDHOEK

Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite before the drive.

An early wake-up call with tea and coffee. Enjoy a desert drive with breakfast in the vlei.

11h00 Return to the lodge to use the facilities, check-out and transfer to the airstrip.

12h00 Depart in a light aircraft for a one-hour flight to Windhoek. Enjoy lunch and visit the Transport Museum. Situated in Namibia's central highlands, Windhoek is an attractive city surrounded by clusters of hills and the impressive Auas and Eros Mountains. The Trans-Namib Transport Museum outlines Namibian transport history, particularly that of the railway. The Independence Memorial Museum focuses on the anti-colonial resistance and the national liberation struggle of Namibia.

18h00 Depart Windhoek. Travel to Otjiwarongo.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 13: CHEETAH CONSERVATION PROJECT

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09h00.

12h30 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

14h00 Visit a cheetah conservation project in Otjiwarongo.

Founded in Namibia in 1990, the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Otavi. *Dress: Formal*

DAY 14: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay at Etosha.

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00.

10h30 Transfer (60min) to Mokuti Lodge in Etosha National Park for overnight. Check-in and enjoy lunch. Etosha National Park (22270km²) offers great game viewing. It gets its name from the Etosha Pan (4760km²), a large salt pan forming part of the Kalahari Basin. Etosha means 'Great White Place'.

15h00 Game drive in Etosha National Park (approximately 3 hours).

19h30 Dinner and overnight at the lodge. *Dress: Casual*

DAY 15: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite and proceed to checkout by 10h30.

An early wake-up call with tea and coffee. Enjoy a game drive in the Etosha National Park.

09h45 Return to the lodge for breakfast and check-out.

11h00 Meet in the foyer to check out and transfer (60 min) to the train at Tsumeb Station.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

16h30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

19h30 Dinner is served. The train travels southwest towards the Atlantic Ocean.

Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual

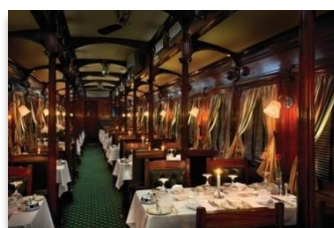
DAY 16: WALVIS BAY

Please ensure your luggage is ready for collection at 11h45 and that you have your passport.

07h00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00. Traverse the Namib Desert towards Walvis Bay. The observation car will be at the front of the train for last stretch – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.

12h00 Arrive at journey's end at Walvis Bay Station, Namibia.

The Namib Desert stretches for more than 2000km along the Atlantic coasts of Angola, Namibia and South Africa. The name is of Khoekhoegowab origin and means "vast place". Having endured arid or semi-arid conditions for roughly 55-80 million years, the Namib may be the oldest desert in the world. The geology consists of sand seas near the coast while gravel plains and scattered mountain outcrops occur further inland.



PREDEPARTURE INFORMATION

Amenities: Rovos Rail provides a complete amenity bag with the following South African biodegradable and/or recyclable products: soap (50g), tissues, shampoo (50ml), hand and body wash (50ml), hand and body lotion (50ml), lip balm (7g), insect repellent gel (10ml), reusable bamboo rounds, bamboo ear buds and a shower cap. Plug-in hairdryers – in addition to your bathroom unit (if applicable) – are available on board as well as sun cream, shoe mits, nail files, sewing kits and ear plugs.

Children: We 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. Long journeys are not recommended for under 13s. Children between 0-2 years old are not permitted to travel. There are no child-minding facilities or activities available for children on board. See Child Policy on rovos.com.

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.

Dietaries: 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.

Dress:

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. UPDATED 20 MAY 2022

Medical Emergencies: Each train is equipped with a standard medical kit, oxygen, automated external defibrillator 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.

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).

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.

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

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

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.

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 administrative requirements and is based at the Gift Shop.

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.

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.

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.

1. Royal Suites ($\pm 16\text{m}^2$ / $\pm 172\text{ft}^2$) each take up half a carriage and are spacious and elegant. Each has its own private lounge area and en-suite bathroom with Victorian bath, separate shower, toilet and basin. BEDS: Double 200x189 • Split Twin 200x75.
2. Deluxe Suites ($\pm 10\text{m}^2$ / $\pm 108\text{ft}^2$) have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. BEDS: Lengthways Double 189x189 • Crosswise Double 189x160 • Split Twin 189x75.
3. Pullman Suites ($\pm 7\text{m}^2$ / $\pm 76\text{ft}^2$) on SHORT journeys only have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day the suite is setup with a comfortable couch that can be converted into a few sleeping options. BEDS: Crosswise Double 189x150 • Side-by-side Twin 189x75 – this is achieved by making up the side-by-side twin mattresses with single-bed linen • Single Lower Bunk 189x94 • Single Upper Bunk 189x60.
4. Pullman Gold Suites ($\pm 7\text{m}^2$ / $\pm 76\text{ft}^2$) on LONG journeys only have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day the suite is setup with split twin beds configured as couches. BEDS: Double 189x189 • Split Twin 189x75.

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.

Scheduling Times, Routes & Excursions: We wish to bring to your attention that 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 our control. Rovos Rail reserves the right to cancel or amend our routing, any excursions and the tour departure dates provided we can offer clients 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 or the train.

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