



# THE BLUE TRAIN ITINERARY



## PRETORIA TO DURBAN 2025

### Day 1

- 11h00 Registration and check-in opens. *Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks & drinks while relaxing in the VIP Lounge.*
- 11h45 Boarding commences. *Butlers usher guests to their suites. Canapés are served in the lounge cars*
- 12h00 The Blue Train departs from Pretoria Station
- 13h00 – 15h00 Buffet Lunch & High Tea is served in the Lounge Car
- 18h30 – 22h00 A five course gourmet dinner is served in the Dining Car  
*Dinner is an elegant affair. Gentlemen are requested to at least wear a jacket/waistcoat.  
Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.*

### Day 2

- 06h30 – 09h30 Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis
- 10h00 The Blue Train arrives at Lions River Train Station  
*Guests disembark the train and travel by coach to enjoy the day at leisure Piggly Wiggly Centre in KwaZulu Natal Midlands with wine tasting close by. **Lunch and beverages for own account.***
- 14h30 Guests will be transferred back to Lions River Train Station to board The Blue Train
- 16h00 Guests depart to Lions River Train Station. *Guests gather in any of our exquisite lounges for some relaxation and to enjoy aperitifs and are also welcome to refresh themselves prior to dinner*
- 19h00 – 22h30 A five course gourmet dinner is served in the Dining Car  
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### Day 3

- 06h30 – 09h30 Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 12h00 – 12h30 The Blue Train arrives at Durban Station and guests disembark at the end of the journey

## DURBAN TO PRETORIA 2025

### Day 1

- 14h00 Registration and check-in opens at the Moses Mabhida Stadium (*venue to be advised*). *Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks & drinks while relaxing in the VIP Lounge.*
- 14h45 Boarding commences. *Butlers usher guests to their suites. Canapés are served in the lounge cars*
- 15h00 The Blue Train departs from Durban Station
- 16h00 High Tea is served in the Lounge Car
- 18h30 – 22h30 A five course gourmet dinner is served in the Dining Car  
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## PREDEPARTURE INFORMATION

**All-inclusive rates:** With the exception of Caviar, French Champagne and external telephone calls, everything on-board is included in the rate.

**Beds:** The beds fold out of the panel concealing the seats under it. Should guests require their bed to be made during the day, please ring for a Butler.

**Butlers:** Each coach has a Butler whose pleasure it will be to ensure that guests enjoy a memorable experience. Butlers are available 24-hours a day for the duration of the journey.

**Wheelchair/Special Needs:** The Blue Train is not fully wheelchair friendly but it has a customised wheelchair on-board which has been specifically designed to negotiate the train's corridors. A butler will be on hand to assist guests should they require.

**Drinking water:** Bottled water is supplied in suite. The butler will provide more water on request.

**Electricity:** The electricity supply on-board is 220 volts. Lights switches are located at the door and the bedside table.

**First Aid:** Trained first aid personnel are on-board at all times. In the event of an emergency, doctors can be contacted at the various stations en-route.

**Gifts for travellers:** Post their Blue Train overnight journey, guests receive Blue Train-branded gifts and a certificate that 'authenticates' their experience and 'certifies' them as The Blue Train "Ambassadors". The Blue Train gifts are also for sale in the Boutique Shop should guests wish to purchase them for family and loved ones back home.

**Gratuities:** To show appreciation at the end of the journey, guests may leave a gratuity in the box located in the Club Car. Gratuities are shared amongst The Blue Train personnel on-board.

**Laundry:** A limited on-board laundry and valet service is available and is included in the rate. Please contact a Butler for assistance.

**Local vendors/In-bound destination management companies DMCs:** For peace of mind, it is advisable for international tour operators/travel agents to use local vendors/DMCs who will do their ground handling and ensure that clients are taken care of whilst away in a foreign country.

**Child Policy:** On request.

**Lounge Car:** The Lounge Car is designed as a meeting place for pre-lunch, dinner drinks and afternoon tea, and is a no smoking area, while the Club Car is ideal for post-dinner Cognac or Cuban cigars. The bar opens as soon as the train commences its journey and closes when the last guest departs.

**Room service:** Room service is available free of charge, except for the specialty menu.

**Luggage:** It is advisable to pack an overnight case for the journey, as only a limited amount of luggage can be stored in suite. Butlers will store additional luggage in the Luggage Car. Although great care will be taken, it is recommended that luggage be insured.

**Safes:** Safes are provided in all suites. While every precaution is taken, The Blue Train cannot be held liable for loss of valuable items left unattended in suites.

**Special dietary requirements:** Kindly specify any special dietary requirements at the time of booking.

**Time:** South Africa is +2 hours GMT (summer time).

**Complimentary Services:** With the exception of Caviar, French Champagne and external telephone calls, everything on-board The Blue Train is included in the all-inclusive rate.

**Guest amenities:** Guest amenities are provided in the bathroom of the suite.

**Check in/out Times:** Check in is required 1 hour prior to departure.

**Off-Train Excursions:** The off-the-train excursion on the Durban journeys will be at Piggly Wiggly Centre from 10h00 to 14h30 on day 2.

**Dress Code:** In keeping with tradition, dinner on-board The Blue Train is an elegant affair. Elegant evening wear for ladies, and gentlemen are required to wear at least a jacket or waistcoat or traditional attire. During the day dress code is smart casual.