



THE BLUE TRAIN ITINERARY

The Blue Train also travels to South Africa's Limpopo Province, which is home to the Kruger National Park, one of the world's finest game parks, and home to Africa's Big Five. This is a return trip journey which takes place on selected months of the year, and offers guests an opportunity of some fantastic new "rail safari" combination packages with the many private safari lodges found in the Greater Kruger and Sabi Sands areas.



PRETORIA - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - PRETORIA

Day 1

- 10h00 Registration and Check-in opens at The Blue Train Lounge, Pretoria Station
Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks & drinks
- 12h15 Boarding commences
Butlers usher guests to their suites. Suite orientation done by butlers. Boarding concludes at 12h30.
- 13h00 The Blue Train departs from Pretoria Station
The train will depart earlier if all guests have checked-in.
- 13h30 A five-course gourmet lunch is served in the Dining Car
- 16h00 High Tea is served in the Non-Smoking Lounge Car
Guests will enjoy pre-dinner drinks served at any of the lounges and are also welcome to refresh themselves prior to dinner.
- 18h00 First sitting for dinner
- 20h30 Second sitting for dinner
*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

- 05h00 The Blue Train arrives at Numbi Train Station
*Guests disembark and are transferred through Numbi Gate in open safari vehicles to a sunrise game drive that will be conducted by professional tour guides.
After the sunrise game drive, guests will enjoy a bush breakfast at an exclusive unfenced location inside the Kruger National Park.
After breakfast, guests will return to Numbi Gate using an alternative route back, thereby exposing guests to more of the Kruger area.*
- 12h00 A five-course gourmet lunch is served in the Dining Car
- 16h00 Guests transfer to Numbi Gate
Guests are taken for a sunset game drive that will be conducted by professional tour guides. The sunset game drive will take place on the Nkambeni concession. The Nkambeni concession represents an area of approximately 11 400 hectares and lies between the main entrance gates of Numbi and Phabeni and stretches past Shabeni Kopie near Pretoriuskop camp.
- 19h30 Guests transferred to Nkambeni Safari Camp
Guests will experience a spectacular boma dinner at Nkambeni Safari Camp, which will include an interactive cultural experience provided by a local group with international accolades.
- 22h00 Guests transferred back to The Blue Train
Guests enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

Day 3

- 06h30 Breakfast is served in the Dining Car on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 10h00 The Blue Train arrives at Pretoria Station
Butlers usher guests to the Arrival Lounge.

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: Children 5 years and younger sharing a suite with their parents travel free-of-charge (maximum of two children per suite). Children between 6 and 11 years old occupy a separate suite and pay 50% of the adult rate per person sharing. Should a child between 6 and 11 years old occupy a suite as a single occupant, they pay 50% of the adult rate – including the supplement. Children 12 years and older pay the full adult rate per person sharing and will be accommodated in a separate suite. Please contact us for the full child policy terms & conditions.

Lounge Car: The Lounge Car is designed as a meeting place for pre-lunch, dinner drinks and afternoontea, 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. The Blue Train is happy to accommodate all culinary requests.

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: For the Kruger National Park departure, check-in is at 10h00 (two hours before departure) and guests can relax to a live performance and enjoy gourmet canapes, pre-departure snacks and drinks. The train departs from Pretoria at 13h00 and travels over two nights arriving back in Pretoria at 10h00.

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.