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AFRICAN GOLF COLLAGE - PRETORIA to CAPE TOWN - 9 days



This panoramic nine-day** sojourn winds its way from Pretoria to Cape Town and includes a golfing and non-golfing itinerary. After a game drive in Kruger Park*, guests head to Zululand (through Swaziland) for game viewing at Hluhluwe. The train then travels the coast to Durban* for a city tour and through the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Ardmore Ceramics. Enjoy a tour of Bloemfontein then continue overnight along the Drakensberg Mountains to Port Elizabeth* for Addo Elephant Park. Then it's on to Oudtshoorn for an ostrich-farm visit followed by an impressive descent through the Outeniqua Mountains to George*. After visiting the natural paradise of Knysna*, the train traverses the spectacular Garden Route to the winelands for a brandy distillery visit and across the Cape mountains before this magnificent expedition ends in Cape Town. *Courses: Leopard Creek (dependent), Durban Club/Beachwood, Humewood PE, Fancourt and Ernie Els Oubaai George. Available in reverse. See Golf Safari. ** As of 2017, this journey will be 10 days.

NON-GOLFERS Collage		GOLFERS Collage	
10h00	DAY 1 Check-in at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Depart and traverse the Highveld to the Drakensberg Mountains.	10h00	DAY 1 Check-in at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Depart and traverse the Highveld to the Drakensberg Mountains.
08h00 17h00	DAY 2 Game drive in the Kruger Park with lunch. Rejoin the train at Komatipoort. Depart for Zululand.	08h00	DAY 2 Tee off at Leopard Creek Kruger (dependent) with lunch. Board vehicles to rejoin train at Komatipoort and depart.
10h30 13h00	DAY 3 Game drive in the Hluhluwe Reserve in Zululand. The train travels alongside St Lucia Park to Durban.	10h30 13h00	DAY 3 Game drive in the Hluhluwe Reserve in Zululand. The train travels alongside St Lucia Park to Durban.
08h00 14h00 16h00	DAY 4 Disembark for a short city tour of Durban. Afternoon visit to Ardmore Ceramics. Return to the train. Traverse the Drakensberg.	08h00	DAY 4 Tee off at Durban Country Club. After lunch, enjoy a one-hour scenic drive along the Midlands Meander to join the train at Lions River by 16h00. Travel to Bethlehem.
09h00 13h00	DAY 5 Disembark for a city tour of Bloemfontein. Travel to Coerney in the Fish River Valley.	09h00 13h00	DAY 5 Disembark for a city tour of Bloemfontein. Travel to Alicedale in the Fish River Valley.
08h30 11h30	DAY 6 Game drive at Addo Elephant Park. Depart for Port Elizabeth. Experience the train being turned around at 14h15 then depart for Oudtshoorn.	10h00	DAY 6 Tee off at Humewood Course. After lunch, join the train in Port Elizabeth. Experience the train being turned around at 14h15 then depart for Oudtshoorn via Willowmore.
09h00 18h30	DAY 7 Two-hour ostrich-farm visit. Traverse Montagu Pass. Disembark for dinner at Fancourt Estate.	08h15	DAY 7 Transfer to Fancourt along Montagu Pass for a morning tee off. Meet the non-golfers for dinner at the estate.
08h00 13h30	DAY 8 Morning at leisure in Knysna/ferry ride to Featherbed. Depart George. Travel the Garden Route to Riversdale.	07h00 13h30	DAY 8 Transfer to Ernie Els Oubaai for a morning tee off. Depart George. Travel the Garden Route to Riversdale.
12h45 17h00	DAY 9 Tour of the KWV Brandy Distillery in Paarl. Arrive at Platform 23 at Cape Town Station.	12h45 17h00	DAY 9 Tour of the KWV Brandy Distillery in Paarl. Arrive at Platform 23 at Cape Town Station.

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RATE 2016 - 9 days: 19-27 May • 1-9 November

Pullman Suite R53 950 pps | **Deluxe Suite** R81 000 pps | **Royal Suite** R107 000 pps | **Single Supplement** +50%

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09h20 16h00	DAY 1 Depart Cape Town Station, Platform 23. Arrive Ashton for a wine tasting at Zandvliet Estate.	09h20 16h00	DAY 1 Depart Cape Town Station, Platform 23. Arrive Ashton for a wine tasting at Zandvliet Estate.
10h00 16h00	DAY 2 Morning at leisure in Knysna/ferry ride to Featherbed. Return to train. 18h30 transfer to Fancourt for dinner.	10h00 18h30	DAY 2 Arrive in George. Tee off at Fancourt with lunch. Disembark for dinner at Fancourt Estate.
08h00 11h00	DAY 3 Depart George and travel to Oudtshoorn. Enjoy a visit to an ostrich farm. Travel to Port Elizabeth.	07h00 13h30	DAY 3 Tee off at Ernie Els Oubaai. Transfer to Oudtshoorn then travel to Port Elizabeth.
08h30 13h00	DAY 4 Game drive in the Addo Elephant Park. Depart for Rosmead and traverse the Fish River Valley towards the mountain kingdom of Lesotho.	07h30 13h00	DAY 4 Transfer to Humewood for a morning tee off. Transfer to Coerney to join train. Traverse the Fish River Valley towards the mountain kingdom of Lesotho.
14h00 17h30	DAY 5 Travel the Drakensberg to Bloemfontein for a city tour. Travel Lesotho's border via Bethlehem to Ladysmith.	14h00 17h30	DAY 5 Traverse the Drakensberg to Bloemfontein for a city tour. Travel Lesotho's border via Bethlehem to Ladysmith.
07h00 15h00 19h30	DAY 6 Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Lions River. Disembark in Durban for an afternoon city tour. Enjoy dinner as the train travels to Swaziland.	07h00 10h00 17h00	DAY 6 Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Lions River. Transfer to Durban Country Club for tee off. Join train in Durban. Depart for Swaziland at 19h00.
15h00 18h00	DAY 7 Game drive at Mkhaya Reserve in Swaziland. Travel north to the border at Komatipoort, South Africa.	15h00 18h00	DAY 7 Game drive at Mkhaya Reserve in Swaziland. Travel north to the border at Komatipoort, South Africa.
08h00 15h00	DAY 8 Game drive in the Kruger Park with brunch. Travel across the Drakensberg to Waterval Onder.	08h00 15h00	DAY 8 Tee off at Leopard Creek (dependent) with snacks. Travel across the Drakensberg to Waterval Onder.
07h00 15h00	DAY 9 The train descends the escarpment to the Highveld. Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.	07h00 15h00	DAY 9 The train descends the escarpment to the Highveld. Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.
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10h00	DAY 1 Check-in at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Depart and traverse the Highveld to the Drakensberg Mountains.	10h00	DAY 1 Check-in at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Depart and traverse the Highveld to the Drakensberg Mountains.
06h00 17h00	DAY 2 Game drive in the Kruger Park with lunch. Rejoin the train at Malelane. Depart for Swaziland.	07h30 17h00	DAY 2 Tee off at Leopard Creek Kruger (<i>dependent</i>) with lunch. Rejoin the train at Malelane. Depart for Swaziland.
06h00 10h30	DAY 3 Game drive at Mkhaya Reserve in Swaziland with tea. Travel alongside the St Lucia Wetland Park to Durban.	06h00 10h30	DAY 3 Game drive at Mkhaya Reserve in Swaziland with tea. Travel alongside the St Lucia Wetland Park to Durban.
09h00 16h00	DAY 4 Disembark for a city tour of Durban with lunch. Travel the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Ladysmith.	07h30	DAY 4 Tee off at Durban Golf Club/Zimbali. After lunch, rejoin train. Travel the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Ladysmith.
10h00 17h00	DAY 5 Spionkop battlefields tour, game drive and lunch. Travel to Kroonstad across the Drakensberg Mountains.	07h30 17h00	DAY 5 Transfer to Champagne Sports Resort for tee off. Travel to Kroonstad across the Drakensberg Mountains.
	DAY 6 Day at leisure as the train travel towards the coast.		DAY 6 Day at leisure as the train travel towards the coast.
07h30 12h00	DAY 7 Game drive at Addo Elephant Park. Travel to Port Elizabeth en route to Willowmore.	07h30	DAY 7 Tee off at Humewood Course. After lunch, join the train in Port Elizabeth and travel to Oudtshoorn via Willowmore.
09h00 18h30	DAY 8 Enjoy an ostrich-farm visit. Travel to George. Disembark for dinner at Fancourt Estate.	09h00 18h30	DAY 8 Transfer to Fancourt along the Montagu Pass for tee off. Meet the non-golfers for dinner at the estate.
08h00 13h30	DAY 9 Morning at leisure in Knysna/ferry ride to Featherbed. Depart George. Travel the Garden Route to Riversdale.	07h00 13h30	DAY 9 Transfer to Ernie Els Oubaai for a morning tee off. Depart George. Travel the Garden Route to Riversdale.
17h00	DAY 10 Day at leisure traversing the Cape Fold Mountains. Arrive at Platform 23 at Cape Town Station.	17h00	DAY 10 Day at leisure traversing the Cape Fold Mountains. Arrive at Platform 23 at Cape Town Station.

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09h30	DAY 1 Depart Cape Town Station, Platform 23. Travel the Tulbagh Valley through the Matroosberg Mountains.	09h30	DAY 1 Depart Cape Town Station, Platform 23. Travel the Tulbagh Valley through the Matroosberg Mountains.
10h00 16h00	DAY 2 Morning at leisure in Knysna/ferry ride to Featherbed. Return to train. 18h30 transfer to Fancourt for dinner.	09h00 18h30	DAY 2 Tee off at Ernie Els Oubaaai with lunch. Disembark for dinner at Fancourt. Overnight George.
08h30 13h30	DAY 3 Transfer to Oudtshoorn for an ostrich-farm visit. Enjoy lunch on board en route to Port Elizabeth.	07h00 13h30	DAY 3 Tee off at Fancourt Golf Estate. Travel the Outeniqua Mountains to Port Elizabeth.
10h15 14h30 17h30	DAY 4 City tour of Port Elizabeth. Enjoy lunch on board. Game drive in the Addo Elephant Park. Traverse the Fish River Valley to Noupoot.	07h00 16h00 17h30	DAY 4 Transfer to Humewood for tee off with lunch. Transfer to Coerney to rejoin train. Traverse the Fish River Valley to Noupoot.
	DAY 5 Day at leisure as the train travels the border of Lesotho (the mountain kingdom) en route to Ladysmith.		DAY 5 Day at leisure as the train travels the border of Lesotho (the mountain kingdom) en route to Ladysmith.
09h00 17h00	DAY 6 Spionkop battlefields tour, game drive and lunch. Rejoin the train and depart for Durban.	07h00 15h00	DAY 6 Transfer to Champagne Sports Resort for tee off. Transfer to Estcourt. Depart for Durban.
09h00 16h00	DAY 7 Disembark in Durban for a city tour with lunch. Travel the coast and St Lucia Wetland Park to Hluhluwe.	07h30 16h00	DAY 7 Tee off at Durban Club/Zimbali with lunch. Travel the coast and St Lucia Wetland Park to Hluhluwe.
07h00 11h00	DAY 8 Game drive at Hluhluwe Reserve. Travel north through Swaziland to Malelane, Kruger.	07h00 11h00	DAY 8 Game drive at Hluhluwe Reserve. Travel north through Swaziland to Malelane, Kruger.
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LEOPARD CREEK • Kruger Park Malelane • Parklands • 6 631m • Carts compulsory • www.leopardcreek.co.za

This ultra-exclusive world-class facility is the brainchild of magnate Johan Rupert and, as can be expected, no expense was spared. Bordered to the north and the west by the picturesque Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park, the course represents African golf at its best with indigenous bushveld bordering the immaculate fairways and greens. Innovative architectural and landscaping techniques ensure the course is naturally protected from animals, while lakes and small streams divert through the development to create scenic vistas and interesting golf strategies.

Signature hole: 13th - par 5 - 505m Here the green is right on the edge of the Crocodile River but 32 metres above the water level offering magnificent views up the river and into the Kruger Park.

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB • Semi-links • 6 157m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za

Built by George Waterman and fellow professional golfer Laurie Waters, the Durban Country Club was established in 1922 and has a proud history. The difficulties these men faced were immense as all earth-moving had to be done manually, giant sand dunes were flattened and dense bush and trees chopped down and carted away. Renowned for its classic Cape Dutch architecture, lush vegetation, undulating fairways, sand dunes and beautiful setting overlooking the Indian Ocean, the Club has been the venue of choice for many an important celebration in its rich history.

Signature Hole: 3rd - par 5 - 468m A tee shot from the highest point on the course into a valley below, completely exposing the drive to the ocean gusts. Trees on the right of the straightaway hole need to be avoided as well as the large fairway bunker on the landing area to the left.

HUMEWOOD • Port Elizabeth • Links • 6 225m • Walking course • www.humewoodgolf.co.za

Situated on the sand dunes on the shores of Algoa Bay, this true links course is characterised by thick coastal bush, swales, humps and hollows. Although the fairways are wide and undulating in order to compensate for the strong winds, the rough that borders them is unforgiving. The holes are simple yet neat, the gulf greens are fast and firm, the few bunkers are well positioned with tough, steep faces and there are no water hazards.

Signature hole: 13th - par 4 - 408m This hole runs uphill along a severely sloped fairway with a tough semi-blind approach to a tiny green hidden behind a mound with rough to the right, a bunker to the left and thick bush behind it.

OUBAAI GOLF CLUB • Herold's Bay • Links • 6 516m • Carts available • www.oubaai.co.za

In designing Oubai, Ernie Els and his team have taken full advantage of the spectacular landscape with the support of Nicklaus Design. The philosophy is based on flexibility where concepts are moulded according to the landscape, not vice versa. With its special cliff-side location and high vantage point above rivers and valleys, the initial impression will be of large open fairways, superb directional and protective bunkers and large undulating greens, but be assured that despite the seeming freedom off the tee there is a strategy that requires intelligent positioning of each shot.

Signature hole: 17th - par 3 - 132m With an elevated tee and breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean, the ever-changing winds and undulating green guarded by four bunkers make this a tough little hole.

FANCOURT COUNTRY CLUB • George • 1 Links and 2 Parkland • Carts available • www.fancourt.co.za

1. THE LINKS • 6 930m • Over 700 000 cubic metres of earth was moved to transform flat land into this dune-style terrain. Each hole received detailed attention to ensure the balance of length, shot values and position of hazards.

Signature hole: 15th - par 4 - 436m With a dogleg to the left, the sensible play is at the direction marker with a wood from the tee, but hugging the left and flirting with the water will leave a shorter approach.

2. MONTAGU • 6 714m • This course is exquisitely conditioned with a glorious parkland layout covering large tracts of varying terrain on rolling land. Mature trees, flowerbeds, shrubs and water hazards provide a colourful contrast.

Signature hole: 17th - par 3 - 190m This is scary for the average golfer with its long carry over water but the green is large and receptive so ignore it and go for the flag. If conservative, favour the left side of the green.

3. OUTENIQUA • 6 312m • Named after the mountain range overlooking the area, this parklands course is regarded as the easier one being more open in appearance, yet it has its share of challenges and risk-and-reward moments.

Signature hole: 14th - par 4 - 421m No surprise this is the toughest hole with its intimidating tee shot over water. If the flag is on the left of the green, play conservatively for the middle as there is water lurking at the back left.

DRESS CODE

Acceptable clothing:

- Shirts with collars and sleeves must be tucked in
- Traditional long or short golf trousers
- Short trousers with knee-length stockings or short white socks
- Ladies skirts or culottes must be knee-length
- Golf hats or peaks worn with peak forward
- Golf shoes with soft spikes (most clubs)

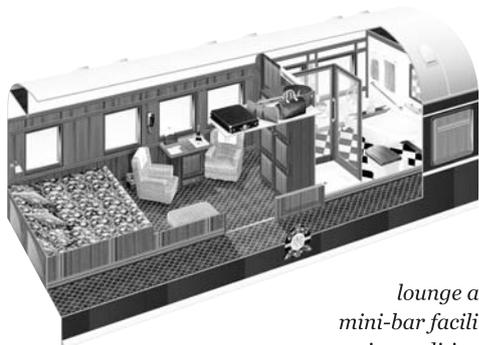
Not acceptable:

- T-shirts, vests or sleeveless shirts
- Denim jeans
- Sweatpants or cargo pants
- Drawstring shorts
- Shoes without socks
- Cross-trainer sports shoes

Train Specifications

Royal Suites ±16 SQ METRES Public Areas

DOUBLE BED 189L x 189w
TWIN BEDS 189L x 94w



*lounge area
mini-bar facilities
air-conditioning
bathroom with bath and shower
luggage shelf, cupboards and safe*



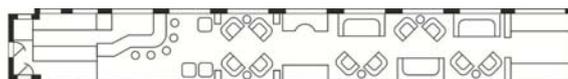
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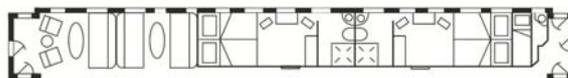
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OBSERVATION CAR

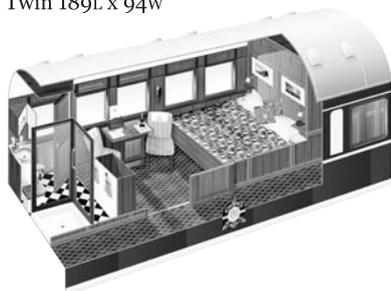


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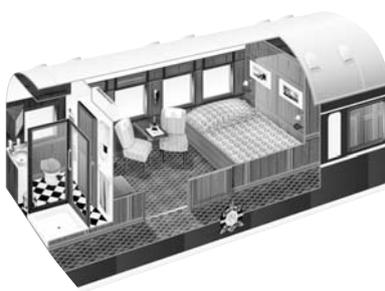


Deluxe Suites ±10 SQ METRES

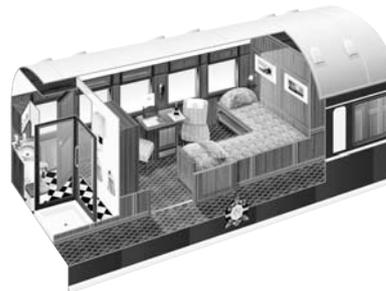
LENGTHWAYS DOUBLE BED
Double 189L x 189w
Twin 189L x 94w



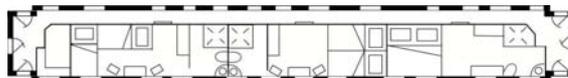
CROSSWISE DOUBLE BED
189L x 160w



L-TWIN BEDS
189L x 90w

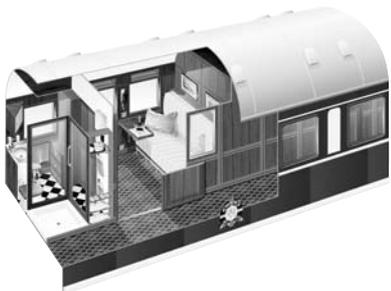


*Mini-bar facilities, air-conditioning, bathrooms with shower,
luggage shelf, cupboards and safe*

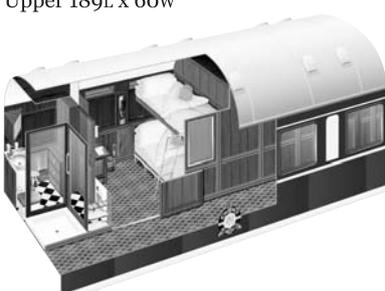


Pullman Suites ±7 SQ METRES

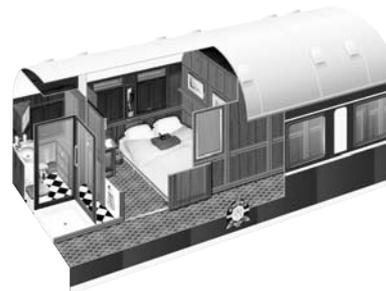
DAYTIME SOFA COUCH
189L x 90w



NIGHT-TIME UPPER AND LOWER BED
Lower 189L x 90w
Upper 189L x 60w



NIGHT-TIME DOUBLE BED
189L x 150w



*Mini-bar facilities, air-conditioning, bathrooms with shower,
luggage shelf, cupboards and safe*



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Booking

Upon **written request** via email or fax and subject to availability, we will **provisionally** book your place on the chosen tour. No deposits are required. Space is allocated and held BUT if another client requires definite suites, the holding agent/guest will be asked to confirm with a deposit payment (see below) or release the suite. Upon receipt of a **written confirmation** via email or fax and a **completed Reservation Form**, final confirmation details and an invoice will be sent to you. Upon receipt of the **relevant payment**, your booking on the chosen tour will be **confirmed**.

Payment Schedule

• **Individuals and Small Groups – less than 10 guests:** A 25% deposit is required to confirm the reservation. Final payment is due no later than 8 weeks prior to departure.

• **Groups – 10 or more guests**

% A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT/INCREMENTAL PAYMENT OF THE TOUR PRICE REQUIRED	12 MONTHS OUT -48wks	9 MONTHS OUT -36wks	6 MONTHS OUT -24wks	4 MONTHS OUT -16wks	3 MONTHS OUT -12wks	2 MONTHS OUT -8wks
Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Durban			10%	10%		100%
Golf Safari, African Collage, Namibia, Dar es Salaam		10%	20%	20%		100%

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation insurance is compulsory and will not be waived. We offer insurance to South African residents. For international guests we suggest you contact your local travel agent for assistance. Please bring a copy of your travel insurance policy stating clearly the company, policy number and 24-hour medical emergency telephone number.

CANCELLATIONS OF CONFIRMED BOOKINGS RECEIVED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ARE SUBJECT TO A FEE OF THE PER PERSON TOUR PRICE	MORE THAN 12 WEEKS BEFORE	BETWEEN 12 & 8 WEEKS BEFORE	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS BEFORE	BETWEEN 8 & 4 WEEKS BEFORE	WITHIN 4 WEEKS BEFORE
Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Durban			5%	25%	100%
Golf Safari, African Collage, Namibia, Dar es Salaam	10%	25%		50%	100%

Scheduling Times, Routes and Excursions

We cannot be held liable for any delays due to trains not running to schedule. Off-train excursions cannot be guaranteed and will only be undertaken if time and circumstances permit. Departure and arrival times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. We reserve the right to alter our routing at any time between departure and arrival points.

Passports and Visas

The onus is upon the client to ensure that passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure for Africa. Please enquire with us or check with the relevant embassies in good time regarding applications. Visas are also available through booking agents. Visitors to South Africa are required to have at least **three blank VISA pages** in their passports to receive an entry visa. Passports must be **valid for at least six months** from the guests' return-home date. We travel through South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia and Tanzania on various trips.

CONSULATES in South Africa	WEBSITE ADDRESS	CONSULATES in South Africa	WEBSITE ADDRESS
BOTSWANA	www.botswanaconsulate.co.za	TANZANIA	www.tanzania.org.za
NAMIBIA	www.namibia.org.za	ZAMBIA	www.zambiapretoria.net
SWAZILAND	www.swazihighcom.co.za	ZIMBABWE	www.zimbabweconsulate.co.za
South African Department of Home Affairs can assist with all visa and travel-related enquiries			www.home-affairs.gov.za

Health

- Please ensure you have filled out the **Reservation Form** to indicate if you have any medical conditions, physical disabilities or allergies. There is a basic First Aid Kit on board. We have a doctor on board on the Dar es Salaam trip.
- Anti-malaria precautions are recommended. Malaria areas: Swaziland, Kruger Park, Northern Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Etosha, Tanzania. Recommended immunisations (not required): Hepatitis A, Polio, Tetanus, Cholera (low risk).
- A **Yellow Fever/Medical Exemption Certificate** is **essential** if travelling to/from **Tanzania**. 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 11 214 9030.

Currency

- South Africa – Rands only. We accept all major credit cards on the train.
- Outside of South Africa – Any off-train expenses or additional excursions booked while on the train are to be paid with US Dollars. Hotels and major dealers accept credit cards.
- US Dollars printed before year 2001 won't 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. The Gift Shop on board might exchange money if currency is available, but it is not normally catered for.

Gratuities

Gratuities for the staff are at your discretion. If you wish to show your appreciation in this manner, there is 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) amongst the staff on board. An amount between ZAR100 to ZAR200 (± US\$10 to US\$20) per person per night is suggested, depending on the length of your journey.

Children

Please be sensitive to the adult atmosphere of the train by keeping your children respectful and quiet. Long journeys are not recommended for under 13s. There are no child-minding facilities or activities for children on board. See Child Policy.

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 only.

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.

Cuisine

Meals are served in one sitting only in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. Breakfast: 07h00-10h00 • Lunch: 13h00 • Tea: 16h30 • Formal Dinner: 19h30. All meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated in the timetable. A gong heralds lunch and dinner.

Dietary Requirements

We will do our best to cater for dietary requirements provided a detailed request has been made on the **Reservation Form**. 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.

Dress

For days on the train dress is **smart casual**. 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. For off-train excursions, we strongly recommend comfortable walking shoes, sun lotion and hats. If required, blankets and rain capes are available. For game drives, which are on open vehicles, 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.

Mobile Devices and Internet

In maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, 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 passengers 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. Internet is available at our lounge in Cape Town, Rovos Rail Station, Tau Game Lodge, Victoria Falls Hotel, Mokuti Lodge and most of the other Namibia Safari accommodation.

Smoking

On board the train, smoking is allowed in the Club Lounge only. Please note on the **Reservation Form** provided if you are smoking or non-smoking so that the appropriate room might be requested at the hotels. Smoking is allowed in the privacy of your suite, but please be mindful that the train is generally made up of wood; please don't throw flammable items such as cigarette or cigar butts off the train as bush fires in Africa are a constant and dangerous hazard.

Laundry

There is a limited laundry service on board comprising household washers, dryers and steam irons. The turnaround is 48 hours so we are not able to handle a week's worth of washing. Please note that while we are providing a complimentary service we cannot be held responsible for items that may be damaged or lost in the process. There are no dry-cleaning facilities en route or on board the train.

Luggage

Each suite has a luggage rack that runs its length providing ample space for storage. On selected annual journeys, guests are provided with a Rovos Rail tog bag that can be used for overnight trips or hand luggage on aircraft.

Gift Shop

There is a small gift shop on the train and at Rovos Rail Station. Due to the varying exchange rates, credit cards are preferred. The host/ess 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. Stamps are available for sale and postcards may be posted in the post box at the entrance to the Observation Car or at Rovos Rail Station.

Special Occasions

Please note on the **Reservation Form** if you are celebrating a special occasion as we would like to share it with you.

Books, Magazines and Games

There are board games, playing cards, a card table (dependent), books and magazines available for your use in the Lounge and Observation Cars. In your suite is a *Journeys* magazine featuring articles of interest related to your route.

Electrical Current and Adaptors

220V AC 50Hz 3-point round-pronged wall plugs, 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers. International adaptors available.

Safes

An electronic safe is provided in the cupboard in each suite.

Telephone

There is an internal telephone system on board. Numbers are listed on the provided Guest/Rooming List.

Temperature and Air-conditioning

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. Fresh-air intake is solved by opening a window. Windows should be closed while operating the air-conditioning unit. Electric under-blankets are fitted on the bed. See guide...

AVERAGE TEMPS	JAN/FEB		MAR/APR		MAY/JUN		JUL/AUG		SEP/OCT		NOV/DEC		Rainfall	TIME
AREA	Min	Max	Months	ZONE										
Cape Town, SA	16°C	28°C	13°C	26°C	9°C	21°C	7°C	19°C	9°C	22°C	13°C	27°C	Apr-Aug	GMT+2
Pretoria, SA	18°C	30°C	15°C	27°C	7°C	23°C	4°C	22°C	13°C	28°C	16°C	30°C	Oct-Mar	GMT+2
Durban, SA	21°C	29°C	19°C	28°C	12°C	25°C	16°C	25°C	16°C	26°C	19°C	28°C	Oct-Mar	GMT+2
Port Elizabeth, SA	17°C	23°C	15°C	21°C	12°C	20°C	11°C	18°C	12°C	18°C	15°C	21°C	May-Aug	GMT+2
Mbabane, Swaziland	16°C	28°C	13°C	27°C	5°C	23°C	5°C	23°C	10°C	26°C	14°C	28°C	Nov-Feb	GMT+2
Gaborone, Botswana	19°C	33°C	14°C	30°C	7°C	25°C	5°C	25°C	14°C	31°C	18°C	33°C	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Vic Falls, Zimbabwe	15°C	29°C	14°C	29°C	8°C	23°C	7°C	27°C	16°C	28°C	16°C	26°C	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Lusaka, Zambia	17°C	25°C	15°C	22°C	11°C	17°C	8°C	16°C	17°C	24°C	17°C	25°C	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
DAR, Tanzania	18°C	28°C	18°C	25°C	19°C	25°C	18°C	23°C	16°C	24°C	18°C	28°C	Mar-May	GMT+3