



ROVOS RAIL

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JOURNEY  
INFORMATION

*Cape Town - Dar*



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

*The Most Luxurious Train in the World*

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DAY 1: CAPE TOWN & MATJIESFONTEIN	
11:00	Depart from <b>Cape Town Station</b> . Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car and observation car.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train reaches Worcester in the <b>Hex River Valley</b> before climbing $\pm 750\text{m}$ up the face of the escarpment. The train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The last tunnel is 13.5km long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.
16:30	Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Disembark at <b>Matjiesfontein</b> 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.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>

07:00  12:30  16:30 19:30	<b>DAY 2: KIMBERLEY</b> Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Travel through the <b>Karoo</b> , 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. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Enjoy a tour of <b>Kimberley's Diamond Mine Museum</b> and the <b>Big Hole</b> . Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
07:00 10:00  19:30	<b>DAY 3: PRETORIA</b> Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:45. The train travels through the goldfields. Arrive at <b>Rovos Rail Station</b> in Pretoria. Enjoy a <b>walking tour</b> of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting) followed by lunch on the platform and a <b>city tour</b> of Pretoria. Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Zeerust. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
07:00 11:00  19:00	<b>DAY 4: MADIKWE GAME RESERVE</b> <b>Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Madikwe. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience. 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.</b> Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Transfer (±90 min) to a lodge in <b>Madikwe</b> for a two-night stay. Lunch is served on arrival. Afternoon tea and <b>game drive</b> (approximately 3 hours). Dinner at the lodge. <i>Dress: Casual</i>  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.
07:00 12:30  19:00	<b>DAY 5: MADIKWE GAME RESERVE</b> Early morning <b>game drive</b> (approximately 3 hours). Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09:30. Lunch at the lodge. Afternoon tea and <b>game drive</b> (approximately 3 hours). Dinner at the lodge. <i>Dress: Casual</i>
07:00 10:30 13:00  16:30 19:30	<b>DAY 6: MADIKWE GAME RESERVE</b> <i>BORDER: KOPFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA / TLOKWENG, BOTSWANA</i> Early morning <b>game drive</b> (approximately 2 hours). Breakfast is served until 09:30. <b>Please ensure your bags are ready for collection at 10:00 and proceed to check-out.</b> Depart the lodge. Transfer to the train at Gaborone in Botswana. Border formalities will take place en route and guests are required to present themselves to the border officials (luggage may be searched). Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train crosses the <b>Tropic of Capricorn</b> and the eastern edge of the <b>Kalahari Basin</b> . Known as 'Kgalagadi' in Botswana, the Kalahari (which extends to 900 000km <sup>2</sup> 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 000km <sup>2</sup> 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. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>  <b>Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport.</b> <b>Victoria Falls:</b> 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 – <b>today between 16:30-18:00. Cash accepted.</b>
07:00 13:00 16:30  19:30	<b>DAY 7: AT LEISURE ON BOARD</b> <i>BORDER: FRANCISTOWN, BOTSWANA / PLUMTREE, ZIMBABWE</i> <b>Lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheets for details. Victoria Falls: If you have decided to book activities through the on-board historian, please ensure you have done so before lunch. Cash accepted.</b> Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place. Lunch is served in the dining cars. Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Pass Gwaai and Dete along one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – and along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park. Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
07:00 12:00  19:30	<b>DAY 8: VICTORIA FALLS</b> <b>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 available at 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.</b> Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Arrive at the incomparable <b>Victoria Falls</b> . 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. <b>15:45 WINTER / 16:15 SUMMER</b> Meet in the hotel foyer before departure for the <b>sunset cruise</b> on the Zambezi. Dinner at the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel. <i>Dress: Smart Casual (strictly no safari-wear, shorts, sandals or sneakers)</i>  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.

	<b>DAY 9: VICTORIA FALLS</b> <i>BORDER: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE / LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA</i> <b>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.</b>
06:30	Breakfast is served at the Jungle Junction Restaurant until 10:00. Day at leisure in the <b>Victoria Falls</b> .
13:00	Lunch at Jungle Junction.
15:00	Meet on station platform for departure to Zambia.
16:00	Cross the <b>Victoria Falls Bridge</b> . Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Border formalities take place.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i> <b>Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of passport.</b>
	<b>DAY 10: AT LEISURE ON BOARD</b>
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. After breakfast, the train travels across the <b>Kafue Railway Bridge</b> – 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 passes through Zambia's capital, Lusaka.
16:30	Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kapiri Mposhi. <i>Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual</i>
	<b>DAY 11: AT LEISURE ON BOARD</b>
07:00	Breakfast is served until 10:00. The train travels the <b>TAZARA</b> railway line, an engineering <i>tour de force</i> and one of Africa's best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.
16:30	Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kasama. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
	<b>DAY 12: CHISIMBA FALLS</b> <i>BORDER: NAKONDE, ZAMBIA / TUNDUMA, TANZANIA</i>
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
08:00	Enjoy a visit to <b>Chisimba Falls</b> where guests can take a pleasant walk down to the rock pools at the base of the falls or admire them from various viewpoints.
11:30	The train climbs to the border, almost exactly the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.
16:30	Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Border formalities take place.
19:30	Dinner is served. The train passes Baobab forests and descends the <b>Rift Valley</b> towards Mbeya. <i>Dress: Formal</i> <b>PLEASE PUT YOUR WATCHES FORWARD AN HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE EVENING.</b>
	<p>Chisimba Falls is a series of three waterfalls named Mutumuna, Kaela and Chishimba (<i>Chisimba</i>), 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.</p>
	<b>DAY 13: MAKAMBAKO (OPTIONAL)</b>
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.
09:00	Arrive at <b>Makambako</b> and enjoy a stroll through the town (time permitting).
11:00	The train travels towards the jungled <b>Udzungwa Mountains</b> and negotiates the dramatic switchbacks, viaducts and tunnels of the escarpment.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.
16:30	Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
	<b>DAY 14: SELOUS GAME RESERVE</b>
07:00	Continental breakfast is served in the dining cars until 08:00. The train descends into the highlands and traverses the fertile lands of Tanzania towards the Selous.
10:30	Brunch is served in the dining cars until 11:45.
12:00	Enjoy a game visit in the <b>Selous Game Reserve</b> , the largest in Africa at 55 000km <sup>2</sup> (time permitting).
18:00	Return to the train.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Gwata. <i>Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual</i>
	<b>DAY 15: DAR ES SALAAM</b> <b>Please ensure that your luggage is ready for collection by 09:45 and that you have your passport.</b>
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Travel in an easterly direction towards the coast.
10:00	Arrive at journey's end at Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Please dress accordingly for game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, hats, comfortable shoes and sun protection are advised (season dependent). Rain capes are available.

**Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.**

**Please check with the Train Manager or [reservations@rovos.co.za](mailto:reservations@rovos.co.za) for any updates or changes to the itinerary.**

**In your suite you will find the *Journeys* magazine that features articles of interest related to the route.**

**We strongly discourage giving any form of handout to children while travelling. This action may have detrimental consequences to local communities. If you would like to give responsibly, we support many local charities and would be happy to assist.**

**INCLUDED:** Accommodation; all meals; 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. **EXCLUDED:** International/ French Champagne; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre- and post-tour accommodation, flights and transfers.

**INCLUDED in off-train accommodation:** Overnight bag; meals, water, tea/coffee and breakfast juices; snacks and drinks on sunset cruise.

**EXCLUDED from off-train accommodation:** All other beverages; meals at unspecified venues; laundry; personal expenses.

**MEALS ON BOARD** (unless adjusted) Breakfast 07:00-10:00 • Lunch 13:00 • Tea 16:30 • Dinner 19:30



## SPECIFICATIONS

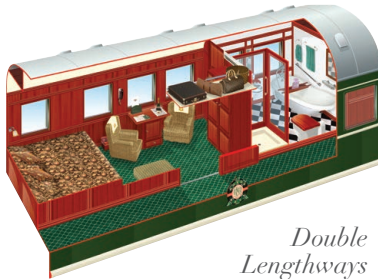
### ROYAL SUITES

$\pm 16m^2$   
 $\pm 172ft^2$

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 toilet, basin, bath and shower.*

### DELUXE SUITES

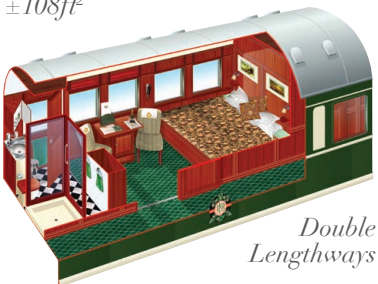
$\pm 10m^2$   
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Bed Dimensions: LxW in CM

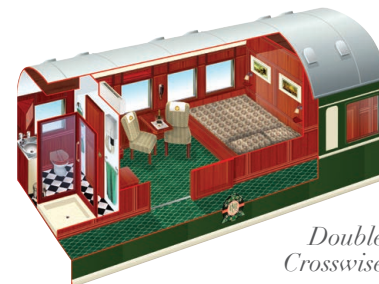
Double Lengthways: 189x189

Double Crosswise: 189x160

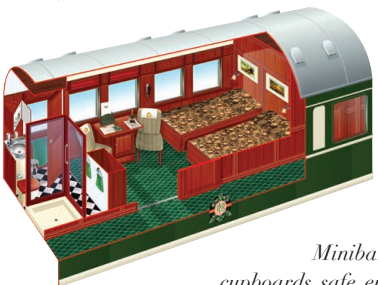
Split Twin: 189x75



*Double  
Lengthways*



*Double  
Crosswise*



*Split Twin*

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

### PULLMAN GOLD SUITES

$\pm 7m^2$   
 $\pm 76ft^2$

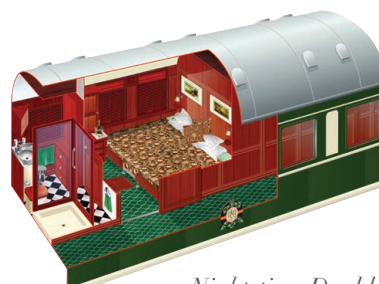
Bed Dimensions: LxW in CM

Double: 189x189

Split Twin: 189x75



*Daytime Couches and  
Night-time Split Twin*



*Night-time Double*

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

### THE SUITES & COACHES

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars, a lounge car ( $\pm 26$  seats), small gift shop, smoking lounge ( $\pm 11$  seats) and observation car ( $\pm 32$  seats) with open-air balcony. The three types of suites are elegant and spacious offering passengers privacy, comfort and luxury 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.

*Suite layouts may differ from images.*

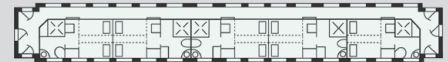
#### ROYAL SUITES



#### DELUXE SUITES



#### PULLMAN GOLD SUITES



#### PILLARED DINING CAR



#### BANQUETTE DINING CAR



#### OBSERVATION CAR



#### LOUNGE CAR



#### CLUB LOUNGE & DELUXE CAR



#### STAFF CAR



#### KITCHEN CAR



#### GENERATOR CAR







## GENERAL INFO & FAQs

**BOOKING:** To book as an agent or a guest, please contact [reservations@rovos.co.za](mailto:reservations@rovos.co.za) or call +27 (0) 12 315 8242.

Upon written request via email/fax and subject to availability, we will **PROVISIONALLY** book your place on the chosen tour. 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 or release the suite. Upon written confirmation via email/fax and a completed Reservation Form, final confirmation details and an invoice will be sent. Upon receipt of the relevant payment the booking will be **CONFIRMED**. On confirmation of a reservation, our Terms & Conditions will be deemed to have been accepted and will be strictly adhered to. See T&C on [rovos.com](http://rovos.com).

**CANCELLATION:** Cancellation of a confirmed booking received prior to departure is subject to a fee of the per person tour price. See T&C on [rovos.com](http://rovos.com). **Cancellation insurance is compulsory** as these fees will not be waived. We offer insurance to South African residents. For international guests we suggest you contact your local insurance 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.

**PAYMENTS:** Payment can be made via bank transfer to our ZAR (South African Rand) account. Please reference the payment with your invoice/reservation number and send us proof of payment via email/fax. Due to the high cost of credit card charges in South Africa, we prefer that all clients pay via bank transfer although credit card authorisation forms are available for guests booking directly only. We are a South African company and reserve the right to charge/refund in ZAR. As legally required, refunds are processed into the same account from which the initial payment was received. **Journeys invoiced in ZAR:** All bank transfers are processed/refunded in ZAR. **Journeys invoiced in USD:** USD bank transfers are processed/refunded in USD. **All credit card payments for all journeys** are processed/refunded in ZAR. Rovos Rail is not liable for any loss in currency due to rate of exchange fluctuations. Please request our bank details or forms from [reservations@rovos.co.za](mailto:reservations@rovos.co.za).

**PASSPORTS & VISAS:** The onus is upon the client to ensure passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure for Africa. 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. Passports must have at least **five blank VISA pages** and must be valid for at least **six months** from your return-home date. **Please enquire with us or check with the relevant embassies in good time.** Visas are also available through visa/booking agents.

**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.** Should you be delayed, kindly contact +27 (0) 12 315 8242.

**JOURNEYS & PRIVATE HIRE:** We offer a variety of journeys from 48 hours to 15 days that cover the sub-continent of Africa. The trains run year-round although some of our short journeys do not run during our winter months. We prefer you enjoy the full journey experience although you are permitted to disembark earlier at a convenient stop – keeping in mind the rate will remain the same. The scheduled journeys are available for full charter. You can also combine our 42- or 72-bed train with other entertaining products for bespoke charters including incentive groups, historical expeditions, cycling tours and private gatherings. The Events Train, suitable for day trips only, caters for up to 250 guests and is the perfect venue for weddings, incentives, conferences and product launches. See [rovos.com](http://rovos.com).

**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.

**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.

ADDRESSES	JOURNEY	CHECK-IN	DEPART	ARRIVE
<b>PRETORIA:</b> Rovos Rail Station, 1 Transnet Avenue, Capital Park, Pretoria, South Africa	PRETORIA-CAPE TOWN	10:00	11:00	18:00
	CAPE TOWN-PRETORIA	10:00 (Lounge)	11:00	17:00
	PRETORIA-DURBAN	09:00	10:00	16:00 (Plat.14)
<b>CAPE TOWN:</b> Rovos Rail <u>Lounge</u> , 1 Adderley Street, Paul Sauer Building, Cape Town, South Africa	DURBAN-PRETORIA	09:00 (Lounge)	10:00 (Plat.14)	16:00
	PRETORIA-VICTORIA FALLS 3-NIGHT	09:00	10:00	10:00
	VICTORIA FALLS-PRETORIA 3-NIGHT	16:00 (Hotel)	17:00	10:00
<b>DURBAN:</b> Durban Station <u>Lounge</u> , Jelf Taylor Crescent, Stamford Hill, Durban, South Africa	PRETORIA-VICTORIA FALLS 4-NIGHT	17:00	18:00	10:00
	VICTORIA FALLS-PRETORIA 4-NIGHT	16:00 (Hotel)	17:00	10:00
	PRETORIA-WALVIS BAY	10:00	11:00	12:00
<b>VICTORIA FALLS:</b> Victoria Falls Hotel and Station, Mallet Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	WALVIS BAY-PRETORIA	10:00	11:00	17:00
	GOLF SAFARI PRETORIA-PRETORIA	11:00	12:00	10:00
	COLLAGE PRETORIA-CAPE TOWN	09:00	10:00	17:00
<b>WALVIS BAY:</b> Walvis Bay Station, Corner 6 <sup>th</sup> Street and 11 <sup>th</sup> Road, Walvis Bay, Namibia	COLLAGE CAPE TOWN-PRETORIA	08:30 (Lounge)	09:30	17:00
	CAPE TOWN-DAR ES SALAAM	09:30 (Lounge)	11:00	10:00
	DAR ES SALAAM-CAPE TOWN	09:30 (Hotel)	12:00	18:00
<b>DAR:</b> Tazara Station, Julius K. Nyerere Road, Dar es Salaam <b>CHECK-IN:</b> Serena Hotel, Ohio St, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	DAR ES SALAAM-LOBITO	09:30 (Hotel)	12:00	10:00
	LOBITO-DAR ES SALAAM	10:00 (Hotel)	12:00	10:00
	VICTORIA FALLS-LOBITO	15:00 (Hotel)	16:00	10:00
<b>LOBITO:</b> Central Station, Av. Craveiro Lopes, Lobito, Angola <b>CHECK-IN:</b> Hotel Terminus, R. Robert Williams 16, Lobito	LOBITO-VICTORIA FALLS	10:00 (Hotel)	12:00	11:00

**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.

**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.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:** We will do our best to cater for dietary requirements 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-malaria 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 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 an 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.

- Royal Suites** (±16m<sup>2</sup>/±172ft<sup>2</sup>) 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.
- Deluxe Suites** (±10m<sup>2</sup>/±108ft<sup>2</sup>) have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. **BEDS:** Lengthways Double 189x189 • Crosswise Double 189x160 • Split Twin 189x75.
- Pullman Suites** (±7m<sup>2</sup>/±76ft<sup>2</sup>) 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.
- Pullman Gold Suites** (±7m<sup>2</sup>/±76ft<sup>2</sup>) 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.

**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.

AVERAGE TEMPS °C	JAN/FEB		MAR/APR		MAY/JUN		JUL/AUG		SEP/OCT		NOV/DEC		Rainfall Months	TIME ZONE
AREA	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max		
Cape Town, SA	16	28	13	26	9	21	7	19	9	22	13	27	Apr-Aug	GMT+2
Pretoria, SA	18	30	15	27	7	23	4	22	13	28	16	30	Oct-Mar	GMT+2
Durban, SA	21	29	19	28	12	25	16	25	16	26	19	28	Oct-Mar	GMT+2
Port Elizabeth, SA	17	23	15	21	12	20	11	18	12	18	15	21	May-Aug	GMT+2
Mbabane, ESwatini	16	28	13	27	5	23	5	23	10	26	14	28	Nov-Feb	GMT+2
Gaborone, Botswana	19	33	14	30	7	25	5	25	14	31	18	33	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Vic Falls, Zimbabwe	15	29	14	29	8	23	7	27	16	28	16	26	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Lusaka, Zambia	17	25	15	22	11	17	8	16	17	24	17	25	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
South Luangwa, Zambia	20	31	19	31	12	30	11	20	17	35	20	34	Nov-Mar	GMT+2
DAR, Tanzania	18	28	18	25	19	25	18	23	16	24	18	28	Mar-May	GMT+3
Walvis Bay, Namibia	16	22	15	22	11	22	10	20	11	18	13	20	March	GMT+2
Etosha Pan, Namibia	18	31	17	30	10	27	10	27	15	32	18	33	Jan-Mar	GMT+2
Lubumbashi, DRC	16	27	15	27	9	26	8	27	13	32	16	18	Nov-Mar	GMT+2
Lobito, Angola	28	32	29	34	25	33	20	28	22	25	26	30	Mar-Apr	GMT+1

**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.





## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PROVISIONAL BOOKING:** Upon written request via email/fax and subject to availability, we will provisionally book your place on the chosen tour. 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.

**CONFIRMED BOOKING:** Upon written confirmation via email/fax and a completed Reservation Form, final confirmation details and an invoice will be sent. Upon receipt of the relevant payment the booking will be confirmed (see below). On confirmation of a reservation, our Terms & Conditions will be deemed to have been accepted and will be strictly adhered to.

**CANCELLATION:** Cancellation of a confirmed booking received prior to departure is subject to a fee of the per person tour price (see below). Cancellation insurance is compulsory as these fees will not be waived.

INDIVIDUALS: PAYMENT SCHEDULE			
TO CONFIRM A BOOKING A DEPOSIT PAYMENT OF THE PER PERSON TOUR PRICE IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DEPARTURE DATE	61+ DAYS BEFORE	60 DAYS BEFORE	<i>A provisional booking will be held for 14 days after which a 25% deposit is due. Final payment is due 60 days prior to travel.</i>
Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Durban	25%	100%	
Golf Safari, African Collage, Namibia, Dar es Salaam, Lobito, Copper Trail	25%	100%	

INDIVIDUALS: CANCELLATION POLICY				
CANCELLATION OF A CONFIRMED BOOKING RECEIVED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE IS SUBJECT TO A FEE OF THE PER PERSON TOUR PRICE	365-91 DAYS BEFORE	90-61 DAYS BEFORE	60-31 DAYS BEFORE	30-0 DAYS BEFORE
Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Durban			25%	100%
Golf Safari, African Collage, Namibia, Dar es Salaam, Lobito, Copper Trail	10%	25%	50%	100%

GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE GUESTS: PAYMENT SCHEDULE & CANCELLATION POLICY					
TO CONFIRM A BOOKING A NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENT OF THE PER PERSON TOUR PRICE IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEPARTURE	365-246 DAYS BEFORE	245-181 DAYS BEFORE	180-121 DAYS BEFORE	120-61 DAYS BEFORE	60 DAYS BEFORE
Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Durban			10%	20%	100%
Golf Safari, African Collage, Namibia, Dar, Lobito, Copper Trail	10%	30%		50%	100%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For every 15 paying passengers, the 16th person sharing travels free of charge, confirmed at final invoice 60 days before departure.</li><li>275 days before departure: the agent/group must provide an allocation sales update and release 20% of the unsold space (if a waitlist persists).</li><li>245 days before departure: the agent/group must release a further 50% of the unsold space (if a waitlist persists).</li><li>180 days before departure: the agent/group must release 100% of the unsold space.</li></ul>					

**MAXIMUM TRAIN CAPACITY:** 36 suites/72 guests. We reserve the right to alter this capacity as circumstances require.

**MEDICAL:** Guests are solely responsible for ensuring they are capable of undertaking the tours. Anti-malarial and Yellow Fever precautions may be required in countries being visited. A Yellow Fever or Medical Exemption Certificate is essential if travelling to/from Tanzania, DRC and Angola. Although all countries travelled through don't require this, countries guests return to after the trip often require them.

**PAYMENTS:** We are a South African company and reserve the right to charge/refund in ZAR. As legally required, refunds are processed into the same account from which the initial payment was received. **Journeys invoiced in ZAR:** All bank transfers are processed/refunded in ZAR. **Journeys invoiced in USD:** USD bank transfers are processed/refunded in USD. All credit card payments for all journeys are processed/refunded in ZAR. Rovos Rail is not liable for any loss in currency due to rate of exchange fluctuations. There are no refunds for any part of a tour that might be missed due to personal reasons. **Cancellation insurance is compulsory.**

**PASSPORTS & VISAS:** 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. Please enquire with us or check with the relevant embassies in good time. Visas are also available through visa/booking agents.

**OF SPECIAL NOTE** Although certain limited insurances have been arranged, neither Rovos Rail Tours (Pty) Ltd, 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 Tours (Pty) Ltd, its servants, agents, employees or subcontractors (all of the aforementioned being collectively referred to as 'Rovos Rail') for any injury and/or loss of any nature whatsoever (including, without limiting the generality of the 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 TERMS & CONDITIONS WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.** Persons completing this form accept and agree to all T&C. Persons completing this form on behalf of others warrant that they have full authority to do so and, on their behalf, accept and agree to all T&C. **CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY AS THESE FEES WILL NOT BE WAIVED.**

Date of Trip:	Route:	Signature:
Name:		