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# **FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL**

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world-class travel experiences. Bespoke train safaris through the heart of Africa combine magnificent scenery with the glamour and excitement of the golden age of leisure travel. In a series of journeys lasting from 48 hours to 15 days, Rovos Rail links some of the subcontinent's greatest destinations. The beautifully rebuilt trains carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites and are also available for charter, while the Events Train caters for up to 250 guests and is suitable for daytime journeys.

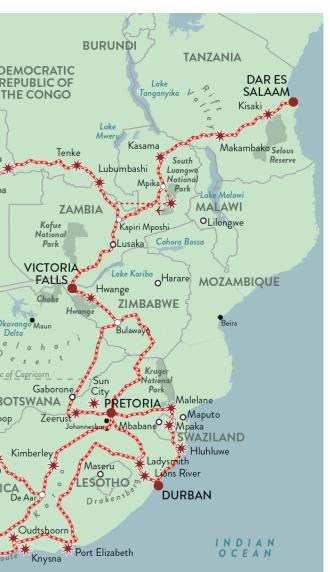


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ROVOS RAIL JOURNEYS • CAPE TOWN Pretoria - Cape Town 2 nights/3 days 1600km • DURBAN SAFARI Pretoria - Durban 2 nights/3 days 800km • NCTORIA FALLS Pretoria - Victoria Falls 3 nights/4 days 1400km • GOLF SAFARI Pretoria - Pretoria 8 nights/9 days 2100km • NAMIBIA SAFARI Pretoria - Walvis Bay 8 nights/9 days 3450km • AFRICAN COLLAGE Pretoria - Cape Town 9 nights/10 days 3700km • DAR ES SALAAM Cape Town - Dar es Salaam 1 nights/15 days 300km Al journeys available in reverse	CONGO Luanda



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## **CAPE TOWN JOURNEY**

Rediscover the old pioneering trail of the Karoo. Travel the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo. Trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Cape. Journey's end is Cape Town, the Mother City of South Africa, cradled by the imposing bulk of Table Mountain. PRETORIA-CAPE TOWN or reverse • 3 DAYS • 1600km





## **DURBAN SAFARI**

Journey into the Valley of a Thousand Hills and the heart of the African bushveld. Take in the Big Five at Nambiti with its incredible biodiversity. Explore the mountains, birds and battlefields of Spionkop. Visit Ardmore Ceramics, a story about the Zulu people whose sense of rhythm, colour, dance and song is exerting its influence around the world.

PRETORIA-DURBAN or reverse 3 DAYS • 800km





CAPE TOWN HIGHLIGHTS • Kimberley Tour the city, the Diamond Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, the Big Hole. • Matjiesfontein Visit this quaint and authentic, perfectly preserved Victorian village founded as a refreshment stop in 1890. See the impressive museum and

collection of classic railway carriages and vintage cars.





### **DURBAN SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS**

• Nambiti Game Drive A Big Five bush retreat set on 20 000 acres of malaria-free bushveld with an incredible biodiversity including savannah, grasslands, thornveld and tall acacia trees. • Spionkop Battlefields Tour or Game Drive Spionkop is situated on an expansive game farm and nature reserve boasting. views over the Tugela River and impressive mountains. • Visit Ardmore Ceramics Gallery in the foothills of the Drakensberg

Mountains to experience the spirit of the African imagination.



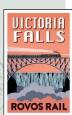
## VICTORIA FALLS JOURNEY

Relive the romance of a bygone era on an expedition to one of the natural wonders of the world. Travel north through Modimolle, thought by early pioneers to be the source of the Nile. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn into baobab country and Bulawayo, capital of Matabeleland and industrial capital of Zimbabwe. Travel along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line (114km) to Hwange for a game drive. Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls on the mighty Zambezi River. PRETORIA-VICTORIA FALLS or reverse • 4 DAYS • 1400km



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# **GOLF SAFARI**

A kaleidoscope of golf, game and scenic beauty to entertain the most discerning players with optional excursions for leisure guests at all venues. Travel from Pretoria to Sun City<sup>\*</sup> in the hills of the Pilanesberg for game viewing. Cross the spectacular Drakensberg Mountains to Spionkop\* to explore the bush and battlefields. Traverse the scenic Valley of a Thousand Hills to Durban<sup>\*</sup> for a tour. The game drives continue at Huhluwe, Mkhaya<sup>\*</sup> and Kruger<sup>\*</sup>, after which this memorable journey ends in Pretoria.

PRETORIA-DURBAN-SWAZILAND-PRETORIA • 9 DAYS • 2100km









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## GOLF SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

• Enjoy game viewing in Pilanesberg with an afternoon at the renowned **Sun** City.\* • Cross the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. • Listen to the historic tale of **Spionkop's**<sup>\*</sup> **battlefields** followed by lunch and an afternoon game drive. • Tour **Durban**<sup>\*</sup> city and the **botanical** gardens with lunch in the coastal resort town of **Umhlanga**. • Visit one of the oldest reserves in the country, Hluhluwe, for a morning game drive. • Arrive at Mkhaya for game viewing, Swaziland's\* refuge for endangered species. • See the decorative Swazi Candles and visit craft and curio shops. • Enjoy a morning game drive in the world-famous Kruger Park\* with lunch. \*Golf Courses: Gary Player/Lost City,

Champagne Sports Resort, Durban Country Club/ Beachwood/Zimbali, Royal Swazi and Leopard Creek/ White River/Nelspruit.







## **AFRICAN COLLAGE**

A rich tapestry of landscape, game, history and culture covering SA's top destinations. After a game drive in Kruger<sup>\*</sup>, travel through Swaziland to Hluhluwe for game viewing and Durban<sup>\*</sup> for a tour. Traverse the rolling hills of the Midlands to explore the bush and battlefields of Spionkop<sup>\*</sup>. Continue to Addo<sup>\*</sup> to see the elephants and Oudtshoorn's ostriches followed by an impressive descent to the natural paradise of Knysna<sup>\*</sup>. Traverse the spectacular Garden Route to the winelands before this magnificent expedition ends in Cape Town. PRETORIA-CAPE TOWN or reverse • 10 DAYS • 3700km

### AFRICAN COLLAGE HIGHLIGHTS

• Visit Kruger\* for a game drive and lunch. • Travel through Swaziland. • Enjoy game viewing in Hluhluwe. • Tour Durban\* and the botanical gardens with lunch. • Travel the Valley of a Thousand Hills. • Cross the Drakensberg Mountains. • Visit the Spionkop\* battlefields with lunch and a game drive. • Tour Port Elizabeth, a major seaport (north only). • Enjoy game viewing at the ecologically diverse Addo Park.\* • Visit Oudtshoorn\* whose surge in prosperity was the ostrich and its feathers. • Cross the Outeniquas. • See George's Railway Museum with dinner at Fancourt.\* • Cruise the Knysna\* lagoon followed by shopping or a guided walk. • Travel the Garden Route to the Cape winelands. \*Optional Golf: Leopard Creek/White River/Nelspruit, Durban Country Club/Beachwood/ Zimbali, Champagne Sports Resort, Humewood, Fancourt and Ernie Els Oubaai/Pezula.



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### ROVOS RAIL JOURNEYS



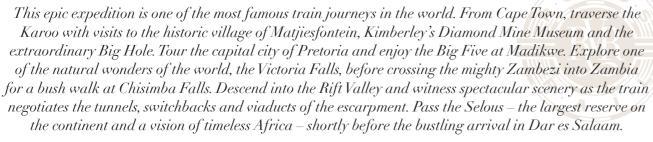
INDIAN OCEAN







## DAR ES SALAAM JOURNEY

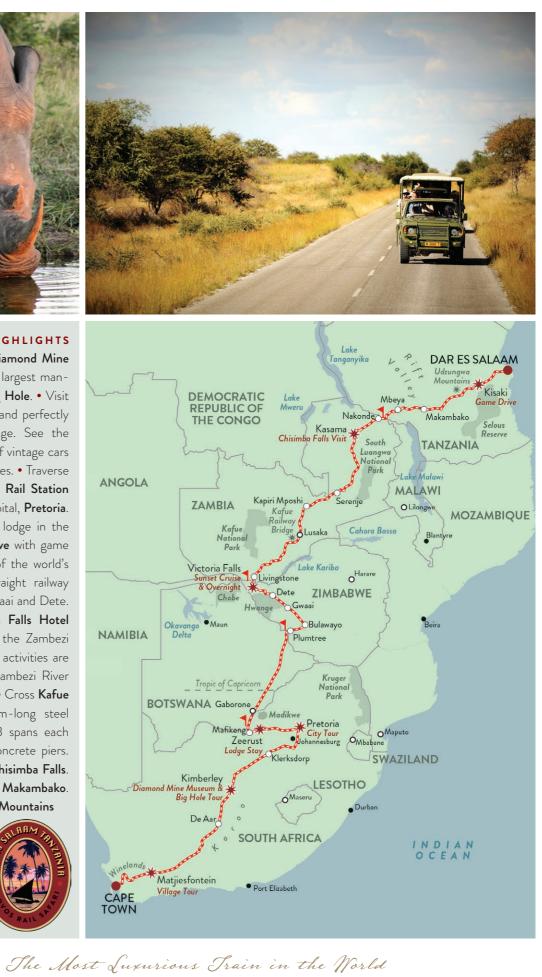


### CAPE TOWN-DAR ES SALAAM or reverse • 15 DAYS • 5800km

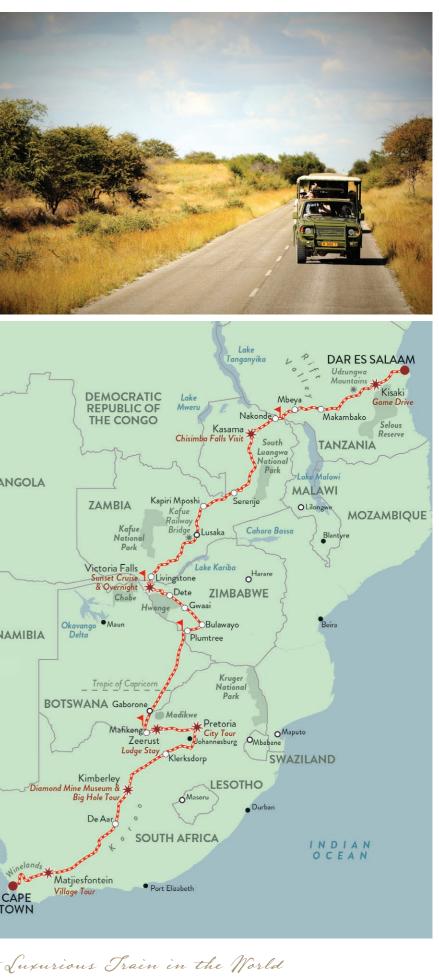


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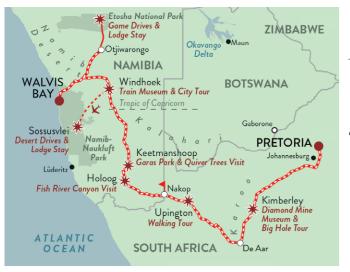




DAR ES SALAAM HIGHLIGHTS • Tour Kimberley, the Diamond Mine Museum and the world's largest manmade excavation, the **Big Hole**. • Visit Matjiesfontein, a quaint and perfectly preserved Victorian village. See the museum and collection of vintage cars and classic railway carriages. • Traverse the Karoo. • Tour Rovos Rail Station with lunch. • Tour the capital, **Pretoria**. • Enjoy **two nights** at a lodge in the Madikwe Big Five Reserve with game drives. • Travel on one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line (114km) between Gwaai and Dete. • Overnight at Victoria Falls Hotel with a **sunset cruise** on the Zambezi (a variety of recreational activities are available). • Cross the Zambezi River on Victoria Falls Bridge. • Cross Kafue Railway Bridge, a 477m-long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33m supported on concrete piers. • Enjoy a bush walk at Chisimba Falls. • Take an optional walk at Makambako. • Traverse the Udzungwa Mountains and Rift Valley. • Enjoy game viewing in the Selous. • On-board doctor, hair stylist and historian giving informative lectures.



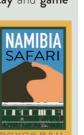




### NAMIBIA SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

• Savour the 1870s atmosphere of the mining village **Kimberley**, centre of one of the world's famous diamond rushes. • Traverse the **Karoo**. • Enjoy a walking tour of **Upington**. • Visit the **Fish River** Canyon. • Enjoy a visit to Garas Park, home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy. • Tour Windhoek and its **train museum**. • Take a short flight to Sossusvlei for a lodge stay, drive, bush dinner and breakfast near **Deadvlei** and Star Dune 45. The wind blows from all directions causing sand to form a star shape with multiple arms, hence 'star dunes'. • Enjoy a lodge stay and game

drives in Etosha, which gets its name from the Etosha pan, a large salt pan forming part of the Kalahari Basin. • Cross the Namib Desert to the wild Atlantic coast.







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## NAMIBIA SAFARI

A remarkable journey of discovery from the savannahs of the Highveld to the Atlantic in the west. Traverse stark vistas to Kimberley, Upington and the Fish River Canyon, second in size to the Grand Canyon. Cross the untamed beauty of the Kalahari Desert with its Quiver trees to Namibia's lively capital Windhoek. Enjoy stays in the renowned Sossusvlei, a stunning pan in the Namib Desert, and the game-rich Etosha before arriving in the 19th-century town of Swakopmund and the deepwater harbour of Walvis Bay.













A pioneering trans-African adventure uniting the Atlantic and Indian Oceans – the first time in history a passenger train will travel the famous east-to-west copper trail. Set off from Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) with a game visit in the Selous, a fly-in two-night safari in South Luangwa (Zambia) and a tour of Lubumbashi (DRC). Join the Benguela line for short walking tours detailing Angola's recent history with journey's end in Lobito.

DAR ES SALAAM-LOBITO or reverse • 15 DAYS • 4300km





# **TRAIL OF TWO OCEANS**

### TRAIL OF TWO OCEANS HIGHLIGHTS

• Enjoy a game drive at Selous, the largest reserve in Africa. • Traverse the Rift Valley and Udzungwa Mountains. • Take an optional stroll through Makambako. • Pass baobab forests. • Enjoy a bush walk at Chisimba Falls.



• Take a short flight to South Luangwa for a two-night lodge stay with game drives. • Tour Lubumbashi. • Join the historical east-west Copper Trail. • Visit an area that holds one of the world's largest known **copper** and **cobalt resources**. • Enjoy a walking tour of Luau, the start of the Benguela line. • Travel alongside the Kasai River. • Tour Luena. • Visit Kuito, the historical heart of the Ovimbundu kingdom. • Enjoy a walking tour of Huambo, one of the old kingdoms on the central plateau. • Benguela (optional extension). • On-board doctor, hair stylist and historian giving informative lectures.





## **PRIVATE CHARTERS & EVENTS**

From our headquarters in Pretoria, successful charters from one to 10 days have been undertaken with incentive groups, historical expeditions, cycling tours, bird shoots and private family gatherings. There are many configurations combining our 42- or 72-bed train with other entertaining products and we are happy to construct exciting and practical itineraries to suit. Within reason, and subject to availability, the chartered train can go wherever there is a railway line in Southern Africa. The Events Train can accommodate up to 250 guests and is an ideal venue for weddings, launches, conferences and private functions.

### THE EVENTS TRAIN

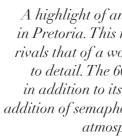
• Perfect venue for private functions, launches and wedding couples looking for something old-world and romantic. • Take a three-hour circular trip around Pretoria or a **one-way journey** to any destination within eight hours' rail travel time from Pretoria (no overnight *journeys*). • Depending on the number of guests, the train can host, with full bar facilities: a four-course sit-down lunch/ dinner for **up to 120 guests** OR for **up** to 250 guests, hot snacks, canapés and cocktails. • Dinner runs are popular and fine-dining, elegant affairs. **Example**: Guests are greeted at our private station by a Champagne reception; musicians play light classical music; our steam loco idles on the platform; time for intros and photos; time for speeches while the loco collects the coaches; depart for a circular tour of Pretoria; drinks served in the bar cars; dinner is presented in the opulent dining cars; return to the station.



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Rail enthusiasts will be drawn to the vast carriage and loco sheds where teams of dedicated personnel keep the rolling stock in order. This 10 000m<sup>2</sup> roofed workshop straddles 15 railway lines with concrete inspection pits below and is the ultimate repair and maintenance facility for any train operation. The low, red-bricked buildings alongside the 300m platform house laundries, gleaming stainless-steel kitchens and well-stocked storerooms.





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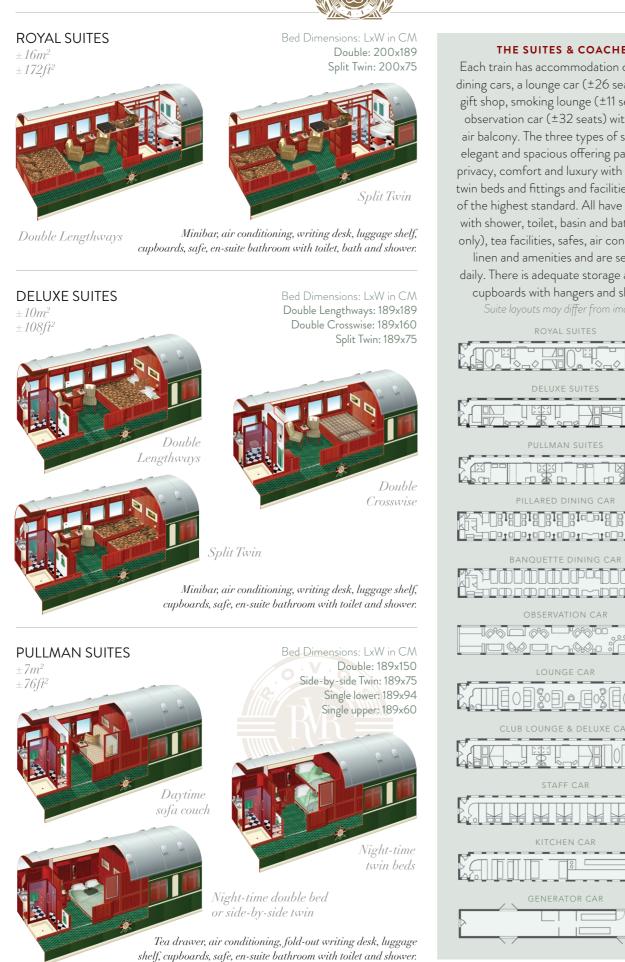


## **ROVOS RAIL STATION**

A highlight of any journey is a visit to Rovos Rail's private station in Pretoria. This is the busy hub of a provisioning operation, which rivals that of a world-class hotel in terms of efficiency and attention to detail. The 60-acre property boasts a small railway museum in addition to its other comprehensive facilities and will, with the addition of semaphore signals and a footbridge, recreate the

atmosphere of a fully fledged railway system.

### HOME & HEADQUARTERS

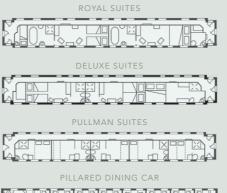


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### THE SUITES & COACHES

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 openair 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.

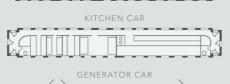


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CLUB LOUNGE & DELUXE CAR







# LIFE ON BOARD

Recapture the romance of a bygone era when travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion. The classic wood-panelled coaches are the epitome of luxury with period Edwardian features combining with modern technology. The 24-hour service is discreet and friendly with an enthusiastic team of chefs ensuring guests' every need is catered for. There is an accent on fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes are a specialty. Every morning there is a full breakfast with dishes cooked to order. Meals are served in one sitting only and are complemented by South Africa's finest wines. For days on the train dress is smart casual while evening attire is more formal. In maintaining the atmosphere there are no radios or television sets on

board and the use of technology that has the ability to disturb other guests is confined to the privacy of suites.



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