



Rovos Rail

8 Nights

African Golf Collage - Pretoria to Cape Town

November 2017 - September 2018



Summary

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 Hlululuwe. 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.

Prices Include

*8-night accommodation on board of the train
Meal: full board
All alcoholic and other beverages
24-hour full room service and bar facilities
Excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide
Government tax
Assistance of our representative in South Africa*

Overview

*Interest: group - family - couple
Level of Comfort: 5/5
Minimum # of passengers: none
Maximum # of passengers: none*

Prices Exclude

*International airfare
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Staff gratuities
French Champagne
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses*

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Day 1: Check-in at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Depart and traverse the Highveld to the Drakensberg Mountains

Day 2: Game drive in the Kruger Park with lunch. Rejoin the train at Komatipoort. Depart for Zululand

Day 3: Game drive in the Hluhluwe Reserve in Zululand. The train travels alongside St Lucia Park to Durban

Day 4: Disembark for a short city tour of Durban
Afternoon visit to Ardmore Ceramics
Return to the train & traverse the Drakensberg

Day 5: Disembark for a city tour of Bloemfontein
Travel to Coerney in the Fish River Valley

Day 6: Game drive at Addo Elephant Park
Depart for Port Elizabeth & experience the train being turned around at 14h15 then depart for Oudtshoorn

Day 7: Two-hour ostrich-farm visit
Traverse Montagu Pass
Disembark for dinner at Fancourt Estate

Day 8: Morning at leisure in Knysna/ferry ride to Featherbed
Depart George & travel the Garden Route to Riversdale

Day 9: Tour of the KWV Brandy Distillery in Paarl
Arrive at Platform 23 at Cape Town Station

Starting price per person in US\$

Room Type	Double	Single
Pullman Suite	3940	5910
Deluxe Suite	5795	8693
Royal Suite	7715	11573

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

General Information

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 (\pm US\$10 to US\$20) per person per night is suggested, depending on the length of your journey

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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 code

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

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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

Payment facilities available with CFC

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