

Rovos Rail

2 Nights

Cape Town Journey: Pretoria to Cape Town September 2019



Summary

This 1,600-kilometre meander is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country. 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, Devil's Peak and Lion's Head. Highlights of the north- and southbound routes include a visit to the historic village of Matjiesfontein; this authentic perfectly preserved Victorian Village – founded by Mr. Logan as a refreshment stop in 1890 – also boasts an impressive museum on the platform. Another stop is made in Kimberley providing an opportunity to enjoy a city tour and a visit to the Diamond Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, the Big Hole.

Overview

Country: South Africa

Cities: Pretoria, Kimberley, Cape Town

Duration: 3 days / 2 nights
Departure: Till September 2019

Departing out of: Pretoria (This journey is available in reverse)

Starting Price: 1520\$





Day 1: Friday

15h00 Depart from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Dinner and overnight on the train. (Breakfast 07h00-10h00 • Lunch 13h00 • Tea 16h30 • Dinner 19h30)

Day 2: Saturday

10h00 The train arrives in Kimberley. Passengers visit the Big Hole and the Diamond Mine Museum. 12h30 Depart Kimberley and proceed overnight via De Aar and Beaufort West to Matjiesfontein.

Day 3: Sunday

08h15 Enjoy a visit to the historic village of Matjiesfontein. 10h30 The train departs for Cape Town via Touws River and Worcester. 18h00 Arrive at Cape Town Station's Platform 24.

Prices Include

2-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

Prices Exclude

International airfare
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Pre and post accommodation
Staff gratuities
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

Starting price per person in US\$

Room Type	Double	Single
Pullman Suite	1520	2280
Deluxe Suite	2275	3413
Royal Suite	3025	4538

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

General Information

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

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.

Laundry

There is a limited laundry service on board comprising household washers, dryers and steam irons. There are no drycleaning 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

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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