



Rovos Rail 8 Nights

Namibia Safari
September 2019



Summary

This nine-day 3 400-kilometre journey takes the train from the savannahs of the Highveld to the Atlantic in the west. Departing from Pretoria, the first stop is Kimberley, centre of one of the world's famous diamond rushes where there is an opportunity to savour the 1870s atmosphere of the mine village. The train traverses the stark vistas of the Northern Cape to the Fish River Canyon – second in size to the Grand Canyon – and Garas Park with its Quiver Tree Forest and the Giant's Playground. Guests continue across the untamed beauty of the Kalahari Desert to Namibia's capital for a tour; Windhoek is a lively, cosmopolitan city with a strong German flavour. Then it's a short flight to Sossusvlei, a stunning pan in the Namib Desert, for an overnight stay followed by a night in the game-rich Etosha National Park. On the last morning, the train travels the Namib to the perfectly preserved 19th-century German Hansa town of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay – an unforgettable end to a remarkable journey

Overview

Country:	South Africa – Namibia
Cities:	Pretoria, Kimberley, Upington, Keetmanshoop, Windhoek, Sossusvlei, Etosha National Park, Walvis Bay
Duration:	9 days / 8 nights
Departure:	Till September 2019
Departing out of:	Pretoria (This journey is available in reverse)
Starting Price:	5020\$

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Day 1: Friday

15h00 Depart Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria and travel south towards the goldfields of the Witwatersrand.
(Breakfast 07h00-10h00 • Lunch 13h00 • Tea 16h30 • Dinner 19h30)

Day 2: Saturday

09h45 Arrive Kimberley for Big Hole and Diamond Museum.
12h30 Depart for Upington and travel the Karoo semi-desert.

Day 3: Sunday

08h00 Optional two-hour walking tour of Upington.
23h00 Arrive at Holoog after border formalities at Nakop

Day 4: Monday

08h00 One-hour transfer to visit the Fish River Canyon.
11h00 Depart for Keetmanshoop. Traverse the Kalahari.
15h00 Visit Garas Park (Quiver Tree Forest/Giant's Playground).

Day 5: Tuesday

09h00 Arrive in Windhoek for a city tour.
11h00 Depart in light aircraft for 1-hour flight to Sossusvlei Lodge for lunch, desert drive, bush dinner and overnight

Day 6: Wednesday

06h00 Sossusvlei drive with breakfast in the vlei.
12h00 Depart Sossusvlei for one-hour flight to Windhoek.
14h00 Depart Windhoek and travel north towards the game-rich Etosha National Park.

Day 7: Thursday

09h30 Transfer to a lodge in the Etosha National Park for lunch, game drive and overnight.

Day 8: Friday

06h00 Early morning game drive in the Etosha National Park.
13h00 Enjoy lunch on board en route to the Atlantic.

Day 9: Saturday

07h00 Enjoy breakfast as the train traverses the Namib.
12h30 Arrive at journey's end in Walvis Bay, Namibia.

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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

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	5,020	7,530
Deluxe Suite	7,520	11,280
Royal Suite	10,030	15,045

- *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

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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 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

Payment facilities available with CFC
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