



Rovos Rail

3 Nights

Victoria Falls
September 2019



Summary

This three-night adventure begins with the train's departure from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. It then winds its way north through Warmbaths, so named for its mineral waters, and Nylstroom, christened by the Voortrekkers as the source of the Nile River as the town's river happened to be north flowing. The train then passes the edge of the escarpment and crosses the Tropic of Capricorn en route to the border with Zimbabwe. After formalities at Beitbridge the next morning, the train travels towards Bulawayo, second city of Zimbabwe, capital of Matabeleland and industrial capital of the country. The following day sees the train travelling along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – before traversing Hwange National Park, a rich and diverse wildlife sanctuary where animals can be spotted from the train and a game drive excursion is enjoyed. After a service stop at Thompsons Junction, the sojourn ends at the incomparable Victoria Falls on the mighty Zambezi River. The surrounding areas offer travellers many recreational opportunities including cruises, whitewater rafting as well as superb game viewing and photo safaris

Overview

Country:	South Africa – Botswana - Zimbabwe
Cities:	Pretoria, Mpopoma, Victoria Falls
Duration:	4 days / 3 nights
Departure:	Till September 2019
Departing out of:	Pretoria (This journey is available in reverse)
Starting Price:	1970\$

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**Day 1: Thursday**

09h30 The train departs from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria.

13h00 Lunch is served in the dining cars as the train travels north through Warmbaths and Nylstroom, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn.

Enjoy afternoon tea and dinner en route to Messina and Beitbridge for Zimbabwe border formalities.

(Breakfast 07h00-10h00 • Lunch 13h00 • Tea 16h30 • Dinner 19h30)

Day 2: Friday

Day at leisure. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served as the train travels towards Bulawayo via West Nicholson. Overnight stop on board at Mpopoma.

Day 3: Saturday

07h00 Breakfast is served as the train departs Mpopoma.

13h00 Enjoy lunch while travelling along the eastern edge of Hwange Park along one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres.

15h00 Arrive at Kennedy Siding for a game drive at The Hide.

19h30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Thompsons Junction for the overnight stop.

Day 3: Sunday

07h00 Breakfast is enjoyed while travelling towards the Zambezi River.

10h00 Arrive at journey's end in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Prices Include

3-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	1970	2955
Deluxe Suite	2975	4463
Royal Suite	3945	5918

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

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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 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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