



Table Mountain Cape Town



SOUTH AFRICA

ROVOS RAIL: PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN (TOUR CODE: 12515)

STARTS AND ENDS

Pretoria to
Cape Town

TRAVEL PERIODS

5 Jan 2024 - 23 Dec 2025

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Embark on a captivating journey from Pretoria to Cape Town, immersing yourself in South Africa's rich landscapes and vibrant culture. Witness the breathtaking beauty of the Garden Route, explore historic landmarks like Table Mountain and Robben Island, and indulge in delectable cuisine and world-class wines along the way. Unforgettable adventures await.

Highlights

- Traverse the Karoo
- Kimberley Diamond Mine Museum Tour
- Matjiesfontein visit

This 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 route includes a visit to the historic village of Matjiesfontein, an authentically preserved Victorian Village founded as a refreshment stop in 1890, which also boasts an impressive museum on the platform.

Another stop is made in Kimberley to visit the Diamond Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, the Big Hole.

INCLUSIONS

- Three nights accommodation onboard Rovos Rail in a Pullman Suite (upgrades available)
- All meals and beverages - except champagne
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Rovos Rail - Pretoria to Cape Town



Day 1 Rovos Rail: Pretoria

Certain departure dates in 2025 will carry the new departure and arrival times; please discuss with our consultants for more information.

Please check-in a minimum of one hour before departure. Should you wish to visit our museum or do a site tour at Rovos Rail Station, we suggest arriving two hours prior to departure.

10:00 **Depart Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria at 10.00am.**

Travel across the goldfields of the Witwatersrand and the broad grassland plains of the Highveld. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge and observation cars.

13:00 **Lunch is served in the dining cars.**

16:30 **Tea in the lounge and observation cars.**

19:30 **Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Klerksdorp.**

Overnight on board. *Dress: Formal, jacket and tie.*

Lunch, Dinner



Day **2**

Kimberley

07:00 **Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00 en route to Kimberley.**

12:30 **Lunch is served in the dining cars.**

After lunch, enjoy a tour of Kimberley's Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole. Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871.

19:30 **Dinner is served in the dining cars.**

Overnight on board. *Dress: Formal, jacket and tie.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Matjiesfontein

07:00 **Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.**

The train travels through the Karoo, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system.

13:00 Lunch is served in the dining cars.

After lunch, there is a chance for guests to disembark the train at Whitehill Siding and walk the 5km into Matjiesfontein. A member of staff will accompany the group. Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through the historic village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.

16:30 Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

About an hour after Matjiesfontein, the train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The first tunnel is 13.5km long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.

19:30 Dinner is served as the train climbs $\pm 750\text{m}$ down the escarpment towards Worcester.

Dress: Formal, jacket and tie.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Cape Town

07:00 Breakfast is served in the dining car.

Guests can enjoy breakfast in the dining cars until 09:30 as the train makes its way through the scenic Hex River Valley.

10:00/15:00 Your journey will come to an end when you arrive at Cape Town Station.

Certain departure dates in 2025 will carry a new arrival time; Lunch will be served on departure dates affected by the later arrival. Please discuss with our consultants for more information.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Enjoy the extravagant elegance of rail travel on Rovos Rail, one of the most luxurious trains in the world, combining the opulence of pre-war travel with subtle modern innovations.

The wood-panelled sleeper coaches, remodelled and refurbished to mint condition, offer every modern convenience and comfort with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.

The Pullmans, used on our short journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day, the suites have a comfortable sofa-seat with a conversion to double or twin beds (side-by-side or upper and lower bunks) for the evening. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.

Suite configurations are subject to availability. Suite layouts may differ from images.



- Double or twin beds
- Upper and/or lower bunk
- Daytime sofa setting
- En-suite with shower, toilet and basin
- Fold-up writing desk
- Luggage shelf
- Cupboards
- Safe
- Air conditioning
- Tea facilities
- Bespoke amenities
- Robes and slippers
- Hairdryer (fixed or plug-in)
- Shaver plugs (2-pin)
- USB ports
- Safety glasses
- Emergency torch
- Fire extinguisher
- Laundry bag
- Shoe bag
- Internal telephone system
- Room service

Room Upgrades

Deluxe Suite

The Deluxes accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds and have their own lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Royal Suite

The Royals each take up half a carriage with their own private lounge area and en-suite bathroom with Victorian bath, separate shower, toilet and basin. They accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds. A dedicated host/ess is always available and services the suites daily.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please dress accordingly for excursions/game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available. Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.

2024 Departure dates:

- October 4, 25
- November 1, 8, 14, 22
- December 6, 20

2025 Departure dates:

- January 6*, 10, 17*#, 31
- February 13*#, 18*#, 21, 28
- March 14, 21
- April 4, 18
- May 2, 16
- June 13, 27, 30*#
- July 11, 25#
- August 1, 8, 22#
- September 5, 19*#, 26
- October 3, 10, 24, 31
- November 7, 20*#, 21#
- December 5#, 23#

#Certain dates in 2025 will carry new departure and arrival times as below (subject to change):

Depart Pretoria: 10:00hrs

Arrive Cape Town: 15:00hrs

*These departures will have Pullman Gold onboard (offers a split twin or double beds for the evening).

Excluded

- Onboard: champagne, gratuities, personal expenses, pre & post tour transfers and accommodation
- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package