



AFRICA

## DURBAN SAFARI - DURBAN TO PRETORIA (TOUR CODE: 12528)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

Durban to Pretoria

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

13 Feb 23 - 24 Sep 24

**EXPERIENCE**

Rail

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Rail Packages

A safari including game drives, a battlefield tale with a world-class historian and a look at eclectic African ceramics.

### Highlights

- 2 nights onboard Rovos Rail in a Pullman Suite
- Outdoor Viewing Area
- Ardmore Ceramics Gallery Visit
- Drakensberg Mountains
- Hear the historic tale of the battle of Spionkop
- Nambiti Reserve Game Drive
- Spionkop Reserve Game Drive
- Trundle through the Valley of a 1000 Hills

This safari between Durban and Pretoria departs during the summer months and includes game drives, a battlefield tale with a world-class historian and a look at unusual African ceramics.

Experience the Nambiti Conservancy – a Big Five private retreat set on 20,000 acres of malaria-free bushveld in KwaZulu-Natal. It has an incredible biodiversity including savannah, grasslands, thornveld and tall acacia trees.

Situated on an expansive game farm, Spionkop Lodge – which adjoins an 11 000-acre nature reserve – is the perfect base for exploring the mountains, bush, birds and battlefields of the region. Ardmore Ceramics is a story about the Zulu people whose sense of rhythm, colour, dance and song, as well as the spirit of the African imagination, is exerting its influence on the other continents of the world. Visit this charming centre in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands before travelling the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Durban.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
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## INCLUSIONS

- 2 Nights Accommodation Onboard in Rovos Rail in a Pullman Suite
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Serve onboard
- All beverages except champagne
- 24-Hour full room service and bar facilities
- Off-Train excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Depart Durban and visit Ardmore Ceramics Gallery

**10:00** Depart Durban Station onboard Rovos Rail.

Visit several museums and cultural sights, the beautiful botanical gardens and the superb shark-protected beaches are but a few of the city's many charms. The train traverses the spectacular Valley of a Thousand Hills. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car and observation car.

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

After lunch, visit the famous Ardmore Ceramics Gallery. Here, artists are encouraged to express their imagination based on nature and Zulu folklore and tradition.

**19:30** Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Ladysmith (*Dress: Formal, jacket and tie*)

Shortly after Frere, on the left of the track, stands a memorial to Winston Churchill who was captured here in November 1899 while trying to free an armoured train trapped by a Boer ambush.

Overnight on board.

Lunch, Dinner



ARDMORE CERAMICS

Day **2**

## Spionkop & Nambiti

06:30 **Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.**

Transfer (±30 min) to Spionkop Lodge for the morning. A choice of two excursions are available: Hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop OR Enjoy a game drive in the 11,000-acre reserve.

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

The Drakensberg Mountains were first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon's back, hence the name 'Dragon Mountain' or *Drakensberg* in Afrikaans. Enjoy a game drive in the Nambiti Reserve, a private Big Five bush retreat set on 20,000 acres of malaria-free bushveld with incredible biodiversity including savannah, grasslands, thornveld and tall acacia trees.

19:30 **Dinner is served in the dining cars en-route to Vooruitsig (Dress: Formal, jacket and tie)**

Pass Glencoe –site of the first battle of the Anglo Boer War and now the centre of the province's coalfields – then Newcastle, which has what is reputed to be the largest cella-dome Hindu temple in the southern hemisphere. From here, the train descends from Majuba Hill, site of the decisive battle that ended the First Anglo Boer War.

Overnight on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



KUDU IN NAMBITI

Day **3**

### Arrival into Pretoria

07:00 **Breakfast is served until 10:00.**

Travel northwest across and the goldfields of the Witwatersrand and the Highveld towards Balfour, a small mining town in Mpumalanga, and Heidelberg, site of the first Rand gold strike.

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

16:00 **Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.**

Breakfast, Lunch



ROVOS RAIL LOUNGE AREA

# 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.*

## **2023 Departure dates:**

- September 11
- October 16
- November 20
- December (no departures)

## **2024 Departure dates:**

- January 22
- February 12
- March 25
- April 15
- May - August (no departures)
- September 9
- December (no departures)

## **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