



Rovos Train

## SOUTH AFRICA & MORE

# ROVOS RAIL: CAPE TOWN TO DAR ES SALAAM (TOUR CODE: 13570)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Cape town to  
Dar es Salaam

### TRAVEL PERIODS

04 Jul 25 & 23 Sep 25

### EXPERIENCE

Cultural  
Rail

### TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Holiday Packages

This incredible train voyage traverses the countries of South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania, making it one of the most renowned global journeys.

## Highlights

- Chishimba Falls visit
- Journey through the Cape Winelands
- Madikwe Reserve game drives and overnight stay
- Matjiesfontein visit
- A game visit in the Nyerere National Park - the largest in Africa
- Traverse the Limpopo Province

Embarking from Cape Town, this journey invites passengers to explore a sequence of captivating destinations. The initial stop is at Cape Town, from where the adventure proceeds to Matjiesfontein, a historic village, followed by Kimberley, renowned for its diamond heritage, and the capital city of Pretoria, each offering brief tours. The itinerary then leads to a two-night stay at the Madikwe Game Reserve. The expedition continues through Botswana and into Zimbabwe, where travellers spend a night at the esteemed Victoria Falls Hotel.

Crossing the formidable Zambezi River marks the transition into Zimbabwe. Subsequently, the train seamlessly joins the Tazara line in Zambia, progressing to Chishimba Falls, where passengers partake in a bush walk. Advancing to the Tanzanian border, the train ascends and descends within the dramatic Great Rift Valley, navigating through tunnels, switchbacks, and viaducts that grace the stunning escarpment. Another ascent takes the journey through the expansive Selous Game Reserve, the continent's largest and a depiction of timeless African landscapes. The vibrant culmination of this expedition occurs in Dar es Salaam, following a bustling arrival the following day.

*Note: Itinerary available in the reverse direction.*



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

## INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation onboard Rovos Rail in a Pullman Gold Suite
- Victoria Falls Hotel overnight stay
- Lodge in Madikwe for two nights
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard
- All beverages onboard Rovos Rail except champagne
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities

## ITINERARY

### Intro Map

Rovos Rail - Cape Town to Dar es Salaam



### Day 1 Depart Cape Town

Begin your journey by checking in at the Rovos Rail Lounge. The train will depart from Cape Town Station, embarking on a

scenic route toward the Hex River Valley.

Later in the evening, indulge in a delightful dining experience as dinner is served in the charming dining cars. (*Dress: Formal, jacket and tie*)

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Dinner

## Day 2 Matjiesfontein

Start your day with a leisurely breakfast in the charming dining cars. Explore Matjiesfontein during a brief stop, discovering a museum and vintage car collection.

As the train journeys through the captivating Karoo region, indulge in a delightful lunch. Enjoy a serene tea session in the lounge and observation cars. End the day with a sumptuous dinner in the dining cars, combining culinary delights with scenic travel.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3 Kimberley

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast in the dining cars. Enjoy a delectable lunch in the same inviting setting. Explore the history of Kimberley by visiting its Diamond Mine Museum and the iconic Big Hole, uncovering the city's rich heritage rooted in the discovery of diamonds in 1871.

Later in the afternoon, indulge in a relaxing tea session in the lounge and observation cars. As the day winds down, savour a delightful dinner in the dining cars while en route to Klerksdorp, combining culinary excellence with a picturesque journey.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 4 Pretoria

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast in the dining cars. Explore Pretoria with a city tour, followed by lunch on the Rovos Rail Station platform. Weather permitting, enjoy a walking tour of the station and locomotive workshops.

Return to the train for a delightful dinner served in the dining cars as you journey en route to Zeerust.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 5 Madikwe Game Reserve

Start your day with breakfast served in the dining cars. At 11am, transfer to a lodge in Madikwe for a two-night stay, with lunch served upon arrival. Enjoy afternoon tea followed by a 3-hour game drive. End the day with dinner at the lodge. (*Dress: casual*)

Note: Madikwe stands as a premier malaria-free wildlife reserve renowned for its Big 5 presence, sharing a border with Botswana. Positioned within a transitional stretch between the bushveld of the Northwest Province and the Kalahari thornveld, the reserve boasts substantial volcanic formations, expansive open plains, and the riverine setting tracing the Marico River's course. This unique positioning gives rise to an exceptional array of species hailing from both ecosystems,

accompanied by a lush variety of vegetation and an impressive assembly of over 300 resident and migratory bird species.

Overnight stay at the **Madikwe**.

*Please pack a small bag for your 2-night stay in Madikwe. Tog bags have been placed in suites for convenience. Spa facilities available (at an additional cost). Payment in ZAR or by credit card only. Times of meals and activities confirmed on arrival.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 6 Madikwe Game Reserve

Embark on your day with a satisfying breakfast served at the lodge. Delight in a lunch experience later, complemented by an afternoon tea preceding a captivating game drive lasting approximately three hours. Conclude your day with a delightful dinner back at the lodge. *(Dress: Casual)*

Overnight stay at the **Madikwe**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7 Madikwe Game Reserve

Embark on a thrilling morning game drive, immersing yourself in the captivating wilderness for approximately 2 hours. Following this, savour a delightful breakfast back at the Lodge. Prepare your bags for collection at 10:00am, ensuring a smooth check-out process. Depart from the lodge and transfer to the train at Gaborone in Botswana. Expect border formalities en route, where guests are required to present themselves to border officials, and luggage may undergo a search.

Lunch will be a delightful affair in the dining cars as the train traverses the Tropic of Capricorn and the eastern edge of the Kalahari Basin, known as 'Kgalagadi' in Botswana. Covering extensive regions of Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa, the Kalahari, though not a true desert, offers unique landscapes experiencing occasional rainfall.

Indulge in a serene tea session in the lounge and observation cars before a formal dinner served in the dining cars.

*Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 8 At Leisure On Board

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast experience in the dining cars, followed by border formalities. Indulge in a sumptuous lunch served in the dining cars. Later in the afternoon, unwind with tea in the lounge and observation cars while traversing through the vast landscapes.

Enjoy the scenic journey as you pass Gwaai and Dete, experiencing one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line spanning 114 kilometers, along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park. Conclude your day with a delectable dinner served in the dining cars. *(Dress: Formal)*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

*Informative lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 9 Victoria Falls

Breakfast is served in the dining cars. Afterwards, arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with an overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome address on the lawn followed by lunch at Jungle Junction. Luggage will be delivered to your rooms. Later in the afternoon enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi.

Dinner is served in the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel.

Overnight stay at **Victoria Falls Hotel**.

*Guests will be required to pack a small overnight bag for their stay at Victoria Falls Hotel.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 10 Victoria Falls

Commence your day with a delightful breakfast at the Jungle Junction Restaurant. Following this, enjoy a leisurely exploration of the wonders of Victoria Falls. Savor a delicious lunch at Jungle Junction in the early afternoon. Later, gather on the station platform for departure to Zambia. Embark on a scenic journey across the iconic Victoria Falls Bridge, taking time to relax and enjoy tea in the lounge and observation cars. Border formalities will be conducted during this picturesque crossing.

Conclude your memorable experiences for the day with a sumptuous dinner served in the elegant dining cars.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

*Check-out time is approximately at 10:00am (to be advised). Luggage can be stored at the hotel until it is time to board the train.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 11 At Leisure On Board

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast in the dining cars while the train traverses the scenic Kafue Railway Bridge. Around midday, indulge in a delightful lunch as the journey takes you through Zambia's vibrant capital, Lusaka.

In the late afternoon, savour a serene tea time in the lounge and observation cars. As the day concludes, enjoy a sumptuous dinner onboard while enroute to the enchanting destination of Kapiri Mposhi. *(Dress: "Africa" Theme or smart casual)*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 12 At Leisure On Board

Embark on a captivating journey, beginning your day with a delightful breakfast. The train travels the Tazara railway line, an engineering tour de force and one of Africa's best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely tea session in the lounge and observation cars, immersing yourself in the charm of the journey. As the day progresses, indulge in the evening's culinary delight with a delectable dinner served in the dining cars, all while enroute to the enchanting destination of Kasama. *(Dress: Formal)*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **13** Chisimba Falls

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Enjoy a visit to Chisimba Falls where guests can take a walk down to the rock pools at the base of the falls or admire them from various viewpoints. The train climbs to the border, almost exactly the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes.

Enjoy lunch in the dining cars, followed by tea in the lounge and observation cars, where border formalities occur. Cap off the day with a scenic dinner as the train passes through Baobab forests and descends into the Rift Valley en route to Mbeya. *(Dress: Formal)*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **14** Makambako

Start your day with breakfast in the dining cars before optionally exploring Makambako. The train then heads to the Udzungwa Mountains, offering scenic views.

Enjoy lunch onboard, followed by a leisurely tea time in the lounge. Conclude the day with a sumptuous dinner in the dining cars, surrounded by picturesque landscapes and charming town vibes. *(Dress: Formal)*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **15** Nyerere National Park

Commence your day with a delightful continental breakfast as the train gracefully descends into Tanzania's highlands. Traverse through lush, fertile lands of Tanzania towards Nyerere.

Enjoy brunch until 11:45am, followed by a potential game visit in the Nyerere National Park - the largest in Africa (time permitting). Return to the train early evening, capping off your day with a delectable dinner en route to Gwata, enhancing your exploration with culinary elegance. *(Dress: "1920s" Theme or smart casual)*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **16** Dar es Salaam

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00am. Travel in an easterly direction towards the coast. Arrive at the end of your journey and disembark at Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

Rovos Rail (Pullman Gold)

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

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 Pullman Golds, used on long journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day, the suites are setup with split twin beds configured as sofa-seats (optional) with a conversion to split twin or double beds 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
- Day time 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 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 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 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 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.*

### **2025 Departure dates:**

- July 4 - July 19
- September 23 - October 8

### **Excluded**

- All off-train beverages, International sparkling wine; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre-and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights
- 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