



Rovos Train

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

STARTS AND ENDS

Cape town to
Dar es Salaam

TRAVEL PERIODS

12 Jan 24 - 23 Sep 25

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail 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.

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 travelers 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 Chisimba 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.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation onboard Rovos Rail
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees
- Victoria Falls Hotel overnight stay
- Lodge in Madikwe for 2 nights
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard
- All beverages onboard Rovos Rail except International sparkling wine

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Rovos Rail - Cape Town to Dar es Salaam



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 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, savor a serene tea time in the lounge and observation cars. As the day concludes, enjoy a sumptuous dinner served at 19:30 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 16 Dar Es Salaam

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

Day 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 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)

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 5 Madikwe Game Reserve

Prepare a small bag for your 2-night stay in Madikwe; convenient tog bags are provided in the suites. Spa facilities are available at an additional cost, with payment accepted in ZAR or by credit card only. Meal and activity times will be confirmed upon arrival.

Start your day with breakfast served in the dining cars until 10:00. At 11:00, 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)

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.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Madikwe Game Reserve

Embark on an early morning game drive lasting approximately 3 hours. Following this, indulge in a leisurely breakfast served at the lodge until 09:30. Enjoy lunch later in the day, followed by an afternoon tea and another 3-hour game drive. Conclude

your day with a delightful dinner at the lodge.

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Breakfast, Lunch, 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.

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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, savor a delightful dinner in the dining cars while en route to Klerksdorp, combining culinary excellence with a picturesque journey.

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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.

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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 at the Livingstone, Victoria Falls Hotel.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **15** Selous Game reserve

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

Enjoy brunch until 11:45, followed by a potential game visit. Return to the train at 18:00, 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 **10** Victoria Falls

Commence your day with a delightful breakfast at the Jungle Junction Restaurant, offering service. 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 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

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:

- January 12
- June 28
- September 13

2025 Departure dates:

- July 4
- September 23

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