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Highveld Safari



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The Most Luxurious Train in the World



ITINERARY

HIGHVELD SAFARI

8 DAYS · 2120KM

Pretoria · Nambiti · Bloemfontein · Kimberley · Kameel · Mareetsane · Mafikeng · Pretoria



WINGSHOOTERS		LEISURE GUESTS	
DAY 1: PRETORIA			
10:00	The train departs from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria and travels west across the goldfields of the Witwatersrand. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers.		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining car.		
15:00	Wingshooters gather in the observation car for a presentation of the rules and etiquette of hunting in South Africa, the activities that lie ahead and the estates that will be visited.		
16:30	Tea in the observation car as the train traverses the Highveld.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining car en route to Glencoe. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
DAY 2: GLENCOE		DAY 2: NAMBITI GAME RESERVE	
	<i>Typical birds are Wild Duck and Geese. Species may include Shelduck, White-faced and Yellow-billed Duck, Red-billed Teal as well as Egyptian and Spur-winged Geese.</i>	07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.
04:30	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.	08:30	Transfer (±30 min) to Nambiti Game 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, for a full-day game drive with lunch.
05:00	Full-day shoot in Glencoe with brunch in the field.		
18:00	Return to the train.	17:00	Rejoin the train.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining car as the train travels to Bloemfontein. <i>Dress: Formal</i>	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining car as the train travels to Bloemfontein. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
DAY 3: KLOOFEIND		DAY 3: BLOEMFONTEIN	
	<i>Typical birds are Rock Pigeon and Dove.</i>	07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.
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08:30	Full-day shoot in the Motheo region with packed lunches in the field.		Lunch at a local estate.
17:00	Return to the train.	12:30	
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining car as the train travels to Kimberley. <i>Dress: Formal</i>	14:00	Enjoy a game drive or return to the train.
		19:30	Dinner is served in the dining car. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
DAY 4: KIMBERLEY & MATTANU GAME RESERVE			
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.		
09:30	Disembark at Kimberley for a tour of the Diamond Mine Museum and the extraordinary Big Hole .		
12:30	Enjoy lunch at the Kimberley Club .		
14:00	Return to the train to freshen up.		
15:00	Disembark for a game drive at Mattanu Game Reserve.		
19:30	Enjoy a traditional barbecue dinner at Mattanu's Camelthorn-tree boma. <i>Dress: Casual</i>		
	Rejoin the train and depart for Kameel.		

DAY 5: KAMEEL		DAY 5: KAMEEL	
07:00	<i>Typical birds are Guineafowl, Francolin, Partridge.</i> Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure. Full-day shoot in Kameel . Enjoy lunch in the field with the leisure guests followed by two more drives. Return to the train. Dinner is served in the dining car as the train travels to Mareetsane. <i>Dress: Formal</i>	07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.
08:00		09:15	Enjoy a game drive in the Kameel area.
18:00		13:30	Lunch in the field with the guns. Enjoy the final two drives of the day with the guns before returning to the train at 18:00.
19:30		19:30	Dinner is served in the dining car as the train travels to Mareetsane. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
DAY 6: MAREETSANE		DAY 6: MAREETSANE	
07:00	<i>This is Guineafowl country, while Swainson's Francolin and Orange River Partridge may be seen.</i> Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure. Full-day shoot in Mareetsane . Lunch in the field followed by a driven Dove shoot. Enjoy dinner at Mosita. <i>Dress: Casual</i>	07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.
08:00		09:00	Enjoy a game drive at a local estate.
19:00		12:30	Lunch is served at a lodge. Join the guns for their last drives.
		19:00	Enjoy dinner at Mosita. <i>Dress: Casual</i> Rejoin the train and depart for Mafikeng.
DAY 7: MAFIKENG		DAY 7: MADIKWE GAME RESERVE	
06:00	<i>This is Guineafowl country, while Swainson's Francolin and Orange River Partridge may be seen.</i> Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure. Enjoy a full-day shoot in Buhrmansdrift with lunch in the field. Dinner is served in the dining car as the train travels to Pretoria. <i>Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual</i>	07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until departure.
07:30		08:00	Transfer (±20 min) to Mafikeng Airport for a short flight (±30 min) to the Big 5 Madikwe Game Reserve for a game drive.
19:30		12:30	Lunch is served at Tau Lodge .
		15:30	Return to the airstrip for the short flight to Mafikeng.
		19:30	Dinner is served. <i>Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual</i>
DAY 8: ALL GUESTS			
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining car until 10:00.		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining car.		
17:00	Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria .		

KLOOFFEIND is located in the middle of the Motheo region of the Free State Province. Situated on dry grassland, the region is well known not only for its golden fields of wheat and maize but also for the hospitality of the various game reserves and private farms where country lifestyle and hunting can be experienced.

BLOEMFONTEIN is the seat of the South African judicial system. At the end of the 19th century it was also the capital of the old Boer Republic of The Orange Free State. Bloemfontein is capital of the Free State Province and known as the City of Roses. The Women's Memorial at the Anglo Boer War Museum is a reminder of life in the concentration camps and commemorates the 27 000 women and children who died in these camps. The Museum itself is a graphic depiction of the hardship endured by all during the war and relates the history of South Africa from 1652. Oliewenhuis – a Neo-Dutch style mansion – was designed by William Mollison, Head Architect of the Department of Public Works and his assistant, John Stockwing Cleland in 1935. Completed in 1941, this mansion, located on Grant's Hill, served as residence for the Governor General of the Union of South Africa from 1942. It now houses an extensive collection of South African art and the gardens offer a relaxing atmosphere.

EMOYA is a big cat sanctuary that was founded in 2006 with the long term goal of breeding with cheetahs. Their intention is to release them back into a 'protected wild' where they will be interfered with as little as possible by humans, yet will still be monitored closely by vets and researchers in order for them to gain better insight into the lives of these magnificent creatures. Capital of the Northern Cape,

KIMBERLEY is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871.

MATTANU PRIVATE GAME RESERVE is in the Northern Cape Province approximately 50km northwest of the diamond digging city of Kimberley. Nestled in the shade of indigenous Camelthorn trees, this family-owned lodge has breeding programmes of Roan, Sable, Buffalo, Royal Oryx, Golden Oryx, Golden Gnu, Black Impala, Tsessebe and Livingstone Eland together on the same property.

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE is a conservation area in South Africa's Northwest Province, bordering Botswana. The reserve's grassland, forest and rocky Tshwene Tshwene hills are home to a variety of wildlife such as elephants, lions, leopards and rhinos plus endangered wild dogs. Hundreds of bird species include ostrich, vultures and the large Kori Bustard.

Please note that unseasonal weather can affect bird numbers. All leisure-guest excursions are accompanied by a qualified tour guide or historian. The wingshooters' itinerary is prebooked. No additions without sufficient notice.

Please dress accordingly for 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 (season dependent). Rain capes are available.

Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.

Please check with the Train Manager or reservations@rovos.co.za for any updates or changes to the itinerary.

In your suite you will find the Journeys magazine that features articles of interest related to the route.

We strongly discourage giving any form of handout to children while travelling. This action may have detrimental consequences to local communities. If you would like to give responsibly, we support many local charities and would be happy to assist.

INCLUDES Accommodation; meals; beverages; room service; limited laundry; guided excursions (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; shoots, licences, ammunition and field assistants; govt. tax. **EXCLUDES** Pre- and post-tour accommodation, flights and transfers; visas; insurance; guns and permits; game/trophies shot; taxidermy; gratuities; international sparkling wine; personal expenses.

MEALS ON BOARD (unless adjusted) Breakfast 07:00-10:00 • Lunch 13:00 • Tea 16:30 • Dinner 19:30.



SPECIFICATIONS

ROYAL SUITES

±16m² · ±172ft²

Bed Dimensions: LxW in CM

Double: 200x189

Split Twin: 200x75



Double Lengthways



Split Twin

Minibar, air conditioning, writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with toilet, basin, bath and shower.

DELUXE SUITES

±10m² · ±108ft²

Bed Dimensions: LxW in CM

Double Lengthways: 189x189

Double Crosswise: 189x160

Split Twin: 189x75



Double Lengthways



Double Crosswise



Split Twin

Minibar, air conditioning, writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with toilet, basin and shower.

PULLMAN SUITES

±7m² · ±76ft²

Bed Dimensions: LxW in CM

Double: 189x150

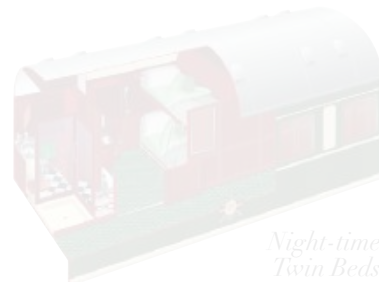
Side-by-side Twin: 189x75

Single lower: 189x94

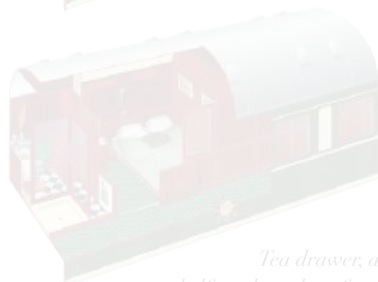
Single upper: 189x60



Daytime Sofa Couch



Night-time Twin Beds



Night-time Double or Side-by-side Twin

Tea drawer, air conditioning, fold-out writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, safe, en-suite bathroom with toilet, basin and shower.

THE SUITES & COACHES

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars, a lounge car (±26 seats), small gift shop, smoking lounge (±11 seats) and observation car (±32 seats) with open-air balcony. The three types of suites are elegant and spacious offering passengers privacy, comfort and luxury with double or twin beds and fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard. All have en-suites with shower, toilet, basin and bath (Royal only), tea facilities, safes, air conditioning, linen and amenities and are serviced daily. There is adequate storage and small cupboards with hangers and shelves.

Suite layouts may differ from images.

ROYAL SUITES



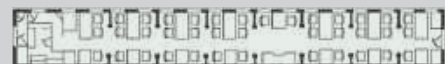
DELUXE SUITES



PULLMAN SUITES



PILLARED DINING CAR



BANQUETTE DINING CAR



OBSERVATION CAR



LOUNGE CAR



CLUB LOUNGE & DELUXE CAR



STAFF CAR



KITCHEN CAR



GENERATOR CAR



AMENITIES: Rovos Rail provides a complete amenity bag with the following South African biodegradable and/or recyclable products: soap (50g), tissues, shampoo (50ml), hand and body wash (50ml), hand and body lotion (50ml), lip balm (7g), insect repellent gel (10ml), reusable bamboo rounds, bamboo ear buds and a shower cap. Plug-in hairdryers – in addition to your bathroom unit (if applicable) – are available on board as well as sun cream, shoe mits, nail files, sewing kits and ear plugs.

CHILDREN: We do accommodate children but we kindly ask parents to be sensitive to the adult nature and atmosphere of the train by keeping them respectful and quiet. Long journeys are not recommended for under 13s. Children between 0-2 years old are not permitted to travel. There are no child-minding facilities or activities available for children on board. See Child Policy on rovos.com.

CURRENCY

- South Africa – Rands only. We accept all major credit cards on the train.
- Outside of South Africa – Rands are accepted in Namibia and eSwatini. US Dollars are accepted in Zimbabwe, Tanzania (Dar es Salaam only), DRC and Angola. Cash is highly recommended. Hotels and major dealers accept credit cards.
- US Dollars printed before year 2013 or that look worn will not be accepted. Low denominations recommended for shopping/gratuities. Larger denominations recommended for exchanging money to local currency (especially in Tanzania) as you get a better rate.

DIETARIES: We cater for food allergies provided a detailed request has been made at that time of your reservation. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We regret we are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

DINING: Meals on board are served in one sitting only in the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. Breakfast: 07:00-10:00 • Lunch: 13:00 • Tea: 16:30 • Formal Dinner: 19:30. Bar service is from 07:00-±01:00. All meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated in the timetable. A gong heralds lunch and dinner.

DRESS

- **Days on board are smart casual:** Neat, conventional yet relatively informal in style combining casual and formal clothing pieces.
- **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. We enjoy a **themed evening** where guests can **dress up accordingly** or opt for **smart casual:** 1 x “1920s” evening.
- **Off-train excursions:** We recommend comfortable walking shoes, sun lotion and hats. If required, blankets and rain capes are available.
- **Game drives** are on open vehicles so 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.

DRESSING GOWNS: We provide a comfortable one-size-fits-all gown plus slippers for each guest for use on board the train. If you wish to take one home, they are available to purchase from the Gift Shop.

ELECTRICITY: 220V AC 50Hz 3-point round-pronged wall plugs and 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers and chargers. USB ports are in each suite. International adaptors available. A generator supplies power. Please be aware that certain breaks in power are necessary when servicing is required.

GIFT SHOP/ADMINISTRATION: There is a small gift shop on the train and at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Due to the varying exchange rates, credit cards are preferred. The Administration Deputy on duty has a basic First Aid Kit and personal essentials (toothbrushes, razors, earplugs etc.). He/she will also fulfil any administrative requirements and check your onward arrangements.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities for the staff are at your discretion. If you wish to show your appreciation in this manner, there will be a suitably marked envelope in your suite that you can hand directly to the Train Manager who will distribute any amounts on a pro-rata basis (share) among the staff on board. An amount between ZAR100-300 (± US\$10-20) per person per night is suggested, depending on the length of your journey. At the game lodges, it is customary to tip guides and lodge staff an estimated ZAR150 (± US\$10) per guest per day.

LANGUAGES: The staff on board mainly speak English and local languages. For most of the long journeys and dependent on the language, translated itineraries and on-board information will be provided.

LAUNDRY: There is a LIMITED laundry service (10 items/day) on board comprising household washers, dryers and steam irons. The turnaround is 48 hours so we are unable to handle a week's worth of laundry. There are no dry-cleaning facilities en route or on board. Please note that while this a complimentary service we cannot be held responsible for items that may be damaged or lost in the process.

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 in Pretoria only.

LUGGAGE: It is possible to store luggage in your suite under the bed or above the door on a luggage rack, which provides ample space for storage. There are no luggage restrictions on board although we do not recommend more than two large suitcases. On selected long journeys, guests are provided with a Rovos Rail tog bag that can be used for overnight trips or hand luggage on aircraft. A soft bag is preferable on plane transfers with a luggage weight restriction of 15kg.

MAGAZINES, MAPS & GAMES: There are board games, cards, a card table (dependent), books and magazines available for your use in the lounge and observation cars while on board. In your suite is a map, itinerary and the *Journeys* magazine featuring articles of interest related to your route. If the map supplied is not comprehensive enough you may purchase a more detailed map from the Gift Shop.

MEDICAL

- **All guests are solely responsible for ensuring they are capable of undertaking the tours and activities.**
- Please inform us at the time of your reservation if you have any medical conditions, physical disabilities or allergies.
- We have a doctor on board on the 15-day Dar es Salaam and Lobito journeys.
- Anti-malarial precautions are recommended. Malaria areas: eSwatini, Kruger Park, Northern Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Etosha, Tanzania, DRC and Angola.
- Recommended immunisations (not required): Hepatitis A + B, Polio, Tetanus, Cholera (low risk).
- Ebola is confined to the northeast of DRC. We traverse the very southern tip of the country thousands of miles away on the Lobito journeys.
- A Yellow Fever/Medical Exemption Certificate is **essential** if travelling to/from **DRC** and **Angola**. Although all countries travelled through don't require this, countries guests return to **after** the trip often require them.
- Please consult your clinic or doctor. TRAVEL DOCTOR AFRICA *local* 0861 300 911 or *international* +27 (0) 11 214 9030.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Each train is equipped with a standard medical kit, oxygen, automated external defibrillator and a wheelchair. For emergencies there are private healthcare hospitals available. Outside of South Africa, private hospitals are not guaranteed. We can organise evacuation either by road or air to a medical facility should this be required (own account). All our Train Managers have completed First Aid up to Level 3 and are trained in emergency situations. We do, however, strongly recommend that you explain your concerns to your travel insurance company so they can provide you with the necessary cover to meet and exceed such an eventuality.

MOBILE DEVICES & INTERNET: In maintaining the spirit of train travel 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 guests 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. Wi-Fi is available at our lounges in Cape Town and Pretoria and at most off-train accommodation (although not always guaranteed).

MOBILITY: We are able to accommodate guests with walking difficulties although we recommend an able-bodied passenger accompany them. We regret that the train is not suitable for wheelchair-bound passengers. Should you have mobility impairments/restrictions or special requirements, we urge you to inform your travel agent or Rovos Rail at the time of booking. See Mobility Info on rovos.com.

PETS: We do not allow any pets or emotional-support animals on board.

POSTAGE: Stamps are available for sale from the Gift Shop. Postcards may be handed to the Administration Deputy for posting.

SECURITY: An electronic safe is provided in the cupboard in each suite. When on board we encourage guests to close shutters or preferably shutters and windows when not in your suites. Please be particularly mindful when passing through stations. The train doors in the passages are all locked from the inside. Your suite door can also lock from the inside.

SERVICE: A dedicated host/ess is available 24 hours a day. They can be called from the telephone in your suite. Your suite is cleaned daily and there is a nightly turndown service. The Train Manager and Deputy Train Manager are on hand throughout the journey to help with any queries. The Administration Deputy is available for an administrative requirements and is based at the Gift Shop.

SMOKING: On board the train, smoking is allowed in the smoking Club Lounge only. **HOWEVER**, please be mindful of other guests who do not smoke, that the train is generally made up of wood and DO NOT throw flammable items such as cigarette or cigar butts off the train. Bush fires in Africa are a constant and dangerous hazard. Please note at the time of your reservation if you are smoking or non-smoking so that the appropriate room might be requested at the hotels/lodges.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS: Please note at the time of your reservation if you are celebrating an occasion as we'd like to share it with you.

SUITES & COACHES *Measurements in centimetres (cm) = Length x Width*

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- Royal Suites** (±16m²/±172ft²) each take up half a carriage and are spacious and elegant. Each has its own private lounge area and en-suite bathroom with Victorian bath, separate shower, toilet and basin. **BEDS:** Double 200x189 • Split Twin 200x75.
- Deluxe Suites** (±10m²/±108ft²) have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. **BEDS:** Lengthways Double 189x189 • Crosswise Double 189x160 • Split Twin 189x75.

TEMPERATURE & TIME ZONES: All public cars are fitted with gas-filled air-conditioning systems. Each suite has an individual air conditioner with temperature controls that can also be set to heat mode. Windows should be closed while operating the air-conditioning unit. Electric under-blankets are fitted on the bed.

AVERAGE TEMPS °C	JAN/FEB		MAR/APR		MAY/JUN		JUL/AUG		SEP/OCT		NOV/DEC		Rainfall Months	TIME ZONE
AREA	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max		
Cape Town, RSA	16	28	13	26	9	21	7	19	9	22	13	27	Apr-Aug	GMT+2
Pretoria, RSA	18	30	15	27	7	23	4	22	13	28	16	30	Oct-Mar	GMT+2
Durban, RSA	21	29	19	28	12	25	16	25	16	26	19	28	Oct-Mar	GMT+2
Nambiti, RSA	15	30	12	27	2	21	7	25	10	27	13	29	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Kimberley, RSA	17	33	12	30	5	22	2	20	10	28	15	30	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Bloemfontein, RSA	14	30	8	27	-1	18	-1	20	6	27	12	30	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Gaborone, Botswana	19	33	14	30	7	25	5	25	14	31	18	33	Dec-Mar	GMT+2
Vic Falls, Zimbabwe	15	29	14	29	8	23	7	27	16	28	16	26	Dec-Mar	GMT+2

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 in your amenities bag and at the Gift Shop.

WATER: The water used on the train is carried in tanks under each coach. These tanks are filled every day but they cannot be topped up while the train is travelling. Please assist us by using water responsibly. Water inside the suites has been filtered and chlorinated; it is safe for bathing and brushing teeth only. Please use the bottled water provided for drinking.