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Rovos Rail Golf Safari: A 9-Night Luxury Train Adventure through Southern Africa's Premier Golf Courses

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Overview

Embark on Rovos Rail's 9-night Golf Safari, a meticulously crafted journey that combines the timeless elegance of luxury train travel with the thrill of playing on Southern Africa's most prestigious golf courses. This unique expedition begins and ends in Pretoria, guiding you through a captivating landscape of diverse cultures and breathtaking natural beauty. As your train glides across the continent, you'll have the opportunity to tee off at world-renowned courses while non-golfing companions enjoy a parallel itinerary of enriching excursions.

The Golf Safari is designed for both the ardent golfer and the discerning leisure traveler. Golfers will find themselves challenged by championship courses like Sun City's Gary Player and Lost City, the scenic Champagne Sports Resort nestled in the Drakensberg, the historic Durban Country Club, and the exclusive Highland Gate. Each course offers a unique blend of strategic play and stunning backdrops, from volcanic craters to mountain ranges and coastal vistas. Meanwhile, leisure guests delve into the rich history and vibrant wildlife of the region, with game drives in Pilanesberg and Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, cultural visits to eSwatini, and city explorations in Durban and Dullstroom. This journey is more than just a tour; it's an immersive experience, where every detail, from the gourmet dining on board to the carefully planned excursions, is orchestrated to perfection, offering a luxurious and unforgettable exploration of Southern Africa's golfing and natural treasures.

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DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

PRETORIA / RUSTENBURG

As the Rovos Rail glides away from Pretoria, you feel a wave of anticipation wash over you.

The gentle rhythm of the train lulls you into a state of tranquility, allowing you to savor the stunning landscapes of South Africa unfold beyond your window. Each passing moment fills you with a sense of connection to this rich land, steeped in history and culture.Arriving in Rustenburg, you are enveloped by the warmth of its heritage, and the promise of adventure at the nearby Pilanesberg Mountains ignites your spirit.

DAY 2

HEIDELBERG / PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK / SUN CITY



You awaken to the soft hum of the Rovos Rail, the anticipation of the day ahead wrapping around you like a warm embrace. As you arrive at Pilanesberg National Park, a rush of exhilaration fills your heart; the vast wilderness opens up before you, a reminder that nature's beauty is a powerful antidote to life's chaos.

The thrill of encountering the Big Five ignites your spirit, connecting you to something larger than yourself.Later, as you stroll through the opulent grounds of Sun City, the laughter of fellow travelers mingles with the gentle rustle of palm leaves, creating a symphony of joy.



DAY 3

GLENCOE / LADYSMITH / MAJUBA HILL / NEWCASTLE

As you gaze out at the rolling landscapes of Glencoe, a profound sense of connection washes over you, intertwining with the stories of the land. The echoes of history resonate within, from the first battle of the Anglo Boer War to the serene beauty of Ladysmith, inviting you to reflect on the journey of resilience and courage.

In this moment aboard the Rovos Rail, you find peace and joy, savoring each meal thoughtfully prepared as you traverse the majestic Majuba Hill. With every passing vista, memories are etched into your heart, transforming your understanding of Southern Africa's rich heritage and leaving you with a deep-seated appreciation for its vibrant culture.

DAY 4

CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT / CHIEVELEY / SPIONKOP



You awaken to the gentle rhythm of the Rovos Rail, the dawn light spilling over the rolling hills of the Drakensberg.

At Champagne Sports Resort, with your golf clubs in hand, you feel a surge of excitement as the breathtaking course unfolds before you, each swing echoing laughter and camaraderie that enriches your spirit.Later, as you savor a historical narrative at the Battle of Spionkop, a profound connection to South Africa’s past envelops you, stirring a deep appreciation for the land’s rich heritage.



DAY 5

COTSWOLD DOWNS / DURBAN / MT EDGECOMBE / UMHLANGA

You awaken to the soft clinking of fine china as breakfast is served in the luxurious dining car, anticipating the vibrant day ahead in Durban.

The city, rich in Indian and Zulu influences, envelops you in warmth as you wander through the tranquil Durban Botanical Gardens, where every fragrant bloom evokes a sense of peace and connection to nature.As you stroll along Umhlanga's stunning beachfront, the sun glistens on the ocean, filling your heart with joy and a profound appreciation for life's beauty.

DAY 6

ESWATINI / HLUHLUWE / MPAKA



As dawn breaks over the verdant hills of Hluhluwe, you awaken to the promise of adventure, the aroma of fresh coffee mingling with the crisp morning air.

Today, you feel a deep connection to the wild, your heart racing with anticipation as you set out on a thrilling game drive through the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, where the majesty of nature unfolds before your eyes.Returning to the luxury of the Rovos Rail, you savor a sumptuous lunch while the scenery shifts to the enchanting Kingdom of eSwatini.



DAY 7

KOMATIPOORT / MALELANE / MKHAYA RESERVE / ROYAL SWAZI SUN / SWAZI CANDLES

You awaken to the gentle sway of the Rovos Rail, the aroma of fresh breakfast wafting through the dining car, and a sense of excitement fills the air as you prepare for a day of exploration in the Kingdom of eSwatini.

The thrill of the game drive at Mkhaya Game Reserve invites you to connect with nature, igniting a deep appreciation for the endangered wildlife that calls this sanctuary home.Your visit to Swazi Candles is an enchanting experience, where vibrant colors and artisan craftsmanship come alive, touching your heart and sparking joy in every creation.

DAY 8

DRAKENSBERG / KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

As dawn breaks in the Drakensberg, you savor the first light filtering through the dining car, a moment that feels almost sacred.

Each bite of breakfast carries the warmth of camaraderie, igniting a sense of connection with fellow travelers who share your passion for discovery.In the vast expanse of Kruger National Park, your heart races with the thrill of the wild; the roar of a lion echoes in the distance, a reminder of nature's raw beauty.





DAY 9

DULLSTROOM / HIGHLAND GATE / WALKERSON'S HOTEL

You awaken to the soft whispers of Dullstroom, where the crisp mountain air fills your lungs, igniting a sense of peace.

As you indulge in a sumptuous breakfast aboard the luxury train, the anticipation of the day ahead stirs within you, a blend of excitement and serenity.Your heart swells with joy as you step onto the lush greens of Highland Gate Golf & Trout Estate, where each swing connects you deeper to the breathtaking Southern Africa landscape.

DAY 10

PRETORIA

As the sun rises over Pretoria, you reflect on the transformative journey that has unfolded within you. The gentle rhythm of the luxury train has soothed your spirit, while the breathtaking landscapes of Southern Africa have ignited a sense of wonder. Memories of laughter shared over exquisite meals and the camaraderie forged with fellow travelers fill your heart with joy.

Arriving at Rovos Rail Station, you feel a profound connection to this vibrant city and its rich history. The thrill of discovering its iconic landmarks intertwines with the friendships you've nurtured, leaving you with a lasting sense of peace and fulfillment, ready to embrace the world anew.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

Tips & Travel Guide

Check-in Information

For your Rovos Rail Golf Safari, check-in is at Rovos Rail Station, 1 Transnet Avenue, Capital Park, Pretoria, South Africa. Guests are requested to check-in a minimum of one hour before departure. If you wish to visit the museum or take a site tour at the station, it is recommended to arrive two hours prior. Passports are required at check-in, and luggage will be tagged and placed in your suite, where a full itinerary pack will await you.

Dining Schedule

Meals on board are served in one sitting in the elegant dining cars, accompanied by a selection of fine South African wines. A gong heralds lunch and dinner. Breakfast is served from **07:00-10:00**, Lunch at **13:00**, Tea at **16:30**, and Formal Dinner at **19:30**. Bar service is available from **07:00-01:00** daily, unless otherwise stated in the itinerary.

Dress Code

Days on board: Smart casual attire is recommended, combining neat, conventional, yet relatively informal clothing. For **Dinner on board:** Formal attire is required. For gentlemen, a jacket and tie are a minimum requirement (from 2024, a collar and tie will be mandatory, while a jacket is optional). Ladies are encouraged to wear cocktail/evening dresses or suits. On long journeys, themed evenings (e.g., 'Africa' or '1920s' themes) may allow for themed dress-up or smart casual. For **Off-train excursions and game drives:** Comfortable walking shoes, sun lotion, and hats are advised. Mornings can be cool, warming up considerably, while afternoons can be warm, cooling down. Rain capes are available. Golf courses have specific dress codes, so consult the Golf Course Information section.

Electricity & Connectivity

The train operates on 220V AC 50Hz. Suites are equipped with 3-point round-pronged wall plugs and 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers and chargers, along with USB ports. International adaptors are available. While a generator supplies power, be aware that occasional breaks in power are necessary for servicing. Mobile phone and laptop use is confined to suites. Wi-Fi is available at Rovos Rail lounges in Cape Town and Pretoria, and at most off-train accommodation, though not always guaranteed. On board, reception can be poor while the train is moving.

Climate & Weather

Southern Africa experiences varied climates. Mornings on excursions and game drives can be cool, warming up considerably, while afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats, and sun protection are advised. Electric under-blankets are fitted on beds for cooler nights. For specific temperature ranges by area and month, refer to the detailed table provided in your itinerary pack.

Onboard Amenities

Each suite receives a complete amenity bag with South African biodegradable/recyclable products: soap (40g), bamboo tissues, shampoo (50ml), hand/body wash (50ml), hand/body lotion (50ml), lip balm (15ml/7g), insect repellent spray (100ml for journeys over 4 days), reusable bamboo rounds, bamboo ear buds, and a compostable shower cap. Plug-in hairdryers are available, as are sun cream, shoe mitts, nail files, sewing kits, ear plugs, and insect repellent. A limited laundry service (10 items/day) is available with a 48-hour turnaround; dry-cleaning is not available. Dressing gowns and

Medical Information

Guests are responsible for ensuring they are capable of undertaking tours and activities. Rovos Rail is equipped with a standard medical kit, oxygen, automated external defibrillator, and a wheelchair. Private healthcare hospitals are available in South Africa, but not guaranteed elsewhere. Train Managers are First Aid Level 3 trained. Anti-malarial precautions are recommended, as eSwatini, Kruger Park, and other areas on the route are malaria-risk zones. Recommended immunisations include Hepatitis A + B, Polio, Tetanus, and Cholera (low risk). A Yellow Fever/Medical Exemption Certificate is essential for travel to/from DRC and Angola, and may be required by countries visited after your trip. Consult your clinic or doctor; Travel Doctor Africa can be reached at 0861 300 911 (local) or +27 (0) 11 214 9030 (international).

Luggage

Luggage can be stored in your suite under the bed or above the door on a luggage rack. While there are no strict restrictions on board, two large suitcases are generally sufficient. For overnight trips or hand luggage on aircraft, a soft bag is preferable, with a weight restriction of 15kg for flights.

Currency

In South Africa, Rands are accepted, and major credit cards are taken on the train. Outside 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 in these areas. US Dollars printed before 2013 or worn notes are not accepted. Low denominations are recommended for shopping/gratuities, while larger denominations are better for exchanging to local currency, especially in Tanzania.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Jan 5, 2027	Deluxe Suite	**$270,200**	**$193,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$190,400**	**$136,000**
	Royal Suite	—	**$256,000**
Jan 26, 2027	Deluxe Suite	**$270,200**	**$193,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$190,400**	**$136,000**
	Royal Suite	—	**$256,000**
Mar 16, 2027	Deluxe Suite	**$270,200**	**$193,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$190,400**	**$136,000**
	Royal Suite	—	**$256,000**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$267,650**	**$190,450**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$187,850**	**$133,450**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$253,450**
Sep 28, 2027	Deluxe Suite	**$270,200**	**$193,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$190,400**	**$136,000**
	Royal Suite	—	**$256,000**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$265,960**	**$188,760**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$186,160**	**$131,760**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$251,760**
Oct 19, 2027	Deluxe Suite	**$270,200**	**$193,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$190,400**	**$136,000**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$265,960**	**$188,760**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$186,160**	**$131,760**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$251,760**
Jan 5, 2028	Deluxe Suite	**$293,300**	**$209,500**
	Pullman Suite	**$206,500**	**$147,500**
	Royal Suite	—	**$277,800**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$289,060**	**$205,260**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$202,260**	**$143,260**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$273,560**
Feb 16, 2028	Deluxe Suite	**$293,300**	**$209,500**
	Pullman Suite	**$206,500**	**$147,500**
	Royal Suite	—	**$277,800**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$289,060**	**$205,260**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$202,260**	**$143,260**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$273,560**
Mar 1, 2028	Deluxe Suite	**$293,300**	**$209,500**
	Pullman Suite	**$206,500**	**$147,500**
	Royal Suite	—	**$277,800**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$289,060**	**$205,260**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$202,260**	**$143,260**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$273,560**
Sep 6, 2028	Deluxe Suite	**$293,300**	**$209,500**
	Pullman Suite	**$206,500**	**$147,500**
	Royal Suite	—	**$277,800**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$289,060**	**$205,260**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$202,260**	**$143,260**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$273,560**
Oct 11, 2028	Deluxe Suite	**$293,300**	**$209,500**
	Pullman Suite	**$206,500**	**$147,500**
	Royal Suite	—	**$277,800**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$289,060**	**$205,260**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$202,260**	**$143,260**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$273,560**

Rates shown in South African Rand (ZAR). Approximate USD equivalents available upon request.

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

EARLY BIRD FARES

Book early, pay less

Plan ahead and you'll pay less for exactly the same journey. Every cabin on this tour has an Early Bird fare. Look for it in the booking calendar, right next to the regular fare: it is labelled "<cabin> Early Bird".

6 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save $250

per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save $150

per person

INSIDE 3 MONTHS

Regular fare

the Early Bird fare closes

CABIN	REGULAR DOUBLE (PP)	EARLY BIRD, 6+ MONTHS AHEAD	EARLY BIRD, 3–6 MONTHS AHEAD
Deluxe Suite	**from $193,000**	**from $192,750** save $250	**from $192,850** save $150
Pullman Suite	**from $136,000**	**from $135,750** save $250	**from $135,850** save $150
Royal Suite	**from $256,000**	**from $255,750** save $250	**from $255,850** save $150

Double fares per person, two sharing; "from" is the lowest fare across the departures listed above. The saving depends on the cabin's regular price per person: $250 / $150 on journeys from $8,000, $150 / $100 from $5,000, and $50 on shorter trips. It's the same cabin, the same itinerary and everything included as before. The only difference is the price. Early Bird fares are limited to the cabins on each departure and close automatically. If you already know your dates, now is the time to book.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Payment Terms

25% of total tour cost due at the time of booking. 75% balance due no later than 65 days prior to tour departure date. All reservations are subject to availability and will be confirmed upon receipt of the required deposit. A provisional booking will be held for 14 days, after which the 25% deposit is due.

Cancellation Fees

Timeframe Before Departure	Cancellation Fee
More than 95 days	10% of total tour price
95–66 days	25% of total tour price
65–36 days	50% of total tour price
35 days or less / failure to travel	100% of total tour price (no refund)

A 5% Administrative Fee will be charged by Palace Tours on any applicable refunds. All cancellation fees apply to the full tour price before any discounts or coupons. Cancellation insurance is compulsory as these fees will not be waived. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing.

Change of Date / Name / Occupancy

Changes may be requested up to 125 days prior to departure and are subject to availability and supplier approval. No changes will be permitted within 65 days prior to departure. Any request within this period will be treated as a cancellation and subject to the applicable cancellation fees. All changes may incur additional costs, which will be advised prior to confirmation. No changes will be processed without written authorization and payment of any applicable fees.

Payment Methods

Payments may be made via bank transfer or credit card. All payments must reference the booking number and be supported by proof of payment. Refunds, when applicable, will be processed to the original form of payment. Any exchange rate fluctuations or bank charges are the responsibility of the client.

What's Included

- Accommodation on board
- All meals on board
- All beverages on board
- Room service
- Limited laundry
- Excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable)
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Government tax
- Flights to/from Sosusvale

- Off-train accommodation (Sossusvlei and Etosha) including meals, water, tea/coffee, and breakfast juices

What's Not Included

- All off-train beverages (excluding water, tea/coffee, and breakfast juices at lodges)
- International sparkling wine
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation, and flights

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended and is required to cover cancellation fees, medical emergencies, and unforeseen circumstances. Clients are responsible for securing their own insurance coverage and should travel with a copy of their policy including the insurance company name, policy number, and 24-hour medical emergency telephone number.

Passports & Visas

Valid passports and any required visas are the sole responsibility of the client and must be obtained prior to departure. Passports must have at least five blank visa pages and must be valid for at least six months from the return-home date. This tour passes through South Africa and Namibia; please confirm visa requirements for your nationality well in advance.

Health & Medical

Guests are solely responsible for ensuring they are capable of undertaking the tours and activities. Please inform us at the time of booking if you have any medical conditions, physical disabilities, or allergies. Anti-malarial precautions are recommended for certain areas visited on this itinerary, including Etosha National Park. Please consult your clinic or doctor for the latest medical advice prior to travel.

General Conditions

All services are provided subject to availability and supplier terms and conditions. Schedules, routing, and excursions are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed. Times are approximate and excursion arrangements may be altered due to operational, weather, or other factors beyond our control. The operator is not liable for loss, damage, injury, delays, or unforeseen events beyond its control. Participation in tours and related activities is voluntary and at the client's own risk.

Guest Indemnity

Although certain limited insurances have been arranged, the operator and its agents, servants, or employees shall not be liable for any loss or damage to passengers' luggage or effects. The passenger waives any claim against the operator, its servants, agents, employees, or subcontractors for any injury and/or loss of any nature whatsoever (including consequential loss) arising directly or indirectly from any aspect of the tour, including any form of transport used. This waiver binds the passenger's executors, heirs, trustees, and dependants. The passenger accepts all services and facilities voluntarily, with full knowledge that they may expose them to injury, danger, or loss.

Important Note

All timeframes are based on the local time of the destination. To allow sufficient processing time, clients must submit payment or cancellation requests with a minimum 5-day advance margin prior to the applicable deadlines.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Rovos Rail Golf Safari and where does it begin and end?

> The Golf Safari is a 9-night, 10-day round trip that starts and finishes at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria, South Africa. The train departs Pretoria at 12:00 on day one and arrives back at 10:00 on the final morning. In between it runs via Rustenburg and Sun City, south through the Drakensberg foothills to Durban, crosses into eSwatini, re-enters South Africa at Komatipoort and climbs back over the escarpment via Kruger and Dullstroom.

Which golf courses do golfers play on this journey?

> Golfers tee off at Sun City's Gary Player and Lost City courses, Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensberg, a Durban course (Durban Country Club, Mt Edgecombe or Cotswold Downs), Royal Swazi Sun in eSwatini and Highland Gate near Dullstroom. Each round includes a transfer from the train, lunch on the course and a return to the train the same evening, so you sleep on board throughout.

What do non-golfing companions do while the others play?

> Leisure guests follow a parallel programme on every golf day. It includes a game drive in the Pilanesberg Reserve, the Battle of Spionkop story and an afternoon game drive at Spionkop Lodge, a Durban city tour with the botanical gardens, game drives in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi and Mkhaya, a visit to Swazi Candles, Kruger National Park, and a fly-fishing presentation at Dullstroom. Golfers and leisure guests reunite on board each evening for dinner.

Are green fees and golf carts included in the tour price?

> Yes. The fare covers the golf activities including green fees, golf carts, halfway house meals and tea, coffee and bottled water on the course. Guided excursions where applicable, entrance fees as per the itinerary and government tax are also included. Personal expenses, gratuities, visas and travel insurance are not.

What suite categories are available on the train?

> Three suite types are offered: Pullman Suite, Deluxe Suite and Royal Suite. Every suite has an en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, tea facilities, a safe, linen and amenities, and is serviced daily, with cupboards, hangers and shelves for storage. Each can be made up as a double or a twin. The exact fare for each suite type and departure is shown on this page.

How large is a Royal Suite on Rovos Rail?

> A Royal Suite measures about 16 square metres (172 square feet) and occupies half a carriage. It has a private lounge area and an en-suite bathroom with a Victorian bath plus a separate shower, toilet and basin. Amenities include a minibar, air conditioning, a writing desk, a luggage shelf, cupboards and a safe.

What is included in the fare for the Golf Safari?

> The fare includes accommodation on board, all meals in the dining cars, all beverages on board apart from international sparkling selections, room service, limited laundry (10 items a day with a 48-hour turnaround), guided excursions where applicable, entrance fees per the itinerary, government tax, and the golf programme with green fees and carts.

What is not included in the tour price?

> Off-train beverages that are not specified as included, international sparkling selections, gratuities, personal expenses, visas, travel insurance, and pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights are excluded. Budget for these separately when planning your arrival into Pretoria and your onward travel after the journey.

What gratuities are suggested on this journey?

> Gratuities are not included in the fare. The suggested guideline is ZAR100-300, roughly 10 to 20 dollars, per person per night for the train staff, and ZAR150, roughly 10 dollars, per guest per day for game lodge guides and staff. Tipping remains entirely at your discretion.

What does the lead-in fare cover and is it per person?

> Fares are quoted per person sharing a double or twin suite, from about 7,700 dollars per person for the 9-night journey. The rate varies by suite category and departure date, so the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page. It covers all nine nights on board with meals, beverages on board, excursions and the full golf programme.

Is there a fare for single occupancy?

> Yes. A single-occupancy fare is available for travellers who want a suite to themselves, from about 10,780 dollars for the journey depending on suite category and departure date. Suite numbers on the train are limited, so single occupancy is best requested early. The exact single rate for your chosen date is shown on this page.

How much deposit is required and when is the balance due?

> A deposit of 25 percent of the tour price confirms your booking and holds your suite. The balance is due 65 days before departure. If you book inside that window, the full amount is payable at the time of booking. Written confirmation setting out the exact amounts and the due date follows once your suite is held.

Can children join the Golf Safari?

> Children are accepted and priced by age at departure, with one band for ages 0 to 5 and a second for ages 5 to 12; from 12 the adult fare applies. Because this itinerary involves long days off the train, early starts and game drives, families should speak with a travel specialist first so suites and excursions are arranged properly.

Which game reserves and national parks does the journey visit?

> The programme takes in the Pilanesberg Reserve, set in an ancient volcanic crater, the 11,000-acre reserve at Spionkop, Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park (the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa and known for white rhino conservation), Mkhaya Reserve in eSwatini, and Kruger National Park, where the Big Five may be seen on a full-day game drive.

Does the route cross international borders, and do I need my passport?

> Yes. The train crosses into the Kingdom of eSwatini on day six and returns to South Africa at Komatipoort on day seven, with border formalities handled during the journey. A passport is required at check-in, and the Train Manager or Admin Deputy will ask to hold it for the crossings. Visas, where your nationality requires them, are your own responsibility.

Where and when do I check in for the train in Pretoria?

> Check-in is at Rovos Rail Station, 1 Transnet Avenue, Capital Park, Pretoria, at least one hour before the 12:00 departure. Arrive two hours early if you would like to visit the museum or take a site tour at the station. Bring your passport; your luggage is tagged and taken to your suite, where a full itinerary pack is waiting for you.

What are the meal times on board?

> Meals are served in a single sitting in the dining cars, with a gong announcing lunch and dinner. Breakfast runs from 07:00 to 10:00, lunch is at 13:00, tea at 16:30 and a formal dinner at 19:30. Bar service runs from 07:00 to 01:00 daily unless otherwise advised. On excursion days these times shift earlier, and the daily programme tells you when.

What should I pack for the dress codes on board?

> Most dinners are formal, so bring a jacket and tie or equivalent evening attire. Two evenings are relaxed: an Africa theme or smart casual night on day three and a 1920s theme or smart casual night on day nine. Days are casual, with golf attire for course days and comfortable clothing plus a hat and sun protection for the game drives.

When do departures for this Golf Safari run?

> Departures run from October 2026 through October 2027, with 21 dates currently loaded. The complete list of bookable dates, with the fare for each suite category, appears in the departures section of this page. Popular dates sell early because the number of suites on the train is limited.

How do I ask a question or book the Rovos Rail Golf Safari?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610 or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610 and a travel specialist or our AI assistant will help. Every departure listed on this page is bookable directly, so you can choose your date and suite category and we will confirm availability and the exact fare in writing.

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