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Cape Town Journey: Rovos Rail (Southbound)

3 Nights • Luxury Experience


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Overview

For many visitors to South Africa, there is no finer way to see the country than on the popular 48-hour weekly journeys between Pretoria and Cape Town. This 1 600-kilometre meander is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country.

Travel the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo; trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Cape. Journey's end is Cape Town, the Mother City of South Africa, cradled by the imposing bulk of Table Mountain, Devil's Peak and Lion's Head. Highlights of the north- and southbound routes include a visit to the historic village of Matjiesfontein; this authentic perfectly preserved Victorian Village, which was founded by Mr Logan as a refreshment stop in 1890, also boasts an impressive museum on the platform. Another stop is made in Kimberley providing an opportunity to enjoy a city tour and a visit to the Diamond Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, the Big Hole.

Images: Courtesy - Rovos Rail

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

PRETORIA

Please check-in a minimum of one hour before departure. Should you wish to visit our museum or do a station tour at Rovos Rail Station, we suggest arriving two hours prior to departure.

Depart Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Travel across the goldfields of the Witwatersrand and the broad grassland plains of the Highveld. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge and observation cars.

Lunch is served in the dining cars.

Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Klerksdorp.

Overnight on board.

Dress: Formal

DAY 2

KIMBERLEY

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00 en route to Kimberley.

Lunch is served in the dining cars.

Enjoy a tour of Kimberley's Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole. Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871.

Dinner is served in the dining cars.

Overnight on board.

Dress: Formal





DAY 3

MATJIESFONTEIN

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train travels through the Karoo, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system.

Lunch is served in the dining cars. After lunch, there is a chance for guests to disembark the train at Whitehill Siding and walk the 5km into Matjiesfontein. A member of staff will accompany the group.

Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through the historic village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.

Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

About an hour after Matjiesfontein, the train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The first tunnel is 13.5km long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.

Dinner is served as the train climbs $\pm 750\text{m}$ down the escarpment towards Worcester.

Dress: Formal

DAY 4

CAPE TOWN

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:30.

The train travels through the Hex River Valley.

Arrive at journey's end at Cape Town Station.



Tips & Travel Guide

Frequently Asked Questions & Tips

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. Please check with the Train Manager for any changes.

In your Suite is a Journeys magazine featuring articles of interest related to the route.

Please ensure passports and the required visas are valid prior to departure for Africa.

View Passport & Visa Guide. Train station platforms are not always accessible from ground level.

Message from Rovos Rail: *"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."*

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
May 1, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
May 15, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
May 29, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Jun 12, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Jun 26, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Jul 10, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Jul 24, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000

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Aug 7, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Aug 14, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Aug 21, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Sep 4, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Sep 18, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$97,200	\$64,800
	Pullman Suite	\$67,500	\$45,000
	Royal Suite	\$129,600	\$86,400
Oct 2, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Oct 9, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Oct 16, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Oct 30, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000


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	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Nov 13, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Nov 27, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Dec 11, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Dec 25, 2026	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Pullman Suite	\$81,000	\$54,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jan 5, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jan 8, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jan 22, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jan 29, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Feb 12, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Feb 23, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000

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	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Feb 27, 2027	Pullman Suite	\$26,400	\$18,200
Mar 5, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Mar 12, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Apr 2, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Apr 16, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Apr 30, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
May 14, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
May 28, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jun 11, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jun 25, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jun 29, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Jul 3, 2027	Pullman Suite	\$26,400	\$18,200
Jul 9, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000

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Jul 23, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Aug 6, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Aug 17, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Aug 20, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Sep 10, 2027	Deluxe Suite	\$117,000	\$78,000
	Royal Suite	\$156,000	\$104,000
Oct 9, 2027	Pullman Suite	\$26,400	\$18,200

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.

 Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.

Visit <https://www.palacetours.com/tour/Rovos-rail> for the latest information.

Terms & Conditions

Booking Conditions

- **Deposit & Confirmation:** A 25% non-refundable deposit is required at booking. Booking confirmed upon receipt and written confirmation.
- **Final Payment:** Balance due 120 days before departure. Full payment required if booking within 120 days.
- **Pricing:** Per person, subject to availability, may change before confirmation.

Cancellation Terms

- All cancellations must be in writing.
- More than 120 days before departure: Loss of deposit (25%)
- 120-61 days before departure: 50% of total
- 60-31 days before departure: 75% of total
- 30 days or fewer / no-show: 100% (no refund)

Important Notes

- Travel insurance strongly recommended.
- Passport/visa requirements are traveler's responsibility.
- Palace Tours may modify itinerary if necessary.
- Prices exclude international airfare unless stated.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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