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Rovos Rail Namibia Safari: An 11-Night Journey from Pretoria to Walvis Bay

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Embark on an extraordinary 11-night Namibia Safari with Rovos Rail, a journey spanning 3800km from the historic heart of Pretoria, South Africa, to the coastal serenity of Walvis Bay, Namibia. This meticulously crafted rail adventure takes you through a diverse tapestry of landscapes, from the diamond-rich history of Kimberley to the vast, ancient deserts and wildlife havens of Namibia.

Your adventure begins in Pretoria, where you'll settle into the luxurious comfort of your Rovos Rail suite before heading south across the Witwatersrand goldfields. The first major stop is Kimberley, a city forged in the diamond rush of 1871, where you'll explore the Diamond Mine Museum and the iconic Big Hole. The train then journeys through the starkly beautiful Karoo, a geological marvel that was once an inland sea.

Crossing into Namibia, the tour delves into the country's unique natural wonders. Experience the Orange River with a sundowner cruise in Upington, then marvel at the colossal Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. Discover the eerie beauty of Kolmanskop, a ghost town swallowed by desert sands, and the coastal charm of Lüderitz, known for its colonial architecture and diverse wildlife. In Keetmanshoop, you'll encounter the ancient Quiver Trees of Garas Park, a striking photographic opportunity.

A highlight is the overnight excursion to Sossusvlei, where you'll fly into the heart of the Namib Desert for an afternoon drive among its ancient, iron-oxide-rich red dunes, culminating in a bush dinner under the stars. The journey continues to Windhoek, Namibia's capital, for a city tour that reveals its German colonial heritage and vibrant modern life. Later, immerse yourself in conservation efforts at the Cheetah Conservation Project in Otjiwarongo, supporting the vital work of saving cheetahs in the wild.

The safari culminates with an unforgettable two-night stay at a lodge in Etosha National Park, renowned for its abundant wildlife and the vast Etosha pan, a 'Great White Place' for game viewing. Enjoy thrilling game drives at dawn and dusk, witnessing a spectacular array of mammals, birds, and reptiles. Finally, the train traverses the ancient Namib Desert, delivering you to Walvis Bay, where your luxurious rail odyssey concludes, leaving you with indelible memories of Africa's wild heart and its most opulent train.

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DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

PRETORIA

The whistle sounds, a deep, resonant call, and the train glides from Pretoria, pulling you gently into the landscape. You watch the gold-rich hills of Witwatersrand blur past, a silent testament to history, as you settle into your suite. The scent of polished wood and fine linen surrounds you, a promise of the luxury to come. You feel the subtle sway of the carriage, a rhythm that begins to untangle the knots of everyday life.

Later, over a perfectly crafted dinner, the clink of crystal and the murmur of conversation create a convivial atmosphere. The world outside darkens, but inside, the warm glow of the lamps illuminates new friendships and shared anticipation. You realize this isn't just travel; it's a moving sanctuary, carrying you towards the unknown wonders of Namibia.

DAY 2

KIMBERLEY / DE AAR



You step out into Kimberley, the air carrying a faint hint of history, and stand at the edge of the Big Hole, an astonishing testament to human ambition. The scale of it makes you feel small, yet connected to the fortunes and dreams that shaped this land. Later, the train carries you into the Karoo, a landscape of profound silence and ancient geology. The vastness outside, a canvas of subtle ochres and greens, feels like a deep breath.

The observation car becomes your moving gallery, framing the endless horizons. You watch the light shift, painting the distant hills in hues of lavender and gold. There's a quiet understanding that settles in, a sense of being part of something immense and timeless. Dinner, a formal affair, feels earned after a day of discovery, a shared moment of reflection as the train continues its gentle journey into the night.



DAY 3

UPINGTON / NAKOP / ARIAMSVLEI

The Orange River flows wide and slow, reflecting the late afternoon sun as you embark on a sundowner cruise. The air cools, carrying the scent of river reeds, and the sky transforms into a fiery canvas of oranges and purples. You hold a glass, the ice clinking softly, feeling a peaceful quiet settle over the group as the day ends in a spectacular display of nature.

Later, back on the train, the energy shifts to an 'Africa' themed dinner. There's a buzz of anticipation for the border formalities, a tangible crossing into the next chapter of your journey. You sense the vastness of the continent ahead, an adventure unfolding with every mile of track.

DAY 4

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The sheer scale of the Fish River Canyon takes your breath away. You stand at the edge, gazing into a chasm carved by time, feeling the ancient power of the earth. The silence here is profound, vast and humbling, a stark contrast to the gentle rumble of the train. The light plays across the rock formations, revealing layers of deep reds and browns, each telling a story millions of years old.

As the train continues its journey, you carry the image of the canyon's grandeur with you. The desert outside becomes more than just sand and rock; it's a living canvas of resilience. Dinner, later, feels like a warm embrace after witnessing such raw, elemental beauty, a moment to share awe with fellow travelers.



DAY 5

KOLMANSKOP / LÜDERITZ / KEETMANSHOOP

You walk through the sand-filled houses of Kolmanskop, a ghost town frozen in time. The desert's relentless advance whispers stories of fortunes made and lost, of lives lived and abandoned. The silence is broken only by the crunch of sand beneath your feet, a poignant echo of a bygone era. Later, the fresh, salty air of Lüderitz invigorates you, a stark contrast to the desert's dry embrace.

As the train pulls away, heading towards Keetmanshoop, you gaze out at the vast, empty expanse, pondering the resilience of both nature and human spirit. The observation car, now at the front, offers an unobstructed view of the track ahead, a metaphor for the journey itself. Dinner becomes a time for quiet reflection on the day's haunting beauty.

DAY 6

KEETMANSHOOP / MARIENTAL / REHOBOTH



The Quiver Trees stand like ancient sentinels in Garas Park, their gnarled branches reaching towards the sky in a timeless dance. You feel a sense of wonder at their resilience, standing tall against the harsh desert elements, each tree a living sculpture. The sun casts long shadows, perfect for capturing their unique forms, a moment of quiet contemplation.

As the train continues its journey, the landscape shifts again, a subtle change in texture and color. You find yourself gazing out the window, lost in thought, the rhythmic clickety-clack of the wheels a soothing soundtrack. Dinner brings a renewed sense of camaraderie, sharing stories and photographs of the day's natural artistry.



DAY 7

SOSSUSVLEI

The light aircraft hums, carrying you over an endless tapestry of red. You look down at the Namib Desert, a vast, ancient sea of sand stretching to the horizon, and feel a thrill of anticipation. Landing at Sossusvlei, the air is dry and warm, carrying the scent of dust and distant scrub. The sheer scale of the dunes, sculpted by millions of years of wind, is breathtaking. You feel a profound sense of isolation and wonder.

As the sun dips, painting the dunes in fiery hues, you embark on a desert drive. The silence is immense, punctuated only by the crunch of tires on sand. Later, under a blanket of stars so thick you feel you could reach out and touch them, a bush dinner unfolds. The crackle of the fire, the taste of the food, the vastness of the cosmos above – it's an experience that feels both primal and utterly luxurious, a moment that will stay with you long after you leave.

DAY 8

SOSSUSVLEI / WINDHOEK / KRANZBERG



The desert wakes with you, the cool morning air crisp and clear as you embark on a final drive. Breakfast in the vlei, surrounded by towering dunes, feels like a dream. You watch the sun climb, illuminating the red sands in ever-changing light, a final, lingering image of this ancient landscape before your flight to the city.

Windhoek greets you with a different energy, a bustling capital nestled among mountains. The city tour reveals layers of history and culture, from colonial architecture to vibrant craft markets. It's a fascinating shift from the raw wilderness, a reminder of Namibia's diverse identity. As the train pulls away in the evening, you feel the contrast of the day, carrying the wild silence and urban buzz within you.



DAY 9

OTJIWARONGO / OTAVI

The cheetahs move with an effortless grace, their amber eyes holding a wild intelligence. You learn about the dedicated conservationists working tirelessly to protect these magnificent creatures, feeling a deep respect for their mission. The experience is intimate, a powerful connection to the struggle and triumph of wildlife preservation in Africa. It's a reminder of the delicate balance between humanity and nature.

As the train departs Otjiwarongo, a sense of purpose lingers. The formal dinner feels like a celebration of the day's insights, a chance to reflect on the importance of such conservation efforts. The landscape outside is now a backdrop to the powerful images of the cheetahs, imprinting their beauty onto your memory.

DAY 10

ETOSHA



The open vehicle bumps along dusty tracks, the air thick with the scent of acacia and dry earth. You scan the horizon, heart thrumming with anticipation, and then, there they are: a herd of elephants, silent giants moving through the savanna. The light of the late afternoon bathes the landscape in a golden glow, highlighting the stripes of a zebra, the elegant neck of a giraffe. Every rustle in the bush, every distant call, sharpens your senses.

Dinner at the lodge, under a vast African sky, feels like a culmination of the day’s wild magic. The air is cool, the sounds of the night beginning to stir. You recount sightings with fellow travelers, the day’s adventures vivid in your mind, feeling deeply connected to the primal beauty of Etosha, ready for another dawn in the wilderness.



DAY 11

ETOSHA / TSUMEB

The morning game drive is crisp, the air cool, carrying the promise of new sightings. You watch a lioness stalk through the tall grass, a moment of primal focus, before the sun climbs higher. Leaving Etosha, a part of you lingers in the wild, but the return to the train brings a different kind of comfort, the familiar luxury a welcome transition.

As the train pulls away from Tsumeb, you feel the gentle sway and the steady rhythm of the rails once more. The '1920s' themed dinner is a delightful change of pace, a chance to step back in time, sharing laughter and stories. You gaze out at the darkening landscape, knowing that tomorrow, the Atlantic awaits, marking the close of this extraordinary chapter.

DAY 12

WALVIS BAY



The train slows, and you catch the first glimpse of the Atlantic, a shimmering line where the ancient Namib Desert meets the vast ocean. The air changes, carrying the distinct scent of salt and sea, a crisp contrast to the desert's dry heat. You watch the landscape transform, from endless dunes to the bustling port of Walvis Bay, a profound sense of accomplishment settling over you.

As you disembark, the journey's end feels like a new beginning. You carry with you the vibrant colors of Namibia, the roars of Etosha, the haunting silence of Kolmanskop, and the luxurious comfort of the train. The memories are not just images, but a feeling, a deep connection to a continent explored in unparalleled style.

Tips & Travel Guide

Check-in Information

For your Rovos Rail Namibia Safari, please check-in a minimum of one hour before departure. If you wish to visit the Rovos Rail museum or take a site tour at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria, it's recommended to arrive two hours prior to departure. Your check-in location in Pretoria is Rovos Rail Station, 1 Transnet Avenue, Capital Park. Passports are required at check-in; no vouchers are needed. Your luggage will be tagged and placed directly in your suite, where you'll also find a full itinerary pack.

Dining Schedule

Meals on board Rovos Rail are served in one sitting only within the elegant dining cars. Breakfast is available from **07:00 to 10:00**, lunch is served promptly at **13:00**, and tea is offered at **16:30**. Dinner is a formal affair, commencing at **19:30**. A gentle gong heralds the serving of lunch and dinner. The bar service operates from **07:00** until approximately **01:00**.

Dress Code

During the day on board the train, the dress code is smart casual – neat, conventional, yet relatively informal clothing pieces. For dinner, the dress code is formal: gentlemen are required to wear a collar and tie (a jacket is optional), while ladies are encouraged to wear cocktail/evening dresses or suits. The Namibia Safari includes themed evenings ('Africa' and '1920s') where guests can dress up accordingly or opt for smart casual. For off-train excursions, comfortable walking shoes, sun lotion, and hats are recommended. Game drives in open vehicles suggest dressing in layers, as mornings can be cool, warming up considerably, and afternoons can cool down again.

Electricity & Connectivity

Each suite is equipped with 220V AC 50Hz 3-point round-pronged wall plugs, along with 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers and chargers. USB ports are also available in each suite. International adaptors are provided if needed. The train's power is supplied by a generator, and while generally reliable, certain breaks in power are necessary for servicing. In keeping with the spirit of train travel, there is no radio, television, or WiFi on board the train. The use of mobile phones and laptops is confined to the privacy of your suites. WiFi is available at Rovos Rail lounges in Cape Town and Pretoria, and at most off-train accommodation, though not always guaranteed.

Climate & Weather

The journey traverses diverse regions, experiencing various climates. For example, Walvis Bay averages 16-22°C in Jan/Feb, while Etosha Pan ranges 18-31°C in Jan/Feb. September/October sees temperatures in Etosha rise to 15-32°C. Mornings on game drives can be cool, warming up considerably, and afternoons can be warm before cooling down. Warm clothing, hats, comfortable shoes, and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available.

Onboard Amenities

Your suite includes a range of South African biodegradable and/or recyclable products: soap (40g), bamboo tissues, shampoo (50ml), hand and body wash (50ml), hand and body lotion (50ml), lip balm (15ml), insect repellent spray (for journeys over 4 days), reusable bamboo rounds, bamboo ear buds, a compostable shower cap, ear plugs, sun cream, razors, and nail files. Plug-in hairdryers are available in your bathroom unit or upon request. Comfortable one-size-fits-

all dressing gowns and slippers are provided for use on board, with the option to purchase them from the Gift Shop. A limited laundry service (10 items per day) is available, with a 48-hour turnaround; no dry-cleaning facilities are offered.

Medical Information

All guests are solely responsible for ensuring they are capable of undertaking the tours and activities. Please inform Rovos Rail at the time of your reservation if you have any medical conditions, physical disabilities, or allergies. While there is no doctor permanently on this specific journey, the train is equipped with a standard medical kit, oxygen, an automated external defibrillator, and a wheelchair. Anti-malarial precautions are recommended for areas like Etosha. Recommended immunisations include Hepatitis A + B, Polio, Tetanus, and Cholera (low risk). A Yellow Fever/Medical Exemption Certificate is essential if traveling to/from DRC and Angola. Please consult your clinic or doctor before travel. For urgent medical advice, you can contact Travel Doctor Africa at local 0861 300 911 or international +27 (0) 11 214 9030.

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, carrying more than two large suitcases is not recommended. For overnight trips or plane transfers, a Rovos Rail tog bag is provided, and a soft bag is preferable for flights with a weight restriction of 15kg.

Currency

In South Africa, only Rands are accepted, and major credit cards are taken on the train. Outside South Africa (Namibia, eSwatini, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, DRC, Angola), Rands are accepted, but US Dollars are widely accepted and cash is highly recommended. Hotels and major dealers typically accept credit cards. Be aware that US Dollar notes printed before 2013 or those that appear worn will not be accepted. Low denominations are recommended for shopping and gratuities, while larger denominations are useful for exchanging to local currency, especially in Tanzania.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Apr 6, 2027	Royal Suite	—	**$403,200**
	Deluxe Suite	**$491,400**	**$327,600**
	Pullman Suite	**$387,000**	**$258,000**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$400,660**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$488,860**	**$325,060**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$384,460**	**$255,460**
May 8, 2028	Royal Suite	—	**$438,000**
	Deluxe Suite	**$532,500**	**$355,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$420,000**	**$280,000**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$433,760**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$528,260**	**$350,760**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$415,760**	**$275,760**
Nov 7, 2028	Royal Suite	—	**$438,000**
	Deluxe Suite	**$532,500**	**$355,000**
	Pullman Suite	**$420,000**	**$280,000**
	Royal Suite Early Bird	—	**$433,760**
	Deluxe Suite Early Bird	**$528,260**	**$350,760**
	Pullman Suite Early Bird	**$415,760**	**$275,760**

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
Royal Suite	**from $403,200**	**from $402,950** save $250	**from $403,050** save $150
Deluxe Suite	**from $327,600**	**from $327,350** save $250	**from $327,450** save $150
Pullman Suite	**from $258,000**	**from $257,750** save $250	**from $257,850** 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 Namibia Safari and what route does it follow?

> It is an 11-night, 12-day journey covering about 3,800 km from Pretoria, South Africa, to Walvis Bay on Namibia's Atlantic coast. The route runs south across the Witwatersrand goldfields to Kimberley, through the Karoo to Upington, across the border into Namibia, then to Fish River Canyon, Luderitz, Keetmanshoop, Sossusvlei, Windhoek, Otjiwarongo, Etosha and finally across the Namib Desert to Walvis Bay.

Where does the journey start and finish?

> It starts at Rovos Rail Station, 1 Transnet Avenue, Capital Park, Pretoria, with an 11:00 departure on day one, and ends at Walvis Bay, Namibia, at 12:00 on day twelve. This is a one-way itinerary, so plan an arrival flight into the Johannesburg or Pretoria area and an onward flight out of Walvis Bay or Windhoek. Those flights are not included in the fare.

What do we see in Kimberley?

> On day two the train stops at Kimberley, capital of the Northern Cape, for a tour that takes in the Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole, the vast excavation left by the diamond rush that began in 1871 and built the city. You return on board for lunch, after which the observation car leads the train through the semi-desert Karoo.

What is the Fish River Canyon and when is it visited?

> On day four you transfer about 60 minutes from the train to Fish River Canyon, the largest canyon in the southern hemisphere and second in size only to the Grand Canyon. It runs roughly 161 km long, up to 27 km wide and almost 550 m deep, with spectacular cliff views across a vast rocky landscape. The train then continues towards Aus.

What is Kolmanskop and why is it worth seeing?

> Kolmanskop is a ghost town in the Namib, once a bustling diamond mining settlement and now slowly being reclaimed by the desert sands. You transfer there on the morning of day five, about an hour from the train, then continue to Luderitz for lunch. Luderitz itself has colonial architecture, a museum and wildlife including seals, penguins, flamingos and ostriches.

What are the quiver trees at Garas Park?

> On day six you visit Keetmanshoop and Garas Park, home to a prehistoric-looking forest of roughly 300 quiver trees (Aloe dichotoma) whose forked branches reach up to 5 m. It is a short, easy visit and an exceptional spot for photography. The train then departs for Mariental, with tea served in the lounge and observation cars at 16:30.

Is the flight to Sossusvlei included in the fare?

> Yes. The light-aircraft flights to and from Sossusvlei are included, as are the lodge accommodation, meals, water,

What should I pack for the overnight stay at Sossusvlei?

> Pack a small overnight bag only; tog bags are placed in your suite for the purpose and the rest of your luggage stays on the train. Dress at the lodge is casual. Bring layers for the afternoon desert drive and the bush dinner after sunset, plus sun protection, a hat and a camera for the red, iron-oxide-rich dunes.

Do I sleep on the train every night?

> No. Most nights are in your suite on board, but the itinerary includes an overnight at a lodge in the Sossusvlei area after the flight into the Namib, and a lodge stay at Etosha National Park for the game drives. The day-by-day itinerary on this page shows exactly which nights are off the train. Lodge accommodation and meals are included; beverages and laundry there are not.

What can I expect at Etosha National Park?

> Etosha covers 22,270 square kilometres and takes its name from the vast Etosha pan. The programme includes an afternoon game drive of about three hours on arrival and a morning game drive the following day, with the chance to see a wide range of mammals, birds and reptiles. You stay at a lodge with a pool and facilities, then rejoin the train at Tsumeb Station.

What is the cheetah conservation visit about?

> On day nine you transfer about an hour to a cheetah conservation project near Otjiwarongo. The Cheetah Conservation Fund was founded in Namibia in 1990 and works to save the cheetah in the wild through research, conservation and education. The visit gives a close insight into that work before the train departs for Otavi at 18:00.

What suite categories are on the train?

> Three categories are offered: Pullman Suite, Deluxe Suite and Royal Suite. Every suite is en-suite, air conditioned and serviced daily, with double or twin beds, a writing desk, luggage shelf, cupboards, hangers and a safe. Royal Suites occupy half a carriage at about 16 square metres, with a private lounge area and a Victorian bath as well as a separate shower.

What is included in the tour price?

> Included are luxury accommodation on board, all meals in the dining cars, all beverages on board except international sparkling selections, room service, limited laundry (10 items a day, 48-hour turnaround), all itinerary excursions with a qualified guide where applicable, entrance fees, government tax, on-board amenities, and the Sossusvlei flights, lodge stay and meals.

What is not included in the fare?

> Off-train beverages other than those included at the Sossusvlei lodge, international sparkling selections, gratuities, personal expenses, visas, travel insurance, laundry at off-train accommodation, and pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights are excluded. Suggested gratuities are around ZAR450, roughly 25 dollars, per guest per night on board and per day for lodge guides and staff.

Is travel insurance required for this journey?

> Travel insurance is compulsory for this itinerary and is not included in the fare. Because the route crosses remote parts of Namibia and includes light-aircraft flights and lodge stays, cover for medical care, evacuation, cancellation and baggage is strongly advised. Arrange it as soon as your booking is confirmed, as pre-departure cancellation

What deposit is required and when is the balance due?

A deposit of 25 percent of the tour price secures your suite, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. Bookings made inside 65 days are payable in full at the time of booking. You receive written confirmation showing the exact amounts and the due date once your suite is held in your name.

Do I need a passport and visas for this route?

Yes. A passport is required at check-in in Pretoria, and the train crosses from South Africa into Namibia during the evening of day three, with border formalities handled during the journey. Visas, where your nationality requires them, are your own responsibility and are not included. Keep your passport accessible on the final morning at Walvis Bay.

Can children travel on this journey?

Children are accepted and priced by age at departure, with one band covering ages 0 to 5 and another covering ages 5 to 12; from 12 the adult fare applies. This is a long itinerary with early starts, light-aircraft flights and game drives, so families are asked to speak to a travel specialist first so suites and lodge rooms are set up correctly.

Where do I check in, and what are the meal times on board?

Check in at Rovos Rail Station, 1 Transnet Avenue, Capital Park, Pretoria, at least one hour before the 11:00 departure, or two hours early if you want to see the museum or take a site tour. Passports are needed and no vouchers are required. On board, meals are served in one sitting: breakfast 07:00 to 10:00, lunch at 13:00, tea at 16:30 and a formal dinner at 19:30.

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

Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610 or message https://wa.me/17864080610 and a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer. The departure dates listed on this page are bookable directly, and we will confirm the exact fare for your chosen suite category and date in writing before any payment is taken.

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