



Rovos Rail balcony view



SOUTH AFRICA

DURBAN SAFARI: PRETORIA TO DURBAN (TOUR CODE: 12530)

STARTS AND ENDS

Pretoria to
Durban

TRAVEL PERIODS

30 Jan 26 - 13 Nov 26

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Discover South Africa's rich history, wildlife, and culture aboard a luxury train from Pretoria to Durban, including game drives and artistic visits.

Highlights

- Explore imaginative Zulu-inspired ceramic art at a celebrated Midlands gallery
- Choose between a historical battlefield tour or a nature drive in a scenic 11,000-acre reserve
- Enjoy game drive through this malaria-free private conservancy, set across 20,000 acres of richly diverse bushveld, including savannah, thornveld and acacia woodlands

This summer safari from Pretoria to Durban features thrilling game drives in the malaria-free Nambiti Conservancy, home to the Big Five. Explore the region from Spionkop Lodge, situated on a vast game farm adjoining an 11,000-acre nature reserve. Discover the vibrant artistry of Ardmore Ceramics, inspired by Zulu culture, in KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. The journey ends with scenic travel through the Valley of a Thousand Hills to Durban.

Available in reverse direction.



INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation onboard in Rovos Rail
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard
- All beverages except International sparkling wine
- 24-Hour full room service and bar facilities
- Off-Train excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary

ITINERARY

Day

1

Depart Pretoria

Depart from Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria, traveling southeast across the Highveld and goldfields. Freshen up in your suite before joining others in the lounge and observation cars. Enjoy lunch onboard while taking in views of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. Later, the train climbs Majuba Hill and passes Newcastle, home to the largest cella-dome Hindu temple in the southern hemisphere. Dinner (formal) is served as you head to Elands-laagte. Pass Glencoe, site of the first battle of the Anglo Boer War and now the centre of the province's coalfields

Lunch, Dinner



ROVOS RAIL LOUNGE AREA

Day **2**

Nambiti & Spionkop

After breakfast, embark on a thrilling game drive through the malaria-free Nambiti Reserve, a private 20,000-acre Big Five sanctuary boasting diverse ecosystems. Brunch awaits onboard before transferring to Spionkop Lodge. Choose between a historic tour of the Battle of Spionkop site or a nature drive through the adjoining 11,000-acre reserve. Return to the train for dinner en route to Estcourt. Shortly after Chieveley, on the right of the track, stands a memorial to Winston Churchill who was captured here in November 1899 while trying to free an armoured train trapped by a Boer ambush.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



LIONESS IN NAMBITI

Day **3**

Ardmore Ceramics

After breakfast, the train descends the escarpment to Lions River. Visit the renowned Ardmore Ceramics Gallery, where local artists bring Zulu folklore and nature to life through their craft. Enjoy lunch onboard as the train winds through the breathtaking Valley of a Thousand Hills. The journey concludes at Durban Station, a vibrant city known for its museums, botanical gardens, and stunning shark-protected beaches.

Breakfast, Lunch



ARDMORE CERAMICS

ACCOMMODATION

Rovos Rail

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Enjoy the extravagant elegance of rail travel on Rovos Rail, one of the most luxurious trains in the world, combining the opulence of pre-war travel with subtle modern innovations.

The wood-panelled sleeper coaches, remodelled and refurbished to mint condition, offer every modern convenience and comfort with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.

The Pullmans, used on our short journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day, the suites have a comfortable sofa-seat with a conversion to double or twin beds (side-by-side or upper and lower bunks) for the evening. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.

Suite configurations are subject to availability. Suite layouts may differ from images.



- Double or twin beds
- Upper and/or lower bunk
- Daytime sofa setting
- En-suite with shower, toilet and basin
- Fold-up writing desk
- Luggage shelf
- Cupboards
- Safe
- Air conditioning
- Tea facilities
- Bespoke amenities
- Robes and slippers
- Hairdryer (fixed or plug-in)
- Shaver plugs (2-pin)
- USB ports
- Safety glasses
- Emergency torch
- Fire extinguisher
- Laundry bag
- Shoe bag
- Internal telephone system
- Room service

Room Upgrades

Deluxe Suite

The Deluxes accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds and have their own lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. A dedicated host/ess is available at all times and services the suites daily.

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Royal Suites

The Royals each take up half a carriage with their own private lounge area and en-suite bathroom with Victorian bath, separate shower, toilet

and basin. They accommodate one or two passengers in double or twin beds. A dedicated host/ess is always available and services the suites daily. *Suite configurations are subject to availability. Suite layouts may differ from images.*



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please dress accordingly for excursions/game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available. Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.

2026 Departure dates:

- January 30
- February (no departures)
- March 6
- April 10
- May - August (no departures)
- September 18
- October 2
- November 13
- December (no departures)

Excluded

- Onboard: champagne, gratuities, personal expenses, pre & post tour transfers and accommodation
- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package