



SOUTH AFRICA & MORE

ROVOS RAIL: VICTORIA FALLS JOURNEY (PRETORIA TO VICTORIA FALLS - 4 NIGHTS)

(TOUR CODE: 12531)

STARTS AND ENDS

Pretoria to
Victoria Falls

TRAVEL PERIODS

Jan - Dec 2026

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Travel north, cross through Zimbabwe and arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls on the mighty Zambezi River.

Highlights

- Relax in the comfort of the train as it travels through Zimbabwe's baobab-studded landscapes and toward Bulawayo, a city steeped in cultural and industrial heritage
- Experience a memorable rail journey through Warmbaths (Bela-Bela) and Nylstroom, then cross significant geographical landmarks including the Tropic of Capricorn and the legendary Limpopo River, rich with literary and historical references
- Enjoy an exciting game drive at The Hide, a premier wildlife concession in Hwange National Park
- Tour ends at the incomparable Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This journey begins at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria, heading north through Bela-Bela, known for its mineral springs, and Modimolle, named by Voortrekkers who believed its river was the Nile's source. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn and Limpopo River into Zimbabwe, reaching Bulawayo, the country's second-largest city. On this 4-night trip, visit Matobo National Park, a World Heritage Site featuring ancient rock art and the grave of Cecil Rhodes atop Malindidzimu. Traverse one of the world's longest straight rail lines (114km) before a game drive in Hwange National Park. The adventure concludes at the iconic Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River.

Itinerary also available in reverse direction.

INCLUSIONS

- Four nights accommodation onboard Rovos Rail
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard
- All beverages except champagne
- 24-Hour full room service and bar facilities
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Victoria Falls Journey - Pretoria to Victoria Falls (4 Nights)



Day 1

Depart Pretoria

Depart Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria at 18:00.

Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train. Travel through Warmbaths(Bela-Bela) – so named for its mineral waters – and Nylstroom (Modimolle), christened by the Voortrekkers as the source of the Nile River as the town's river happened to be north flowing. Pass the edge of the slope where the Highveld drops precipitously.

20:00 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Polokwane
(Dress: Formal, jacket and tie).

Overnight onboard. *Please note: the Train Manager or Administration Deputy will request to take possession of your passport for border crossings.*

Dinner



ROVOS RAIL STATION

Day **2**

At Leisure onboard Rovos Rail

07:00 Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

The train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn en route to Louis Trichardt.

13:00 Lunch is served in the dining cars. Border formalities with South Africa.

16:30 Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

The train crosses the Limpopo River en route to Beitbridge for border formalities with Zimbabwe. In Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*, the 'Elephant's Child' departs his family for the "great grey-green, greasy Limpopo River, all set about with fever-trees, to find out what the Crocodile has for dinner."

19:30 Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Gwanda.

Overnight on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ROVOS RAIL LOUNGE CAR TEAAREA

Day **2**

Metsi National Park

06:00 **Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:00 am.**

The train travels baobab country and ascends to Bulawayo: second city of Zimbabwe, capital of Matabeleland and industrial capital of the country.

12:00 **Lunch is served in the dining cars.**

13:30 **Transfer (±45 min) to Matobo National Park.**

Visit bushmen caves, rock art and the grave of Cecil John Rhodes.

18:00 **Depart for Sawmills.**

19:30 **Dinner is served in the dining cars.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ROVOS RAIL LOUNGE AREA

Day 4

Hwange National Park

07:00 **Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00 am.**

The train travels between Gwaai and Dete along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – and along the eastern edge of Hwange Park.

13:00 **Lunch is served in the dining cars.**

15:00 **Enjoy a game drive in Hwange National Park, the nation's wildlife area.**

19:30 **Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Thompsons Junction.**

Overnight on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ELEPHANT AT HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Day **5**

Victoria Falls

Please ensure your luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before departing and that you have your passport.

07:00 **Breakfast is served until 09:30 am.**

The observation car will be leading the train – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.

10:00 **Arrive at journey's end at the incomparable Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.**

Breakfast



VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

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.

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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.

2025 Departure dates:

- May 14, 28
- June 11, 27
- July 9, 16, 23, 30
- August 6, 13, 20
- September 3, 10
- October 1
- November 5, 12, 19, 26
- December 24

2026 Departure dates:

- January 7, 14
- February 11
- March 4, 18
- April 8, 22, 29
- May 13, 27
- June 3*, 10
- July 8, 15, 22
- August 5, 12, 19
- September 2, 9, 30
- October - December (TBC)

*These departures will have Pullman Gold onboard (offers a split twin or double beds for the evening).

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