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THE BLUE TRAIN: CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA (TOUR CODE: 12548)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Cape Town to Pretoria	January - December (excluding June)	Luxury Rail	Rail Holiday Packages

The Blue Train is a 2-night journey that travels between Cape Town and Pretoria and is defined by personal attention and devotion to detail.

Highlights

- Savour gourmet dishes by expert chefs, paired with top South African wines
- Discover Kimberley's Big Hole and historic mine museum on a guided tour
- Enjoy five-star comfort with attentive Butlers and refined high tea service

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The Blue Train covers a 1600 km journey over two nights, inviting guests to embrace the luxury of slow travel while admiring South Africa's breathtaking landscapes. This five-star hotel on wheels offers two suite categories - Luxury and De Luxe - where guests enjoy gourmet meals, fine South African wines and the dedicated service of personal Butlers available around the clock. Whether relaxing in suites or elegant lounges, comfort is guaranteed. The journey also includes a off-train excursion in Kimberley (weather permitting), to explore the Big Hole and the fascinating Diamond Museum.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation onboard The Blue Train
- All meals and beverages – except French champagne
- 24-hour Butler service onboard
- Off-train excursions

ITINERARY

Intro Map

The Blue Train - Cape Town to Pretoria



Day 1 Cape Town Station

The journey begins with check-in at The Blue Train VIP Lounge at Cape Town Station at 11:00am, where guests are welcomed with pre-departure beverages and canapés. Shortly before departure, boarding commences and Butlers escort guests to their suites. Once on board, guests receive a warm welcome and suite orientation before the train sets off. A light lunch is served in the Lounge and Observation Cars, offering the perfect start to the experience. In the evening, guests enjoy a formal dinner served in two sittings, followed by drinks, Cognacs, and Cuban cigars in the Club Car.

(Please note: Dinner is an elegant affair. Gentlemen are requested to at least wear a jacket/waistcoat).

Lunch, Dinner



THE BLUE TRAIN LOUNGING AREA

Day 2

Kimberley Station

Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis, offering guests a relaxed start to the day. Lunch is served in two sittings, with guests able to enjoy a leisurely meal either in the first or second seating.

Following lunch, an exciting off-the-train excursion (weather permitting) takes guests to the Open Mine Museum, where they explore historical sites and walk along an enclosed ramp overlooking the Big Hole.

Afterward, guests return to Kimberley Station for a glass of sherry, a special keepsake engraved with The Blue Train logo. High Tea is then served in the Non-Smoking Lounge Car before the train departs for Pretoria.

As the journey continues, guests can enjoy aperitifs in the lounges, followed by a formal dinner in two sittings, with post-dinner drinks and Cuban cigars available in the Club Car.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3

Pretoria Station

Breakfast is available on a first-come-first-served basis from 07:00am to 10:00am. A light lunch is served in the Lounge and Observation Cars. Later in the afternoon, The Blue Train arrives at Pretoria Station between 3:00pm - 6:00pm, where Butlers escort guests to the Arrival Lounge.

Please note that departure and arrival times may vary.

Breakfast, Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

The Blue Train

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Your De Luxe Suite will forever alter your definition of what style and class entail.

De Luxe Suites measure 8m2 of space and offer twin beds or double beds with either a three-quarter sized bath or a shower in each suite.

From your elegant and relaxing lounge during the day, it transforms into a subtly-lit bedroom of indulgence during the night, bedecked with goose-down and 100 per cent percale-cotton bedding, from your individually-controlled air-conditioning system, under-floor heating, opulent marble and gold-fitted bathroom, its scented bath salts and plush monogrammed towels, to the electronic entertainment options on offer.

Please note: The De Luxe coaches each have four suites. One of these suites contains a double bed and a ¾ size bath tub with handheld shower, while the others have twin beds with showers.

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



Room Upgrades

Luxury Suite

Luxury suites are the premier suites and measure 10.26m2 of and offer twin beds or double beds with either a full-sized bath or a shower in each suite. The same suite is also a lounge area by day and is converted into a comfortable bedroom during the night.

Your De Luxe or Luxury suites are your home-away-from-home lounges. Need to send an important email halfway across the world or make that urgent phone call? Relax in knowing that all suites are fitted with WI-FI service that is complimentary to all our guests. Use the telephone system in each suite to dial your butler, at no extra charge, for an apéritif or even call family and friends across the Atlantic and relay your Blue Train experience at a minimal fee.

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Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please note: caviar, french champagne, external phone calls and gratuities are excluded from the price.

2026 Departure Dates	2027 Departure Dates
Jan 15, 22, 29	Jan 14, 21, 28
Feb 12, 19, 26	Feb 11, 18, 25
Mar 12, 19, 26	Mar 11, 18, 25
Apr 09, 16, 23	Apr 12, 22, 29
May 07, 14	May 06
Jun (no departures)	Jun (no departures)
Jul 16, 23, 30	Jul 15, 22, 29
Aug 06, 13, 20	Aug 12, 19, 26
Sept 10, 17, 24	Sep 16, 23
Oct 08, 15, 22, 29	Oct 07, 14
Nov 12, 19, 26	Nov 04, 11, 18, 25
Dec 03, 10, 17	Dec 09, 16

Excluded

- 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