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ROVOS RAIL: DAR ES SALAAM JOURNEY (TOUR CODE: 13570)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Cape town to Dar es Salaam	27 Feb 27 - 09 Oct 27	Cultural Rail	Rail Holiday Packages

This incredible train voyage traverses the countries of South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania, making it one of the most renowned global journeys.

Highlights

- Scenic bush walk to Chishimba Falls in Zambia and game drive in Nyerere National Park, Tanzania
- Two-night lodge Madikwe lodge stay with daily game drives
- Victoria Falls Hotel stay on the mighty Zambezi and bridge crossing

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Embark on a legendary 16-night rail journey through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania. Highlights include Cape Town, Kimberley, Pretoria, a safari in Madikwe, and an overnight at Victoria Falls. Travel along the historic Tazara line, visit Chisimba Falls, and cross dramatic escarpments into lush mountain jungles. Traverse the vast Nyerere National Park before concluding this unforgettable African adventure in the vibrant city of Dar es Salaam.

Note: Itinerary available in the reverse direction.



PEACE OF MIND BOOKING PLAN

- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation onboard Rovos Rail
- Victoria Falls Hotel overnight stay
- Lodge in Madikwe for two nights
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard
- All beverages onboard Rovos Rail except champagne
- Off-train excursions and entrance fees
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities

ITINERARY

Day 1 Cape Town

Arrive at the Rovos Rail Lounge in Cape Town ahead of departure and settle in before boarding the train. Depart Cape Town Station and journey through the picturesque winelands of the Western Cape towards Worcester.

Enjoy lunch in the dining cars as the scenery unfolds, followed by afternoon tea served in the lounge and observation cars. As evening falls, savour a formal dinner on board before the train begins its climb up the dramatic escarpment.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 Matjiesfontein

Enjoy breakfast in the dining cars before disembarking at Matjiesfontein to explore this charming historic village. Stroll through the village and discover the museum on the platform, along with a collection of vintage cars and railway carriages near the Lord Milner Hotel.

Return to the train and journey through the vast semi-desert landscapes of the Karoo, an ancient inland sea basin shaped over millions of years. Enjoy lunch and afternoon tea on board before a formal dinner as the train continues towards Kimberley.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Kimberley

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast in the dining cars. Explore the history of Kimberley by visiting its Diamond Mine Museum and the iconic Big Hole, uncovering the city's rich heritage rooted in the discovery of diamonds in 1871. Return to the train and enjoy a delectable lunch in the elegant dining cars.

Later in the afternoon, in the same inviting setting. indulge in a relaxing tea session in the lounge and observation cars. As the day winds down, savour a delightful dinner in the dining cars while en route to Union.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Pretoria

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast in the dining cars. Explore Pretoria with a city tour, followed by lunch on the Rovos Rail Station platform. Weather permitting, enjoy a walking tour of the station and locomotive workshops.

Return to the train for a delightful dinner served in the dining cars as you journey en route to Zeerust.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Madikwe Game Reserve

Start your day with breakfast served in the dining cars. At 11am, transfer to a lodge in Madikwe for a two-night stay, with lunch served upon arrival. Enjoy afternoon tea followed by a 3-hour game drive. End the day with dinner at the lodge. *(Dress: casual)*

Note: Madikwe is a prime malaria-free Big 5 wildlife reserve bordering Botswana. It lies within a transition zone

between the North West Province bushveld and Kalahari thornveld with enormous volcanic intrusions, wide open plains and the riverine environment along the Marico River. As a result, the region is host to an incredible diversity of species from both ecosystems with a rich assortment of vegetation and more than 300 resident and migrant bird species.

Overnight stay at the **Madikwe.**

Please pack a small bag for your 2-night stay in Madikwe. Tog bags have been placed in suites for convenience. Spa facilities available (at an additional cost). Payment in ZAR or by credit card only. Times of meals and activities confirmed on arrival.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Madikwe Game Reserve

Begin the day with an early morning game drive through the Madikwe Game Reserve, followed by a relaxed breakfast at the lodge. Enjoy a leisurely lunch and some downtime before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Return to the lodge for a casual dinner under the African sky.

Overnight stay at the **Madikwe.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Madikwe Game Reserve

Begin the day with an early morning game drive, offering another opportunity to experience Botswana's incredible wildlife and landscapes. Return to the lodge for breakfast before transferring to the train at Gaborone. Border formalities will take place en route, with guests required to present themselves to border officials.

Once on board, enjoy lunch as the train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and journeys along the eastern edge of the vast Kalahari Basin. Discover the unique landscapes of this remarkable region, where desert, plateau and wetlands meet across southern Africa.

Relax with afternoon tea in the lounge and observation cars before enjoying dinner in the elegant dining cars.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 At Leisure On Board

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast experience in the dining cars, followed by border formalities. Indulge in a sumptuous lunch served in the dining cars. Later in the afternoon, unwind with tea in the lounge and observation cars while traversing through the vast landscapes.

Enjoy the scenic journey as you pass Gwaai and Dete, experiencing one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line spanning 114 kilometers, along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park. Conclude your day with a delectable dinner served in the dining cars.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Informative lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Victoria Falls

Breakfast is served in the dining cars. Afterwards, arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with an overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome address on the lawn followed by lunch at Jungle Junction. Luggage will be delivered to your rooms. Later in the afternoon enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi.

Dinner is served in the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel.

Overnight stay at **Victoria Falls Hotel.**
Guests will be required to pack a small overnight bag for their stay at Victoria Falls Hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Victoria Falls

Commence your day with a delightful breakfast at the Jungle Junction Restaurant. Following this, enjoy a leisurely exploration of the wonders of Victoria Falls. Savor a delicious lunch at Jungle Junction in the early afternoon. Later, gather on the station platform for departure. Embark on a scenic journey across the iconic Victoria Falls Bridge, taking time to relax and enjoy tea in the lounge and observation cars. Border formalities will be conducted during this picturesque crossing.

Conclude your memorable experiences for the day with a sumptuous dinner served in the elegant dining cars.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Check-out time is approximately at 10:00am (to be advised). Luggage can be stored at the hotel until it is time to board the train.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 At Leisure On Board

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board as the train continues its journey through Zambia. Relax with lunch and afternoon tea while crossing the impressive 477-metre Kafue Railway Bridge. In the evening, dine in style with a formal dinner as the train passes by Zambia's capital city, Lusaka.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 At Leisure On Board

Embark on a captivating journey, beginning your day with a delightful breakfast. The train travels the Tazara railway line, an engineering tour de force and one of Africa’s best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely tea session in the lounge and observation cars, immersing yourself in the charm of the journey. As the day progresses, indulge in the evening's culinary delight with a delectable dinner served in the dining cars, all while enroute to the enchanting destination of Kasama.
(Dress: “Africa” Theme or Smart Casual)

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Chisimba Falls

After breakfast, visit the stunning Chisimba Falls—a trio of waterfalls along the Luombe River. Guests can walk to the rock pools below or enjoy panoramic views from above. Return to the train for lunch as it ascends toward the Zambia–Tanzania border, marking the midpoint between Africa's Great Rift Valley lakes. Enjoy tea and a formal dinner on board as border formalities take place.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 At Leisure On Board - Through Tanzania's Southern Highlands

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast as the train travels through the Rift Valley and baobab forests toward Mbeya. Take in the diverse landscapes of Tanzania's Southern Highlands, from miombo woodlands to Afromontane forests. Lunch and afternoon tea are served on board while you soak up the views. The day concludes with a formal dinner in the dining cars.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 Makambako

Enjoy breakfast on board before taking the opportunity to stroll through Makambako, time permitting. Return to the train and continue your journey towards the lush Udzungwa Mountains, where the railway winds through the dramatic escarpment, crossing impressive viaducts and navigating a series of tunnels and switchbacks.

Savour lunch in the dining cars as the spectacular scenery unfolds, followed by afternoon tea in the lounge and observation cars. As evening falls, enjoy dinner on board while the train continues towards Fuga Halt.

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 Nyerere National Park

Begin the day with a light continental breakfast in the dining cars, followed by a leisurely brunch on board. Later, disembark for a game drive in Nyerere National Park, one of Africa's largest protected wildlife areas, where you may encounter an incredible variety of wildlife amid Tanzania's spectacular landscapes.

Return to the train and continue your journey through the fertile lands of Tanzania. Enjoy afternoon tea in the lounge and observation cars before a special evening dinner on board. *Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual*

Overnight stay aboard the **Rovos Rail.**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17 Dar es Salaam

Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00am. Travel in an easterly direction towards the coast. Arrive at the end of your journey and disembark at Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Rovos Rail (Pullman Gold)

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 Pullman Golds, used on long journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. During the day, the suites are setup with split twin beds configured as sofa-seats (optional) with a conversion to split twin or double beds 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
- Day time 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 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 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.



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

Royal Suite

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 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.

2027 Departure dates:

- 27 Feb - 15 Mar
- 03 Jul - 19 Jul
- 09 Oct - 25 Oct

Excluded

- All off-train beverages, International sparkling wine; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre-and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights
- 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