



Credits: Rovos Rail



SOUTH AFRICA & MORE

COAST TO THE CITY: CAPE TOWN, ROVOS RAIL & JOHANNESBURG

(TOUR CODE: 15770)

STARTS AND ENDS

Cape Town to
Johannesburg

TRAVEL PERIODS

29 Dec 25 - 29 Dec 26

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Discover Cape Town's iconic highlights before travelling in luxury aboard Rovos Rail to Pretoria, then enjoy a two-night stay in Johannesburg, South Africa's vibrant cultural and economic hub.

Highlights

- Discover Cape Town's iconic landmarks, vibrant neighbourhoods and stunning natural beauty
- Explore Table Mountain, enjoy panoramic views, and visit the vibrant V&A Waterfront in Cape Town
- Stay at the Commodore Hotel located on the famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
- Experience the elegance of vintage train travel on Rovos Rail while enjoying breathtaking African landscapes on the journey to Pretoria

Begin your South African adventure with four nights in vibrant Cape Town, exploring Table Mountain, the Cape Peninsula, Winelands, and the V&A Waterfront on private guided tours. Then, enjoy a luxury journey aboard Rovos Rail from Cape Town to Pretoria. Conclude with two nights in Johannesburg, including a full-day tour of Soweto and the Apartheid Museum, visiting Kliptown, the Hector Pietersen Memorial, Vilakazi Street, and the former homes of Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights at the Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City
- 4 nights at the Commodore Hotel in an Executive Room
- 3 nights onboard Rovos Rail from Cape Town to Pretoria in a Pullman Suite, including all meals and off-train excursions as per the itinerary
- Breakfast included as per itinerary
- Full day tour of Soweto and Apartheid Museum
- Private guided Cape Town tour including Table Mountain or Signal Hill, The Diamond Works, city highlights like Bo-Kaap, and wine tasting at Groot Constantia
- Transfers as per itinerary

ITINERARY

Day

1

Arrive in Cape Town

Cape Town is one of South Africa's most popular destinations. This vibrant, multicultural city offers a lively mix of urban and suburban life, bustling day and night spots, outdoor activities, and opportunities for relaxation. Fringed by two oceans with stunning white-sand beaches, Cape Town is a city immersed in nature.

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will be greeted by your driver holding a name board and transferred to the **Commodore Hotel**, ideally located at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Check into your room for a 4-night stay, then enjoy a free afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.



CAPE TOWN

Day

2

Cape Town

After breakfast, depart with your private driver and guide for a visit to Table Mountain via the Cable Car (weather permitting), one of the World's New Seven Wonders of Nature. If conditions prevent access to the summit, enjoy the views from Signal Hill instead. Next, visit The Diamond Works for a diamond cutting demonstration, and browse their exquisite hand-crafted jewellery, as well as authentic African crafts, décor, and gifts.

Continue with a city tour of South Africa's "Mother City," including a visit to the colourful Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, before proceeding to Groot Constantia Wine Estate (or similar) for a tasting of locally grown wines. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant, at your own expense.

Return to your hotel at approximately 4-5pm for a free evening. Dinner is also on your own account and can be enjoyed either at the hotel or at one of the many restaurants within easy walking distance at the V&A Waterfront.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Cape Town: Cape Peninsula & Boulders Beach Tour

After breakfast, meet your private driver/guide and set out along the **stunning coastline** to **Hout Bay**, continuing along the breathtaking **Chapman's Peak Drive**. Visit **Cape Point**, the southwestern tip of the African continent, and take a walk to the summit for **panoramic views of the ocean and surrounding landscapes**.

Stop for **lunch at a local restaurant overlooking False Bay** (*at your own expense*), before visiting the **African Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach**, home to these charming birds in their natural habitat. On the return journey, pause in **Simon's Town**, South Africa's historic naval base, to see the statue of "**Just Nuisance**" and hear the fascinating story of this local legend.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. The evening is free to relax, with **dinner at leisure**.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.

Breakfast



BOULDERS BEACH

Day **4**

Cape Town: Winelands Tour

After breakfast, depart for a full-day tour of the **Cape Winelands**, exploring the scenic beauty and charm of this renowned region. Begin with a visit to the Taal Monument in Paarl, offering stunning panoramic views, followed by a stop at a local wine estate for cheese and wine tasting. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (on your own account), then continue to Stellenbosch to explore its quaint streets and boutique shops. Conclude the day with a visit to a brandy distillery for a tour and tasting, or alternatively, visit a second wine estate. Return to your hotel in Cape Town for a free evening.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.

Breakfast



TAAL MONUMENT IN PAARL

Day **5**

Rovos Rail: Cape Town Station

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a leisurely morning before meeting your driver in the hotel foyer for your transfer to Cape Town Station. Here, your Rovos Rail journey begins as you depart through the scenic Western Cape winelands toward

Worcester. Relax with afternoon tea in the lounge and observation cars as the train ascends approximately 750 metres up the escarpment. In the evening, enjoy a formal dinner served in the elegant dining cars, before the train continues through four tunnels, including one stretching 13.5 kilometres.

Overnight onboard **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6 Rovos Rail: Matjiesfontein

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking at the historic village of Matjiesfontein. Explore the village museum and vintage railway carriages near the Lord Milner Hotel. The train then journeys through the vast semi-desert Karoo, an ancient inland sea basin. Lunch and afternoon tea are served on board. End the day with a formal dinner and overnight stay aboard the train.

Overnight onboard **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Rovos Rail: Kimberley

Breakfast is served as the train approaches Kimberley. Disembark for a guided tour of the renowned Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole, key highlights of the Northern Cape's diamond-rich history. Return to the train for lunch as you travel northeast across the Highveld's expansive grasslands. Enjoy afternoon tea followed by a formal dinner on board. Overnight on the train.

Overnight onboard **Rovos Rail**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ROVOS RAIL LOUNGE CAR TEAAREA

Rovos Rail: Pretoria station Johannesburg (Gauteng Province)

Enjoy breakfast onboard as the train travels northeast through the gold-rich Witwatersrand region. Lunch is served in the dining cars before arriving at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria, marking the end of the journey. Guests wishing to explore the museum or take a station tour are advised to arrange pick-up about 90 minutes later to allow time for these activities. Please note that departure and arrival times may vary.

Upon arrival at Pretoria Station, you will be met with a name board for a meet-and-greet and transferred to **Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City**. The hotel is located approximately 60 kilometres from Pretoria Station in **Gauteng Province**, a journey of around 50 minutes by car. Check in to your room at this charming hotel for a two-night stay.

Overnight in Johannesburg at **Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **9**

Full-Day Soweto & Johannesburg Tour

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before meeting your private guide at **8:00 am**. Depart for a **full-day exploration of Johannesburg and Soweto**.

Begin with a visit to **Constitution Hill**, a living museum that chronicles South Africa's journey to democracy. Once a prison and military fort, this historic site now houses the **Constitutional Court**, a powerful symbol of justice and human rights.

Continue to the **Apartheid Museum**, an immersive experience featuring film footage, photographs, and personal accounts that trace South Africa's struggle and triumph over apartheid.

Next, proceed to **Soweto**—short for *South Western Townships*—a vibrant urban area that played a pivotal role in the nation's history. Drive through its bustling streets, including the famous **Vilakazi Street**, where both **Nelson Mandela** and **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** once lived. Visit the **Hector Pieterse Museum**, which offers insight into the events of the 1976 Soweto Uprising.

Enjoy lunch at **Chez Alina Restaurant** (*for your own account*), followed by a panoramic drive through Johannesburg to see some of the city's notable landmarks.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner this evening is **at leisure and on your own account**

Breakfast



Day 10 Farewell

After breakfast, check-out from your hotel, and be transferred to OR Tambo International Airport for your homebound flight.

Considering an extension? Why not continue your journey to Kruger National Park. Upon arrival at Hoedspruit Airport, you will be met and transferred to Leopard's Bend Bush Lodge, located in the Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve, for a three-night stay. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the lodge, along with morning & afternoon game drives, where you'll have the opportunity to spot the Big Five: elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard. Please see Optional Extras for more information.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve Experience | 3 Nights | Greater Kruger Park Region

Enhance your journey with an unforgettable **safari adventure** in the pristine wilderness of the **Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve**.

After breakfast and check-out from your hotel in Johannesburg, transfer to **OR Tambo International Airport** for your flight to **Hoedspruit**, gateway to the Greater Kruger area. On arrival, you'll be met and transferred to **Leopard's Bend Bush Lodge**, your luxurious retreat for the next three nights. Settle into your **Superior Room**, enjoy a delicious lunch, and then embark on your **first afternoon game drive**, where sightings of elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard await.

A Typical Day in the Game Reserve:

Wake before dawn for a light refreshment before setting out on your **early morning game drive**, when the bush is most alive and predators are on the move. Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast and some time to relax—perhaps indulge in a spa treatment or simply unwind by the pool.

In the late afternoon, gather for high tea before departing on your **second game drive**, complete with scenic sundowners in the African wilderness. As night falls, return to the lodge to enjoy a sumptuous **dinner under the stars**.

On your final morning, enjoy one last game drive followed by breakfast before your transfer back to **Hoedspruit Airport** for your return flight to Johannesburg.

Inclusions:

- Transfer to OR Tambo International Airport from your accommodation in Johannesburg
- Return transfer from/to Hoedspruit Airport on your first & final day
- 3 nights' accommodation at Leopard's Bend Bush Lodge (Superior Room)
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Morning and afternoon game drives with professional rangers and trackers
- One sundowner drink per afternoon safari
- Select beverages: water, soft drinks, local beer, and house wine
- Conservation and gate entry fees
- Wi-Fi

Exclusions:

- All Flights
- Mini bar, premium alcoholic beverages, and drinks not listed above
- Spa treatments, curios, laundry, and telephone expenses
- Lunch and dinner on final day
- Items of a personal nature



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ACCOMMODATION

Commodore Hotel

Experience the very best of Cape Town while staying in the stylish and elegant Commodore Hotel. Situated in the heart of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, the hotel offers stunning views of Table Mountain, Cape Town Harbour, and Robben Island. With its prime location, exceptional

services, and sophisticated ambiance, The Commodore provides the perfect base to explore the city's renowned sights, vibrant dining, and unforgettable experiences.



Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City

Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City offers modern, comfortable accommodation in the heart of Midrand, Johannesburg. Ideally situated just minutes from the **iconic Mall of Africa**, the hotel is perfectly positioned for easy access to **Sandton** and **Midrand CBDs**, as well as major transport hubs like **Gautrain Midrand Station**. With close proximity to key roadways and **conference venues** such as **Gallagher Convention Centre**, **Kyalami International Convention Centre**, and **Netcare Waterfall City Hospital**, the hotel is an excellent choice for both business and leisure travellers.

Guest rooms are spacious, air-conditioned, and thoughtfully designed to ensure comfort and convenience. Each room features well-appointed **bathrooms**, mini-fridges, **tea and coffee making facilities**, **hairdryers**, and **electronic safes** large enough to accommodate laptops. Rooms also offer **desks with lighting and plugs** to facilitate easy work connectivity.

The hotel's **10 floors** house a variety of amenities, including **restaurants**, versatile **meeting rooms**, a **swimming pool**, and a well-equipped **fitness room**. Whether you're here for a business trip or a relaxing stay, Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City is the ideal base for exploring the vibrant area while offering everything you need to unwind.



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 short journeys, accommodate one or two passengers and have an ensuite 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
- Ensuite 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.



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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

Kindly note that the full tour program starting in Cape Town commences 4 days before the Rovos Rail departures (below) from Cape Town to Pretoria, allowing guests to enjoy the additional tour components prior to boarding the train:

2026 Departure dates:

- January 02, 13, 20, 27
- February 10, 14, 23
- March 10, 13, 24
- April 03, 07, 14, 21
- May 05, 08, 19
- June 02, 16
- July 14, 28
- August 08, 11, 25
- September 08, 22, 25
- October 13, 20
- November 02, 13, 17
- December 01, 15, 21, 29

Please note: Pricing is based on a "from price" which varies on each departure and is subject to change without notice. We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

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.)
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- All 'Optional Extras' and 'Optional Tours' are available for an additional charge and are subject to availability
- Champagne, gratuities and personal expenses onboard Rovos Rail