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ROVOS RAIL: CAPE TOWN - DAR ES SALAAM

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Journey Overview

This epic journey travels through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania. Beginning in Cape Town the train takes in the historic village of Matjiesfontein, the diamond town of Kimberley and Pretoria, followed by the Madikwe Game Reserve. Continue through Botswana into Zimbabwe with a night at the illustrious Victoria Falls Hotel. Cross the mighty Zambezi River, join the Tazara line in Zambia and continue to Chisimba Falls. Climbing to the Tanzanian border, the route descends into the Great Rift Valley. As it climbs again to Dar es Salaam, it traverses the Selous Game Reserve.



Itinerary

Day 1

Depart Cape Town Station on the Pride of Africa. Arrive in Matjiesfontein and explore the quaint village. Dinner and overnight on the train. (D)

Day 2

Tour of Kimberley's Big Hole and Diamond Mine Museum. Ten minutes after departing Kimberley a shallow lake appears on the left-hand side of the train where, on most occasions, there are spectacular flocks of Lesser Flamingos (approximately 23 000). Travel from the Karoo to the Highveld. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

Day 3

Arrive at Rovos Rail Station in Capital Park, Pretoria. Enjoy a walking tour of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting) followed by lunch on the platform and a city tour of Pretoria. Depart for Zeerust in the North West Province. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

Day 4

Disembark at Zeerust and transfer by coach to Madikwe Reserve for a two-night stay at TAU Game Lodge. Lunch is served upon arrival at the lodge. Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours). Dinner and overnight at the lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 5

Enjoy an early morning game drive, afternoon game drive and other guest activities. Overnight at the lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 6

Early morning game drive followed by breakfast. Transfer to the train at with border formalities en route to Gaborone, Botswana. Depart Gaborone and travel to Plumtree for border formalities and overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 7

Day at leisure on board. Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon by the on-board historian. The train passes Gwaai and Dete along one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – and along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park where occasional sightings of animals can occur. The train heads for Thompson's Junction for the overnight stop. (B,L,D)

Day 8

Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls and walk across to the hotel. Enjoy lunch. Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River. Buffet dinner at Jungle Junction. Overnight at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 9

Day at leisure in the Victoria Falls with optional activities at extra charge (tour of Falls, helicopter over Falls, whitewater rafting, bungee-jumping, golf, etc). Depart Victoria Falls and cross the bridge to Livingstone, Zambia. (B,L,D)

Day 10

Day at leisure on board. Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon by the on-board historian. The train travels across the Kafue railway bridge – a 477-metre long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 metres supported on concrete piers – towards Kapiri Mposhi and the start of the TAZARA railway line. (B,L,D)

Day 11

Enjoy a day at leisure on the train. Lectures will be given during the course of the morning and/or afternoon by the on-board historian. The train passes through Serenje and Mpika to Kasama. (B,L,D)

Day 12

Disembark at Kasama for a morning excursion to Chisimba Falls. Depart from Kasama and travel towards the Tanzanian border. (B,L,D)

Day 13

Arrive at Makambako where guests may enjoy a stroll through the town – time permitting.Depart and travel towards Mlimba. The train descends into the Rift Valley and through the Udzungwa Mountains as it negotiates the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the escarpment.

Day at leisure on the train with lectures by the on-board historian. (B,L,D)

Day 14

Game visit in the Selous Reserve. Travel towards Gwata for an overnight stop. (B,L,D)

Day 15

Depart Gwata in and travel in an easterly direction towards the coast. Breakfast is served in the dining car/s. Arrive at journey’s end in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. (B)

PRICE (Pullman Suite)
Twin Share Per Person: From $17,055
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