

# JOURNEY FROM VICTORIA FALLS BY PRIVATE TRAIN

An escorted journey between Victoria Falls & Pretoria  
aboard the luxurious **Rovos Rail**

14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

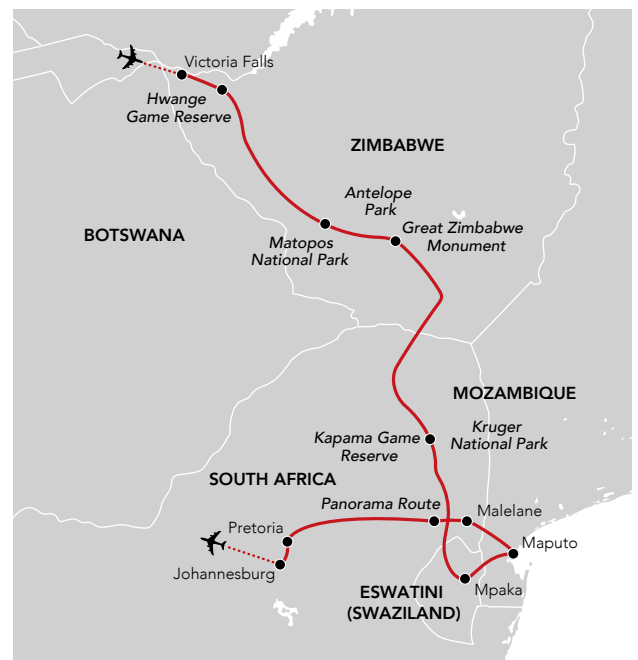
NOBLE CALEDONIA



We are delighted to have chartered the Rovos Rail Private Train from our associates at Rovos Rail, renowned for their exceptional service and world class experiences. During this spectacular journey from Victoria Falls to Pretoria we will view some remarkable scenery and wonderful locations along the way in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, eSwatini (Swaziland) and South Africa. In spite of all its regional difficulties, Africa still captures the imagination like no other continent. The beauty and the colours truly need to be seen to be believed and are brought right to the compartment doors of our comfortable rolling hotel, all while enjoying the excellent service for which Rovos Rail is renowned.

Our journey begins in Zimbabwe, a country of astounding natural beauty and extraordinary wildlife, with a two night stay in Victoria Falls, an awe-inspiring sight. From here we start our journey to Hwange National Park, a rich and diverse wildlife sanctuary where animals can be spotted from the train and during our game drive. For the remainder of our time in Zimbabwe we will step back in time at the Great Zimbabwe Monument as well as visit Antelope Park, home to a lion conservation programme and Matopos National Park, the site of Cecil John Rhodes' grave. Arriving into South Africa we will traverse the Limpopo Province and enjoy a game drive in the Kampama Game Reserve before crossing the border to Mozambique. Here we visit its bustling capital Maputo before exploring the intriguing Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) where we can witness the lively and colourful local culture as people go about their everyday life.

Crossing back in to South Africa we will visit Kruger National Park where, for some, the highlight will no doubt be spotting the Big Five (buffalo, elephant, lion, leopard and rhino), whilst for others, it may be seeing the remarkable birdlife or the majestic giraffe that stay longest in memory. We then continue to our final destination of Pretoria via the awe-inspiring landscapes of the Drakensberg Mountains and along the Panorama Route with visits to historic Pilgrim's Rest, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window, one of Blyde River Canyon's most spectacular viewpoints. Watching the changing mood and colours at sunrise is a truly memorable experience.







Giraffes

Observation Balcony, Rovos Rail

Voortrekker monument, Pretoria

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

**Day 2 Victoria Falls.** Arrive today and transfer to Victoria Falls for our two night stay. We will have some free time this afternoon before we meet for dinner this evening. **(D)**

**Day 3 Victoria Falls.** We have a day to relax at the hotel or explore the local area. Maybe join an optional tour such as a helicopter ride over the falls, a game drive in the nearby Chamabonda or Zambezi National Parks, visit a local village or play a round of golf. In the late afternoon we will meet for a sunset cruise on the Zambezi before enjoying an evening at leisure for independent dining arrangements in the hotel or town. **(B)**

**Day 4 Victoria Falls.** Meet after breakfast in the hotel. From here we take a walking tour of the town and Victoria Falls. Forming the largest single curtain of falling water on earth (on average the curtain is 92 metres deep), the Victoria Falls' 500 metre plume of spray can be seen from as far as 70 kilometres away. The sound of the water can also be heard from kilometres away and up close this muted 'thunder' becomes a roar. In full flood, over 550 million litres of water per minute cascade over the brink. The vast width of the Falls, extending 1708 metres, allow for many safe vantage points from where you will be able to get different views of the roiling water as it crashes into the gorge and whose constant spray maintains the rain forest. The forest is an attraction on its own with many of the trees marked to help identification. These include fig, mahogany, date palm, milkwood and ebony. The bird life is prolific and species that may be seen include the colourful sunbird and large trumpeter hornbill. In the afternoon we will transfer to the Rovos Rail at the Victoria Falls station and depart this evening. **(B, D)**

**Day 5 Hwange Game Reserve.** Covering 1,462,000 hectares, Hwange is roughly the same size as Belgium and we spend a full day game viewing in the reserve with a picnic stop for lunch. Situated in the northwest corner of Zimbabwe, Hwange National Park is the nation's largest wildlife area and contains a variety of animals and bird species but is most well-known for its prolific lion population. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 6 Matopos National Park.** This morning we embark on a full day tour of Matopos National Park. "Matopos" means 'bald headed ones' and aptly describes the dramatic hills and granite rocks of this area. Here we will visit the burial place of Cecil John Rhodes, who gave Zimbabwe its previous name of Rhodesia. Afterwards, we will visit one of the more accessible bushman caves, of which there are many hidden amongst the hills. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 7 Antelope Park.** Set in over 3,000 acres of open savannah grassland, Antelope Park is a unique game reserve and is also home to the famous "African Lion and Environmental Research Trust" (ALERT) lion rehabilitation programme. This programme is a multiphase lion conservation initiative and Africa's first genuine programme working to ethically re-introduce the offspring of captive bred African lions back into the wild. Other optional activities include game drives, horse riding, elephant interaction and a birdwatching experience. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 8 Great Zimbabwe Monument.** Today we tour the Great Zimbabwe Monument, a hugely impressive monument situated on the south-eastern edge of the central plateau. It is the largest pre-colonial monument south of the Egyptian pyramids and is a celebrated achievement of the African people. Magical fables such as the story of King Solomon's Mines find their origins here amongst the ruins of an ancient city built by the Rozwi people. Discover how these ancient people lived and mined gold and silver which were ultimately taken out of Africa by Arabic and Portuguese traders. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 9 Limpopo Province, South Africa.** Spend the day on board as we traverse Limpopo Province, which is located in the far north of South Africa and shares borders with three neighbouring countries: Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. The Limpopo landscape varies from one area to the other from tropical forests, bush and shrubs to semi-desert areas with small trees and bushes and mountains to flat land. It is also the only province in South Africa with more than two cultural groups staying together in their original habitat in harmony. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 10 Kapama Game Reserve.** This morning we take a game drive in Kapama Game Reserve which is situated in South Africa's northernmost province of Limpopo and renowned for its prolific and diverse wildlife. Kapama Private Game Reserve is home to over 40 different mammal species, including the Big Five and approximately 350 bird species and a myriad of smaller species can also be seen here in their natural environment. We then visit the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, a unique African wildlife facility focusing on conservation and the sustainability of rare, vulnerable and threatened species. Founded on passion, the centre has adopted a holistic approach to its conservation activities such as the educating of surrounding communities, tourism, breeding, rehabilitation and anti-poaching. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 11 Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland).** Today we tour the tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) which covers only 17,000 square kilometres making it the second smallest country in Africa. Enjoy amazing views of the Ezulwini Valley as we drive to the Swazi Market which is a bustling hive of activity and



Lilac-breasted roller



Maputo



Great Zimbabwe Ruins

displays a wide variety of skillfully crafted candles, woodcarvings, colourful textiles and superb basketwork for which Swazis are renowned. At Mantenga Cultural Village we discover a living museum of traditions representing life in the 1800s. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 12 Maputo, Mozambique.** This morning we tour Maputo, the capital of Mozambique and a city of contrasts and an exciting mix of cultures. The city swings along to a beat like no other in Africa offering true African hospitality. Its architecture is a blend of African, Portuguese and early colonial traditions with old Catholic churches side-by-side with mosques, fortresses, Victorian mansions and other buildings from a bygone era. This afternoon we travel to Komatipoort for border formalities as we return to South Africa. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 13 Kruger National Park, South Africa.** We spend the day in the world-renowned Kruger National Park which offers a wildlife experience second to none. Its two million hectares are unrivalled in the diversity of life forms and the park is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques. The park is home to an impressive number of species: about 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 species of mammals. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 14 Panorama Route.** Today we take a full day tour of the Panorama Route. In 1873, gold was discovered in the area around the quaint town of Pilgrim's Rest, now a living museum and national monument. The find attracted 1,500 diggers and today many of the restored miners' houses serve as shops. Further along the escarpment we find the great Blyde River Canyon, a gorge 26 kilometres in length and 800 metres deep, carved into the face of the escarpment. Bourke's Luck Potholes are strange deep cylindrical cavities formed by river erosion and floodwater. From the vantage point of Wonder View we gaze across the sweeping landscape of the Lowveld, where subtle fragrances of the lower region rise to merge with the crisp winds of the Highveld. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 15 Pretoria.** Spend the morning on the train as we travel on the eastern line, built by the Dutch between 1893 and 1895 to link Pretoria and Maputo, and pass through Middelburg and the eMalakleni coal mining region. After lunch on the train we arrive into Pretoria in the late afternoon. Disembark and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay and the remainder of the evening is at leisure. **(B, L)**

**Day 16 Pretoria to London.** This morning we take a tour of Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa and visit the Union Buildings designed by the famous colonial English architect, Sir Herbert Baker. Completed in 1913, it now houses the offices of the President and Ministers and the

buildings overlook the city towards the once fortified hills to the south. A grand bronze statue of "Oom Paul (Kruger)", the patriarch president of the ZAR or old Transvaal Republic, surrounded by his Boer fighters, dominates Church Square at the centre of the city. Before leaving the capital behind we visit the Voortrekker Monument which commemorates the Great Trek of the 1830s. In the afternoon we transfer to Johannesburg Airport for our scheduled flight to London. **(B, L)**

**Day 17 London.** Arrive this morning.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Pullman Suite	£9295
Deluxe Suite	£10795
Pullman Suite for sole use	£11995
Deluxe Suite for sole use	£13495

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Victoria Falls • 11 nights aboard Rovos Rail Private Train • Overnight hotel accommodation in Pretoria • Meals as indicated (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) • All drinks on the Rovos Rail Private Train (excluding premium brands) • Limited laundry service on the Rovos Rail Private Train • Excursions • Entrance fees • Local guides • Onboard Train Manager • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance, visas for Zimbabwe, Mozambique entry fee, optional excursions, drinks with meals off the train.

**NB.** The train operator, Rovos Rail, is reliant on the railway services provided by the countries through which they travel. Delays can occur due to issues with locomotives, signaling, damage to power cables or tracks and electrical outages. Whilst Rovos Rail will endeavour to ensure the schedule is adhered to there may be amendments due to these challenges. Any changes will be communicated on board via the train managers.

**Visa Information:** Visas are not required for entry into South Africa or eSwatini (Swaziland). Visas are required for entry into Zimbabwe and will be issued on arrival for British citizen passport holders for a fee of approximately \$55 US Dollars per person. There is no visa requirement for Mozambique but an entry fee of ZAR200 is payable on arrival in the country. Further information including the exact fee for each visa along with any updates will be provided to booked passengers approximately 12 weeks prior to departure.





## ROVOS RAIL

We are delighted to be working with Rovos Rail and their luxury train. Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world class travel experiences. Step aboard the wood-panelled coaches and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows. Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a bygone era when privileged travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion.

With discreet and friendly service, top cuisine and a selection of South Africa's finest wines, Rovos Rail harks back to a simpler, more elegant era encompassing the timeless grace and high romance of African exploration. The beautifully rebuilt train, which may be hauled by diesel or electric locomotives, carries a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites.



Pullman Suite, daytime



Pullman Suite, nighttime



Deluxe Suite, double



Deluxe Suite, twin





The Elegant Dining Car

## Your Suite

The train carries a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites. The sleeper coaches are some of the most spacious in the world, offering every modern convenience and comfort. The epitome of luxury, with handsome wood panelling and period Edwardian features, the air-conditioned suites accommodate two people offering the option of twin or spacious double beds. All are equipped with a writing surface and, for valuables, a personal safe. There is also room service available 24 hours a day. In the en-suite bathrooms original fittings are combined with the modern technology of hot showers, hairdryers and shaver sockets. The Deluxe Suites measure ten square metres and have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower and the Pullman Suites which measure seven square metres are equipped with a comfortable sofa-seat during the day and converted to double or twin beds for the evening.

## Your Space

On board there is a non-smoking Observation Car at the rear of the train, while the coach next to it contains a small smoking lounge. A unique feature of the Observation Car is the enlarged windows and open-air balcony. At the centre of the train there is a non-smoking Lounge Car, which also houses the Gift Shop. Deep sofas and wingback chairs make for an extremely comfortable car. As with all the service cars the lounges are air-conditioned, yet the windows can be opened allowing in the sights, sounds and scents of Africa.

## Your Dining

The Rovos Rail has two 42-seater Dining Cars to accommodate the maximum complement of 72 passengers in total comfort at one sitting. An enthusiastic team of chefs are responsible for overseeing the very important task of ensuring guests' every need is catered for. There is an accent on fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes such as game are a specialty. Every morning there is a full breakfast with dishes cooked to order and a buffet selection of fresh fruits and yoghurts. Lunch and dinner are set menus and both are complemented by a selection of excellent South African wines. Dietary requests will be catered for and guests can discuss the menus with the chef prior to the meals for alternative options.

## Life On Board

In maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board. The use of mobile phones, laptops and essentially anything that has the ability to disturb other passengers is confined to the privacy of your suites only. For days on the train the dress code is casual. During the day, comfortable and casual attire is appropriate, and the evenings are smart casual.



Observation Car at sunset



Friendly Service

Light Salad Lunch



The Observation Car



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