

THE CALL OF AFRICA

A private train journey between Cape Town and Dar es Salaam
aboard the luxurious PRIDE OF AFRICA

5th to 23rd January 2019



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THE PRIDE OF AFRICA

We are delighted to have chartered the luxurious Pride of Africa private train from our associates at Rovos Rail. 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.

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 a bar fridge filled with beverages of the passengers' choice and room service is 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 Royal Suites, each of which takes up half a carriage, are spacious and elegant, measuring 16 square metres in size. Each has its own private lounge area and full bathroom with Victorian bath and separate shower. 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.



Pullman Suite, Daytime



Deluxe Suite



Royal Suite



Pullman Suite showing daytime configuration.



Deluxe Suite showing twin beds (configuration either L-shaped twin or double twin). Please note there are a limited amount of L-shaped cabins.



Royal Suite showing double bed.



The Elegant Dining Car

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. In maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board. 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 Pride of Africa 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 daytime on the train the dress is smart casual. The evening attire is more formal – for the gentlemen a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement while for ladies cocktail/evening dresses or suits.



Lounge Car



Friendly Service



Light Salad Lunch



The Observation Car



Observation Car Balcony

Join us aboard the Pride of Africa, regarded by many as the most luxurious train in the world, for a journey through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania, one of the great train journeys of the world.

In spite of all its regional difficulties, Africa captures the imagination like no other continent and its varied cultures, extraordinary wildlife and perhaps most of all, the majesty of its landscape cast a lifelong spell on all who visit. From Cape Town we will travel the length of South Africa visiting the diamond town of Kimberley, the nation's capital of Pretoria and stay two nights in a private lodge in Madikwe Game Reserve. Cross the border to magnificent Victoria Falls and then across the mighty Zambezi River, travelling north to Zambia where we join the Tazara Railway line. We will climb towards the Zambian and Tanzanian border, almost the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes. Descend into the Rift Valley travelling through stunning scenery as the train negotiates the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the escarpment. Next we will visit the Selous Game Reserve, the largest on the continent and the very vision of 'Timeless Africa'. Finally we reach the bustling city of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Cape Town, South Africa. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Cape Town. Arrive in the morning and transfer to the Table Bay Hotel located on the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town for an overnight stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

Day 3 Cape Town to Matjiesfontein. Today we transfer to the train station to board our luxury train, Pride of Africa. Settle into your cabin and enjoy the changing landscape as we travel to Matjiesfontein, arriving in the early evening with time for a stroll through this quaint and historic little village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages.

Day 4 Kimberley. Enjoy a leisurely morning on the train and after lunch we arrive into Kimberley. Here we proceed for a tour of the city, the 'Big Hole' and the Diamond Mine Museum with a historic tram ride (subject to availability). We leave Kimberley in the late afternoon. Ten minutes after departing Kimberley there is a shallow lake on the left hand side where spectacular flocks of flamingos can often be seen.

Day 5 Pretoria. This morning we pull into Pretoria, one of the most picturesque of South African cities. Enjoy a tour of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting) followed by lunch on the platform and a city tour of Pretoria. Return to the train in the early evening and depart for Zeerust.

Day 6 Zeerust to Madikwe Game Reserve. Arrive this morning at Zeerust and transfer to the Madikwe Game Reserve for a two night stay at Tau Game Lodge. Madikwe is one of the largest game reserves in South Africa offering great game viewing opportunities. It has been the recipient of an ambitious and successful restocking programme, with game indigenous to the area. The 75,000 hectares now boast an excellent wildlife population including the 'Big Five'. You can also expect to see its packs of wild dog which are often sighted, both black and white rhino, extensive plains game including sable, gemsbok, springbok and giraffe, as well as over 340 species of birds.

Day 7 Madikwe Game Reserve. A full day to explore Madikwe. Enjoy an early morning and evening game drive in addition to other activities and make the most of the lodge's excellent facilities.



Victoria Falls



Historic ox-carts in front of the museum, Matjiesfontein



Yellow-billed stork, Selous Game Reserve



Giraffes and zebras, Madikwe Game Reserve



White Rhino, Madikwe Game Reserve



Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria



Family of Elephants, Selous Game Reserve



The 'Big Hole' at Kimberley

Day 8 Gaborone, Botswana. After an early morning game drive we reboard our train in Gaborone for a mid-day departure. Border formalities en-route.

Day 9 En-route. Enjoy the day on board travelling through Zimbabwe. An expert historian will provide morning and afternoon talks. We pass 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.

Day 10 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Arrive at Victoria Falls this morning. Walk from the train to the "Grand Lady" Victoria Falls Hotel, a short way down the path. This evening we take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, a magical experience. Dinner will be taken at the hotel at the 'Jungle Junction Restaurant' named after an early train station there, but now it is a lovely open-air dining area serving delicious, fresh food.

Day 11 Victoria Falls. Enjoy a relaxing day at leisure at Victoria Falls. A selection of optional tours will be offered for an additional cost, for example, join a guided tour of the falls, take the 'Flight of Angels' or enjoy a round of golf. In the late afternoon re-board the train and depart for Zambia with border formalities en-route.

Days 12 & 13 En-route. Two leisurely days on board our train to enjoy the good food and company whilst admiring the passing scenery as we journey through Zambia. There will be lectures on board during the day.

Day 14 Kasama, Zambia. Today we disembark in Kasama for an excursion to Chisimba Falls, a combination of three successive waterfalls. The Bemba people regard this as one of the most sacred places of power. Return to the train for our onward journey. There will be border formalities as we cross from Zambia to Tanzania.

Day 15 Makambako, Tanzania. After breakfast we will arrive in Makambako and commence our descent through the spectacular pass to Mlimba. The train travels alongside the Udzungwa Mountains as it negotiates the tunnels, switchbacks and viaducts of the escarpment towards the Selous.

Day 16 Selous. Enjoy a game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa. Meals are enjoyed on board as the train departs Kisaki and descends into the Rift Valley from the highlands and traverses the fertile lands of Tanzania towards Gwata.

Day 17 Gwata to Dar es Salaam. Arrive in Gwata and continue the journey through to Dar es Salaam where on arrival we leave the train. We take a panoramic tour of Dar es Salaam followed by lunch. Check in to the Hyatt Regency Hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 18 Dar es Salaam to London. After a morning at leisure we transfer to the airport and return to London by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 19 London. Arrive today.



Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

CATEGORY	
Pullman Suite	£11495
Deluxe Suite	£12995
Royal Suite	£15495
Pullman Suite for sole occupancy	£14495
Deluxe Suite for sole occupancy	£17495

Price includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 11 nights aboard the Pride of Africa on full board basis including drinks (excluding certain premium label spirits, wines and champagnes), overnight Table Bay Hotel in a Luxury King Room on bed and breakfast basis, 2 nights Tau Game Lodge in a Standard Chalet on full board basis, overnight Victoria Falls Hotel in Deluxe Central Room on full board basis, overnight Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dar es Salaam on bed and breakfast basis, excursions, local guides, onboard Tour Director, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, dinner on day 2, lunch and dinner on day 17, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas, gratuities, optional excursions in Victoria Falls.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

In addition to our 11 nights spent on board the luxurious Pride of Africa, our itinerary also includes accommodation at some select hotels:



The Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town — overnight day 2

Situated in Cape Town's picturesque working harbour and with direct access to the V&A Waterfront, with its many shops and restaurants, the Table Bay Hotel is an extremely convenient base for your stay in Cape Town. The views of the Atlantic Ocean are spectacular and you can watch ships come and go in the harbour with Table Mountain towering in the background. The hotel was opened in May 1997 by former South African president, Nelson Mandela and has won numerous accolades and is a Member of The Leading Hotels of the World. The Table Bay is a classic five-star hotel with a nautical feel and all of the elegant 329 rooms feature thoughtful touches such as separate bathtubs and showers, bathrobes and slippers, tea and coffee making facilities, minibar, 24-hour room service, complimentary Wi-Fi and LCD TVs with satellite channels. Other facilities available to guests include the Camelot Spa, a gym, an outdoor pool, The Lounge and Union Bar. Dining options include the Camissa Brasserie, serving gourmet dishes that reflect South Africa's diverse cultural heritage, the Atlantic Grill, with its incredible buffet breakfast and, for the ultimate in refinement, High Tea is served in The Lounge.



Victoria Falls Hotel — overnight day 10

Popularly known as "the grand old lady of the falls" the historic Victoria Falls Hotel overlooks the Victoria Falls Bridge and the gorges below. Situated in acres of private garden, the charm and tranquil atmosphere of this five star hotel has earned international acclaim. The elegant decor and the old world charm of this gracious hotel is reflected in the wide colonial verandahs. The hotel's 180 rooms are decorated in a manner that recaptures the comfortable charm of a bygone age, with colonial prints, four poster and canopied beds, antique furniture and well-chosen artifacts. Modern facilities and amenities mingle well with the old-fashioned ambience, including such 21st century travellers' necessities as personal safes, minibars, bathrobes, digital satellite television and umbrellas for the convenience of guests visiting the Rain Forest surrounding the Falls. The main lounge with its old-fashioned traditional elegance and decor has a warm welcoming style, providing a perfect backdrop for relaxing with friends. The Bulawayo Room offers surroundings of exceptional comfort and luxury, going back to the turn of the century.



Tau Game Lodge, Madikwe Game Reserve — overnight days 6 & 7

Privately-owned Tau Game Lodge was built in 1995 and overlooks a vast natural waterhole, which attracts a variety of game, as does the diverse vegetation which thrives in the fertile topsoil. The main body of the Lodge is two-levelled and has a comfortable lounge, bar and dining room which are semi open-air and overlook the waterhole. Delicious buffet breakfasts and lunches are generally served in the main building or on the verandah next to the plunge pool and dinner is served in one of the cosy boma's under the stars, or in the lapa next to the main lodge. The accommodation consists of 30 luxury thatched chalets, all with views of the game approaching the water hole. Each chalet ensures privacy with its own viewing deck, en-suite bathroom, open-air shower, air-conditioning and ceiling fans.



Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro — overnight day 17

This is a modern oasis in the heart of the city. The luxurious five-star hotel has a superb waterfront location with spectacular views of the harbour and Indian Ocean and features 180 spacious and comfortably appointed rooms with authentic hospitality, and deluxe amenities. There is a range of excellent dining options. Unwind at Anantara Spa, a comprehensive wellness centre that offers guests a wide selection of spa treatments in six private treatment rooms complemented by a sauna, steam rooms and a fitness centre. Alternatively, relax outdoors in the infinity swimming pool which, overlooking the Dar es Salaam harbour, offers some of the best views from any hotel pool in Tanzania.

PRE & POST-TOUR EXTENSIONS



Vineyards of Stellenbosch

PRE-TOUR CAPE TOWN EXTENSION

2nd to 6th January 2019

For those who would like to spend some more time at the luxurious Table Bay Hotel and to explore Cape Town, we are offering a three night extension.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Cape Town, South Africa. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Cape Town. Arrive today and transfer to the Table Bay Hotel, located on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront for a three night stay. We meet this evening and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. **(D)**

Day 3 Full Day Winelands Tour. Today is dedicated to the exceptional winelands region and our first visit is to the Backsberg Estate, a family working farm in the heart of the winelands where we will enjoy a wine and cheese tasting. We then continue to Franschhoek which, known as the "the food and wine capital", is a town with old vineyards and a strong French influence. Here we find many farms which were named after different areas in France from which the Huguenot refugee settlers originated and the Huguenot Monument at the end of the town honours the area's French settlers. For our next wine tasting and lunch we will visit Mont Rochelle, a hotel and 37 hectares of lush vineyard which is now owned by Sir Richard Branson. Afterwards we take a walking tour of Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa and we will see some of the town's architectural history. Stellenbosch is home to some of the finest wines and has a history of producing wine dating back to the 17th century. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour. Our journey to Cape Point takes us along the scenic Atlantic seaboard coastal road. We pass the pristine beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, with their soft white sand and azure blue water before arriving at the quaint fishing village of Hout Bay with its imposing Sentinel. Our tour continues over Chapman's Peak, which is one of the most spectacular marine drives and to Cape Point at the tip of the Cape Peninsula which is a nature reserve within Table Mountain National Park and a Natural World Heritage Site. Here there is a variety of flora and fauna, baboons, antelope, Cape mountain zebra and amazing birdlife. We continue on to Simons Town, a maritime naval base which is located on the shores of False Bay and we stop for lunch here before continuing to Boulders Beach, a sheltered beach with huge granite boulders and famous for the local residents, the African penguin colony. We head back through Fish Hoek, a coastal town on the False Bay side of the Cape Peninsula this seaside village is surrounded by rugged mountains and is home to an early Stone Age historic site. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 5 Cape Town. Enjoy a day at leisure or join an optional excursion (bookable and payable locally) such as to Table Mountain, Robben Island or Kirstenbosch Gardens. Join day 2 of the main itinerary and meet this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £795 Single: £995

Price Includes: Three nights at the Table Bay Hotel on bed and breakfast basis, two full day excursions, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L- Lunch, D – Dinner), entrance fees, local guides, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, gratuities.



Traditional dhows near Stone Town, Zanzibar

POST-TOUR ZANZIBAR EXTENSION

22nd to 26th January 2019

For those who would like to spend some more time in Tanzania, we are offering a three night extension to explore Zanzibar staying at the Zanzibar Serena Inn. The hotel is idyllically situated on the seafront of historic and enchanting Stone Town and is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Dar Es Salaam to Zanzibar Stone Town. Transfer from the Hyatt Regency Hotel to the Port of Dar es Salaam and take the first class ferry service to Stone Town. Upon arrival check in to our hotel, the Zanzibar Serena Inn for our three night stay. Enjoy lunch at the hotel and this afternoon we will take a tour of Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visit the colourful market and the site of the cathedral, built in 1874 it stands on the sight of a past slave market. From here we visit the residence of the late Sultan of Zanzibar, Tippu Tip's House, the Old Fort, Peoples Palace and the House of Wonders, full of intrigue from days of long ago. We end the tour at the historic Emerson Spice Hotel consisting of three adjoining World Heritage Site buildings in the exotic Kasbah of Stone Town. Enjoy sundowners and dinner overlooking the rooftops of this magical island. **(B, L, D)**

Day 2 Fumba. This morning we transfer to Fumba Beach for a full day excursion using locally made traditional sailing dhows of between 8 to 10 metres in length. Set out to sea into the Menai Bay, where conservation efforts have allowed dolphins to flourish and land on a powdery sandbank where the team will set up sunshades and fit you with snorkel gear. Here you can enjoy frolicking in the shallows or bask in the sun under the clear Zanzibari sky. We return back to Fumba in the afternoon and transfer back to our hotel. This evening enjoy a traditional Swahili dinner buffet with a live 'Taarab' band. **(B, L, D)**

Day 3 Spice Plantations to Jozani Forest. After breakfast, depart for our tour to the spice plantations for an opportunity to taste and smell a variety of fruits and spices unique to the island. Commencing at the ruins of the Maruhubi Palace, via the site of David Livingston's house, the journey continues north of town towards the Kidichi Persian Baths. Lunch is served at the very unique The Rock Restaurant with breathtaking views of a little island on the eastern shores of Zanzibar. This afternoon we take a trip to Jozani Forest, one of the last remaining sanctuaries in the world of the red colubus monkey. Jozani has an excellent nature trail with impressive flora and fauna. We also visit the mangrove swamp and walk around the mangrove forest. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4 Zanzibar Stone Town to Dar Es Salaam to London. Today we transfer from Stone Town to the Port of Zanzibar and return to Dar es Salaam. We transfer to the airport for our flight to London. **(B)**

Day 5 London. Arrive today.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1395 Single: £1695

Price Includes: Three nights at the Zanzibar Serena Inn on bed and breakfast basis, two full day excursions, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L- Lunch, D – Dinner), entrance fees, local guides, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, gratuities.



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