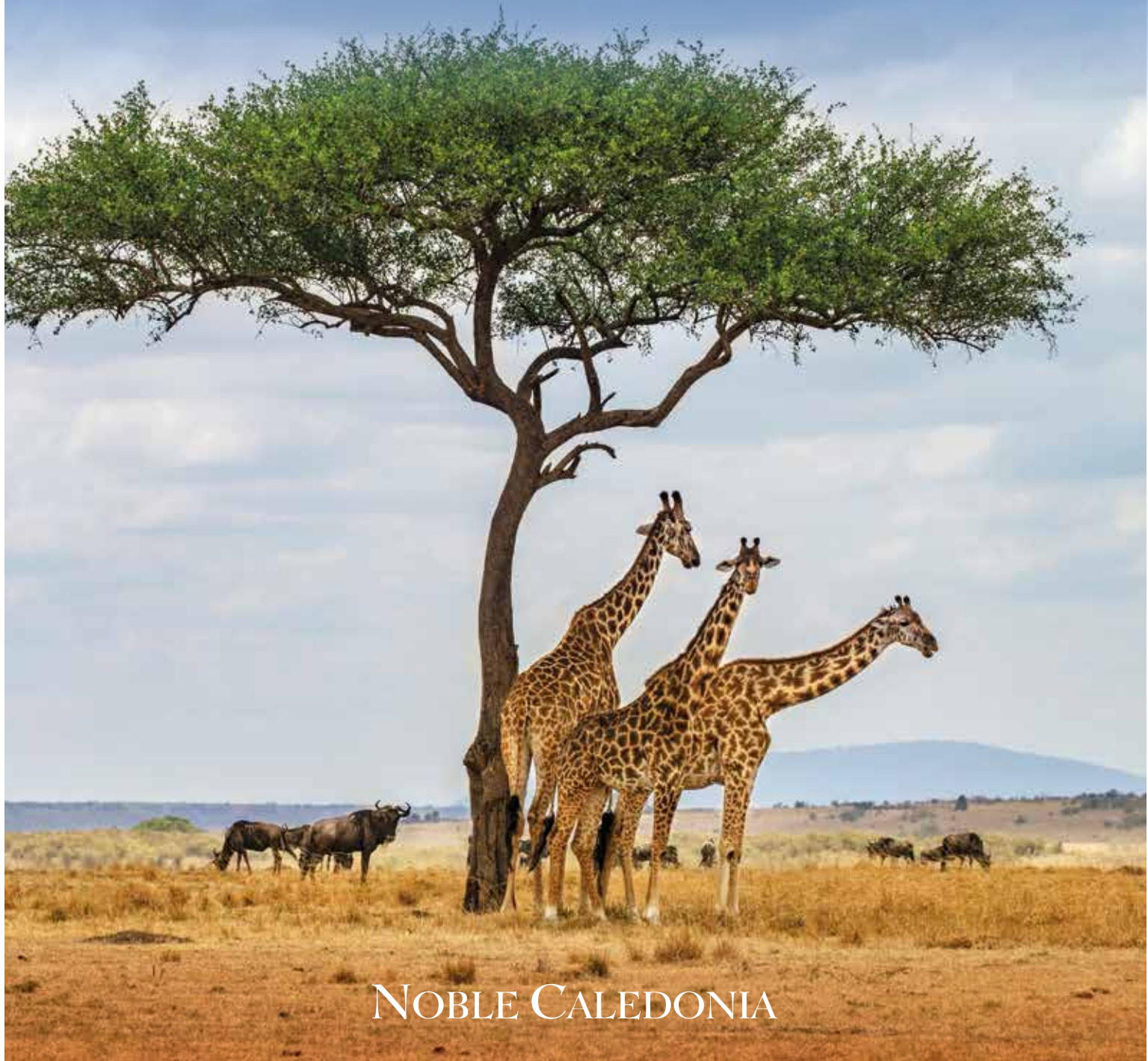


THE CALL OF AFRICA

BY PRIVATE TRAIN

A journey between Cape Town &
Dar es Salaam aboard the luxurious Rovos Rail

6th to 26th October 2027 & 25th February to 16th March 2028

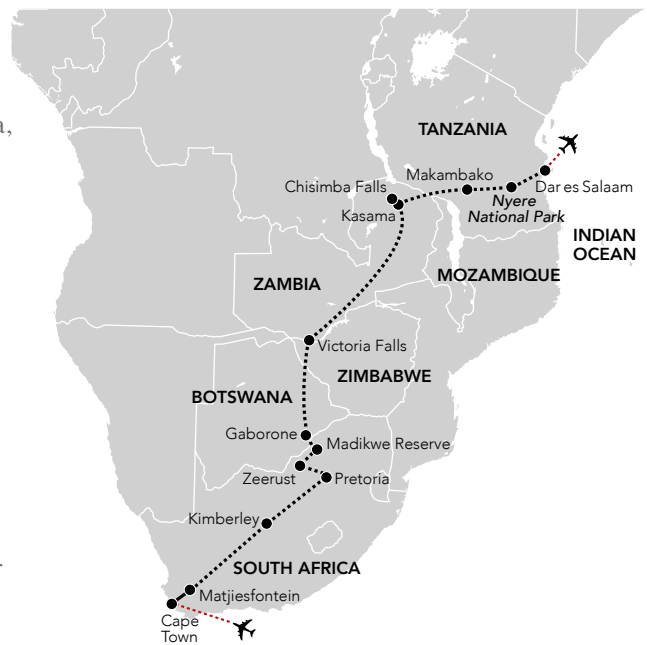


NOBLE CALEDONIA

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. For this journey through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania, one of the great train journeys of the world, Rovos Rail have provided us with a selection of cabins aboard their luxurious private train.

Some of the most evocative journeys in the world are to be had on board a train and nowhere is this truer than in Africa where the timeless landscapes can be enjoyed from the considerable comfort of your carriage, providing an eye-level view of the absorbing scenery.

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 the Madikwe Game Reserve. Cross the border to the magnificent Victoria Falls and then across the mighty Zambezi River, travelling north to Zambia where we join the Tazara Railway line and visit the Chisimba Falls before we continue on to the Tanzanian border for our day in the magnificent Nyere National Park. Finally we reach the bustling city of Dar es Salaam where our epic journey concludes.



The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Cape Town. Arrive today and transfer to our hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day and evening are free to relax in the hotel or explore independently.

Day 3 Cape Town. This morning, enjoy a half day tour of Cape Town. On your way into the city, view famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope, St George's Cathedral, and the Malay Quarter. Witness the firing of the noonday gun at Signal Hill, before proceeding to Table Mountain, where you will have the option to ascend via Cable Car. On a clear day, you can see across the bay to Robben Island and Cape Point. Weather permitting, enjoy walks around the top to view the unique flora that grows around this famous peak. Alternatively, return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

Day 4 Cape Town to Matjiesfontein. After breakfast we transfer to Cape Town train station to board Rovos Rail. 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. (B, L, D)

Day 5 On Board. Spend the day on the train as we traverse the Karoo, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system. (B, L, D)

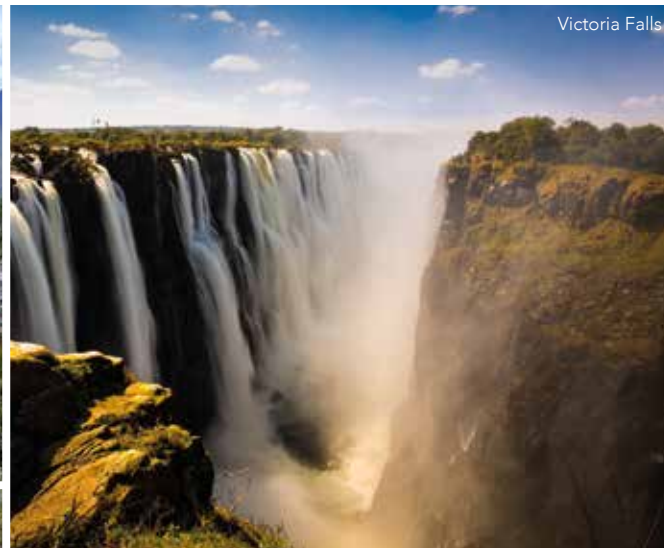
Day 6 Kimberley. Arrive today in Kimberley, the capital of the Northern Cape and well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871. A tour of the city includes the 'Big Hole' and the Diamond Mine Museum. Depart over lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 7 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 followed by lunch on the platform and a city tour of Pretoria. Return to the train in the early evening and depart for Zeerust. (B, L, D)

Days 8 & 9 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 a prime malaria-free Big Five wildlife reserve bordering Botswana. It lies within a transition zone between the Northwest 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. We will take part in early morning and evening game drives in addition to other activities and make the most of the lodge's excellent facilities. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Gaborone, Botswana. After an early morning game drive, we reboard our train in Gaborone for a mid-day departure. We will have border formalities for Botswana before lunch is served. This afternoon the train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and the eastern edge of the Kalahari Basin. Known as 'Kgalagadi' in Botswana, the Kalahari (which covers much of Botswana, parts of Namibia and South Africa) is not a true desert as it does experience small amounts of rain, with some areas enjoying up to 250 mm per annum. The surrounding basin extends farther into Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and encroaching into parts of Angola, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It is part desert, part plateau. The only constant river, the Okavango, flows into a delta in the northwest forming marshes that are rich in wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 11 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. (B, L, D)



Day 12 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Arrive at Victoria Falls this morning and walk from the train to the 'Grand Lady' Victoria Falls Hotel where we have an overnight stay. After lunch in the hotel there will be some free time before we meet in the late afternoon for a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, a magical experience. Dinner will be taken at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 13 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. (B, L, D)

Days 14 & 15 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. We will cross the Kafue Railway Bridge – a 477-metre-long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 metres supported on concrete piers. Also pass Lusaka as we use the Tazara railway line through some remote territory. There will be lectures on board during the day. (B, L, D)

Day 16 Chisimba Falls, Zambia. Today we disembark in Kasama for an excursion to Chisimba Falls, a combination of three successive waterfalls. According to Bemba tradition, the nature spirit 'Chishimba' lives in a cave behind the falls therefore no bad behaviour is allowed in this area. Though the Bemba people arrived here in the 17th century, they weren't the first as the land surrounding the falls is dotted with evidence of Iron Age activities including kilns, smelting pipes and iron ore deposits. Return to the train for our onward journey. There will be border formalities as we cross from Zambia to Tanzania. (B, L, D)

Day 17 On board. Relax on board as the train traverses the Rift Valley and baobab forests towards Mbeya. The Southern Highlands of Tanzania are covered with grasslands, savannas, woodlands and forests. Miombo woodland and savanna predominates at lower elevations while the higher mountains are home to Afromontane evergreen forests, grasslands and shrublands, and part of the Southern Rift montane forest grassland mosaic ecoregion, which extends into the nearby mountains of Malawi and Zambia. (B, L, D)

Day 18 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.

Day 19 Nyerere National Park. Enjoy a game visit and lunch (weather permitting) in the Nyerere National Park, the largest in Africa at 30 000 square kilometres. (B, L, D)

Day 20 Dar es Salaam to London. Disembark this morning in Dar es Salaam where we take a panoramic tour followed by lunch. Later we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B, L).

Day 21 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

	2027	2028
Pullman Gold Suite	£16995	£18495
Deluxe Suite	£20995	£22995
Royal Suite	£25995	£28495
Pullman Gold Suite for sole use	£21995	£24495
Deluxe Suite for sole use	£27495	£30495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Cape Town • 13 nights aboard Rovos Rail • Two nights hotel accommodation at Madikwe Game Reserve • Overnight hotel accommodation at Victoria Falls • Meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner) • All drinks on Rovos Rail (excluding premium brands) • Limited laundry service on Rovos Rail • Excursions • Entrance fees • Local guides • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Rovos Rail Train Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas for Zimbabwe, Zambia & Tanzania, drinks with meals off the train, optional excursions in Victoria Falls.

Please note: All bookings (including those made by Commodore Club members) are subject to a 10% deposit. 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, signalling, 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.



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.

Our associates at Rovos Rail have allocated a selection of cabins for Noble Caledonia guests for each of the journeys featured in this brochure. You will be accompanied by a Noble Caledonia Tour Manager and the remainder of the guests on board will be international.



Pullman Gold Suite



Deluxe Suite



Royal Suite



Club Lounge



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 10 square metres and have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower and the Pullman Gold Suites measure seven square metres. The two Royal Suites are spacious and elegant and measure 16 square metres. Each has its own private lounge area and full bathroom with a Victorian bath and separate shower.

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. There is no WiFi on board and 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. During the day, comfortable and casual attire is appropriate, and the evenings are more formal with a jacket and tie required for gentlemen while for ladies evening dresses or suits are suggested. There will also be some themed evenings on board.



Observation Car Balcony



Friendly Service



Light Salad Lunch



The Observation Car



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