

TRAIN : **Rovos Train**
JOURNEY : DAR ES SALAAM (Cape Town - Dar es Salaam or vice versa)
Journey Duration : Formal Up to 15 Days

Day to Day Itinerary

Cape Town to Dar es Salaam

Day 1 Cape Town

1630 Hours - Check-in at Rovos Rail Lounge, 1 Adderley Street, Cape Town.

1800 Hours - Depart from Cape Town Station. The train travels towards the Hex River Valley.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars.
Dress: Formal

Day 2 Matjiesfontein

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.
Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through the historic village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.

1000 Hours - The train traverses 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.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars
Dress: Formal

Day 3 Kimberley

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train travels northeast through the goldfields.

1230 Hours – Lunch is served in the dining cars.
Enjoy a tour of Kimberley’s Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole. Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours – Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Klerksdorp.
Dress: Formal

Day 4 Pretoria

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

0830 Hours - Transfer (±60 min) to Pretoria for a city tour followed by lunch on the Rovos Rail Station platform. Enjoy a walking tour of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting). Return (±60 min) to the train.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Zeerust.
Dress: Formal

Day 5 Madikwe Game Reserve

Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Madikwe. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience. See below for inclusions/exclusions. Spa facilities available (own account). Payment in ZAR or by credit card only. Times of meals and activities confirmed on arrival.

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served at the lodge until 10:00.

1100 Hours - Transfer (90 min) to a lodge in Madikwe for a two-night stay. Lunch is served on arrival.
Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).

1900 Hours - Dinner at the lodge. Dress: Casual

Day 6 Madikwe Game Reserve

Early morning game drive (approximately 3 hours)

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09:30. Please ensure your bags are ready for collection at 10:00 and proceed to check-out.

1230 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

1900 Hours - Dinner at the lounge.

Dress : Casual

Day 7 Madikwe Game Reserve

Early morning game drive (approximately 2 hours)

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Please ensure your bags are ready for collection at 10:00 and proceed to check-out.

1030 Hours - Depart the lodge. Transfer to the train at Gaborone in Botswana. Border formalities will take place en route and guests are required to present themselves to the border officials (luggage may be searched).

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars

1630 Hours - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars

Dress: Formal

Day 8 At Leisure

Lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheets for details. Victoria Falls: If you have decided to book activities through the on-board historian, please ensure you have done so before lunch. Cash accepted.

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars. Pass Gwaai and Dete along one of Africa's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometers – and along the eastern edge of the Hwange National Park.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars.

Day 9 Victoria Falls

Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay at Victoria Falls Hotel. See below for inclusions/exclusions. Meals are taken at the Victoria Falls Hotel. Currency exchange is available at the hotel (passports not required); there is a business center and WiFi available throughout. If you are crossing the border into Zambia during your stay, please obtain your passport from the Train Manager or Administration Deputy.

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served until 10:00

1200 Hours - Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with an overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome address on the lawn followed by lunch at Jungle Junction. Luggage will be delivered to the rooms.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served at the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel. Dress: Smart Casual (strictly no safari-wear, shorts, sandals or sneakers)

Day 10 Victoria Falls

Check-out time is normally at 10:00 (to be advised). If you have organized morning activities, please ensure you have checked out. Luggage storage at reception is complimentary until afternoon departure. Please call the front desk and they will send a porter to collect your luggage.

0630 Hours - Breakfast is served at the Jungle Junction Restaurant until 10:00. Day at leisure in the Victoria Falls

1300 Hours - Lunch at Jungle Junction.

1500 Hours - Meet on station platform for departure to Zambia.

1600 Hours - Cross the Victoria Falls Bridge. Tea in the lounge and observation cars. Border formalities take place.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress : Formal

Day 11 At Leisure

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served until 10:00. After breakfast, the train travels across the Kafue Railway Bridge –

a 477-meter long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 meters supported on concrete piers.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train passes through Zambia's capital, Lusaka

1630 Hours - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kapiri Mposhi.
Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual

Day 12 At Leisure

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. The train travels the TAZARA railway line, an engineering tour de force and one of Africa's best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

1630 Hours - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

1740 Hours - Arrive in Nakonde for Zambian border formalities. Continue to Tunduma on the Tanzanian border.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kasama.
Dress: Formal

Day 13 Chisimba Falls

Lectures in morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car.

0600 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

0800 Hours - Enjoy a visit to Chisimba Falls where guests can take a pleasant walk down to the rock pools at the base of the falls or admire them from various viewpoints.

1130 Hours - The train climbs to the border, almost exactly the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. Border formalities take place.

1630 Hours - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served. The train passes Baobab forests and descends the Rift Valley towards Mbeya. Dress: Formal

PLEASE PUT YOUR WATCHES FORWARD AN HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE EVENING

Day 14 Makambako (optional)

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served until 10:00

0900 Hours - Arrive at Makambako and enjoy a stroll through the town (time permitting).

1100 Hours - The train travels towards the jungled Udzungwa Mountains and negotiates the dramatic switchbacks, viaducts and tunnels of the escarpment.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served. Dress: Formal

Day 15 Selous Game Reserve

0700 Hours - Continental breakfast is served in the dining cars until 08:00. The train descends into the highlands and traverses the fertile lands of Tanzania towards the Selous.

1030 Hours - Brunch is served in the dining cars until 11:45.

1200 Hours - Enjoy a game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa at 55000km² (time permitting)

1800 Hours - Return to the train.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Gwata.
Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual

Day 16 Dar Es Salaam

Please ensure that your luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Travel in an easterly direction towards the coast.

1100 Hours - Arrive at journey's end at Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Dar Es Salaam to Cape Town

Day 1 Dar Es Salaam

0930 Hours - Check-in reception at the Kivukoni Room, Serena Hotel, Ohio Street, Dar es Salaam. Transfer to Tazara Station.

1200 Hours - Depart from Tazara Station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travelers in the lounge car and observation car, which will be at the front of the train for the first 72 hours – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.

Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. Lectures will take place throughout the journey during the morning and/or afternoon in the lounge car. Please consult Lecture Sheets for details.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels the fertile lands of Tanzania towards the Selous.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Fuga Halt.
Dress: Formal

Day 2 Selous Game Reserve

0530 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars.

0700 Hours - Enjoy a game visit in the Selous Game Reserve, the largest in Africa at 55000km² (time permitting).

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards the jungled Udzungwa Mountains and negotiates the dramatic switchbacks, viaducts and tunnels of the escarpment.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mlimba.
Dress: Formal

Day 3 Makambako (optional)

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

0900 Hours - Arrive at Makambako and enjoy a stroll through the town (time permitting).

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train passes baobab forests and ascends the Rift Valley to the border, almost exactly the midpoint between Africa's two Great Rift Valley lakes.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress : Formal

Please turn your watches back by one hour before retiring for the evening.

Day 4 Chisimba Falls

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels the TAZARA railway line, an engineering tour de force and one of Africa's best-kept secrets as it passes through remote territory.

1430 Hours - Enjoy a visit to Chisimba Falls where guests can take a pleasant walk down to the rock pools at the base of the falls or admire them from various viewpoints. Return to the train by 18:00.

1930 Hours -Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual

Day 5 At Leisure

Victoria Falls: If you have decided to book activities through the on-board historian, please ensure you have done so before dinner. Cash accepted.

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train is turned at Kapiri Mposhi.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

Day 6 At Leisure

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train departs Lusaka, capital of Zambia.

After breakfast the train crosses the Kafue Railway Bridge – a 477-meter long steel girder truss bridge of 13 spans each at 33 meters supported on concrete piers.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels to Zimbabwe.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

Day 7 Victoria Falls

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0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place. Cross the Victoria Falls Bridge.

1100 Hours - Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls. Disembark with an overnight bag and walk across to the hotel. Welcome address on the lawn followed by lunch at Jungle Junction. Luggage will be delivered to the rooms. 15:45 WINTER

/ 16:15 SUMMER Meet in the hotel foyer before departure for the sunset cruise on the Zambezi.

1930 Hours - Dinner at the Livingstone Room, Victoria Falls Hotel. Dress: Smart Casual (strictly no safari-wear, shorts, sandals or sneakers)

Day 8 Victoria Falls

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1200 Hours - Lunch at Jungle Junction Restaurant, Victoria Falls Hotel.

1600 Hours - Meet on station platform.

1700 Hours - Depart Victoria Falls.

Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of passport.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress : Formal

Day 9 At Leisure

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Border formalities take place.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and the eastern edge of the Kalahari Basin.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

Day 10 Madikwe Game Reserve

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1000 Hours - Transfer (90 min) to a lodge in Madikwe for a two-night stay. Border formalities will take place en route and guests are required to present themselves to officials (luggage may be searched). Lunch is served upon arrival. Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).

1900 Hours - Dinner at the lodge. Dress : Casual

Day 11 Madikwe Game Reserve

Early morning game drive (approximately 3 hours).

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served at the lodge until 09:30.

1230 Hours - Lunch at the lodge.
Afternoon tea and game drive (approximately 3 hours).

1900 Hours - Dinner at the lodge. Dress : Casual

Day 12 Madikwe Game Reserve

Early morning game drive (approximately 2 hours).

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served until 09:30. Please ensure that your bags are ready for collection by 10:30 and proceed to check out.

1100 Hours - Depart the lodge and transfer to the train at Zeerust.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

Day 13 Pretoria

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The train travels through the goldfields.

0830 Hours - Transfer (60 min) to Pretoria for a city tour followed by lunch on the Rovos Rail Station platform. Enjoy a walking tour of the station and locomotive workshops (weather permitting). Return (60 min) to the train.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

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1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Dress: Formal

Day 15 Matjiesfontein

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.

During breakfast, there is a chance for guests to disembark the train at Whitehill Siding and walk the 5km into Matjiesfontein. A member of staff will accompany the group. Disembark at Matjiesfontein for an opportunity to stroll through the historic village. Of special interest is the museum on the platform and a collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the Lord Milner Hotel.

About an hour after Matjiesfontein, the train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The first tunnel is 13.5km long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train climbs ±750m down the escarpment through the Hex River Valley.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars.

Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual

Day 16 Cape Town

Please ensure that your luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.

0700 Hours - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:30.

1000 Hours - The train arrives at journey's end at Cape Town Station