

TRAIN : Rovos Train
JOURNEY : Durban Safari (Pretoria - Durban or vice versa)
Journey Duration : Upto 3 Days

Day to Day Itinerary

Pretoria – Durban

Day 1 Departure Pretoria – Rovos Rail

1000 Hours - Depart Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Travel southeast across the Highveld and the goldfields of the Witwatersrand towards Heidelberg, site of the first Rand gold strike, and Balfour, a small mining town in Mpumalanga. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travelers in the lounge car and observation car.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. Coming into view are the Drakensberg Mountains, first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon's back, hence the name 'Dragon Mountain' or Drakensberg in Afrikaans.

1630 Hours - Tea in the lounge car or observation car. The train climbs to Majuba Hill – site of the decisive battle that ended the First Anglo Boer War – then on to Newcastle where the Indian population has erected what is reputed to be the largest domed Hindu temple in the Southern Hemisphere.

1930 Hours - Dinner is served in the dining cars. The train passes Glencoe, site of the first battle of the Anglo Boer War and now the centre of the province's coalfields. Overnight on board en route to Elandslaagte. Dress: Formal

Full Board, Activities and Overnight on the Rovos Rail

Day 2 Rovos Rail

0545 Hours - A continental breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Enjoy a game drive in the Nambiti Reserve, a private Big Five bush retreat set on 20 000 acres of malaria-free bushveld with incredible biodiversity.

1100 Hours - Brunch is served in the dining cars.

Transfer (30 minutes) to Spionkop Lodge. A choice of two excursions is available:

1. An escorted tour of the historic battlefields.
2. A game drive in the 11 000-acre Spionkop Reserve.

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The train passes Chieveley Siding where, on the left of the track, stands a memorial to Winston Churchill who was captured here in November 1899 while trying to free an armoured train trapped by a Boer ambush

Dress: Formal

Day 3 Rovos Rail Luxury trip ends in Durban

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

The train descends the escarpment to Lions River. Visit the famous Ardmore Ceramics Gallery. Here, artists are encouraged to express their imagination based on nature and Zulu folklore and tradition.

1300 Hours - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train traverses the spectacular Valley of a Thousand Hills.

1600 Hours - Arrive at journey's end in Durban. A number of museums and cultural sights, the beautiful botanical gardens and the superb shark-protected beaches are but a few of the city's many charms.

Durban – Pretoria

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1000 Hours – Depart Durban station.

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Pass Glencoe – site of the first battle of the Anglo Boer War and now the centre of the province's coalfields – then Newcastle, which has what is reputed to be the largest cella-dome Hindu temple in the southern hemisphere. From here the train descends from Majuba Hill, site of the decisive battle that ended the First Anglo Boer War.

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