

**TRAIN** : **Rovos Train**  
JOURNEY : Namibia Safari (Pretoria to Walvis Bay or vice versa)  
Journey Duration : Upto 9 Days

## **Day to Day Itinerary**

### **Pretoria - Walvis Bay**

#### **Day 1 Departure Pretoria – Rovos Rail**

**1100 Hours** - Depart from Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Travel south via the goldfields of the Witwatersrand. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travelers in the lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.

**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. Overnight on board.

Dress: Formal

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

#### **Day 2 KIMBERLEY**

**0700 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

**0945 Hours** - 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.

**1230 Hours** - Depart Kimberley. Travel through the Karoo.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

**1930 Hours** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Overnight on board.

Dress: Formal

### **Day 3 UPINGTON**

*Please wear comfortable non-slip walking shoes for the excursion today.*

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

**0900 Hours** - Disembark the train for an optional two-hour walking tour of Upington.

**1230 Hours** - Arrive in Nakop for border formalities with Namibia.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels the semi-desert of the Great Karoo.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

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

### **Day 4 FISH RIVER CANYON & GARAS PARK**

*Please wear comfortable non-slip walking shoes for the excursions today.*

**0600 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

**0800 Hours** - Disembark and board the vehicles for the one-hour drive to the Fish River Canyon.

**1100 Hours** - Return to the train. Depart Holoog.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels along the southern reaches of the Kalahari Basin.

**1500 Hours** - Disembark for a visit to Garas Park.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

**1930 Hours** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. The train travels north through the Kalahari to Windhoek.  
Dress: Formal

## **Day 5 SOSSUSVLEI**

*Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Sossusvlei. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience.*

**0700 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure at 09:00.

**0900 Hours** - Disembark at Windhoek Station. Visit the train museum followed by a city tour en route to the airport.

**1100 Hours** - Depart in a light aircraft for a one-hour flight to Sossusvlei.

**1200 Hours** - After check-in, enjoy lunch at the restaurant.

**1630 Hours** - Afternoon desert drive and a bush dinner after sunset. Overnight at the lodge. Dress: Casual

## **Day 6 SOSSUSVLEI & WINDHOEK**

*Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite before the drive. Time of drive to be confirmed. Bags will be stored in the lodge's baggage area before being loaded into the aircraft.*

*An early wake-up call with tea and coffee. Enjoy a desert drive with breakfast in the vlei.*

*Return to the lodge to use the facilities, check-out and transfer to the airstrip.*

**1200 Hours** - Depart Sossusvlei in a light aircraft for the one-hour flight to Windhoek to rejoin the train.

**1330 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels to Otjiwarongo.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

**1800 Hours** - Depart Windhoek

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

## **DAY 7 CHEETAH CONSERVATION PROJECT**

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

**1230 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1400 Hours** - Visit a cheetah conservation project. Founded in Namibia in 1990, the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild. TIME MIGHT BE EARLIER

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

## **DAY 8 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

*Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Etosha. See below for inclusions/exclusions.*

**0700 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Transfer ( $\pm 60$  min) to an Etosha lodge. Check-in and enjoy lunch.

**1500 Hours** - Afternoon game drive (approximately 3 hours).

**1900 Hours** - Dinner at the lodge and overnight. Dress: Casual

## **DAY 9 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

*Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite and proceed to checkout before the game drive. Your bag will be loaded into the vehicles.*

**0600 Hours** - Enjoy an early breakfast followed by a game drive at 07:00 in the Etosha National Park. Return to the lodge for lunch. Transfer ( $\pm 60$  min) to the train.

**1630 Hours** - Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

**1930 Hours** - Dinner is served. The train travels southwest towards the Atlantic Ocean. Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual

## **DAY 10 WALVIS BAY**

*Please ensure 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. The train traverses the Namib Desert towards Walvis Bay.

**1200 Hours** - Arrive at journey's end in Walvis Bay, Namibia.

## **Walvis Bay- Pretoria**

### **Day 1 Departure Walvis Bay – Rovos Rail**

**1100 Hours** - Depart from Rovos Rail Station, Walvis Bay. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travelers in the lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.

**1300 Hours** – Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels across the Namib Desert.

**1630 Hours** – Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

**1930 Hours** - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Otjiwarongo.

Dress: Formal

Please ensure that the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. Overnight on board.

### **Day 2 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

*Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Etosha. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience. See below for inclusions/exclusions.*

**0700 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer (60 min) to an Etosha lodge. Check-in and enjoy lunch.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1500 Hours** - Afternoon game drive (approximately 3 hours).

**1930 Hours** - Dinner is served in the dining cars. Overnight on board.

Dress: Formal

### **Day 3 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

*Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite and proceed to checkout before the game drive. Your bag will be loaded into the vehicles.*

**0600 Hours** - Enjoy an early breakfast followed by a game drive at 07:00 in the Etosha National Park.  
Return to the lodge for lunch.  
Transfer (±60 min) to the train.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

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

#### **Day 4 CHEETAH CONSERVATION PROJECT**

**0700 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.

**0900 Hours** - Visit a cheetah conservation project. Founded in Namibia in 1990, the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

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

#### **Day 5 : WINDHOEK & SOSSUSVLEI**

*Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Sossusvlei. See below for inclusions/exclusions*

**0700 Hours** - Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure at 09:00.

**0900 Hours** - Disembark at Windhoek. Visit the Trans-Namib Transport Museum followed by a tour en route to the airport.

**1100 Hours** - Depart in a light aircraft for a one-hour flight to Sossusvlei.

**1230 Hours** - After check-in, enjoy lunch at the restaurant.

**1630 Hours** - Afternoon desert drive and a bush dinner after sunset. Overnight at the lodge.

Dress: Casual

## **Day 6 SOSSUSVLEI**

Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite before the drive. Time of drive to be confirmed. Bags will be stored in the lodge's baggage area before being loaded into the aircraft.

An early wake-up call with tea and coffee. Enjoy a desert drive with breakfast in the vlei.

Return to the lodge to use the facilities, check-out and transfer to the airstrip.

**1200 Hours** - Depart Sossusvlei in a light aircraft for the one-hour flight to Mariental to rejoin the train.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels through the Kalahari Desert.

**1630 Hours** - Tea is served in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train.

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

## **DAY 7 GARAS PARK & FISH RIVER CANYON**

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

**0800 Hours** - Visit Garas Park (Quiver Trees), home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy. The prehistoric trees have forked branches that reach up to 5m making for great photographic opportunities.

**1300 Hours** – Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1500 Hours** - Board vehicles for the one-hour drive to the Fish River Canyon

**1800 Hours** –Return to the train. Travel east along the southern reaches of the Kalahari Basin.

**1930 Hours** - Dinner at the lodge and overnight. Dress: Casual

## **DAY 8 UPINGTON**

Time of excursion, lunch and tea will be confirmed as dependent on immigration formalities.

**0700 Hours** – Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00  
Disembark the train for an optional two-hour walking tour of Upington.  
Lunch is served in the dining cars. Travel through 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.  
Tea in the lounge and observation cars.

**1930 Hours** - Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to De Aar, an important railway junction.  
Dress: Formal

## **DAY 9 Kimberley**

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

**1230 Hours** – Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1430 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 is served in the lounge car and observation car, which is at the rear of the train. The train travels across the Free State and continues its climb to Pretoria in the Gauteng province.

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

## **Day 10 Pretoria**

*Please ensure 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 through the goldfields of the Witwatersrand.

**1300 Hours** - Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**1700 Hours** - Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria



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