



## ITINERARY

### AFRICAN COLLAGE CAPE TOWN - PRETORIA · 10 NIGHTS · 3700KM



| LEISURE GUESTS   |  | GOLFERS                                 |  |
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| <b>DAY 1: CAPE TOWN</b>  |  |   |  |
| 09:30  | Depart from <b>Cape Town Station</b> . Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car and observation car. <b>Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. It will be returned to you before the end of the trip.</b> |   |  |
| 13:00  | Lunch is served in the dining cars. Trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Western Cape.  |   |  |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.  |   |  |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Voorbaai. <i>Dress: Formal</i>   |   |  |
| <b>DAY 2: KNYSNA</b>   |  | <b>DAY 2: FANCOURT/ERNIE ELS OUBAAI</b> |  |
| 06:30  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars.  |   | <b>Please pack clothes for dinner at Fancourt.</b>   |
| 08:30  | Disembark in George for the scenic drive (±60 min) to <b>Knysna</b> . Enjoy a <b>ferry ride</b> on the <b>lagoon</b> with lunch before returning to the train.   | 06:30                                   | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer to <b>Fancourt Golf Estate</b> (±15 min) <u>OR</u> <b>Ernie Els Oubai</b> (±30 min) for tee off and lunch. Time at leisure to freshen up. |
| 15:30  | Optional shuttle to mall <u>OR</u> railway museum.   | 18:30                                   | Join the leisure guests for dinner at Fancourt. <i>Dress: Smart Casual</i>   |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.  |   |  |
| 18:15  | Transfer to <b>Fancourt</b> for dinner. <i>Dress: Smart Casual</i>   |   |  |
| <p>In the morning, the train travels the <b>Garden Route</b>, a narrow coastal terrace lying between the deep-set coastal cliffs rising sheer out of the sea and the mountains a short distance inland – a topology that facilitates for heavy rainfall, hence the name as it is always lush and green. George and Knysna sit between the majestic Outeniqua Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The Knysna Heads – two sandstone cliffs guarding the mouth of the lagoon connecting the estuary with the sea – is a dramatic viewpoint.</p> |  |   |  |

| DAY 3: OUDTSHOORN  |   | DAY 3: ERNIE ELS OUBAAI/FANCOURT |   |
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| 06:00  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.   | 06:00                            | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.   |
| 10:00  | Enjoy a visit to an <b>ostrich farm</b> in Oudtshoorn.  |                                  | Transfer to <b>Ernie Els Oubaaai</b> (±30 min) <u>OR</u>  |
| 12:00  | Return to the train.  |                                  | <b>Fancourt Estate</b> (±15 min) for tee off and lunch.   |
| 13:00  | Lunch is served in the dining cars.   |                                  | Enjoy the scenic drive (60 min) to Oudtshoorn.  |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.   |                                  | Late lunch is served in the dining cars.  |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Port Elizabeth. <i>Dress: Formal</i>  | 16:30                            | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.   |
|  |   | 19:30                            | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>   |
| <p>This semi-desert region is situated at the foot of the majestic Swartberg mountain range where many rivers, streams and falls have their origins. Oudtshoorn is regarded as the centre of the Klein Karoo and is famous for feathering the world in the time of the boa and grand hats. The ostrich boom of the early 20th century turned out many millionaires who, in turn, created elaborate lifestyles in this remote part of Africa.</p> |   |                                  |   |
| DAY 4: ADDO  |   | DAY 4: HUMEWOOD                  |   |
| 06:00  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars.   | 06:00                            | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.   |
| 10:00  | Enjoy a tour of <b>Port Elizabeth</b> .   | 15:30                            | Transfer (±15 min) to <b>Humewood Golf Course</b> for tee off and lunch.  |
| 13:00  | Depart for Coerney. Lunch is served.  |                                  | Enjoy the scenic drive (±75 min) over the Zuurberg Mountains to Coerney to rejoin the train.  |
| 14:30  | <b>Game drive at Addo Elephant Park</b> , South Africa's third largest national reserve stretching from the semi-arid Karoo, over the Zuurberg Mountains and down through the Sundays River valley to the coast. The park is home to one of the densest African Elephant populations on earth – roughly 600.                                  | 19:30                            | The observation car will be at the front of the train until tomorrow afternoon – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.  |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>   |                                  | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>   |
| DAY 5: AT LEISURE ON BOARD   |   |                                  |   |
| 07:00  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.   |                                  |   |
| 13:00  | Lunch is served. Traverse the <b>Karoo</b> , a vast and beautiful semi-desert stretching across the great South African plateau inland from the Cape coast with scattered towns and villages. Ascend the <b>Great Escarpment</b> and cross the dry southeastern region with its variety of grasses, hardy shrubs, tumbleweeds and succulents. |                                  |   |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars. The train is turned in Kroonstad.   |                                  |   |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Ladysmith. <i>Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual</i>   |                                  |   |
|  | <p>The <b>Drakensberg Mountains</b> were 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 <i>Drakensberg</i> in Afrikaans.</p>   |                                  |   |
| DAY 6: SPIONKOP  |   | DAY 6: CHAMPAGNE SPORTS          |   |
| 06:00  | Breakfast is served until departure.  | 06:00                            | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.   |
| 09:00  | Transfer (±30 min) to <b>Spionkop Lodge</b> to hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop and walk in the footsteps of Churchill and Gandhi.  |                                  | Transfer (±75 min) to <b>Champagne Sports Resort</b> for tee off and lunch.   |
| 12:45  | Enjoy lunch at the lodge.   | 16:15                            | Return (±45 min) to the train at Estcourt.  |
| 14:00  | Afternoon <b>game drive</b> in the 11 000-acre reserve <u>OR</u> relax at the lodge.  |                                  | Shortly after Chieveley, on the right 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.  |
| 16:00  | Return to the train. Depart for Estcourt.   | 19:30                            | Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Pietermaritzburg. <i>Dress: Formal</i>  |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.   |                                  |   |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>   |                                  |   |
| DAY 7: DURBAN  |   | DAY 7: DURBAN/BEACHWOOD/ZIMBALI  |   |
| 06:00  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars. Traverse the <b>Valley of a Thousand Hills</b> .  | 05:00                            | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.   |
| 09:00  | Enjoy a <b>Durban</b> city tour, a visit to the <b>botanical gardens</b> and lunch at <b>Umhlanga's beachfront</b> with an afternoon at leisure. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.  |                                  | Enjoy the scenic drive through the <b>Valley of a Thousand Hills</b> to <b>Durban Country Club</b> (±75 min) <u>OR</u> <b>Beachwood</b> (±75 min) <u>OR</u> <b>Zimbali</b> (±90 min) for tee off and lunch. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port. |

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| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars. Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.   | 16:30   | Tea in the lounge and observation cars. Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.  |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>  | 19:30   | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>   |
| <b>DAY 8: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK</b>   |  | <i>BORDER: GOLELA, SOUTH AFRICA / MPAKA, ESWATINI</i> |   |
| 05:00  | Continental breakfast is served until departure.   |   |   |
| 06:00  | Transfer (±30 min) to <b>Hluhluwe</b> for a <b>game drive</b> . As the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe consists 960km <sup>2</sup> of hilly topography in central Zululand and is known for its rich wildlife and conservation efforts. It is the only state-run park in KwaZulu-Natal with all the Big Five game animals and is also a prime birding destination. |   |   |
| 12:00  | Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards eSwatini. Border formalities take place.   |   |   |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.  |   |   |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mpaka. <i>Dress: Formal</i>  |   |   |
| <b>DAY 9: ESWATINI</b>   |  | <b>DAY 9: NKONYENI</b>                                |   |
| 07:00  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars.  | 07:00   | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.   |
| 08:30  | Transfer (±90 min) to <b>Swazi Candles</b> and <b>Mantenga Cultural Village</b> for a visit with lunch.  | 16:30   | Transfer to <b>Nkonyeni</b> for tee off and lunch.  |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i><br>Border formalities with South Africa.   | 19:30   | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.<br>Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i><br>Border formalities with South Africa. |
| <p>The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 17 000km<sup>2</sup>, most of which is mountainous. For such a small country, it is surprising that it sustains two capital cities: Mbabane is the administrative capital and Lobamba is the royal and legislative capital. In April 2018, Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning “place of the Swazi”) and is an absolute monarchy. It is landlocked and borders South Africa and Mozambique. At Swazi Candles, guests are invited to interact with the artisans as they make a variety of candles. Woodcarvings, colourful textiles and superb basketwork are also on display. Mantenga Lodge is nestled in the mountains overlooking ‘Execution Rock’. The village is a living museum of old traditions that represents a classic Swazi lifestyle during the 1850s.</p> |  |   |   |
| <b>DAY 10: KRUGER PARK</b>   |  | <b>DAY 10: LEOPARD CREEK/WHITE RIVER/NELSPRUIT</b>    |   |
| 05:30  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars.  | 05:30   | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.   |
| 06:30  | <b>Game drive</b> in the <b>Kruger National Park</b> with tea, lunch and an opportunity for curio shopping.  |   | Transfer to <b>Leopard Creek</b> (±15 min) <u>OR</u>  |
| 15:00  | Return to the train.   |   | <b>White River Country Club</b> (±75 min) <u>OR</u>   |
| 16:30  | Tea in the lounge and observation cars. The train travels west across the <b>Drakensberg Mountains</b> .   | 15:00   | <b>Nelspruit</b> (±60 min) for tee off and lunch.   |
| 19:30  | Dinner is served. <i>Dress: “1920s” Theme or Smart Casual</i>  | 16:30   | Return to the train.  |
|  |  | 19:30   | Tea in the lounge and observation cars.<br>Dinner is served. <i>Dress: “1920s” Theme or Smart Casual</i>                                      |
| <p>The famous Kruger Park (2-million hectares) is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and home to an impressive number of species, e.g. 336 species of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 species of amphibians, 114 species of reptiles, 507 species of birds and 147 species of mammals including the Big Five.</p>  |  |   |   |
| <b>DAY 11: PRETORIA</b>  |  |   |   |
|  | <b><i>Please ensure luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.</i></b>   |   |   |
| 07:00  | Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00 as the train climbs the spectacular escarpment.   |   |   |
| 13:00  | Lunch is served in the dining cars.  |   |   |
| 17:00  | Arrive at journey’s end at <b>Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.</b>  |   |   |

Please dress accordingly for excursions/game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available. See Golf Course Information for the dress code at the golf courses.

**Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.**

**The golfers’ itinerary is prebooked so non-golfer additions are not accepted. Please consult with the Golf Pro.**

**Please check with the Train Manager or reservations@rovos.co.za for any updates or changes to the itinerary.**

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**INCLUDED:** Accommodation; all meals; all beverages on board; room service; limited laundry; excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax; golf activities (green fees, carts, halfway house meals and tea/coffee and bottled water). **EXCLUDED:** All other off-train beverages; international sparkling wine; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights.

**MEALS ON BOARD** (unless adjusted) Breakfast 07:00-10:00 • Lunch 13:00 • Tea 16:30 • Dinner 19:30