ITINERARY

DURBAN - PRETORIA
2 NIGHTS · 800KM

	DAY 1: ARDMORE CERAMICS
10:00	Depart **Durban Station**. 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. The train traverses the spectacular **Valley of a Thousand Hills**. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car and observation car.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars. Visit the famous **Ardmore Ceramics Gallery**. Here, artists are encouraged to express their imagination based on nature and Zulu folklore and tradition.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Ladysmith. *Dress: Formal* Shortly after Frere, 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.
	DAY 2: SPIONKOP & NAMBITI
06:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer (±30 min) to **Spionkop Lodge** for the morning. A choice of two excursions is available: 1. Hear the **historic tale** of the Battle of Spionkop OR 2. Enjoy a **game drive** in the 11 000-acre reserve.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars. The **Drakensberg Mountains** 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 *Drakensberg* in Afrikaans. 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 including savannah, grasslands, thornveld and tall acacia trees.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Vooruitsig. *Dress: Formal* 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.
	DAY 3: PRETORIA
07:00	Breakfast is served until 10:00. Travel northwest across and the goldfields of the Witwatersrand and the Highveld towards Balfour, a small mining town in Mpumalanga, and Heidelberg, site of the first Rand gold strike.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.
16:00	Arrive at journey's end at **Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria**.

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.

Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.
Please check with the Train Manager or reservations@rovos.co.za for any updates or changes to the itinerary.
In your suite you will find the *Journeys* magazine that features articles of interest related to the route.

INCLUDED: Accommodation; all meals; all beverages; room service; limited laundry; excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax. **EXCLUDED:** 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.

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