



## **JOURNEY INFORMATION**

CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS  
FACT SHEETS 2012 & 2013

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Cape Town to Victoria Falls		Vic Falls to CT * 19 Feb * 4 Mar * 23 Sep ONLY	
	<b>Monday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>
11h00 18h00	Depart from Platform 23 at Cape Town Station. Visit the historic village of Matjiesfontein.	09h30	Depart Victoria Falls Station. Lunch and dinner are served in the dining car/s.
	<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Monday</b>
14h30 16h00	Arrive in Kimberley. Board bus for tour of the Big Hole and the Diamond Mine Museum. Depart Kimberley for Pretoria.		Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the dining car/s as the train heads towards Mafikeng for border formalities.
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12h00	Arrive at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Transfer to hotel for overnight stay. Tours of the area can be arranged on request.	05h00 17h00	The train departs Mafikeng. Arrive at Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. Transfer to hotel for overnight stay.
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**RACK RATE ONE WAY** per person sharing includes accommodation, meals and excursions during the journey, as well as alcoholic beverages whilst on board the train. Single Supplement +50% on all suites.

Pullman Suite R27 800

Deluxe Suite R41 750

Royal Suite R55 600

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**BOOKING** Upon receipt of a completed Reservation Form we will (subject to availability) confirm your place on the selected tour. Upon receipt of a 25% deposit, your reservation is confirmed and accepted by us.

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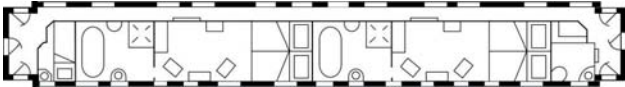
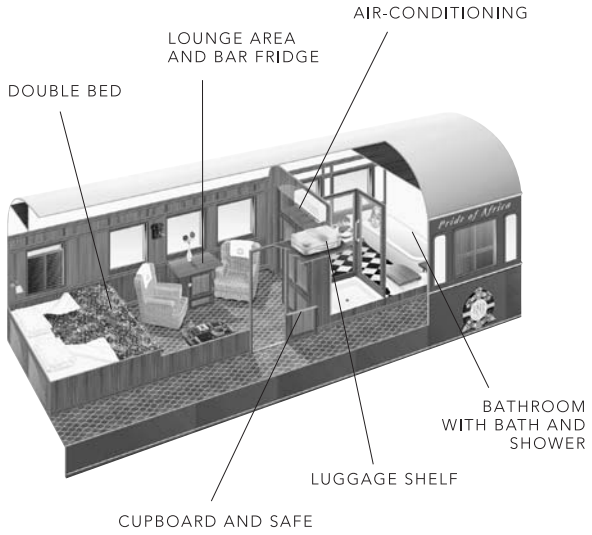
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# Train Specifications

## Royal Suites

±16 SQ METRES

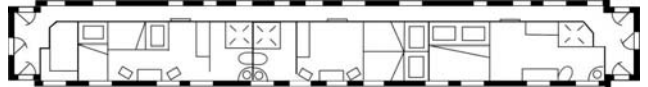
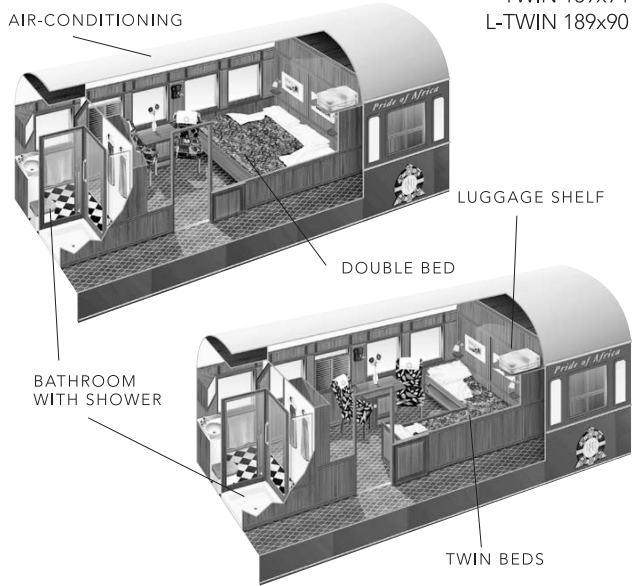
Bed Dimensions Royal (LxW)  
DOUBLE 189x189  
TWIN 189x94



## Deluxe Suites

±11 SQ METRES

Bed Dimensions Deluxe (LxW)  
DOUBLE 189x189  
CROSSWISE 189x160  
TWIN 189x94  
L-TWIN 189x90



## Pullman Suites

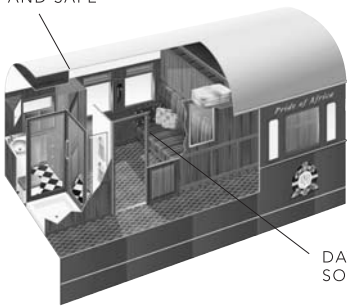
±7 SQ METRES

CUPBOARD, FRIDGE  
AND SAFE

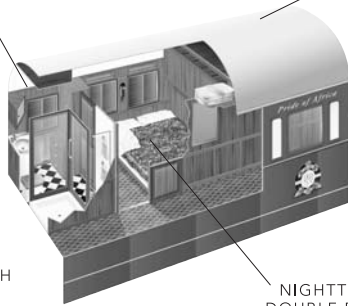
BATHROOM  
WITH SHOWER

AIR-CONDITIONING

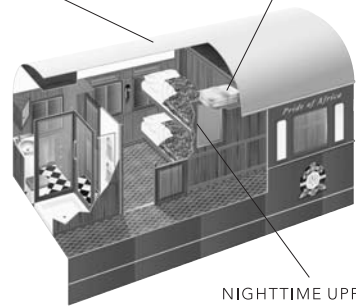
LUGGAGE  
SHELF



DAYTIME  
SOFA COUCH



NIGHTTIME  
DOUBLE BED



NIGHTTIME UPPER  
AND LOWER BED

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DOUBLE 189x150  
TWIN Lower 189x90 Upper 189x60  
SINGLE Lower 189x90 Upper 189x60

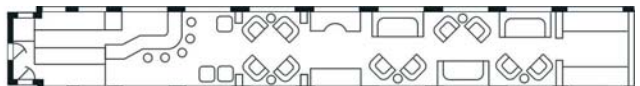


## Public Areas

LOUNGE CAR



OBSERVATION CAR



DINING CAR



CLUB LOUNGE CAR



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### Cancellation Insurance

Cancellation insurance is compulsory as our terms and conditions will be strictly adhered to and cancellation fees, where applicable, will not be waived. We offer insurance to South African residents. For international guests we suggest you contact your local travel agent or credit card service provider for assistance. Please bring a copy of your travel insurance policy stating clearly the company, policy number and 24-hour medical emergency telephone number.

### Scheduling Times, Routes and Excursions

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### Passports & Visas

The onus is upon the client to ensure that passports and visas, as may be required, are valid. We travel through South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, the Sudan and Egypt on the various trips. Passengers travelling to Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania can have their visas taken care of by Rovos Rail given that full passport information is provided on the booking form. Only single entry visas can be issued on the train. Required application forms will be provided. Please note that only cash US Dollars are accepted for payment at ports of entry. Please check with the relevant embassies or consulates in good time. Current rates for single entry visas are: Zimbabwe - US\$30pp (UK & Canada pay \$55pp); Zambia - US\$50pp; Tanzania - US\$50pp (USA pay US\$100).

### Health

- There is a basic First Aid Kit on board. There is an on-board doctor on our Dar es Salaam and Cape to Cairo journeys. Please ensure you have filled out the Health Requirements Form for these journeys.
- Anti-malarial precautions are recommended. Malaria areas include Swaziland, Kruger Park, Northern Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania.
- Although all countries travelled through do not require Yellow Fever vaccinations, countries guests return to after the trip often require them. Recommended immunisations (not required): Hepatitis A, Polio, Tetanus, Cholera (low risk).
- Please consult your travel clinic. THE TRAVEL DOCTOR AFRICA 0861 300 911 local or +27 11 214 9030 international.

### Currency

- South Africa – Rands only. We accept all major credit cards on the train.
- Outside of South Africa – Any off-train expenses or excursions booked while on the train are to be paid with US Dollars. Hotels and major dealers accept credit cards except in Sudan.
- Ensure all US\$ are printed after the year 2000 or they will not be accepted. Low denominations recommended for shopping/gratuities and larger denominations for exchanging money to local currency (especially in Tanzania) as you get a better rate. The Gift Shop might exchange money if currency is available – it is not normally catered for.

### Gratuities

Gratuities for the staff are at your discretion. If you wish to show your appreciation in this manner, there is a suitably marked envelope in your suite that you can hand directly to the Train Manager who will distribute any amounts on a pro-rata basis amongst the staff on board. An amount of between US\$10 and US\$20 per person is suggested.

### Children

Please be sensitive to the adult nature and atmosphere of the train by keeping your children respectful and quiet. Long journeys are not recommended for under 13s. There are no child-minding facilities or activities for children on board.

### Locomotion

Use of steam has become increasingly difficult over the past years as more and more water and coaling facilities have been scrapped. Where facilities no longer exist, diesel or electric locomotives will be used.

### The Track

The track over which we travel is inconsistently maintained. If you wake at night imagining the train is travelling at high speed, be assured it is the state of the track below that is creating that impression. We restrict the train to 60km/h and over the bad sections reduce speed to as little as 20km/h. If you find it noisy, earplugs are available.

## Cuisine

Meals are served in one sitting only in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. Breakfast is between 07h00 and 10h00, lunch at 13h00 and a formal dinner at 19h30. All meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated in the timetable. A gong heralds lunch and dinner.

## Dietary Requirements

We will do our best to cater for dietary requirements (vegetarians, vegans, diabetics etc.) provided a detailed request has been made on the Reservation Form. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We regret that we are unable to provide meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

## Dress

For days on the train dress is smart casual. Evening attire is more formal – for the gentlemen a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement while for ladies we suggest cocktail/evening dresses or suits. Please include warm clothing for cold mornings and evenings. With regard to off-train excursions, we strongly recommend comfortable walking shoes, suntan lotion and hats as well as warm clothing for the game drives, which are on open vehicles and can get very cold.

## Mobile Devices and Internet

In maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board and the use of mobile phones and laptops are confined to the privacy of your suites only. The reception is poor while the train is moving. It is advised to contact your service provider to ensure the correct settings for network services are activated. Internet is available at our Cape Town Lounge, Rovos Rail Station, Tau Game Lodge and Victoria Falls Hotel.

## Smoking

On board the train, smoking is only allowed in the privacy of your suite and in the Club Lounge. Please note on the Reservation Form provided if you are smoking or non-smoking so that the appropriate room might be requested at the hotels. Please be mindful that the train is generally made up of wood. Please do not throw flammable items such as cigarette or cigar butts off the train as bush fires in Africa are a constant and dangerous hazard.

## Laundry

There is a limited laundry service on board comprising household washers, dryers and steam irons. The turnaround is 48 hours so we are not able to handle a week's worth of washing. Please note that while we are providing a complimentary service we cannot be held responsible for items that may be damaged or lost in the process. There are no dry-cleaning facilities en route or on board the train.

## Gift Shop

There is a small gift shop on board the train and at our station premises in Pretoria. Due to the varying exchange rates, the use of credit cards is preferred. The host/ess on duty has a basic First Aid Kit and personal essentials (toothbrushes, razors, earplugs etc.). He/she will also fulfil any administrative requirements and check your onward arrangements. Stamps are available for sale and postcards may be posted in the post box at the entrance to the Observation Car or Rovos Rail Station.

## Special Occasions

We would like to celebrate your special occasion with you. Upon boarding the train, please advise the Train Manager of any birthday, anniversary or other event.

## Books, Magazines and Games

There are board games, playing cards, a card table (dependent), books and magazines available for your use in the Lounge and Observation Cars whilst on board the train.

## Electrical Current and Adaptors

There are 220V AC 50Hz, 3-point round-pronged wall plugs. There are 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers. International adaptors are also available on board.

## Safes

An electronic safe is provided in the cupboard in each suite.

## Telephone

There is an internal telephone system on board. Numbers are listed on the provided Guest List.

## Temperature

All public cars are fitted with gas-filled air-conditioning systems. Each suite has an individual air-conditioner with individual temperature controls that can also be set to heat mode. Fresh-air intake is solved by opening a window. Windows should be closed while operating the air-conditioning unit. Electric under-blankets are fitted on the bed.

AVERAGE TEMPS	JAN/FEB		MAR/APR		MAY/JUN		JUL/AUG		SEPT/OCT		NOV/DEC		Rainfall Months
AREA	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
Cape Town	16°C	27°C	12°C	25°C	6°C	20°C	0°C	18°C	9°C	21°C	13°C	25°C	May-Sept
Pretoria/Johannesburg	12°C	29°C	12°C	27°C	5°C	22°C	2°C	16°C	10°C	27°C	16°C	28°C	Oct-Mar
North West Province	14°C	31°C	12°C	30°C	3°C	23°C	2°C	23°C	11°C	28°C	15°C	31°C	Nov-Jan
Gaborone in Botswana	20°C	31°C	14°C	28°C	5°C	23°C	4°C	25°C	16°C	29°C	20°C	30°C	Nov-Feb
Victoria Falls in ZIM	18°C	29°C	14°C	29°C	6°C	25°C	6°C	28°C	13°C	31°C	19°C	32°C	Dec-Mar
Lusaka in Zambia	17°C	26°C	15°C	28°C	8 °C	24°C	8°C	25°C	14°C	30°C	19°C	33°C	Dec-Mar
Dar es Salaam in TAN	24°C	32°C	23°C	31°C	20°C	29°C	18°C	29°C	19°C	30°C	21°C	30°C	Mar-May

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### PAYMENT SCHEDULE ALLOCATIONS

**Provisional Reservations** No deposits required. Space will be allocated and held but if definite suites are required by another client, the holding agent will be asked to either hand back a portion of the space or confirm, in which case the following conditions apply.

% A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT/INCREMENTAL PAYMENT OF THE TOUR PRICE REQUIRED	12 MONTHS OUT -48weeks	9 MONTHS OUT -36weeks	6 MONTHS OUT -24weeks	4 MONTHS OUT -16weeks	3 MONTHS OUT -12weeks	2 MONTHS OUT -8 weeks
<b>Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Durban **</b>			10%*	10%*		100%
<b>Golf Safari, African Collage, Namibia, Dar es Salaam</b>		10%	20%	20%		100%
<b>Cape to Cairo</b>	25%	50%	75%		100%	

\* More than 10 passengers. \*\* From 16-8 weeks out the booking can be reduced to 20% of original number of guests without financial loss to client/agent.

### CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY AND WILL NOT BE WAIVED

CANCELLATIONS OF CONFIRMED BOOKINGS RECEIVED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ARE SUBJECT TO A FEE OF THE PER PERSON TOUR PRICE / ENTIRE TOUR PRICE *	MORE THAN 12 WEEKS BEFORE	BETWEEN 12 & 8 WEEKS BEFORE	MORE THAN 8 WEEKS BEFORE	BETWEEN 8 & 4 WEEKS BEFORE	WITHIN 4 WEEKS BEFORE
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### RATE INCLUDES

- Three meals daily and all alcoholic and other beverages
- Excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide
- Entrance fees to places of interest
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities
- Government tax • Limited laundry service

**NOT INCLUDED** Staff gratuities and off-train beverages

**INCLUDED IN OFF-TRAIN ACCOMMODATION**

**ON ANNUAL JOURNEYS** • Accommodation

• Meals taken at the game reserves, hotels or resorts

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**ON ANNUAL JOURNEYS** • Off-train beverages

• Off-train laundry • Telephone calls • Memorabilia purchases

**PRICES** We will do our utmost to keep to the prices published. If however, increases are forced on us we reserve the right, prior to confirmation, to amend the tour price.

**SCHEDULING TIMES & ROUTES** We cannot be held liable for any delays due to trains not running to schedule. Excursions cannot be guaranteed and will only be undertaken if time and circumstances permit. Departure and arrival times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. We reserve the right to alter our routing any time between departure and arrival points.

**CHANGES** Rovos Rail reserves the right to amend the tour price at any time prior to written confirmation of the reservation. Rovos Rail further reserves the right to cancel or amend any sightseeing excursions or the tour departure dates provided they can offer the passenger alternative sightseeing excursions or departure dates. Rovos Rail is not responsible for any delay or changes in tour arrangements that may be caused by natural or other factors beyond the control of Rovos Rail. There will be no refunds for any part of the tour that might be missed due to personal reasons.

**PASSPORTS & VISAS** It is upon the client to ensure passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure.

**HEALTH** Anti-malarial and Yellow Fever precautions may be required in the countries that are being visited and should be taken as may be prescribed.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Rovos Rail reserves the right without notice to make use of any photography/film taken by our staff on the tour for general publicity purposes without payment or permission.

**MAXIMUM TRAIN CAPACITY** Classic 1: 39 suites • Classic 2: 39 suites • Edwardian: 23 suites. We reserve the right to increase or decrease accommodation capacity as circumstances may require.

**OF SPECIAL NOTE** Although certain limited insurances have been arranged, neither Rovos Rail Tours (PTY) Ltd, nor its servants, agents or employees, shall be liable for any loss or damage to passengers' luggage or effects. Insofar as one of the tours may include a visit to a Game Reserve and whilst attacks by wild animals are extremely rare, similarly neither Rovos Rail, nor its servants, agents or employees, accept any liability whatsoever for any injury or incidents to passengers or their belongings. The passenger hereby waives any claim which he/she may have against Rovos Rail Tours (PTY) Ltd, its servants, agents, employees or subcontractors (all of the aforementioned being collectively referred to as 'Rovos Rail') for any injury and/or loss of any nature whatsoever (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consequential loss) arising for any reason of any nature whatever directly or indirectly out of any aspect of the tour including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any form of transport used for the purpose of the tour. This waiver shall be binding on the passenger's executors, heirs, trustees and dependants. The passenger records that all the services and facilities provided to the passenger are accepted voluntarily and with full knowledge that they may expose the passenger to injury, danger or loss. The passenger further records that any statement, representation or information given to him/her by Rovos Rail shall, unless given in writing, not prejudice this waiver in any manner whatsoever. The passenger indemnifies Rovos Rail in respect of any claim that may be made by any third party against it arising out of any claim in respect of which the passenger gives the aforementioned waiver. This agreement shall be governed solely by laws of the Republic of South Africa.

**Whether the passenger returns a signed copy of these conditions or not, the conditions will be deemed to have been accepted and will be in force upon confirmation of the booking.**

**I, or the person/s on whose behalf I am making this booking, have read and accepted the booking conditions above.**

Date of Trip:	Route:	Signature:
Name:		