

Southern Africa

Game Safaris, Vineyards, Victoria Falls
& the World-Famous Rovos Rail

March 18 – April 1, 2024

Rovos Rail Extension: March 31 – April 5, 2024



Game Drive Safaris



Vineyards



Victoria Falls

Highlights

Cape Town

One of the most beautiful cities in the world. Explore the beauty that lies inside Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. Reach the plateau summit of Table Mountain, visit the penguins at V&A Waterfront, and tour the historically significant Robben Island.

Private Game Reserve

Gasp at the wildlife only metres from the open 4x4, at an exclusive lodge, in a private game reserve. Intimate wildlife viewing opportunity.

The “Big Five”

Four game drives in a 4x4 set you on your way as you search for the lion, the leopard, the elephant, the buffalo, and the rhino.

Victoria Falls

A spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur, marvel at one of the world's natural wonders, Victoria Falls. Take off on the 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter ride to enjoy the most outstanding views of the thundering falls. Over a kilometre long, be amazed by the longest waterfall in the world.

Rovos Rail

Enjoy the perfect harmony of luxury, comfort and nature, as this classic chariot from a bygone era carries a few fortunate guests through the most breathtaking landscapes of Africa. as you make your way from Zimbabwe back to South Africa.

Intimate Group

Offering the best opportunities for a personal and authentic experience.

Limited Spaces. Reserve today!

Your 15-Day Journey

Day 1 **Depart for Cape Town, South Africa**

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Cape Town, South Africa. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details throughout the Journey, allowing you to focus on your experience.

Overnight: Flight

Meals: ---

Day 2 **Cape Town**

Perched between the Atlantic Ocean and Table Mountain, Cape Town is a rare cultural gem. An amalgamation of different nationalities and indigenous tribes, this beautiful city is filled with diverse multicultural pride. Upon arrival, our local guide greets us and takes us to our hotel. Settle into your room and get a good night's rest before a big day of sightseeing tomorrow.

Overnight: Cape Town, Victoria & Alfred Hotel

Meals: ---

Day 3 **Cape Town**

Today, discover the 'Mother City' of South Africa, known as Cape Town. See the inspiring pentagon-shaped Castle of Good Hope, the oldest surviving building in South Africa and the beautiful Company's Garden, a large public park in the heart of the city. Journey on a cable car to the incredible plateau summit of Table Mountain, then discover the attractions at Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, the oldest working harbour, before touring Robben Island, a former prison island that once housed Nelson Mandela.

Overnight: Cape Town, Victoria & Alfred Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 4 Cape Point & Kirstenbosch Gardens

From its rugged, rocky outcrops and sheer cliffs to the fynbos covered plains, the Cape Peninsula holds much in store for us today. Visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve which is globally recognized for its unique flora and diverse fauna. Visit Boulders Beach to see the African Penguin colony that call this small piece of coastline home. Enjoy a stop at the stunning Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, known as one of the greatest in the world.

Overnight: Cape Town, Victoria & Alfred Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 The Cape's Wine Region

The 2nd-oldest town in South Africa, Stellenbosch is known for its natural beauty, oak-lined avenues, Cape Dutch architecture, and of course its wine routes. Stellies, as it's affectionately known, is a university town, so despite its heritage it retains a youthful vibe. Surrounded by wine farms, the town is abuzz with hotels, wine shops, cafés, restaurants, boutiques, art galleries and museums.

Relive history at the Stellenbosch Village Museum before wandering through the oak-lined streets of this picturesque town during free time. Following lunch in a local restaurant, meander through flavours and cellars with a wine tasting and cellar tour at Neethlingshof Wine Estate. Located just outside of Stellenbosch, this historic estate boasts a beautiful example of a Cape Dutch-style manor and produces a range of wines.

Overnight: Cape Town, Victoria & Alfred Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Cape Town to Kruger

This morning, we say farewell to Cape Town and board our flight to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport. On arrival we are met by our local guides and transferred to our hotel for lunch. The rest of the day is at your leisure; relax by the pool, rejuvenate in the garden, or read a book on the patio – it's completely up to you.

Overnight: Hazyview, Sabi River Sun

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 7 Blyde River Canyon

Meander down a seemingly endless river canyon during a visit to the Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes. This awe-inspiring stretch of landscape offers some of the most beautifully scenic vista in South Africa. The Bourke's Luck Potholes mark the beginning of the canyon and comprise intriguing geological formations at the confluence of the Blyde and Treur Rivers.

Continuing to Makalali Game Reserve, we arrive at the lodge in time for lunch. The reserve is located west of the Kruger National Park to offer guests an ethnic-style retreat within 26,000 hectares of bushveld. This afternoon, venture off on a 4x4 game drive through the reserve to view some of the incredible wildlife. We return to the lodge to relax and enjoy dinner.

Overnight: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Makalali Main Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Private Game Reserve

Makalali is a Big Five game area and home to various antelope species such as impala, nyala and kudu, as well as predators like hippo and crocodiles. Its bushland borders the banks of the Nbesi River that are not only wildlife rich, but also support an astounding variety of indigenous flora. Rise early this morning for sunrise 4x4 game drive when the game is most active. Take the rest of the morning for breakfast and lunch to relax at the lodge before another 4x4 game drive late this afternoon. We return to the lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening.

Overnight: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Makalali Main Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Kruger to Johannesburg

Embark on a final sunrise 4x4 game drive this morning before we board our flight in Hoedsruit for Johannesburg. On arrival we are met by our local guide and transferred to our hotel for a light lunch. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the hotel amenities.

Overnight: Johannesburg, Palazzo Montecasino

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 10 Historic Johannesburg

Spend some time in the vibrant city of Johannesburg. Begin with a visit to the thought-provoking Apartheid Museum and get a glimpse into the history of racial segregation. This fascinating museum is dedicated to recounting the history of the rise and fall of apartheid in 20th-century South Africa. Then, tour the iconic township of Soweto, made famous for its role in the struggle against apartheid, end the day with a visit Nelson Mandela's former home, now a National Heritage Site and museum.

Overnight: Johannesburg, Palazzo Montecasino

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Flight to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. On arrival your Journey Manager takes care of your visa formalities and we are met by our local guide and driver and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax or take in the view of Victoria Falls from the hotel property before we enjoy dinner.

Overnight: Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 Victoria Falls, The “Flight Of The Angels” & Zambezi River Cruise

Marvel at one of the world's natural wonders, as we reach Victoria Falls. Shared by two countries, Zimbabwe to the south and Zambia to the north, Victoria Falls is the only waterfall in the world with a length of more than a kilometre and a height of over one hundred metres. Originally called Mosi-oa-Tunya “the smoke that thunders” by the local tribes, the falls were renamed after Queen Victoria by famous explorer David Livingstone in 1855. Following lunch at a nearby restaurant, take to the air with a stunning ‘Flight of the Angels’ over these magnificent, thundering falls followed by a visit to a local craft market to admire the handiwork of local artisans.

This evening, embark on a serene river cruise on the Zambezi River. The immense, calm waters of the Zambezi River lend themselves to leisurely boat cruises amongst the peace and tranquillity of the surrounding wilderness. As you peacefully drift along the river, watch the wildlife that congregates along the riverbanks in the coolness of the late day.

Overnight: Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 13 Chobe National Park (Botswana)

Venture out on a wonderful full-day excursion to Botswana's Chobe National Park, one of the best locations for game viewing. Famed for having the highest concentration of elephants found anywhere in Africa, it is also known for hosting the densest population of game on the continent. Cruise along the Chobe River this morning, and savour a tasty buffet lunch at the Chobe Safari Lodge, which sits idyllically on the riverbank. Then, we venture further into Chobe National Park on a game drive to enjoy the abundance of wildlife.

Overnight: Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 Farewell Africa (or continue onto the Rovos Extension)

This morning guests flying home bid "chionekedzo" and make their way to the Victoria Falls airport, to board our flights to Johannesburg and back home. Enjoy our private car to your home.

Please note that your Journey Manager will accompany the guests on board the Rovos Rail.

Overnight: Flight

Meals: Breakfast

Day 15 Home

Today, we land in North America. Guests arriving at the Toronto airport are greeted and assisted to their private car home.

Overnight: Home

Meals: ---

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Rovos Rail Extension

Step aboard a luxurious Victorian train and prepare for one of the top-rated rail experiences in the world.

During a Journey on the Rovos Rail, enjoy the perfect harmony of luxury, comfort, and nature, as this classic chariot from a bygone era carries a few fortunate guests through the most breathtaking landscapes of Africa.

Even before you embark, the locomotive's refinement is evident on the exterior of its vintage wood-panelled coaches. That same attention to detail is carried throughout the entire experience, in the form of upholstery leather couches, and delicately piped icing on cakes served during afternoon tea.

This luxury doesn't come at the cost of comfort, of which there is plenty on board. In your private 10-square-metre Deluxe suite, kick your shoes off and watch the vistas pass by, interspersed with wildlife sightings, through your picture window. Take in the same views with a drink in hand, from the open-air observation car at the rear of the train.

On this train ride unlike any other, the Journey truly is as exciting as the destination. Recapture the romance of what it is like to explore the world by rail.

Day 14 **Rovos Rail**

This morning is at your leisure to enjoy the amenities of the hotel. Following lunch, we walk the short distance to the train station and begin check in. Board the Rovos Rail for the beginning of our rail Journey towards Pretoria. There will be time for freshening up before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car before dinner.

Overnight: Malindi, Rovos Rail
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 **Hwange National Park**

You will receive an early morning wake-up call today for your game drive at the Hide. We go on a game drive in the morning because it is when the animal kingdom is most active! Hwange is home to one of the largest populations of African wild dogs left in Africa and it is also a great place to see other interesting creatures like bat-eared foxes, genets and caracals. We return to the train for brunch and continue our Journey towards South Africa.

Following travelling from along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – we pass by Bulawayo as we turn southwest towards Botswana. Mr. Rhodes ordered that the streets of Bulawayo be wide enough to allow an ox-wagon with its full complement of 16 oxen to turn a complete circle! Thus it has the distinction of having the widest streets and longest railway platforms in the world.

Overnight: Rovos Rail

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 Matobo National Park

This morning we enjoy a game drive in Matobo National Park, a World Heritage Site with bushmen caves, rock art and dramatic granite hills. It is also the site of Cecil John Rhodes' grave atop the summit of Malindidzimu – 'hill of benevolent spirits' with a 'view of the world'. Lunch is served onboard as the train descends to Gwanda. Dinner is served in the dining cars enroute to Beitbridge for border formalities.

Overnight: Rovos Rail

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17 Day On Board

Revel in a full day on board this world-famous and elegant train as we continue our spectacular rail journey. Let yourself be transported to a bygone era as you sip tea in the lounge car, admire the views from the observation car or simply relax with your favourite book in hand. The train crosses the Limpopo River to Musina. In Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories, the 'Elephant's Child' departs his family for the "great grey-green, greasy Limpopo River, all set about with fever-trees, to find out what the Crocodile has for dinner."

The train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and we travel through Warmbaths (Bela-Bela), so named for its mineral waters and Nylstroom, christened by the Voortrekkers as the source of the Nile River as the town's river happened to be north flowing. Pass the edge of the escarpment where the Highveld drops precipitously.

Overnight: Rovos Rail

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 18

Pretoria

This morning we arrive at Pretoria Station in Pretoria, fondly nicknamed the Jacaranda City, and are met by our guide. We familiarize ourselves with Afrikaans and African culture on a tour of Pretoria, the administrative and diplomatic centre of South Africa. See such landmarks as the iconic Voortrekker Monument, the Church Square, and the Nelson Mandela statue located at the Union buildings. Following lunch we spend time exploring and shopping in the affluent Sandton suburb before we bid “chionekedzo” and make our way to the airport, to board our flights back home. Enjoy our private car to your home.

Overnight: Flight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 19

Home

Today, we land in North America. Guests arriving at the Toronto airport are greeted and assisted to their private car home.

Overnight: Home

Meals: ---

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Your Journey Includes

First Class Accommodation

Cape Town	Victoria & Alfred Hotel	4 nights
Hazyview	Sabi River Sun	1 night
Makalali Private Game Reserve	Makalali Main Lodge	2 nights
Johannesburg	Palazzo Montecasino Hotel	2 nights
Victoria Falls	Victoria Falls Hotel	3 nights
Rovos Rail (Extension)	Rovos Rail, Deluxe Suite Cabin	4 nights

Included International Flights

Airline:	KLM
Outbound:	Toronto (YYZ) – Cape Town (CPT)
Inbound:	Johannesburg (JNB) – Toronto (YYZ)
Class of Service:	Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i>
Note:	Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and information, contact us for details.</i>

Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

Journey Manager	Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey
Home-Pickup Service	Private car home pick up & return service (where available) or a credit or
Hotel Overnight	Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport
Gratuities	Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc.
Porterage	Porterage for one piece of baggage
Visas & Fees	All fees, visas, port & service charges
Gift with Every Journey	Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack
Taxes	All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT

Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- All mentioned Regional Flights
- Wine and beer included with all lunches & dinner
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
- Captivating Cape Town & Table Mountain
- Cape Point & Kirstenbosch Gardens
- Stellenbosch Tour
- Neethlingshof Wine Estate Tour & Tasting
- Blyde River Canyon & Bourke's Luck Potholes
- Makalali Private Game Reserve – 4 Big Five 4x4 Game Drive Safaris
- Johannesburg Tour with Soweto & Apartheid Museum
- Pretoria Tour
- Hwange National Park – The Hide Game Drive
- Zambezi River Cruise
- 'Flight of the Angels' over Victoria Falls
- Chobe National Park by Land and River Safari

Fares

	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Main Itinerary	\$12,990 CAD	\$16,490 CAD
Rovos Rail Extension (supplement)	+\$6,500 CAD	+\$9,990 CAD

Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.

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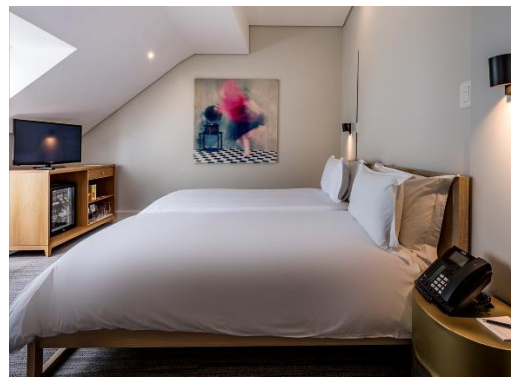
Outstanding Accommodation

Cape Town

4 nights

Victoria & Alfred

In a converted waterfront warehouse dating from 1904, this ultra-chic hotel has views over Alfred Basin and the city centre to Table Mountain. Upscale rooms with contemporary interiors feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen smart TVs and minibars, as well as tea and coffee making facilities. Some have sea and mountain views, while others overlook a plaza.



Hazyview

1 night

Sabi River Sun

Set on the banks of the magnificent Sabie River, this gorgeous resort affords travellers easy access to some of the greatest attractions South Africa has to offer. From the Sabie River Sun you will be able to visit the Kruger National Park, God's Window and Pilgrim's Rest to mention but a few. 60 beautifully furnished en-suite rooms are equipped with all the hotel amenities and home comforts you need. Rooms look out over our lush wildlife filled gardens and include uncapped WiFi, flat screen DSTV, air-conditioning, an en-suite bathroom and much more.



Makalali Game Reserve

2 nights

Makalali Main Lodge

By embracing eco-friendly practises and the local cultural tradition, Makalali Private Game Reserve offers guests a unique and memorable experience. The 26,000 hectares conservancy west of Kruger National Park is home more than 1,000 wild animals including the Big Five. The newly built five-star main lodge features well-appointed rooms with easy access to all amenities.



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Johannesburg

2 nights

The Palazzo Montecasino

The award-winning Palazzo Hotel in Johannesburg is a luxury hotel, considered by many to be one of the most beautiful and romantic hotels in South Africa, with an enviable reputation for elegant opulence. It features enchanting Tuscan-inspired architecture, reflected in the luxurious accommodation and spectacular gardens, and offers guests attentive service and the very best in superior amenities.



Victoria Falls

3 nights

Victoria Falls Hotel

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as 'The grand old lady of the Falls,' is situated in Victoria Falls National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, was recently redecorated and refurbished and now combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new.





THE PRIDE OF AFRICA

The most luxurious train in the world

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its world-class travel experiences. Step aboard the wood panelled coaches, classics remodelled and refurbished to mint condition, and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows. Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a bygone era, when privileged travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion.

The trains which may be hauled by steam, diesel or electric locomotives at various stages of the journey, carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites. Each one of the carriages, from kitchen cars to sleeper coaches and guards vans, has its own story. A few dating back to 1911 were constructed in Europe and shipped to South Africa in the first half of the last century. Some carriages have carried royalty, while others have ended up serving as restaurants or lying derelict and forgotten on sidings for decades.

These coaches have been collected from the far corners of the country and are now cherished members of the Rovos fleet of 75 carriages. The coaches have been painstakingly rebuilt and the use of fine wood panelling, traditional furnishings and period décor has ensured an atmosphere of elegance and grandeur. Exquisite pillared dining cars are a signature of the Rovos Rail trains, and each one has a proud history and has been meticulously restored from a derelict state.

Each of the trains has two Dining Cars to accommodate the 72 passengers in total comfort at one sitting. Additionally, each train has a rear, non-smoking Observation Car with enlarged windows and open-air balconies, while the coach next to it contains a small smoking lounge. At the centre of the train there is also, when numbers dictate, a non-smoking Lounge Car, which houses the Gift Shop.



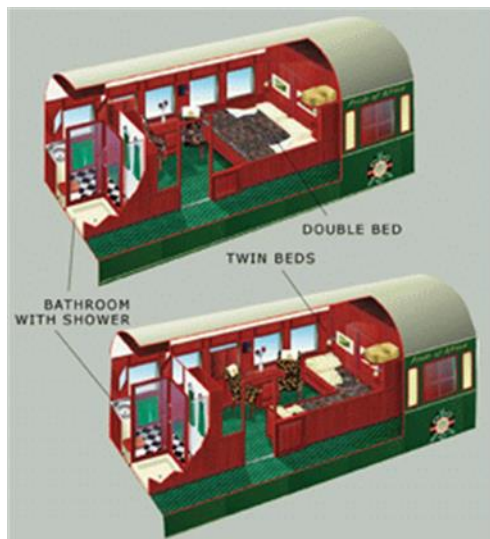
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The Suites – World-Class Comfort & Style

The rebuilt sleeper coaches contain the most spacious train suites in the world, offering every modern convenience and comfort. The epitome of luxury, with handsome wood panelling and period Edwardian features, the air-conditioned suites accommodate two people offering either twin or spacious double beds. All are equipped with a writing surface and, for valuables, a personal safe. There is also a bar fridge filled with beverages of the passengers' choice and room service is available 24 hours a day. In the ensuite bathrooms original fittings combine with the modern technology of hot showers, hair dryers and shaver plugs.

Deluxe Suite – 118 sq. feet

Deluxe Suites accommodate two passengers in either twin or double beds and have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower. The very spacious suites offer passengers the opportunity to travel in privacy, comfort and luxury, with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.



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Personal Notes & Questions